Nordic Museum Family Scavenger Hunt

Floor 1: Fjord Hall

Start your journey in the main hallway - called the Fjord Hall. The walls of the Fjord Hall are slanted to represent a fjord - a glacier-created inlet with steep sides that can be found in Norway. There are also several things in the Fjord Hall that suggest the theme of migration, an important concept at the Nordic Museum.

- As well as looking like a fjord, the slanted shape of the hall resembles the hull of a ship, which is how immigrants in the 19th and early 20th century traveled across the ocean.
- Look up - 23 glass birds created by Faroese artist Tróndur Patursson soar overhead. These migratory birds are on a journey down the Fjord Hall.
- Four bridges cross the Fjord Hall from the Nordic Region to Nordic America, representing the journey from one country to another.

Floor 1: Nordic Orientation

Answers to these questions can be found in the long glass case.

**Denmark**

LEGO bricks were invented in Denmark by Ole Kirk Kristiansen. Find the house built out of LEGO.

**Finland**

Find a piece of furniture that is called Tulip. Why do you think it is named this? Do you think it looks like a tulip?

**Iceland**

Look at the statue of a man on a horse. What was it used for and what is it made from?

**Norway**

There are three pairs of boots in the Norway section. Which pair do you think looks the most comfortable?

**Sweden**

Who is the strongest girl in the world? Hint: She has red braids and a pet monkey.

**Sápmi**

The territory known as Sápmi is the home of the Sami people, indigenous people of the Nordic region. Discuss: What story do you think is being told by the images on the drum?
Floor 2: Sense of Place Gallery
Stop and sit on a rock in the Sense of Place Gallery to get an idea of the landscape in the Nordic countries. Look for scenes that remind you of the Pacific Northwest!

The Nordic Region Gallery
Norse Mythology
What Norse god is depicted in the wood statue? What are some of the animals in Norse mythology?

Vikings Platform
Find three tools of Viking navigation? Hint: They are all in one case.

Read the inscription on the runestone (it’s included in the label) and discuss: What would you like someone to write about you on a runestone?

Nordic Region Wall Cases: With your group, choose a favorite object from each section along the wall. They are:
- Venturing North
- Building National Identities
- Emerging Modern States
- Creating the Nordic Way

Great Migration Platform
Choose one of the trunks or suitcases on the platform. Discuss: What would you bring to a new country if everything had to fit in this one trunk!

Nordic Modernity Platform
Many pieces of Nordic furniture have names that describe their appearance—for instance, one of the lamps on the platform is named terho which means acorn in Finnish. Choose a piece of furniture and give it your own name based on what you think it looks like.

Read the story of the bicycle on the small platform along the wall. Imagine if you had to escape an enemy army!

Floor 2: Nordic America Gallery
The large platform in this gallery is split into three sections, from left to right: New Lives in a New Land, Livelihoods in New Lands, and Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

New Lives in a New Land
This part of the platform has personal items brought to America from the Nordic countries. Find examples of jewelry, religious books, and toys in the cases. What one special thing would you bring with you if you moved to a new country?

Look at the five costumes from the Nordic countries. What do you and your family wear for special occasions?

Find the case of musical instruments. Which one looks the most interesting to play? The easiest to pack in your trunk? Does anyone in your family play a musical instrument?

Livelihoods in New Lands
Find an object that represents each of these four important professions in the Pacific Northwest:
- Logging
- Mining
- Fishing
- Farming
Bonus: In one of the wall cases, find an object that represents the Klondike gold rush!

Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Look for objects that represent these examples of Nordic entrepreneurship:
- Stores
- Newspapers
- Engineering
- Ship design/building

Nordic America Wall Cases
The East Coast
What years was Ellis Island open and how many million immigrants passed through in that time?

The Midwest and Beyond
Anna Larson immigrated to America from Sweden in 1906 when she was 22 years old. Look in the case for many of her documents, including a steam ship ticket, inspection card, report card, and membership letter. What documents do you need to travel today?

The Pacific Northwest
Find a wall case with objects from early Ballard businesses - you can find items from:
- Icelandic pharmacist Bjarni J ohansson
- Norwegian blacksmith Lars O. Brekke
- Swedish tailor Gus Sundberg
- Icelandic police officer Jacob “Big Jake” Bjarnason