Hours

Open daily from 11am to 5pm
Thursday until 9pm; closed Tuesday

Tips for Enjoying Your Visi



AUDIO GUIDES

Audio Guide devices are available for rent at the admission desk for \$5, or access for free on your own device via gardnermuseum.org/audioguide.



DINING + SHOPPING

Café G and Gift at the Gardner are open during Museum hours. Café G stops seating one hour prior to Museum closing.



TOURS + TALKS

Free talks and tours take place nearly every day. Stop by the admission desk for times and locations.

While You're Here

Our collection is displayed in an accessible fashion. Please help us protect the works of art and the building by not touching.

Low light levels in the historic galleries help protect works of art from damage and maintain the interplay of light and shadow that has always been part of the Gardner experience.

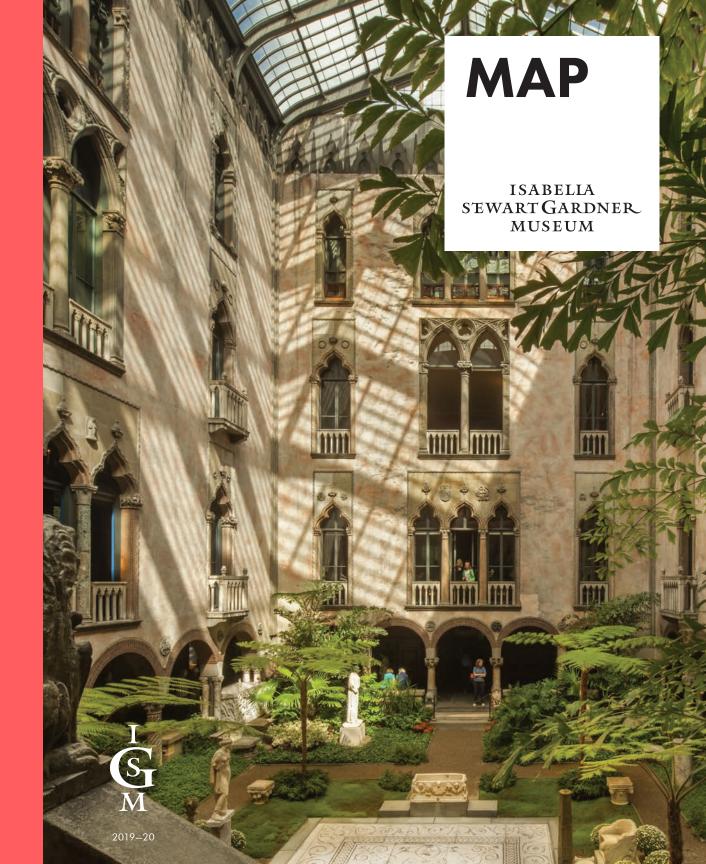
Non-flash photography and video recording are permitted throughout the Museum. Please be considerate of others when taking photos. The use of tripods, monopods, and selfie sticks is not permitted.

All large bags, backpacks, and umbrellas must be checked at the coat check, or visitors may use our self-service lockers, free of charge.

Become a Member

Join today and enjoy unlimited free Museum admission for one year, special member prices, advance notice of concerts and lectures, and a 10% discount at Gift at the Gardner and Café G. Become a member at the admissions desk, online at gardnermuseum.org, or call the Membership Office at 617 566 5643.

For all other information please visit isam ora



Welcome to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum!

You are about to experience a museum that is unlike any other. The magical creation of one woman's vision, the Gardner invites you to delight in beauty and let your imagination wander.

In keeping with Isabella's desire to celebrate art in all its forms, today the Museum is home to contemporary and historical exhibitions, lectures, music, dance, and performance programs; an Artist-in-Residence program; neighborhood partnerships; and changing courtyard displays.

The Museum embodies the adventurous spirit of its founder as a patron of the arts and a gracious hostess. Her personal motto, "C'est mon Plaisir" or "It's my Pleasure," is a reminder of the joy Isabella took in welcoming visitors to her Museum, as well as an invitation to make the Museum your own.

