

Photography Policy and Guidelines

The Lightner Museum is a popular place for photographers. We encourage visitors to capture their visit and share on social media with #Lightnermuseum, but we have a few rules to protect the art and to respect other visitors' experiences.

Personal-Use Photography

Casual photography is permitted in the Lightner Museum's permanent collection galleries subject to the conditions below. Photography of special exhibitions or works on loan to the Museum is sometimes prohibited by lenders. Photo policies for special exhibitions will be posted in the galleries.

Visitors may:

- Take casual photos for personal use only.
- Use handheld cameras, cell phones, and tablets with the flash turned off.
- Post images from their visits on personal social media sites as long as they are not used for profit.

Visitors may NOT:

- Use tripods, lights, gimbals, selfie sticks, or other external equipment.
- Sell or publish the images.
- Use the images to promote any outside product or service.

Visitors must:

- Remain behind stanchions and maintain a safe, non-touching distance from all artwork, cases, platforms, and pedestals.
- Respect other visitors enjoying the galleries.

Staged photography, with or without a hired professional photographer, is not permitted in the Museum including, but not limited to, graduations, proms, engagement/bridal portraits, or weddings. The Lightner Museum reserves the right to withhold or withdraw permission to photograph on the premises. Museum staff have the authority to approach and verify the intent of photography and to enforce the Photography Policy.

News Media

Members of the media must make arrangements for all photo and video shoots in advance. To coordinate photography or filming at the Museum, please contact info@lightnermuseum.org.

Members of the media must be escorted by a member of the museum's communications department at all times or have permission to shoot independently. All organized photo shoots inside the Museum require a staff member escort.

Due to the delicate nature of the artwork on view, additional light sources may not be permitted in certain galleries. Tripods and other special equipment must be approved in advance.

Commercial and Professional Photography

The Museum does not host professional or commercial photoshoots. Wedding photography is reserved for wedding facility rentals of the museum. To inquire about weddings at the Lightner Museum, please contact our event partner, [The Treasury on the Plaza](#).

Exterior Photography on Lightner Museum Grounds

Photography permits for the Central Courtyard, East and West Courtyards, and Loggia are managed by the City of St. Augustine.