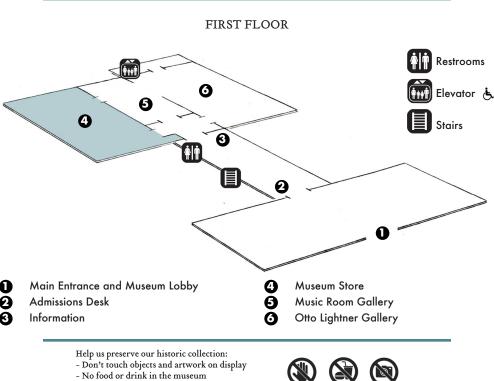
Lightner

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Opened in 1948 by Chicago publisher and collector, Otto C. Lightner, the museum occupies the former Hotel Alcazar, a Gilded Age resort hotel commissioned by Standard Oil executive Henry Flagler. Completed in 1888, the magnificent Spanish Renaissance Revival building was designed by the architects Carrier and Hastings.

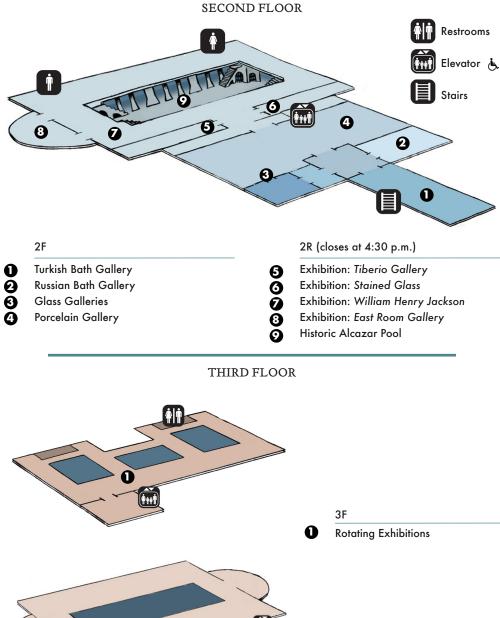
Founded as the Lightner Museum of Hobbies, the museum has its origins in the hobby boom that swept America in the early twentieth century. Otto Lightner was a major advocate for hobbies in the US through his magazine, *Hobbies*, which launched in 1931. While Lightner encouraged every kind of hobby, from collecting stamps or cigar labels to craft making, he had the means to amass a substantial personal collection of fine and decorative art, natural history specimens, and Americana.

Today Lightner's collection is displayed over three floors of the museum, along with rotating exhibitions from other museums and private collections, and the work of contemporary local and regional artists.



- No flash photography in the galleries





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Ballroom Gallery

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