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(Pick a topic you're passionate about, do a little detective work, and create a "top ten" list of interesting facts that will WOW us!)



10 COOL MUSEUM FACTS



In Cancun, Mexico, you'll find a museum deep in the Caribbean Sea. Certified divers can visit the underwater museum which features 400 life-size sculptures on sea floor!

There are more museums in the United States than there are Starbucks and McDonald's combined!

The first museum in modern times is the Capitoline Museum in Rome. It was founded in 1471 by Pope Sixtus IV, who donated statues recovered from ancient ruins. However, it wasn't open to the public until 1734.

There is a Museum of "Failed Products" in Ann Arbor, Michigan, which contains thousands of products that never took off - including items like Clairol's "A Touch of Yogurt Shampoo" and Pepsi's "AM Breakfast Cola".

There are approximately 2,300 museums in Canada, and the New Brunswick Museum, located in Saint John, New Brunswick, is the oldest continuing museum. It was opened in 1842.

The most visited museum in the world is the Louvre in Paris. Every year it welcomes about 9 million tourists.

The Louvre is also the largest museum in the world. If you spent 30 seconds on each piece of art in the Louvre, it would take 100 days to see everything (without sleeping)! The Louvre building is the size of 280 tennis courts.

The word museum comes from the Greek term "mouseion". These were the temples dedicated to the Muses. Around the 4th century BCE, Aristotle founded a mouseion for the collection of specimens for his zoological studies.

The Smithsonian Institution has the largest collection of art objects in the world - estimated at 154 million. Only 1% of its collection is ever on display for viewing at one time.

The most remote museum in the world is Tristan Traditional Thatched House Museum, is located - not surprisingly - on the most remote inhabited island in the world: Tristan da Cunha. The only way to reach this island is by boat - which takes about 5 days from Cape Town, South Africa.