The Gardner is an inclusive museum that welcomes all people. All visitors and staff have the right to a safe, respectful experience at the Museum. Discrimination or harassment will not be tolerated in any form.

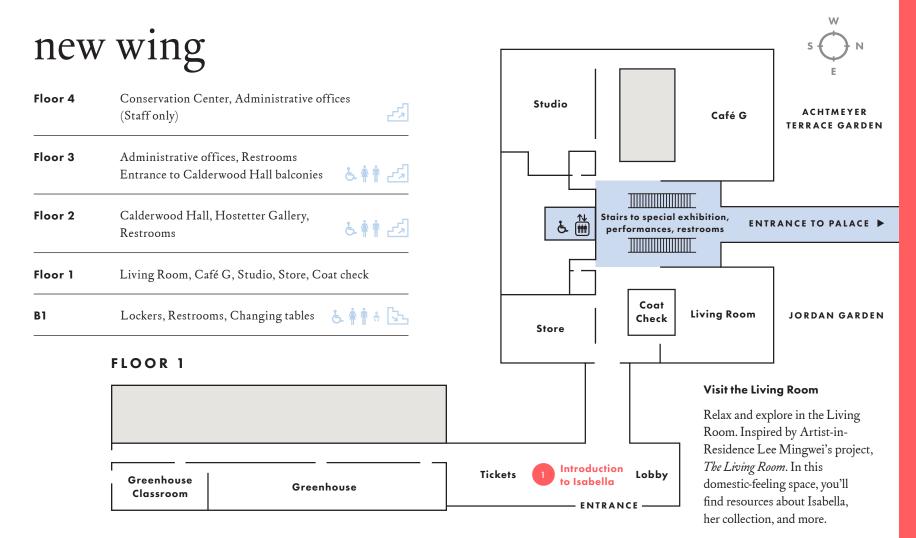






Who Was Isabella Stewart Gardner?

Isabella Stewart (1840–1924) was born in New York City and married Bostonian John ("Jack") Lowell Gardner Jr. in 1860. The Gardners' wide travels inspired a passion for art, which became a passion for collecting when Isabella's father left her his fortune in 1891. Advised by friends and Bernard Berenson, a connoisseur of Italian Renaissance art, Isabella soon accumulated a remarkable collection and began planning for a building in which to house it. After Jack Gardner died in 1898, Isabella continued the project, buying land in the little-developed Fenway. She hired an architect, but with characteristic energy and confidence, Isabella insisted that the building be built to her own specifications. Fenway Court, as she called her museum, opened in 1903.





MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT WITH OUR AUDIO GUIDE

In this immersive guide to the Museum, our curators share stories about Isabella and her vision, introduce you to highlights of the collection, and point out some of their favorite works of art. You can access the audio tour by renting an audio player from our admissions desk or listen on your own mobile device.



Audio Guide Stop

Each stop on the tour is indicated by a number in a circle on the map. Start with Stop 1, Introduction to Isabella.

TWO WAYS TO ACCESS THE AUDIO GUIDE



RENTAL DEVICE / \$5 AT ADMISSION DESK

As you enter a designated gallery, type the number on the map into the player, and it will play after a brief pause. Press the **PAUSE** or **STOP** buttons at any time. Stops are 3–6 minutes long.

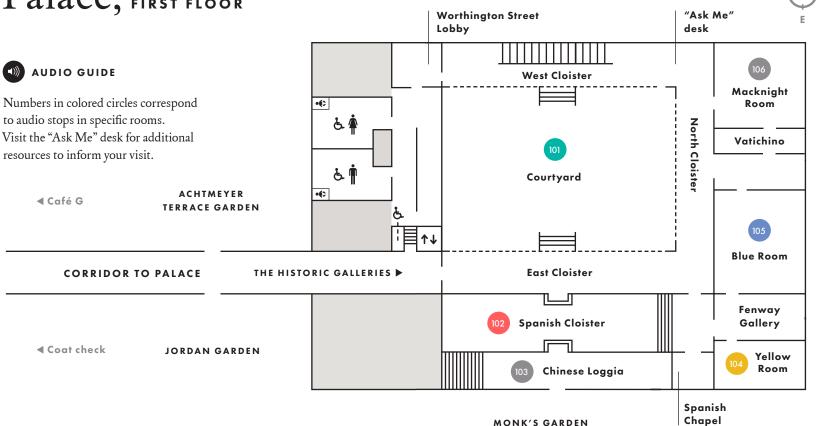
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You can access the Audio Guide directly on our website at **ISGM.ORG/AUDIO**. Scroll to the number listed on the map for each stop, and press **PLAY** to start.

