

## David Glauber

**Name:** American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

**Address:** Central Park West & 79th St, New York, NY 10024

**Location:** The American Museum of Natural History is located in New York City across from the renowned and beautiful Central Park. New York famous natural history museum is located on one side of Central Park, while the equally famous Metropolitan Museum of Art is located on the opposite side of Central Park.

**Website:** <http://www.amnh.org/>

**Partnerships:** The American Museum of Natural History has a plethora of corporate sponsorships that reads like a “who’s who in America!” Corporations donating to the museum include entities, such as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox, Google, JPMorgan Chase, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Pepsico, and the *New York Times*. The list of 101 corporate entities is divided into categories based upon the level of financial contribution, including benefactor, partner, associate, supporter, friend, and contributor. The museum is consistently looking for new partnerships to sponsor exhibitions and education programs. Corporations wishing to sponsor a program can send an email to [CorporateRelations@amnh.org](mailto:CorporateRelations@amnh.org).

**Accreditation:** American Alliance of Museums (AAM)

**Experience:** On the morning of April 28, 2016, my wife and I woke up at the wonderful Casablanca Hotel in Times Square, New York. On our first full day in the city, we wanted to take in the culture of New York City on the way to the museum. A door attendant at the hotel helped us to flag down a taxi, which took us to a bagel shop, named Absolute Bagels. The taxi drive through the city was slow moving, with an incredible amount of traffic. While the taxi meter inched up faster and faster, cars quickly veered from one lane to the next. In fact, we were nearly involved in a pretty bad accident. Luckily, the taxi driver just barely escaped getting into an accident, but he had a look on his face of “oh my God!” The tasty bagels that we had made us nearly forget all about the fretful experience in the taxi. As we left the bagel shop, after having a wonderful breakfast, we had to use the bathroom. But, of course, there was none. So, we continued on our way to the American Museum of Natural History, walking through the streets, with Google maps (on my cell phone) leading the way.

When the GPS informed us that that we had arrived, we still wondered, “Where is it?” Realizing from the map that Central Park was across the

street from the American Museum of Natural History, we started to climb a long staircase that we came across. It turns out that this was a way into the museum, on the second-floor. We showed our pre-purchased tickets to a guard who let us in. By stumbling upon this entrance, we likely saved quite a bit of time from going through to the main entrance. Walking through the packed hallways of the museum, and after asking several guards, we finally found a bathroom in the museum. From there, we proceeded into the museum's planetarium. This was a real delight as we watched a thirty-minute show on the universe's dark matter and energy in the largest floor-to-ceiling planetarium we had ever been in. It even had surround sound and created an immersive feeling as you could feel the floor shaking. This show, *Dark Universe*, was riveting, until my wife realized that she left her hat in the planetarium's entry room, where we were stationed before entering the planetarium's seating area. I went out in the midst of the show to look for the hat, which was luckily found by one of the planetarium's attendants.

After the show, we went to look at the museum's dinosaurs, which was the main thing that we wanted to see. While the museum did not have a Tyrannosaurus Rex, it did have a multitude of other dinosaurs that made us feel a kid-like exuberance from being in the presence of so many dinosaurs. Among these dinosaurs was a very long dinosaur whose head peaked out of a room that was rather large in size; the dinosaur spanned the entire length of this room. Of course, we purchased a few dinosaur related items in the gift shop, including a t-shirt and a key chain. We also used the photo booth to take a dramatic photo that appeared as if we were in the midst of Jurassic Park. It was an incredible visit to a wonderful museum that we would not hesitate to go back to again.

As we left the museum, we had some of the finest food available in New York City, hot dogs from a street vendor. They were quite good, so we added a pretzel and an ice cream cone with sprinkles to make it a meal. We then proceeded to walk through Central Park to our hotel with my phone's battery on the brink of being completely depleted. Passing through stores filled with trinkets and kiosks selling artistic representations of New York City, and individuals dressed as comic book characters (Batman and a transformer, named Bumble Bee), we successfully navigated through the crowded streets to the solace of our hotel.

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