

Behold: The Wisconsin State Capitol

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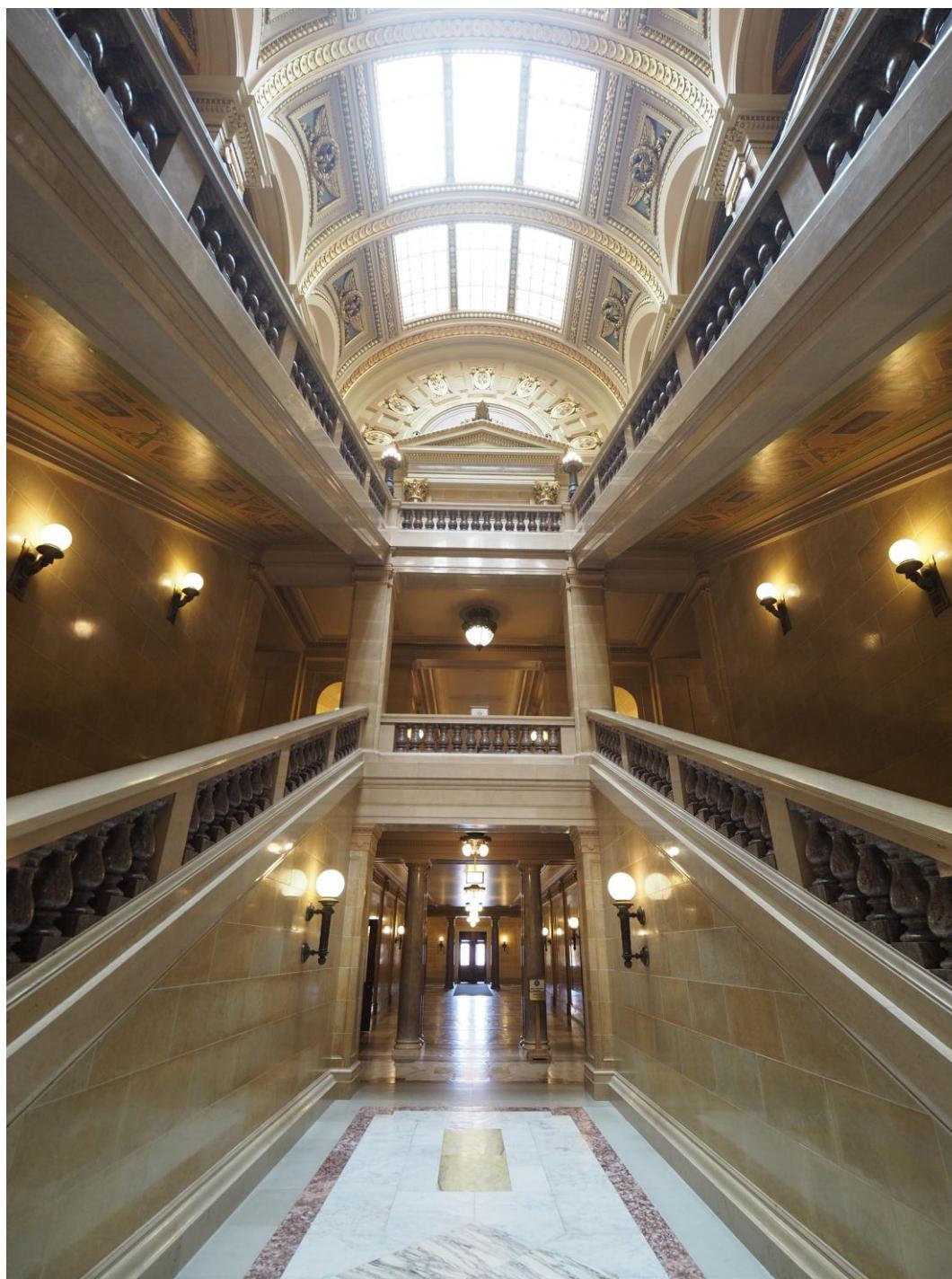
Located at the heart of Madison, the Wisconsin State Capitol is one of the most iconic capitol buildings in the United States. Standing atop the Capitol is a 15'5" gilded bronze statue *Wisconsin*, created by the same sculptor who made the Abraham Lincoln statue in the Lincoln Memorial. In front of the Capitol, *Forward* stands proudly, symbolizing the State motto of "Forward" and commemorating the women's suffrage movement.



Welcome In!

