

OPERATION SPY™ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is OPERATION SPY?

OPERATION SPY is not an exhibit; it is a separate experience at the International Spy Museum. OPERATION SPY is a new and groundbreaking immersive experience that takes the interactive concept to a higher level. In this hour-long participatory adventure, guests take on the role of U.S. intelligence officers on an international mission to find a missing nuclear device before it falls into the wrong hands. OPERATION SPY features live-action, video characters, themed environments, special effects, and hands-on activities like safe cracking and surveillance.

What does the experience feature?

Guests, playing the role of intelligence officers, are faced with a wide range of challenges similar to those faced by real intelligence officers. Guests work together in small teams to progress through the experience. In pursuit of their mission they:

- Conduct video surveillance of a clandestine meeting
- Decrypt a secret audio conversation
- Penetrate and escape from a high-security compound
- Crack a safe and search for clues under threat of discovery
- Conduct a polygraph test of a suspect agent
- Weigh ambiguous evidence and make split-second decisions
- And More!

Is the plot of OPERATION SPY realistic?

Yes, the International Spy Museum worked closely with active and former intelligence officers to create the experience. While the action takes place in the fictional country of Khandar, the plot is inspired by actual cases drawn from intelligence files.

Is OPERATION SPY physical?

Yes, guests walk through OPERATION SPY. They are on their feet for one hour, actively manipulating items in the experience. There is one set of stairs that guests must walk up and down; however, there is no crawling, climbing or jumping. There are no breaks in the



activity. OPERATION SPY is accessible to all; arrangements are available for guests with special needs.

Is OPERATION SPY an individual activity?

In OPERATION SPY each guest becomes part of a small group; each group has a maximum of 15 participants. They work as a team with people they do not know in order to meet the challenges in the experience. Each group is led by a Station Operations Officer (Museum Staff,) who facilitates the experience.

Is OPERATION SPY suitable for small children?

No. OPERATION SPY is an experience available to guests ages 12 and above. Guests work as part of a team to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize complex information as well as discuss and debate issues while cooperating with strangers of different ages. These higher order thinking and social skills are required to participate in the experience. OPERATION SPY also includes special effects, loud noises and dark rooms that may be too intense for younger children.

Is there a separate admission fee?

Yes. There is a separate ticket for those 12 and up who want to experience only OPERATION SPY and a combined ticket for those who would like to visit the entire Museum and OPERATION SPY. Space is limited - guests are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

2008 Admission fee to OPERATION SPY:
\$14, ages 12+

2008 Combined Admission fee:
\$25, ages 12+

How long does it take to experience OPERATION SPY?

Guests should allow about one hour to participate in the experience. To visit both the International Spy Museum and OPERATION SPY with a combination ticket, allow three hours.





What are the operating hours for OPERATION SPY?

OPERATION SPY follows the Museum's operating hours in 2008.

Jan 2 – Feb 29 10am – 6pm	Apr 13 – Aug 10 9am – 7pm
Mar 1 – Mar 14 10am – 6pm*	Aug 11 – Aug 30 10am – 7pm
Mar 15 – Apr 12 9am – 8pm	Aug 31 – Dec 31 10am – 6pm**

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day

*Except Saturdays 10am – 8pm

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Hours are subject to change and are often extended for holidays. OPERATION SPY is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day. For the most up to date information visit spymuseum.org or call 292.393.7798

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