

# Famous museums of the world (part 2)

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# Diamond Fund of Russia

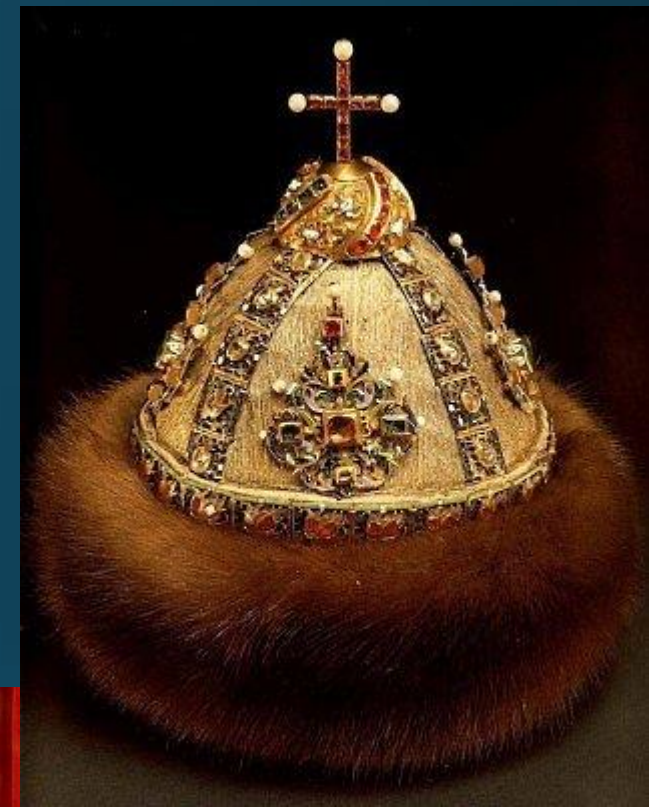
The Diamond Fund of Russia is a permanent exhibition where unique collections belonging to the State Repository of Values of the country are exhibited. Nuggets, rare precious stones, jewelry of the XVIII-XX centuries, as well as works of art with special historical, scientific or artistic value are exhibited in the Moscow Kremlin.





The basis of the museum collection of the Diamond Fund consists of treasures belonging to the Russian royal family.

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The initiative to create a special collection belongs to the Russian sovereign Peter I.

Under each subsequent emperor, changes were made to the rules for storing state valuables. But invariably the treasury was replenished with new values – the most beautiful precious stones and luxurious jewelry.





At the beginning of 1922, the new Soviet government created a special commission that conducted an examination and described the jewelry. Imperial regalia and gems became part of the newly created repository, called the "State Diamond Fund".

The first public demonstration of values took place in 1925 in the building of the House of Unions. In the late 1920s and early 1930s, part of the unique collection was sold abroad, at auctions.

## Сокровища Алмазного фонда России



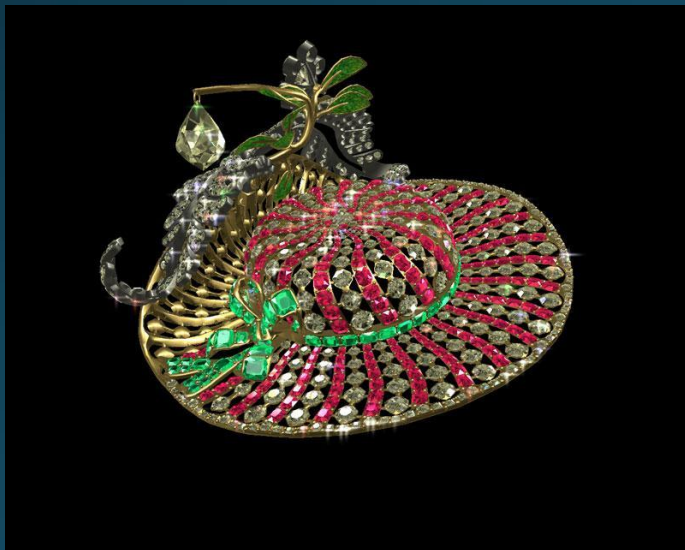


The Soviet government organized an exhibition accessible to everyone in 1967. Initially, they wanted to create it for only a year. But the visitors showed such great interest in the exhibits of the Diamond Fund that by a special government decision the exhibition received the status of permanent.





Thematically, the exposition is divided into seven parts: imperial regalia for coronation, orders, works of jewelers of the XVIII-XIX centuries and the second half of the last century, large diamonds, rare precious stones, as well as large nuggets.





