

# **-The British Museum-**

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The British Museum is a public museum related to human history, art, and culture. It is located in London, specifically in the Bloomsbury area. Founded in 1753, the British Museum was the first public national museum.



On 7th June 1753, King George II signed the Act of Parliament which established the British Museum.

In 1973, the British Library Act of 1972 separated the library department from the British Museum, but it continued to house what is now the British Library in the same Reading Room and building as the museum until 1997.

It hosts a permanent collection of eight million displays, which is the largest in the world. Some of its best-known exhibits, such as the Parthenon Marbles and the Egyptian Rosetta Stone, are works that are at the center of long-term international disputes.

Originally, the museum was mainly based on the collections of the Anglo-Irish physician and scientist Sir Hans Sloane. It opened to the public in 1759, on the site of the current building.

The British Museum was the first of a new kind of museums, a national institution, belonging to neither church nor king, open free of charge to the public and aiming to collect and represent the history of all cultures.

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