

Spring Break Field Trips and Fun Stuff

The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) began with a vision to create a museum that would be truly global. MIM's founder Bob Ulrich was inspired to develop a new kind of museum that would focus on the kind of instruments played every day by people worldwide. From the beginning, our goal has been to deliver a musical experience that is enriching, inspiring, interesting, and fun. Today, MIM has a collection of more than 8,000 instruments from more than 200 world countries. The galleries reflect the rich diversity and history of many world cultures and show us what we have in common, a thought powerfully expressed in our motto, **music is the language of the soul**.

<http://mim.org/virtual-education-programs/>

The California Science Center is a world-class educational resource and family destination featuring hands-on **exhibits** and inquiry-based education **programs** serving a diverse community of learners.

<https://californiasciencecenter.org/programs/virtual-field-trips>

San Diego Zoo Global Academy is a powerful online learning platform that harnesses the expertise of San Diego Zoo Global and its partners to offer courses that meet the specific needs of individuals in the zoological profession. Using compelling, relevant content, the Academy immerses learners in the subject matter, presents challenging and thought-provoking material, and guides learners in a creative and engaging manner as they build professional skills.

<https://www.sdzglobalacademy.org/coursewereheretogetherfreespecies.html>

The Nature Conservancy and its 550 scientists have created Nature Lab: to help students learn the science behind how nature works for us and how we can help keep it running strong. The Nature Conservancy has numerous virtual experiences to choose from.

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/who-we-are/how-we-work/youth-engagement/nature-lab/>

The U.S. Census Bureau is the leading source of statistical information about the nation's people, places, and economy. In addition to providing snapshots of the nation's population size and growth, we also supply detailed portraits of the changing characteristics of communities. We are uniquely qualified to help teachers and students learn and apply statistics because we are the primary source of economic and demographic data for the United States, and we employ thousands of statistical experts.

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis.html>

The Natural History Museum has a mission is to promote understanding of the natural world and our place in it. The museum's collections tell the history of the planet and are a record of human interaction with the environment and one another. Our exhibits, our educational programs, and our staff and volunteers share our collections and the knowledge drawn from them with millions of visitors every year – deepening their appreciation for science, the natural and cultural world, and the challenges of our time.
<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

The Met (Metropolitan Museum of Art) presents over 5,000 years of art from around the world for everyone to experience and enjoy. The Museum lives in three iconic sites in New York City—The Met Fifth Avenue, The Met Breuer, and The Met Cloisters. Millions of people also take part in The Met experience online.
<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-metropolitan-museum-of-art>

Take virtual tours of National Parks – This one is for the Statue of Liberty
<https://www.nps.gov/stli/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtour.htm>

Take virtual tours of amusement park tours
<https://upgradedpoints.com/best-virtual-tours-for-kids-and-students#Amusement-Parks-with-Virtual-Tours>

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum possesses the oldest, most historic and most comprehensive American railroad collections in the world. Dating from the beginning of American railroading, the collection contains [locomotives and rolling stock](#), historic buildings, and small objects that document the impact of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (B&O) on the growth and development of early railroading and cover almost every aspect of an industry that left a permanent mark on the folklore and culture of America.
<https://www.boliveson.org/>

Other links for trips to museums, visit some farms, watch a polar migration or check out Yosemite can be found at some of these links. Note that some require an education account, some don't.

<https://www.weareteachers.com/best-virtual-field-trips/>

<https://www.discoveryeducation.com/community/virtual-field-trips/>

<https://www.mobilepermissions.com/2020/03/virtual-field-trips-for-remote-learning-free-online-learning-escapes-from-covid-19-coronavirus/>

The International Wildlife Museum (\$40 per class) is dedicated to increasing knowledge and appreciation of the diverse wildlife of the world as well as explaining the role of wildlife management in conservation. Founded in 1988, the museum highlights over 400 species of insects, mammals and birds from around the globe. Some of the collections are more than 100 years old and all the animals found at the museum were donated by various government agencies, wildlife rehabilitation centers, captive breeding programs, zoos and individuals. <https://thewildlifemuseum.org/product/virtual-live-animal-presentation/>