

Welcome to the Acropolis Museum!

My name is Iris, and I am the rainbow Goddess, the winged messenger of the Gods.

I am here to help you find some very famous and much loved animals, big and small, some made of marble and some made of other stone!

On the first floor of the Museum, after you walk up the big glass staircase, turn to your right and find animals that have left their footprints...

a snake

Look at this big snake! Can you see the colours and patterns it has on its tail?

Can you find another snake close by?

a lion

This strong and wild animal was often used to decorate the ancient temples. Here we can see a lioness fighting with a smaller animal. What kind of animal is the smaller one?

a calf

This little calf the man is carrying on his shoulders, is his present for the Goddess Athena.

What present would you like to give her?

a dog

This dog guarded the sacred place of the Goddess Artemis, her sanctuary on the Acropolis hill. Artemis protected the forests, the wild animals and the little children.

Can you do what the dog is doing, snarl and get ready to jump?

Cut out this page, put on your mask, and see more of the Museum through the eyes of an animal!

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a horse

Imagine the sound that the horse would make as it galloped!

Look at this proud horse with its beautiful mane. Now take a look at the colourful clothes of the man sitting on the horse!

a bear

Imagine how soft and fluffy its fur would have been! Nice to touch!

This is one of the favourite animals of the Goddess Artemis. This marble bear was made as a special present for her.

There are more animals hidden inside the Museum. Try to find their footprints!

an owl

As you leave, don't forget to see the big marble owl just outside the Museum exit. The owl is a symbol of wisdom, and was the favourite animal of the Goddess Athena!

Congratulations! I am so happy I was able to spend this time with you!

I'll be waiting for you to come again so we can have more of these adventures together!

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Family Trail

Spot the animals in the Acropolis Museum

For children aged 3-5 years