

Social Narrative

Independent Visit to the Museum of Chinese in America for Children on the Autism Spectrum

MUSEUM
OF
CHINESE
IN
AMERICA



We are going to the Museum of Chinese in America, also known as MOCA. MOCA is a history museum where we will learn about the stories of Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans in the United States.

The Museum is located on Centre Street in Chinatown. When we arrive we will see a big glass window. We will walk through two glass doors to enter the museum.



When we enter the Museum, we will check in at the Visitor Services front desk. We will buy tickets here so that we can explore the museum galleries. Sometimes there is a line and we will need to wait a few minutes.

If I have any questions I can ask someone at the Visitor Services desk.



Before we enter the galleries, we will show our tickets to the security guard. The security guard is there to help people and to keep the objects safe. The security guard checks everyone's ticket, including mine!



When we are in the museum, there are some things we can touch and some things we cannot. There are signs that tell us what we can and cannot do.



If you push the button, you may hear recordings of people talking and learn more information about what you see.



In the museum, there are lots of things we can see and do. We will learn about Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans in the United States. We might see photographs.



We might see objects from laundries.





We might see a Chinese lion costume hanging from the ceiling.

We might explore the General Store to see objects people use in their daily lives.



Sometimes the museum may be loud or busy if there are school groups. If I need a break, I can tell the adult I am with.

I need a break.

I need the
bathroom.



If I need to use the bathroom, I can take the stairs or the lift downstairs.



The lift makes a loud noise like a car motor. It moves very slowly and will take you downstairs safely. When it reaches the ground floor, a Museum staff member will open the door.

When it is time to leave, we can go back to the lobby, where we entered the museum. We will exit through the same doors we came in through.

I hope I can come back to learn more at the Museum of Chinese in America!