Extra training

Reading

Task 014

You are going to read an article about unusual museums.
For questions 1-15, choose from the museums (1-4).
The museums may be chosen more than once. (12, 13) The smaller number should come first!

Which museum(s)

do visitors follow a specific route? 1 ☐
has an unusual entrance policy? 2 ☐
can visitors experience a natural disaster? 3 ☐
do visitors learn about what's happening in the world? 4 ☐
shows a particular period in time? 5 ☐
claims to improve its visitors' health? 6 ☐
requires a specific skill in order to visit it? 7 ☐
has exhibits that show events throughout history? 8 ☐
can visitors provide feedback about the exhibits? 9 ☐
has exhibits designed for a specific purpose? 10 ☐
can visitors pretend to be someone on TV? 11 ☐
is interactive? 12 ☐ 13 ☐
claims to be the only one of its kind? 14 ☐
has created a memorial to a certain group of people? 15 ☐

Not Your Average Museum

1 Newseum

Every day around the world millions of people read, watch and listen to the news. So, is it any surprise that there is a museum dedicated to news? Newseum in Washington, DC is a high-tech museum that traces the history of journalism. At the entrance visitors can read enlarged front pages from over 80 international newspapers, updated daily. Once inside they can access electronic databases of news reporting of important historical events over five centuries. At the museum's newsroom visitors can step in front of the camera and become a news reporter. Guests can also learn about famous journalists and visit a tribute to journalists who have died pursuing the news. Whether it's news in the past or present, Newseum has got it covered.

2 Caesarea Martima

Deep in the waters along the East Mediterranean coast, divers swim amongst the ruins of a once glorious harbour. This is no ordinary diving exhibition though, but a trip to a museum. The museum is the sunken port of the ancient city of Caesarea Martima built in 25-13 BC. Experts believe the port was sunk after an earthquake hit the area. Today trained divers float from one exhibit to another on a selected trail following a waterproof map which describes in detail the sites along the way. The museum at Ceasarea was the first underwater museum in the world when it opened in 2006. Since then, divers visiting the museum have had the chance to learn about and see up close one of the wonders of the Roman Empire.

3 The Tech

These days most museums are using high–technology to make their exhibits more interesting. At the Tech Museum of Innovation, or better known as The Tech, in California, USA the exhibits feature the latest in high-technology from gadgets to innovations in computer science. Although the museum attracts a lot of high-tech professionals, it is intended for all ages and backgrounds. The Tech offers its visitors a hands-on experience with the Test Zone gallery. Here visitors can test new technologies and let developers know what they think of them. At the popular earthquake simulator visitors can feel what earthquakes are like at different intensities. Want to design a micro- chip or control your own robot? At The Tech technology is at your fingertips.

4 The Harlekinaum

Humour is not something we would normally associate with museums. In fact, most museums are rather quiet and serious places. One exception is the Harlekinaum museum in Wiesbaden, Germany where every exhibit is designed with the sole intention to make visitors laugh. The museum maintains it is the only one devoted to laughter in the world, saying that laughter is good for you as it reduces stress. Exhibits range from silly gadgets to bizarre upside-down rooms. Guided tours are conducted by clowns dressed up as doctors. Once inside, visitors are required to wear furry animal slippers throughout their visit and pay to leave the museum instead of upon entry. A visit to this museum is sure to leave you giggling.