

Adah at the Natural History Museum



On my (Tasha's) bucket list for our vacation was to visit a museum. This morning we woke up to chilly, wet weather, which made for a perfect day at the museum. We put Sol in the backpack carrier, Adah in the stroller and headed out. Adah was instantly enraptured with everything! She was squealing, saying "Wow" and shouting "Look!" It was a great feeling to see how excited our little girl was when looking at bones and stuffed animals (taxidermy).

One of the things that Adah requested upon entrance was to take over the photography. I figured it would be a nice break for me. Without further ado, here is the Natural History Museum as seen in the eyes of Adah.

Our first specimen is a cast of a fossil of a Plesiosaur that was mounted and displayed on the wall.



The museum hosts a lovely display of turtles. There are many different species in various ages of their lives including bones. The eggs and nests were amazing as well. Here is a photo of a sea turtle that was on display for people to touch.

A recent addition to the ecology exhibit included a crustacean display. Adah enjoyed exploring the many different types of ocean life, especially those that are edible!



After this section, Adah wanted to take a moment to photograph her family members.



Mama



Baby Solomon

One of the most popular exhibits is the *Diplodocus* on display in the heart of the museum. This fossil was presented to the museum in 1905 and was moved in 1979 to Hintze Hall. In the 1990's a new scientific study found that the tail never dragged the ground but was held up higher. So the museum spent lots of time to dismantle and recast the tail.

The mammal section housed amazing displays of beasts of all walks of life. The polar bear was a sight!



The lion was so very lifelike.



One of the largest sections is the exhibit of elephants. The museum boasts a large display of elephants including both African and Asian. The ones on display were placed in the museum back in the early 1900's and have been in the collection ever since.

And there you have it! A brief tour of the museum with your guide Adah!