

If travels find you on Hollywood Boulevard next to the famous Chinese Theater, take an hour or two to visit the local branch of Madame Toussauds. Since 1831, when the French sculptress first exhibited her realistic waxworks in London, 23 other branches have opened throughout the world.

The Hollywood museum features 120 famous characters, including many from filmdom's past. They include Marlin Brando as the Godfather, Clark Gable as Rhett Butler, Shrek the cartoon giant, Judy Garland as Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz and many others.

A recent addition is the Virtual Room Experience, where goggled visitors play realistic games of space travel and other unearthly thrills. Bring camera and smartphone for some of the best selfies you'll ever create. For ticket prices, visiting hours and other info, go to *www.madametuss auds.com/hollywood/en*