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# The Israel Museum, Jerusalem



## Synopsis

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Israel Museum, Jerusalem, boasts a vast array of world art, spanning five continents and ranging from Rembrandt, Rubens, and a long-lost Poussin to cutting-edge creations by acclaimed contemporary artists; a Judaica holding that is considered the most comprehensive in the world; and a renowned Archaeology Wing, whose treasures include the Dead Sea Scrolls and a figurine thought to be the world's oldest artwork. The splendors of this great encyclopedic museum are now displayed in 300 full-color reproductions, accompanied by in-depth commentaries by its curators. In four sections that correspond to the organization of the Israel Museum-Art, Judaica and Jewish Ethnography, Archaeology, and the Youth Wing-this collections catalogue presents: a superb collection of Western art in every medium, as well as rare works from the Americas, Africa, Eastern Asia, and other parts of the globe; a rich assortment of objects that offer an illuminating overview of Jewish ritual, custom, and daily life in many cultural contexts; the largest collection of antiquities from the Holy Land; and a captivating view of the Youth Wing, which draws half the museum's visitors every year and has established an international reputation for innovative activities.

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Founded in 1965, the Israel Museum today has, in a relatively short time, achieved world class status with collections ranging from prehistoric archaeology through contemporary art and with a dynamic roster of temporary exhibitions, publications, and educational activities. It is the leading cultural institution in Israel and is one of the largest encyclopedic museums in the world.

Like the previous reviewer, I decided to order this from at a reduced price rather than pay more to lug it home from Jerusalem. It is an exceptional museum survey volume which we especially enjoy because we were not able to spend that much time in the museum during our trip--so we focused on fine arts rather than cultural/archeological holdings when we were there.

Not just a stunning coffee table book...although it is that, too. But it contains elegant photos and the accompanying descriptions of an immense portion of the museum's collection. Highly recommend!

After touring the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, I visited the gift shop to purchase the museum catalog. It was 60 USDollars and weighed nearly 10 pounds, would have put my baggage over the limit on my return trip to Texas. Instead I purchased the same book for less than 10 USDollars from (plus shipping). This is a very informative sketch of the important artifacts they have in this museum, very well covered, in fact a fond remembrance of my 4-5 hours visiting there.

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