

GUIDED ACTION TOURS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN (AGE 6-10) AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Guided action-tours give the children the chance to not only look at the exhibits but also to get up close and touch selected objects. All guided tours are adapted to the age and knowledge level of the participants.

Welcome to the museum

The NHM Vienna is a big building with many halls and thousands of exciting objects. In this welcome tour we get to know the museum and pay a visit to animals, bones, and rocks. We hear about the many departments of the museum and realize that this place is so much more than just a collection of things from nature. It is a place where we can marvel, learn, and discuss. And hopefully it will be somewhere we want to come back to.

Animal Quiz Tour

Can penguins fly? Do hedgehogs live in groups? Do turtles have teeth? All children are invited to guess features and qualities of different animals during an exciting animal quiz tour. At the beginning of the tour we will decide, together with the children, which animals we are going to see. If specific animals are to be included in the tour, please bring a wish list to the museum (pick a maximum of 6 animals from the selection below).

Selection: Japanese spider crab, squid, housefly, shark, sunfish, anaconda, leatherback sea turtle, penguin, ostrich, dodo, kiwi, beaver, bat, hedgehog, Tasmanian tiger, elephant, whale, rhinoceros, European bison, red deer, brown bear, polar bear, wolf, seal, tiger, orang-utan

The activity uses elements of the animal trivia board game *Können Schweine fliegen?* (Can pigs fly?) by Kosmos (<https://www.kosmos.de/spielware/spiele/kinderspiele/7246/koennen-schweine-fliegen>).

A day in the forest

The forest never sleeps! The children experience a day in the forest in time-lapse speed and learn what happens in 24 hours. Which animals wake up, how does the forest sound at different times of the day and where do the animals hide when they sleep? The tour to the forest animals is accompanied by hands-on items and a story made up of different sounds.

A journey through the sea

Like plankton, the children float with the currents, from the deeps of the ocean to the coast, from icy cold waters to warm seas. On their way they encounter many tiny, huge, poisonous, dazzling and mysterious sea creatures and get an impression of the marine habitat in all its diversity. Finally, they are “washed ashore” on the beach and can get a hands-on look at corals, shells and cuttlebone in our collection of jetsam & flotsam.

Records in the animal kingdom

Fast, small, colorful or clever. This action-packed guided tour introduces participants to records in the animal kingdom, helps them expand their vocabulary, and teaches them many new adjectives.

Seeing, smelling, hearing,...

How do we perceive the world? How do animals perceive their environment? With simple experiments, the children can test their own senses. They meet animals with sensory capabilities that seem incredible.

Our Earth

How does our planet work? Together, the children will build a giant puzzle of the Earth, send a water droplet on its journey and make a volcano erupt. They will reflect what all of this has to do with life on Earth. A constant companion is a rock joining in on the journey from the mountains to the sea – breaking up, melting down and re-solidifying in the process, thereby teaching the children about the cycles of our planet.

Weather, climate, energy (school year 3 and above)

Warm, cold, sunny and stormy - we all feel how the weather is today. But what was it like 1000 years ago or at the time of the dinosaurs, and what will it be like in 100 years? Together, the children look for traces of temperature, wind and precipitation in rocks. They build a big earth jigsaw puzzle and find out what happens when people fly on a plane, cows fart or windmills generate electricity.

Family get-together with early relatives (school year 3 and above)

Walk upright with Lucy, meet a Neanderthal, and make a family album with your earliest relatives.

Opening hours NHM Wien

Thursday through Monday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday until 8 p.m., closed Tuesday

Exceptions found at <http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/en/information>

Duration

80 minutes

Number of participants

max. 29 students

Price

Admission to the museum free up to the age of 19, 2 accompanying adults free for every 17 students

Guided tour € 6.00 per student

€ 90.00 flat rate for groups of fewer than 15 students

Booking

recommended four weeks in advance

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https://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/en/tours_activities/contact