

INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM FACT SHEET

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Overview The International Spy Museum is the only public museum in the United States solely dedicated to the tradecraft, history, and contemporary role of espionage. Open since July 2002 and in development since 1996, the museum features the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display – many have never been seen by the public. These artifacts – from a 1777 letter by George Washington authorizing a New York spy network to a 1980s coat with a camera concealed in a button – bring to life the people and techniques behind some of the most influential espionage actions in world history.

Permanent Collection The International Spy Museum’s permanent exhibition presents the tradecraft of espionage through the stories of individuals and their missions, tools and techniques. Artifacts created by or for intelligence services around the world are supported with historic photographs, interactive displays, film, and video. Exhibits include:

Covers & Legends: Begin your mission by adopting a cover identity and learn why an agent needs one. Proceed directly to the Briefing Room where you'll come face-to-face with the real world of espionage.

School for Spies: This section provides an introduction to the tradecraft of espionage and describes many of the skills and tools essential to a spy. It explores the different motivations that lead people into the clandestine world, how they are recruited and trained, and how they operate.

The Secret History of History: This series of galleries chronicles the history of spying from biblical times to the early 20th century. It explores such phenomena as the institutionalization of spying in the early years of the Soviet Union and traces the rise of espionage technology, such as spy photography. It also examines the role that women have played in espionage and reveals well-known historical figures who were also spymasters, including George Washington and author Daniel Defoe.

Spies Among Us: These exhibits, films, and videos examine espionage through World War II, showcasing real-life spy stories. They explore the role of code-making and code-breaking operations and teach various ways to create, break and hide coded messages through interactive exhibits. An exhibit on celebrities includes singer Josephine Baker, chef Julia Child, movie director John Ford, and actress Marlene Dietrich.

Special Exhibit: Exquisitely Evil: 50 Years of Bond Villains: Beginning with 1962's *DR. NO* to 2012's *SKYFALL*, this special exhibit explores how the evildoers and their plots have changed to reflect their times and how James Bond has influenced the public’s perception of real espionage. Videos with real spies commenting on the Bond films and sharing their own “Bond Moments,” historical artifacts and documents, unique interactives, as well as classic Bond film clips complement the movie props on display.

Permanent Collection cont'd **The 21st Century:** The challenges facing intelligence professionals world-wide in the 21st Century are addressed in the Museum's final film, *Ground Truth*. The looming threat of Cyber War is addressed in *Weapons of Mass Disruption*.

Operation Spy™ Operation Spy is a groundbreaking immersive experience that takes the interactive concept to a higher level. In an action-packed hour, participants take on the role of U.S. intelligence officers on an international mission to locate a missing nuclear device before it falls into the wrong hands. This intense experience combines live-action, video characters, themed environments, special effects, and hands-on activities.

Spy in the City™ See DC through the Eyes of a Spy! Embark on your own high-stakes mission to thwart a cyber attack on our Nation's Capital. This interactive GPS-based outdoor walking mission allows you to solve a spy case all your own. Your spy skills of observation, evasion, and code-breaking will be put to the test.

Educational Programs The International Spy Museum offers a wide range of educational and cultural programs for students, adults, and families including scholarly lectures; films; book signings; hands-on workshops; student, adult and senior group tour packages; temporary exhibits; and other special events throughout the year.

Museum Store The International Spy Museum's 5,000 sq. ft. store features a diverse selection of merchandise that mirrors the Museum's presentation of the tradecraft and history of espionage as well as the popular interpretations of that profession. Visitors to the store have the opportunity to buy over 500 books, maps and prints; a wide range of spy-related toys and educational products; pop culture merchandise; disguise kits and paraphernalia; spycraft items; exhibit-related products; one-of-a-kind spy collectibles; spy logo and souvenir items; and much more.

Location The International Spy Museum is located at 800 F Street, NW in Washington, D.C.'s historic Penn Quarter, within four blocks of the National Mall, directly across the street from the National Portrait Gallery and American Art Museum, steps away from the Capital One Arena, and within one block of FBI headquarters. The Museum is conveniently located near the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metrorail station serviced by the red, yellow, and green lines.

Museum Hours 10:00 am – 6:00 pm daily*

**Hours are subject to change and are often extended for holidays. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. For the most up to date information visit spymuseum.org or call 202.654.0991.*

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| Admission | <u>Admission fees to the Museum:</u> | <u>Admission fee to Operation Spy:</u> |
| | \$21.95 , Adults (ages 12-64) \$15.95 , Seniors (65+), Military & Law Enforcement \$14.95 , Children (ages 7-11) FREE , Children (ages 6 and under) FREE , Members | \$14.95 , ages 12+ |
| | | <u>Admission fee to Spy in the City:</u> |
| | | \$14.95 |

SPY Combinations

\$28.95, Operation Spy + General Admission
\$28.95, Spy in the City + General Admission
\$39.95, Spy in the City + Operation Spy + General Admission
\$24.95, Operation Spy + Spy in the City

Advance Tickets recommended. Tax not included.