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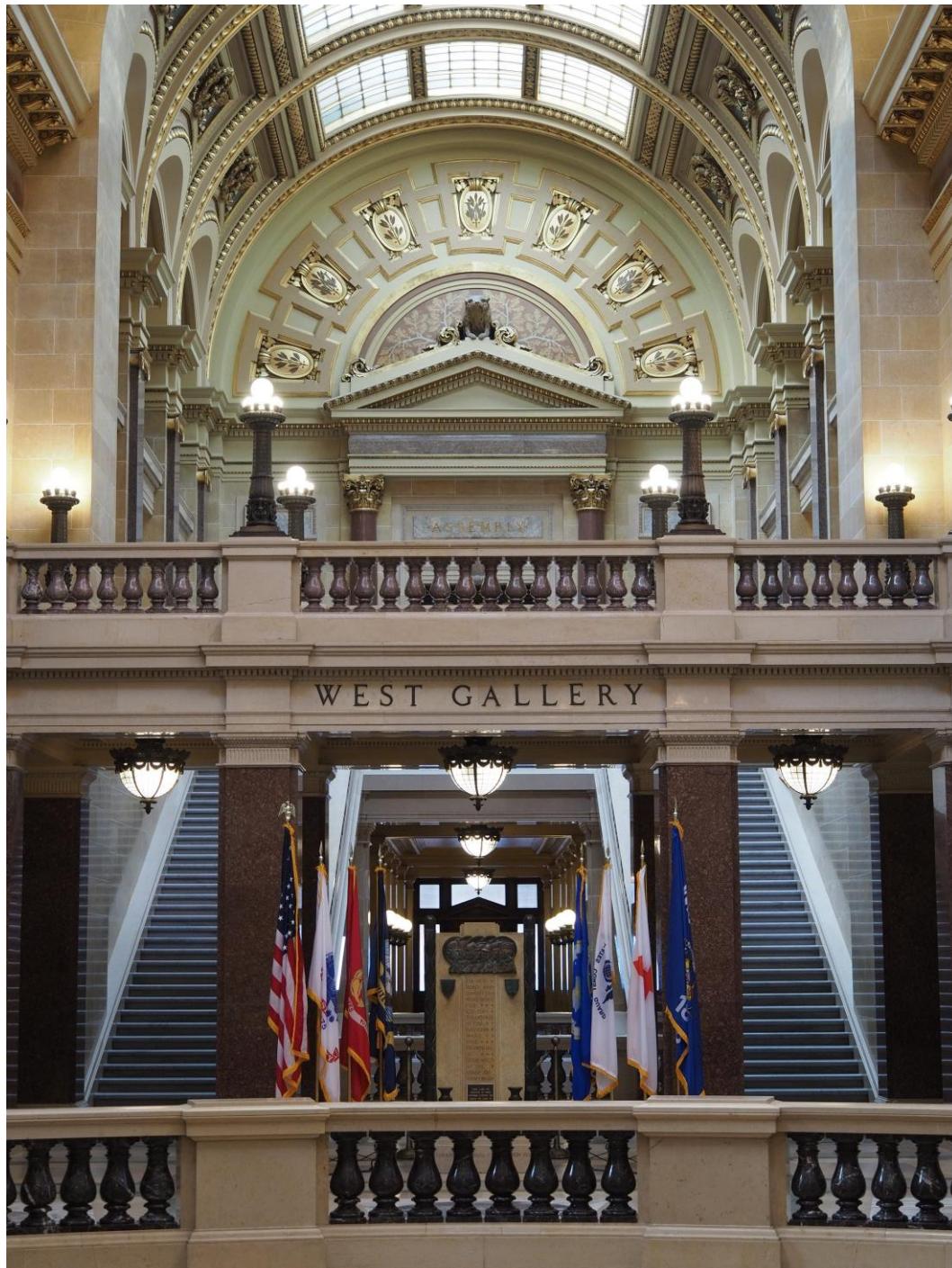
The grandeur of the State Capitol is immediately present upon walking in. Built in 1917 after the previous capitol building burned to the ground, the Capitol has stood proud as a symbol for history, architecture, and governance for over 100 years.



The West Gallery

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The West Gallery of the Capitol is home to the State Assembly Chambers. A badger, the Wisconsin State Animal can be seen overlooking the gallery.



Largest Dome in the USA

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Wisconsin State Capitol boasts the largest dome by volume of any Capitol in the United States, including the National Capitol. Made of granite, the only one in the United States, the dome rises 284 feet above the ground and is the tallest point in Madison



Intricacies Everywhere

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Detailed carvings are present throughout the Capitol building, adding beauty and complexity to the grandeur of the atrium.



Scavenger Hunt

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The Capitol uses over 30 types of marble, sourced from seven states, three European countries, and one African country. Incased in the marble are fossil remains from the Precambrian age, like the starfish in this image. Visit and see if you can find the starfish, coral, nautiloid, gastropod, and others!



Curious? Learn More!

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Curious about the Capitol and want to learn more about its history, architecture, and governance? The Capitol offers free 45-minute guided tours Mondays through Saturday at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm, and Sundays at 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm. There's also a free museum on the 6th floor discussing the history of the Capitol.

You can learn more at:

<https://tours.wisconsin.gov/Default.aspx>