Palace, first floor





COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Courtyard



Roman, Mosaic: Medusa



Roman, Severan, Farnese Sarcophagus

Spanish Cloister



John Singer Sargent, El Jaleo

Chinese Loggia



Chinese, Eastern Wei, *Votive Stele*

Yellow Roon



Henri Matisse, The Terrace, Saint-Tropez



James McNeill Whistler, Nocturne, Blue and Silver: Battersea Reach

Blue Room



John Singer Sargent, Madame Gautreau Drinking a Toast



Édouard Manet, Madame Auguste Manet



Macknight Room

John Singer Sargent, Mrs. Gardner in White

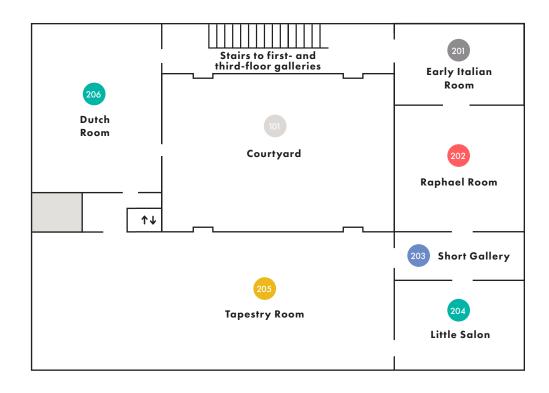
Anders Zorn,

Palace, SECOND FLOOR





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COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Early Italian Room



Piero della Francesca, Hercules



Fra Angelico, The Dormition and Assumption of the Virgin



Japanaese, Roof Tile: Dove

Raphael Room



Raphael, Tommaso Inghirami



Piermatteo d'Amelia, The Annunciation

Short Gallery



Anders Zorn. Isabella Stewart Gardner in Venice

Little Salon

Raphael de la Planche, Chateau and Garden Tapestry



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Bartolomé Bermejo, Saint Engracia



Pedro García de Benabarre, Saint Michael Archangel



Workshop of Jan Moy, Queen Tomyris Tapestry

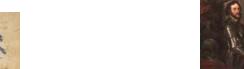
Dutch Room



Anthony van Dyck, Woman with a Rose



Rembrandt van Rijn, Self-Portrait, Age 23



Islamic manuscript



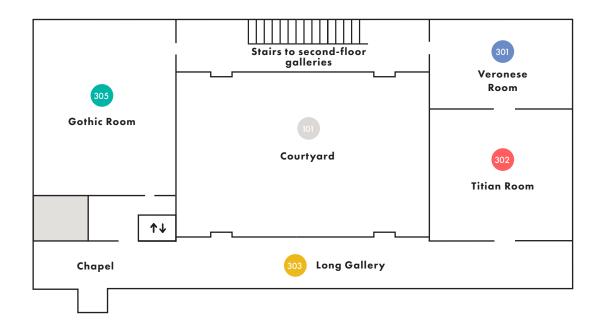
Peter Paul Rubens, Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel

Palace, third floor





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COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Veronese Room



Studio of Paolo Veronese, The Coronation of Hebe



Italian, Venice, Seat from a Gig

Titian Room



Titian, Rape of Europa



Benvenuto Cellini, Bindo Altoviti



Attributed to Antonio Landucci, Armchairs



Circle of

the Cross

Giovanni Bellini,

Christ Carrying

Velázquez, Philip IV of Spain

Long Gallery & Chapel



Botticelli, Virgin and Child



Giuliano da Rimini, Virgin and Child Enthroned with Saints



Window from Soissons Cathedral



Gothic Room

Simone Martini,



Temple

Giotto, The Presentation of the Christ Child in the