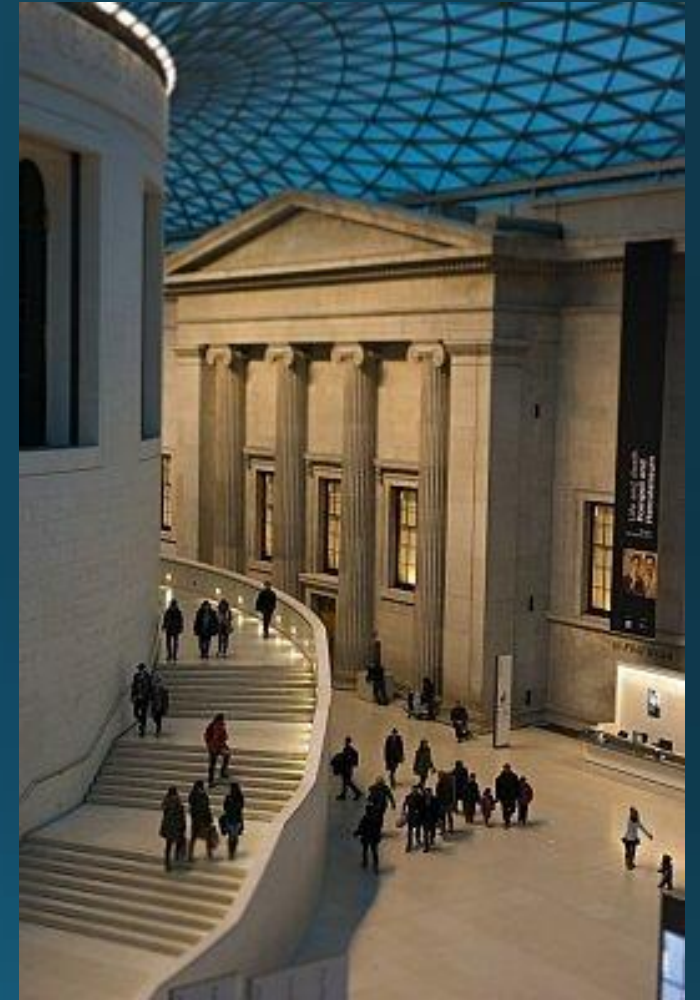
- The most valuable exhibits of the Diamond Fund are the Large and Small Crowns, the power of the Russian emperors and the scepter. Of the rare precious stones, the exhibition presents the famous Shah diamond, spinel 398 carats, sapphire 258 carats, chrysalite 192 carats and emerald 136 carats. Here you can also see a large nugget of gold "Mephistopheles", several copies of the Order of Victory, the mineralogical collection of the Russian Tsarina Catherine II and other valuables.





# British Museum

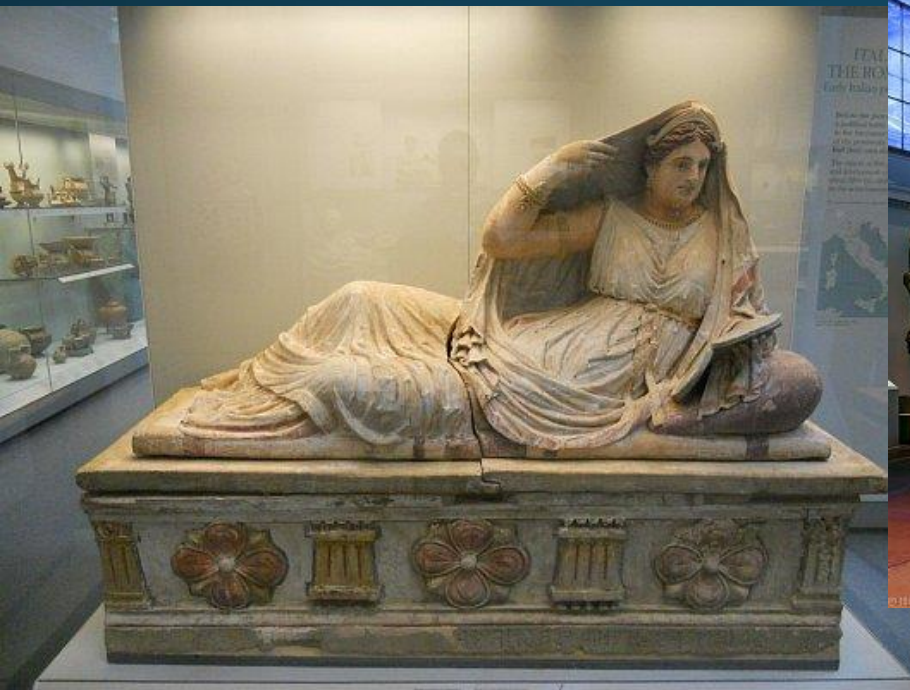
The British Museum is one of the greatest museums in the world. It's not just the number of exhibits, but also the overall quality of the collections placed here.



The modern museum building, dating from 1823, is an excellent example of neoclassical architecture of the XIX century. The foundation of the exposition was laid in 1753. Other collections were gradually added, including the Royal Library, donated by George II.



The museum has many priceless artifacts, including antiquities from the Parthenon, the Rosetta Stone, a stunning collection of works of art from Ancient Egypt, a giant head from Easter Island and many other treasures. In general, including engravings and drawings, the museum has more than 7 million exhibits.





# Egyptian Museum, Cairo, Egypt

It is located in Cairo, the capital of Egypt, on Tahrir Square, located in the central part of the city. Its collection of historical values exceeds 150,000 exhibits and attracts millions of tourists from all over the world every year.





The Cairo Egyptian Museum consists of a huge lobby and one hundred halls located on two floors.





The Egyptian Museum of Cairo keeps granite, limestone and basalt sculptures of the rulers of Egypt on the ground floor. The second floor contains treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun and other ancient rulers.





There are a huge number of museums on our planet! It is difficult to tell about them in one presentation. But we hope that you liked it and you will be interested in the world of museums on your own.

Thanks for your attention!



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