

# Welcome to the Museum of the Order of St John.

The Museum is in a building called St John's Gate.

It is free to visit the Museum.

It is open from 10am to 5pm  
Thursday-Saturday.



The Museum tells the story of a group of people called the Order of St John. The story starts almost one thousand years ago in Jerusalem where they cared for sick pilgrims.

Today the Order runs St John Ambulance, an international first aid charity. In the Museum there are lots of objects that have been made or used by the Order of St John and St John Ambulance.

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If you want to, you can see what the reception area and museum galleries are like before you visit on Google Street View at <https://bit.ly/2QPSfy2>.

Some things have changed a little bit, but mostly it's the same.

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This is the front entrance. It's under the archway in the gate. Push the glass door to open it.

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Visitor Welcome  
Assistants have yellow  
name badges and will be  
wearing a transparent  
mask. They will welcome  
you when you arrive.  
They can help you.

If you don't like noise,  
we have ear defenders  
that can help. Please  
ask at the reception  
desk if you would like  
to borrow some.

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If the fire alarm goes off there will be a loud noise. Follow the green signs to an exit. It might be a different exit from the one you would usually use.

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This is the shop.

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This is the way into the galleries – the rooms where the objects are displayed.

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There are a few rules that everyone has to follow in the Museum galleries. If you're not sure about the rules you can ask at the reception desk.

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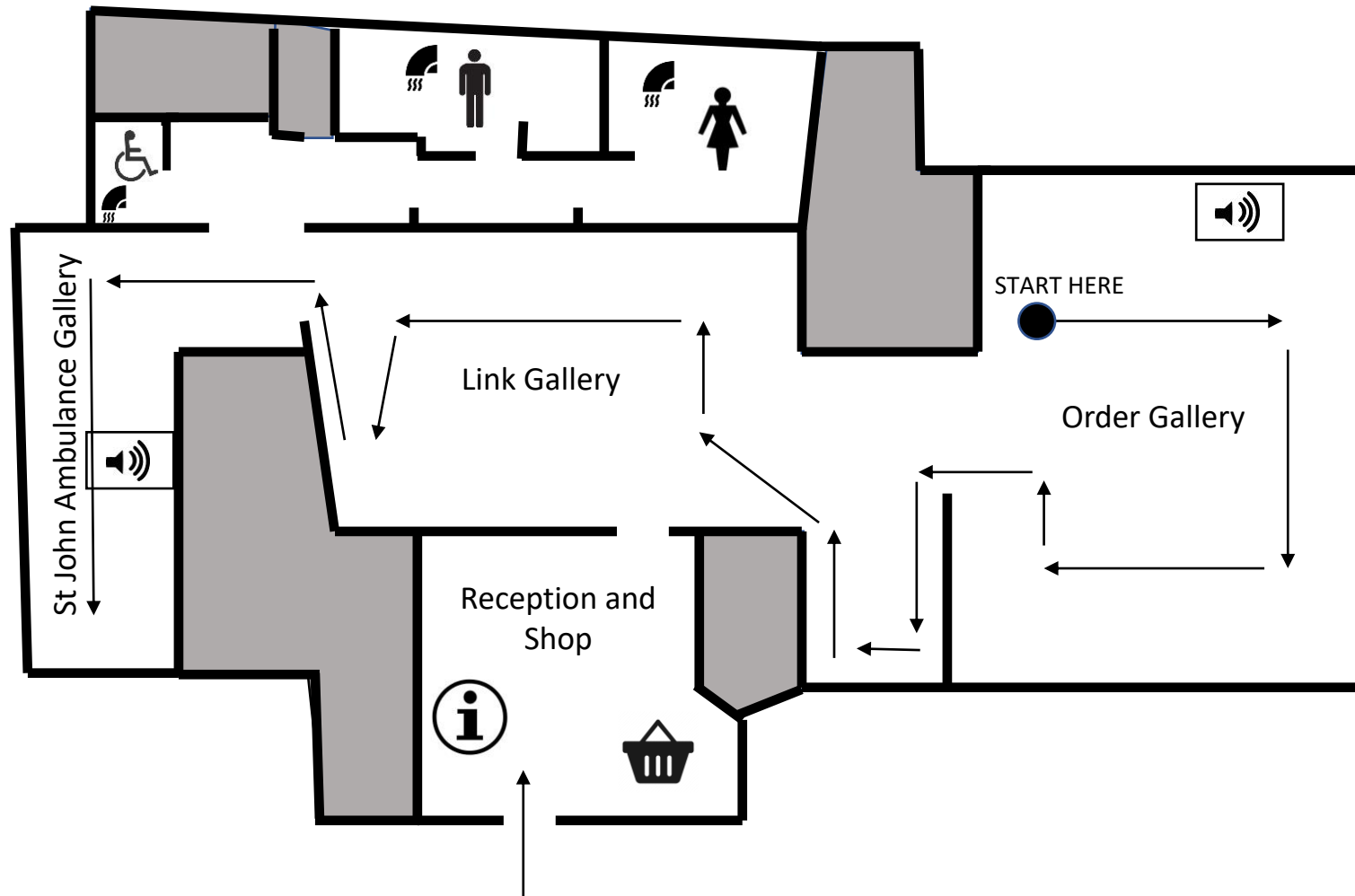
1. To reduce the risk of spills, you are only allowed to drink bottled water. This is because the things on display would get damaged if they accidentally got something wet or sticky on them.
2. You can't eat food because any crumbs would encourage insects to live in the Museum and they damage the objects by eating them as well as the crumbs.
3. You are only allowed to take photos without a flash. This is because the bright light from the flash can make some of the things on display fade.

