NGV FRIDAY NIGHTS: PHARAOH

EVENT ACCESS GUIDE



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TICKETING

Visitors need to purchase a ticket to attend NGV Friday Nights: *Pharaoh.*

You can buy tickets:

- online via the NGV Friday Nights webpage
- over the phone by calling (03) 8620 2222 between 9am and 5pm daily
- or inperson at the NGV.

Once you have entered the exhibition you are able to stay for as long as you wish, or until the Gallery closes at 5pm.

Children of all ages are warmly welcomed.

NGV Friday Nights takes place at NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne. For information on getting here, see Plan Your Visit.

Events are presented each Friday between 14 June and 4 October 2024, 6pm to 10pm.

ARRIVAL

People with access needs are welcome to use the priority line at the entrance.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY



The entrance to NGV International is on street level and has an automatic door.

The *Pharaoh* exhibition and all public areas in the NGV, including the Gallery Kitchen cafe, Garden Restaurant and NGV design store, are fully wheelchair accessible.

Wheelchairs are available for free hire from the information desk. We recommend booking a wheelchair prior to your visit by calling +61 (03) 8620 2222 or making a booking online.

A motorised scooter is available for free hire. We recommend booking it prior to your visit by calling +61 (03) 8620 2222 or emailing ngvenquiries@ngv.vic.gov.au

CHANGING PLACES BATHROOM



A Changing Places bathroom is located nearby at Arts Centre Melbourne's Hamer Hall, approximately 300 metres from NGV International.

Visit the Arts Centre Melbourne website.

ASSISTANCE DOGS



Accredited assistance dogs are welcome at the NGV.

Please ensure your assistance dog is wearing their jacket while at the Gallery.

ACCESS AIDS

Access aids including earplugs, magnifying sheets and self-regulation fidget devices, are available for for free hire from the information desk. We recommend booking prior to your visit, by calling 8620 2222 or making a <u>booking</u> online.

EXHIBITION CONTENT

The exhibition includes a wide variety of objects, including large sculptures, architectural fragments, statues, jewellery and papyri (a paper-like material used for writing on).

In the final areas of the exhibition, coffins and objects from tombs are on display. No human remains are present.

The exhibition is appropriate for all ages.

EXHIBITION LAYOUT AND NAVIGATION

With over 500 objects on display, *Pharaoh* is a large exhibition that covers most of the ground floor of NGV International.

It is split into two parts: Part One and Part Two. Part One is on your right as you enter from the Waterwall entrance on St Kilda Road. The entrance to Part One is near the Members Lounge. The entrance to Part Two is next to the Gallery Kitchen cafe. See on page 10 the sensory map for more information.

You can take a break in between the two parts of the exhibition and relax in the Great Hall or Gallery Kitchen cafe. We recommend that you enter Part Two by 4pm, to allow yourself an hour to see it before the Gallery closes at 5pm.

The exhibition follows a set path. If you need assistance exiting quickly, please see a security team member.

GREAT HALL PROGRAM

Live music performances take place at 7pm 8pm and 9pm in the Great Hall, with background music playing in between.

We recommend you factor in 2 hours to view the exhibition. You can come and go from the exhibition as you like throughout the night.

GREAT HALL SENSORY ENVIRONMENT

There a low light levels in the Great Hall, with the stage and bars lit up. Haze effects are used and the music levels are fairly loud. No strobing is used.

Above the stage, projections play on the bluestone wall. These show slow-moving abstract patterns inspired by the geometric lines and angles of ancient Egypt, and the duration of a day with the sun rising and setting.

If you are needing a lower-sensory area, we recommend the area next to Gallery Kitchen cafe in front of the lift.

SEATING

A mix of seating are available in front of the stage, including stools, ottomans, cushions and beanbags on the floor. Ask one of our friendly staff members if you require a seat with a back. Lightweight fold-out stools are available to take into the exhibition spaces.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Hot food can be purchased at any bar, and you will be given a buzzer to collect the food when ready from the Great Hall. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available for purchase.

