



هيئة الشارقة للمتاحف  
Sharjah Museums Authority



## A Trip to Al Mahatta Museum

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## Visiting Terms:

- Children must be accompanied by their family or teachers at all times.
- It is prohibited to run in the museum's corridors to avoid disturbing other visitors.
- It is prohibited to touch any of the showcases or collections.
- Eating in museum galleries is not permitted except for in the designated areas.

## Instructions:

Dear visitor, please follow the instructions below to create a social story of your choice:

- 1- Read the information regarding the various museum galleries available on the Information page.
- 2- Go to the Picture cards page and pick the spots that you want to visit.
- 3- Print out the selected spots from the Picture cards page.
- 4- Cut the pictures and arrange them according to the order of the museum's galleries, starting with the picture of the museum's exterior design.
- 5- You may also use pictures from the (Other) section in the Picture cards page to represent restrooms and other facilities.
- 6- Bring the social story that you prepared with your child or student to the museum.

## Information:

While there was a simple runway in Sharjah during the 1920s, it was not acknowledged as an airport until the early 1930s, when Imperial Airways Company abandoned its flight route through Persia in favour of a southern route through the Arabian Gulf, to reach the Far Eastern destinations. Among those who joined the new route were Cairo, Kuwait, Bahrain and Sharjah in July 1932. The British Government signed an agreement with the late ruler of Sharjah, Sheikh Sultan bin Saqr AlQasimi to use the airport to take-off and landing. Al Mahatta Museum includes 5 galleries as follows:

### 1- The Hangar Gallery



This gallery displays 5 original airplanes that were used in the past and two cockpits for a Comet and a Vickers VC10- airplanes. It also displays an oil tank trolley by the British Petroleum company which was used to refuel the airplanes, wooden

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### 2- The Photo Gallery



The gallery displays photographs of the first plane to land in Sharjah, and the Croydon Airport, one of the oldest airports in London, built in 1920. It also displays weather data graphs and records and a fuel supplying machine for the British Petroleum Company. Moreover, it showcases the office of Commander White and a series of photographs related to the history of Sharjah Air Station (Al Mahatta), the daily life of Sharjah at that

time, and Sharjah cinema, the first of its kind in the Arabian Gulf, built in 1954.

### 3- Flying Techniques Gallery



This gallery displays a collection of airplane parts such as wheels, air navigation devices, safety equipment like the black box, and airplane engine models such as the De Havilland Ghost jet engine, the Douglas DC3- engine, the De Havilland Gypsy Queen engine and the Rolls-Royce Avon engine. The gallery also displays the cockpit, control equipment, climate monitoring tools and the plane's wings, tail and rudder.

### 4- Flying Miracles Gallery



rockets were invented and humans were able to explore outer space.

This gallery tells the story of the evolution of flying from the time when bugs were the first creatures to fly about 350 million years ago until the age of jet planes and space rockets. Flying has evolved and developed four times in nature through winged reptiles, then birds and finally flying mammals such as bats. After conducting experiments, humans used the parachute to fly during the second half of the 19th century. Engine planes were one of the biggest inventions in the 20th century, and in the 1960s

## Picture Cards

Start your trip from here



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## 1-The Hangar Gallery



Discover the old airplanes on display



Use the stairs carefully  
to get to the plane



Learn about the cockpit



## 2- The Photo Gallery



**Learn about planes fuel station**



**Learn about the Station Manager's office**



**Learn about the first cinema in the Arabian Gulf**



### 3- Flying Techniques Gallery



Watch the plane engine



Discover the plane propeller



Learn about the different  
airplanes parts parts

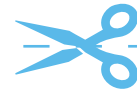




## 4- Flying Miracles Gallery



**Learn about the white owl**



**Learn about different birds**



**Discover flying mammals like bats**



5- Others



Need help



Toilet



Eat and drink



## Social Story

- Arrange the picture cards according to the order of the museum galleries, starting with the exterior picture of the museum.
- Punch a hole in the left corner of each picture.
- Insert a thread in the holes and tie all the picture cards together.



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