

FACTS ABOUT MADAME TUSSAUDS MUSEUM

Ever since it first opened on 1835, Madame Tussauds has been leaving visitors excited by the lots of celebrities featured in the wax museum. After sitting and having a picture taken with Her Majesty the Queen, it's no wonder that Madame Tussauds is still considered to be a favourite tourist destination in London.

But, did you know that there are many boring processes that the wax figures go through before they are displayed in all their perfection? So here are some surprising facts about Madame Tussauds.

Madame Tussauds Wax Museum was founded by Marie Tussaud, a native of Strasbourgh, France. She learned the art of sculpting from Dr. Philippe Curtius, a skilled artist in the field of wax modeling.

Young Marie's first sculpture was Francois Voltaire. She made it at the age of 16.

It usually takes six months, 2,400 pounds of wax and \$45,000 to make each of Madame Tussaud's wax portraits. Each live model is invited to get the right body measurements. However, if the subject is a historical figure or has already died, a team of researchers check and find hundreds of pictures and get the **measurements**¹¹ from there.

All portraits displayed at Madame Tussauds have their hair washed and make-up regularly refreshed. There are two teams that check each figure daily before the museum opens. Tussauds survived a fire in 1925 and bombing in 1940, during which many wax statues were lost.

The first overseas branch of Madame Tussauds is in Amsterdam. It was opened in 1970.

Nowadays there are 21 Madame Tussauds worldwide, with several in the USA, Beijing, Tokyo and Sydney. Madame Tussauds appeared in various TV shows and movies.

The museum is situated in Marylebone Rd, London. It is Open from Monday to Friday: 9.30am – 5.30pm, Saturday and Sunday: 9am – 6pm.

If you want to get a discount for Madame Tussauds, book your ticket online in advance. Take a picture, plenty of selfies and enjoy every moment with your favourite celebrities and icons at Madame Tussauds. In case you've missed visiting the notable wax museum, include it in your next trip. It's definitely worth every penny you'll spend.



Listen and tick the statements T (True) or F (False).

1. Madame Tussaud's museum has been working since 1835.
2. You can take a picture with a royal person.
3. A lot of processes are necessary before figures are displayed.
4. Dr. Philippe Curtius taught Marie how to make wax models.
5. She made her first sculpture at the age of 60.
6. The figures are made without measuring live models.
7. A lot of pictures are analyzed before a historical figure is made.
8. The figures get their hair washed.
9. The museum survived a fire and 2 bombings.
10. You won't find a museum in China.