This is the first gallery you will enter. It is called the Link Gallery. Part of it has a high glass ceiling, so how light it is in this area depends on the weather.


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There are three museum galleries. You don't have to visit all of them if you don't want to. You can visit them in any order you like, but the story starts in the Order Gallery, continues in the Link Gallery and finishes in the St John Ambulance Gallery.



This is the Order Gallery.

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There are three videos  
you can watch in the  
Order Gallery. One of  
them has recorded  
voices.

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In the Order Gallery there is armour.

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In the Order gallery there are also little models of people.

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In the Order gallery  
there is a stuffed bird.  
The bird is not alive so it  
will not move or make  
sounds.

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This is the Link Gallery  
again.

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There are more rooms upstairs, but you can only visit these on a guided tour. Look at our website or ask at the reception desk to find out more about the tours.

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In the Link Gallery there  
is a model of a man's  
head.

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In the Link Gallery there  
is a series of silent  
videos.

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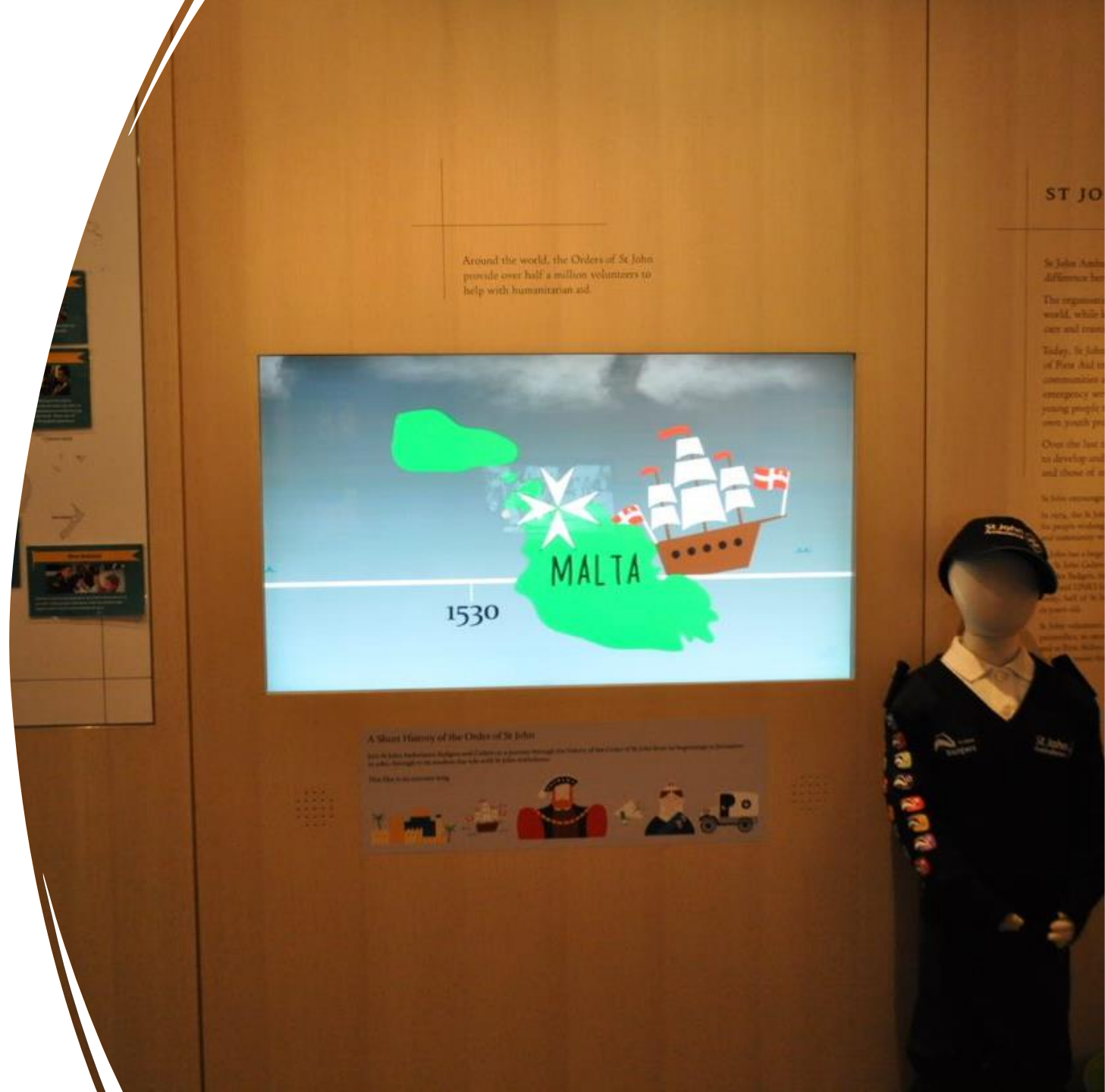


This is the St John  
Ambulance Gallery.

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There is a video in the St John Ambulance Gallery which has recorded voices.





In the St John Ambulance Gallery there is a mannequin (a pretend person). It doesn't move or make sounds.

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In the St John Ambulance Gallery there is also a mask of a woman's face and a doll.

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From the St John Ambulance Gallery you  
can get to the toilets.

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There are the hand dryers in the toilets. They turn on when someone puts their hands in them and they are very noisy. If you prefer you can use paper towels to dry your hands instead.

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There is so much to see, it is fine to leave whenever you are ready. The way out is the same as the way in, through the Museum shop and reception. If you like you can buy something in the shop before you leave.

The Museum is open all year and it's free to visit, so you are welcome to come again whenever you like.

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