

Oppenheimer FAQ

Where should I park?

- We have a small surface lot that is first-come first-serve and does fill up early in the day with science center guests. We recommend parking at the DIA lot across Farnsworth (\$7 fee) or in one of Wayne State's surrounding lots.
- There is metered street parking around Mi-Sci, but make sure to check the maximum time allowed on your meter to ensure you are covered for your whole film (3-hours, plus entry and exit time).

How early should I be there?

- Cueing will open 30-minutes before the film. We recommend arriving by that time, making sure to leave time to find parking.

Is there assigned seating?

- We do not have assigned seating in our IMAX Theatre. Cueing will open 30-minutes before the film and guests will be able to enter about 15-minutes before and choose their seat at that point. We recommend arriving early to get the best choice of seats (but they are all good seats!)

Are the seats recliners?

- The seats do tilt back to allow for an immersive viewing experience, but they are not recliners.

Do I also have to buy General Admission?

- As many of our show times are outside regular museum hours, General Admission is not required for the film, however, if you want to come early to explore the museum before the film, General Admission will be required.

Will there be food available onsite? Can guests bring food/drinks into the theater?

- We will have a small concession stand by the theater and food and drink is welcome in the theater. The concession stand will close at 9:00PM. Credit cards are the preferred payment method. We do ask that folks help us out and any food and wrappers that come in the theater leave the theater with you too.

Will the movie look distorted/stretched on the dome compared to a flat screen?

- The Michigan Science Center is the only dome theater playing Oppenheimer in 1570 dome format. IMAX has actually adjusted a few of the scenes for our film print to ensure the best dome viewing experience.

Can people transfer tickets if they want a different day or showtime?

- Yes, but it is subject to availability. We have many shows that are sold out or are selling out fast. You can check the tickets online to see if there is availability for your desired show time and then call (313) 577-8400 and someone will be able to assist.

Can minors attend the film?

- Guests under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian (who is at least 25 years of age).

Can I use my phone, take pictures, or record the film in the theater?

- We ask that phones be kept put away during the shows, as the light and sound can disturb those around you. During the film, it is federally prohibited to take pictures or record the film in any way.

What makes 1570 IMAX film special?

- The IMAX Experience featuring 1570 film projection combines the brightest, clearest images at almost 10 times the resolution of standard 35mm film, with powerful, laser-aligned digital sound and customized theatre geometry to create the world's most immersive movie experience. This delivers a distinctive and unique way to experience the film, the way director Christopher Nolan intended.

Can guests bring their own food/drinks into the theater?

- Yes, within reason. The seats are quite narrow and do not have tables, so please don't bring a full meal to eat during the film. We do ask that folks help us out and any food and wrappers that come in the theater leave the theater with you too.