

top secret

BIRTHDAY!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE MISSION TOP SECRET BIRTHDAY?

Mission Top Secret Birthday is a birthday-themed scavenger hunt that takes place within the International Spy Museum (SPY) exhibit space. This is an add-on option for families interested in a small activity celebrating a child's birthday at SPY. The scavenger hunt is designed for ages 6-12. You must book both Museum admission [tickets](#) **AND** *Mission Top Secret Birthday* in order to complete the hunt. **(Only one mission kit is needed for your celebration.)**

DO I NEED TO PURCHASE MUSEUM ADMISSION IN ORDER TO DO MISSION TOP SECRET BIRTHDAY?

Yes, you can purchase the kit onsite, but we recommend purchasing in advance. We also recommend purchasing your museum tickets in advance of your visit and before you purchase a *Mission Top Secret Birthday* kit, as we cannot guarantee the date/time of your entrance until your museum tickets are purchased. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

WHERE DOES MISSION TOP SECRET BIRTHDAY TAKE PLACE?

Mission activities take place throughout the exhibits on the 5th and 4th floors of the International Spy Museum.

HOW MANY CHILDREN CAN PARTICIPATE?

We recommend no more than **10 kids** participate in the scavenger hunt (with 1 adult accompany every 4-5 kids). You can also do it with just 1 kid and 1 adult!

WHAT IS THE COST OF MISSION TOP SECRET BIRTHDAY AND WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THAT PRICE?

\$75 for non-members and \$60 for Spy Museum members. We recommend one kit for each celebration.

Each Mission Top Secret Birthday Kit includes:

- 2 copies of the mission activity folio
- 2 copies of the parent mission guide
- 2 copies of the mission activity map
- 2 pens or pencils
- 2 cipher wheels
- 10 fake mustaches
- A classified pouch to hold all your materials

IS THERE A PARTY ROOM INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

No – *Mission Top Secret Birthday* is designed to be a scavenger hunt. There is no party room available.

DOES A SPY STAFF MEMBER FACILITATE MISSION TOP SECRET BIRTHDAY?

No – SPY staff are not available to facilitate the scavenger hunt. It is meant to be self-led by the parents.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN WE ARRIVE?

All guests should enter through the Museum's main entrance (700 L'Enfant Plaza, SW) at their scheduled Museum admission time. Please have one adult in your group go to the front desk to scan their *Mission Top Secret Birthday* ticket to receive your Mission Kit. That way you can pass out supplies etc., before entering the Museum!

Please, encourage guests to allow ample time to arrive at the Museum. For details about directions and parking, please visit our [Getting Here](#) page.

IS THERE A PRIZE AT THE END OF THE SCAVENGER HUNT?

No. If you are interested, our SPY Store has a selection of Top Secret [goodie bags](#) and [party favors](#) that are perfect for each recruit.

CAN I PURCHASE A MISSION TOP SECRET BIRTHDAY WHEN I GET TO THE MUSEUM?

Yes, you can purchase the kit onsite, but we recommend purchasing in advance. We also recommend purchasing Museum [admission tickets](#) a couple of days before your visit since we usually sell out on weekends.

WHAT IF I NEED TO CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE MY MISSION TOP SECRET BIRTHDAY?

Mission Top Secret Birthday is non-refundable. If you need to change the date of your Museum visit, your *Mission Top Secret Birthday* will be available for pick-up on your new date.

If the Museum closes due to inclement weather or a state of emergency, we will transfer your *Mission Top Secret Birthday* to a date of your choosing or provide a full refund.

HOW LONG IS MISSION TOP SECRET BIRTHDAY?

It depends on how long you plan to visit the Museum exhibits, but we recommend 1.5 – 2 hours for families! There is so much to see and do within the exhibits, beyond what is covered in Mission Top Secret Birthday.

CAN I TAKE PHOTOS?

Of course! You are welcome to take "surveillance" photos in the Museum galleries (just no flash or video recording in the galleries).

WHERE CAN I STORE GIFTS IF GUESTS BRING THEM FOR THE BIRTHDAY CHILD?

Unfortunately, we are unable to store gifts.

CAN I BRING FOOD OR BEVERAGES?

Outside food is NOT allowed and no eating or drinking is allowed in the Museum exhibits. If you are looking to celebrate after your Museum mission, we recommend going to the [L'Enfant Plaza food court](#) (next to SPY) or to the [Wharf area](#) (5-10 minute walk from SPY).

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

For questions about *Mission Top Secret Birthday*, please email educators@spymuseum.org. For Museum admission questions, please email info@spymuseum.org or call 202.654.0991.