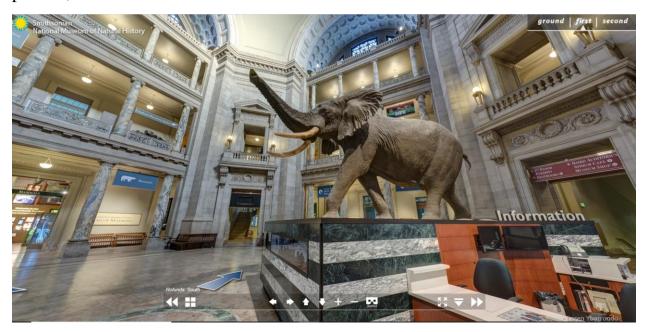


## National Tourism Day – Science Edition

We may not be able to go visit places in person, but let's take a look at all the awesome virtual options out there!

If you have a VR headset, many of these will work with it!

The <u>Smithsonian Natural History Museum</u> lets you tour exhibits, both past and present, and research areas in their virtual tours!

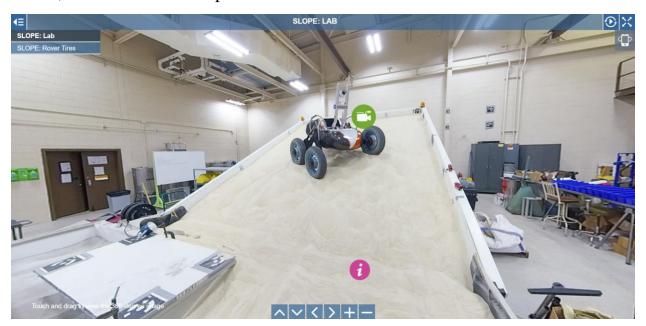


Here's the main foyer of the museum!



And the butterfly exhibit! You can even get close enough to read the information on exhibits!

<u>NASA</u> has many different virtual tours, including the ISS, telescope operating rooms, and more! Here's a peak at their SLOPE lab.



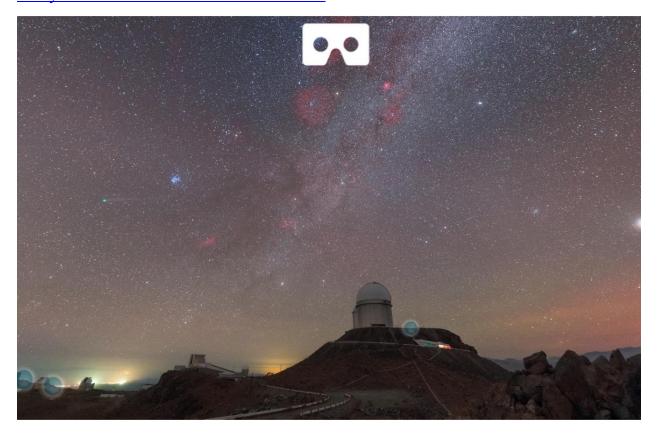
We can take a trip to Belgium and visit the <u>Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences</u>! (All of the text is in French, but the exhibits still look amazing!)



Hop over to Germany and check out the <u>German Oceanographic Museum!</u> They have cool displays of many ocean animals.



Let's go to Chile, South America, and tour the <u>La Silla Observatory</u>. You can see some beautiful night skies and tour the giant telescope platforms! <u>ESO also has many other virtual tours of their facilities</u>.



Check out some other awesome museums and culture sites using <u>Google Arts and Culture</u>. They have a lot of art, but also tours and imagery of other science sites. They also curate 360-degree videos made by NASA and other institutions!

Send us a picture of your favorite exhibit or place! Or send us a picture of yourself walking through the museum with your VR headset!

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