Free water stations are available in Gallery Kitchen cafe (under the escalators) and at the Yering Bar in the Great Hall.

Please note that food and drinks can't be taken into the exhibition spaces.

FACILITIES

Facilities include a free cloak room and a parents' lounge. Accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are available.

EXHIBITION SENSORY ENVIRONMENT

The *Pharaoh* exhibition presents an immersive experience using mirrors, sound and lighting effects including:

- soundtracks that play throughout all spaces at a fairly high volume
- lighting effects, including brighter and darker spaces and moving lights
- large LED screens displaying atmospheric moving images
- some video content with dialogue, which is captioned.

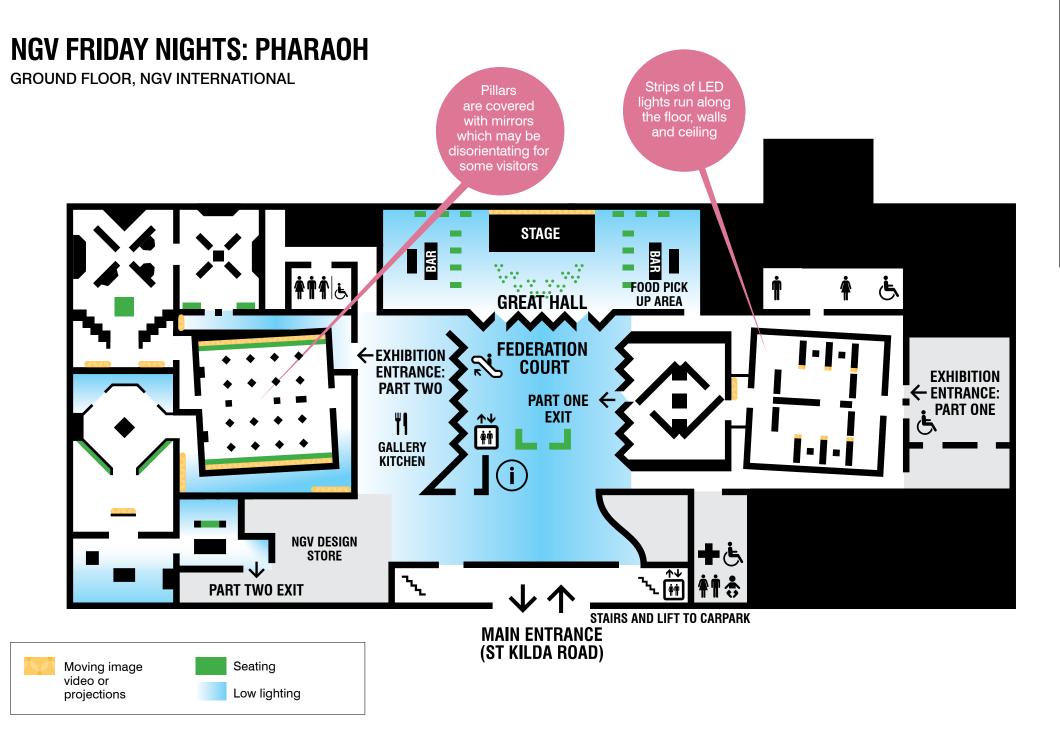
Gallery spaces are air-conditioned and are between 20 and 24 degrees Celsius.

The sensory map on the following page shows the locations of audio-visual content, sensory elements and seating, and can help you prepare for your visit.

AUSLAN TOURS AND INTERPRETED EVENTS



A tour is Auslan will be presented by artist Elizabeth Reed during NGV Friday Nights: Pharaoh on Friday 4 October. More information <u>here</u>



MORE INFORMATION

Visit <u>ngv.melbourne/access</u> for more resources and information about accessible facilities and services for your visit to the NGV.

For further enquiries about how the Gallery can support your access requirements, please contact our team.

ngvenquiries@ngv.vic.gov.au (03) 8620 2222 9am-5pm, daily