Night at the Museum is a trilogy of fantasy-comedy films beginning in 2006 and ending in 2014. All three films, based on the children's book The Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian, are directed by Shawn Levy and written by Robert Ben Garant and Thomas Lennon, based on the book. Larry Daley, a former night watchman at the Museum of Natural History, is recruited to work at the American Museum of Natural History. He thinks that it will be a boring job, but when he finds himself in desperate need of a job, he takes the position. The newly recruited night security guard at the Museum of Natural History discovers that an ancient curse causes the animals and exhibits on display to come to life. Larry has always been attracted to the exhibits, and with the help of some friends, he finds a way to keep them from going astray. When the curse is lifted, Larry is able to return to his normal life. In Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian, Larry must protect a group of historic figures from being stolen from the Smithsonian. When the figures are stolen, Larry must use his knowledge of history and his ability to think on his feet to save the day.

Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb takes place in London and finds Larry traveling across the globe, pit stops in London, Paris, and Egypt, to recover relics stolen from the British Museum. Larry must use his wit and his love of history to save the world from chaos.

In Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb, Larry must reunite with his old friend Royal Plop (played by Ben Stiller) to save the world from the ancient curse. The film features cameos from some of the world's most iconic figures, including Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, and the Pope. The film was a hit with audiences and critics alike, and it solidified the Night at the Museum franchise as a beloved series of family films.