



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long will Real Bodies The Exhibition be at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium?

From September 28th, 2020 until April 11th, 2021.

What are the hours of the exhibition?

The exhibition is open during regular hours which are Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm and Saturday – Sunday 10am – 6pm.

Where is the exhibition?

The exhibition is located in the main Science Center building. The address is 4801 Dreher Trail N. West Palm Beach, FL. 33405.

How long does it take to see the exhibition?

While everyone's experience in the exhibition may be different, on average the highly immersive exhibition takes between 45 and 60 minutes to explore. However, all guests are welcome to stay and be fascinated by the thought-provoking galleries as long as they like.

Is this exhibition suitable for children?

This is great exhibition for all ages to enjoy.

Can I take my stroller into the exhibition?

Yes.

Is the exhibition wheelchair/disability accessible?

Yes.

Parking at the exhibition

Park in our main parking lot on the North side of the Science Center.



Is photography permitted in the exhibition?

Yes, you can take photos.

Are food and drinks permitted in the exhibition?

No, food and drink are not permitted inside the exhibition.

Is there a café at the exhibition?

Guests are able to purchase food from our on-site café between the hours of **12pm – 2:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays**. Please note: this schedule is altered to reflect our Phase 2 reopening. Their limited menu features hot dogs, snacks and beverages. We also have vending machines with drinks, snacks and ice cream sold on our outdoor patio, open during regular business hours.

Where can I purchase tickets?

Guests can purchase tickets at the admissions desk upon arrival. The exhibition is free to members.

Can I enter and exit the exhibition more than once with my ticket?

Yes.

Are group or school bookings available?

We have in-person and virtual group and school booking opportunities. Contact programs@sfsciencecenter.org for more information.

What makes Real Bodies The Exhibition different from other exhibitions?

Real Bodies The Exhibition is a comprehensive educational experience with multi-layered narratives and unique individual specimens presented in dramatic, compelling environments. The full body specimens are presented in more dynamic poses with superior dissection and detail than similar exhibitions. The exhibition also includes immersive environments of art, science and culture such as the Anatomist's Study, similar to walking through a cabinet of curiosities that includes unique and sometimes strange examples of the early days of anatomical study.

Real Bodies The Exhibition explores much more than just the human anatomical systems and the way we work. It is not only an in-depth look at the "how" of human anatomy, but also an exploration of "why," posing deeper questions in each gallery such as "Why are we here?" "Where are we going?" and "What becomes of us?"



What types of things can be viewed in this exhibition?

Real Bodies The Exhibition uses real human specimens that have been respectfully preserved to explore the complex inner workings of the human form in a refreshing and thought-provoking style. System by system, the exhibition provides an approachable and fascinating insight into what's happening inside every one of us. The exhibition also explores how elements such as breathing, hunger, the rhythm of the heart, and other essential body functions have deep cultural and emotional significance that reach as far back as the dawn of humanity.

How are the bodies preserved?

The process used by **Real Bodies The Exhibition** is commonly used in this type of preservation. The method is called Polymer Preservation and uses liquid silicone rubber to prevent the natural body process of decaying – ultimately permanently preserving the body. The experts that preserve the displays at the exhibition are the best in the business, allowing for nearly perfect preservation. The process can take up to a year, depending on the size of the organ or size of the overall body.

What do we hope audiences of Real Bodies The Exhibition will take away from their experience at this new exhibition?

We want visitors to have fun while learning more about themselves through the study of the human form presented in this approachable and thoughtful way. We hope they come away with an uplifting sense of how resilient, creative, and hopeful humanity has been through time – and continues to be today. **Real Bodies The Exhibition** offers a message of unity in a time the world can use it most.

Where have the bodies in the exhibition come from?

The specimens in **Real Bodies The Exhibition** are provided by Dalian Hoffen Bio-Technique Co. Ltd, one of the world's leading centres of plastination research and innovation. The specimens featured in the exhibition were donated legally, were never prisoners of any kind, showed no signs of trauma or injury, were free of infectious disease, and died of natural causes.

Do bodies need to be plastinated within a certain time frame (e.g. within 48 hours)?

The polymer preservation, or plastination, process could be 10 days or 100 years after death, as long as the body has been preserved. Contrary to some reports, the plastination process does not need to begin within 24-48 hours after death.



Has Real Bodies The Exhibition ever been banned?

No. **Real Bodies The Exhibition** has never been banned, nor has it ever been found to violate ethical or legal standards in any of the countries it has visited.

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