www.nhm-wien.ac.at

nhm – your event location
The Natural History Museum Vienna is a world-renowned institution with collections encompassing 30 million objects, a past spanning over 250 years, and 40 large exhibition halls displaying extraordinary objects from the realm of natural science. It is also a unique, elegant, stylish, and unforgettable setting for gatherings of all kinds. A step beyond the entrance, and the lower dome hall makes a wonderful reception venue. From here, a grand flight of stairs leads the visitor to the first floor and the upper dome hall, one of the most beautiful locations in Vienna.

From exclusive receptions and events, with or without drinks and snacks, to festive candle-light dinners: celebrations of all sizes and types can be staged here, catering to parties of between 2 and 550 people. Any special reception may take place in a single exhibition room or over several rooms, with the option of a guided tour. The backdrop to your event will be glittering minerals and precious stones, billion-year-old meteorites from the remote reaches of our planetary system, dinosaurs and fossils, a wealth of well-known, rare, and extinct animal species, as well as a modern digital planetarium. You can even incorporate the incomparable view from the roof of the museum onto the historic center of Vienna, perhaps with a champagne reception, into your special evening. Lectures, presentations, client meetings, family parties, weddings… the list is limited only by your imagination.

The Natural History Museum Vienna opens its doors to you! Bring your family, friends, colleagues, and clients to one of the most beautiful venues in Vienna for a special day or evening to remember.

Prof. Dr. Christian Köberl
Director General
## Table of Contents

- The Museum: Page 5
- Lower Dome Hall: Page 7
- Auditorium: Page 9
- Planetarium: Page 11
- Dinosaur Hall: Page 13
- Upper Dome Hall: Page 15
- Microcosm Hall: Page 17
- Gallery Hall: Page 19
- First Courtyard: Page 21
- Additional Programs: Page 23
Since 1889 the Natural History Museum Vienna has been committed to fulfilling the imperial inscription above the entrance: ‘To the realm of nature and its exploration’. This is shown in the museum’s collections, which reflect the enormous diversity of nature, ranging from minerals and rocks to fossils, animals, and plants.

On the mezzanine level there are four halls displaying a rich variety of rocks and minerals. One of the highlights of this large collection is the wonderful bouquet of precious stones commissioned by Maria Theresa. The NHM also houses the world’s oldest meteorite collection with the largest display comprising more than 1100 meteorites, from the Hraschina iron meteorite (the founding object of the collection) to Tissint, a recently acquired meteorite from Mars.

One hall is dedicated to the most popular extinct animals, the dinosaurs, which are brought to life in form of a large animatronic model, and a number of fascinating animations.

The anthropological exhibit shows hominid evolution from two aspects: ‘upright gait’ and ‘brain development’. The halls dedicated to prehistory have also been completely renovated and now include separate rooms displaying the prehistoric gold collection and the world-famous Venus of Willendorf, as well as the even older ‘Venus of Galgenberg’ figurine.

In the digital fulldome planetarium you can choose from a range of spectacular shows, including a virtual journey through the solar system to the stars and to the edge of our galaxy. The zoological collection on the first floor shows the breathtaking diversity of the animal world, from simple single-celled organisms to highly developed mammals.

Behind the exhibition halls are the collections and the research departments which form the link between a traditional passion for collecting and modern natural sciences, making the NHM Vienna one of the largest non-university research institutions in Austria.
As one of the most impressive buildings at the Vienna Ringstrasse, the Natural History Museum captures one’s attention from the very moment one enters its doors. Its superlative architecture expresses a fusion of scientific knowledge with the pure joy of artistic creation. Your guests could not feel more special or more welcome. The foyer of the museum is a rich and typical example of the style of the Ringstrasse period. Look upwards to the dome of the museum, more than 40 meters above you.
The auditorium is on the mezzanine floor, accessible via a few steps from the entrance hall. It is equipped with the latest audio, video, and computer technology. The room is equally suited to day-time use, with three large windows. In the front there are a lectern and a platform for the presentation of small exhibits. An additional special feature is the possibility of projecting high-resolution microscope images (transmitted and reflected light) directly onto a 20 square meter screen. This room may also be booked during museum opening hours.
The fulldome digital planetarium fulfills the dreams of all those fascinated by the night sky. It seats 50 visitors plus one wheelchair user under an 8.5 m soundproof dome, which serves as projection screen, enabling guests to enjoy spectacular journeys, from Earth and through the solar system to the stars, using state-of-the-art fulldome technology. Our customers can enjoy a live show explaining the stars, or chose from a variety of exciting fulldome films*, which are available in English, German, and several other languages**.

The ideal way to round off your intergalactic film night is with a cocktail in the adjacent starry hall. The planetarium itself may also be used for small product presentations or press conferences and is available both during and outside museum opening hours.

* See list at: http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/en/planetarium

** See: http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/museum/tourismus/planetarium_buchbare_angebote
Experience the kind of evening that others dream about in the dinosaur hall of the Natural History Museum! An exclusive dinner beneath the skeleton of an Allosaurus or overshadowed by a Diplodocus is one of the most amazing settings the museum can offer. In addition, you will receive a special welcome by a life-like animated dinosaur. Such an evening will imprint itself in the memory of any guest!
The upper dome hall on the first floor is at the heart of the Natural History Museum. The famous architects Gottfried Semper and Carl von Hasenauer envisaged a ‘cathedral of the sciences’ here. Their ambition is realized in this space. The extraordinary décor of the main dome translates a love of art and nature in equal measure, and the elegance of this place breathes the spirit of the time.
The Natural History Museum Vienna is dedicated to the richness of nature and its discovery. Research is a realm of its own: open the door to this fascinating world of detail in the microcosm hall which is dedicated to microscopy. These surrounds make for a very special ambiance. Equipped with the latest technical equipment, this hall is ideal for press conferences, training sessions, and select groups.
Do not be deceived by the historical name plate on the door! The ‘Botanical Collection’ is today one of the most popular event venues and offers guests a chance to experience the special flair of the Natural History Museum and still enjoy privacy. This room on the second floor has a wonderful view onto the Bellaria street. It is available for events during museum opening hours as well.
One of the best venues in Vienna is throwing open its courts. The open spaces of the Natural History Museum Vienna are at your disposal for outdoor events. The first courtyard, open to the skies, is particularly well suited to an evening party. Elegantly restored, the courtyard protects guests from draughts as well as noise from the Ringstrasse.

More than 50 meters long and 20 meters wide, the area is large enough for a party tent, or can be simply enjoyed as a spacious outdoor area. Power outlets at all corners allow for all types of technical equipment.

The inner courtyard flooded with light – or the splendor of the dome hall? It shouldn’t be either-or! Wouldn’t you prefer both – and more? Your event planning can include both indoor and outdoor areas at the NHM Vienna. Perhaps a reception in the lower dome hall with cocktails, followed by an open-air buffet? Or a drink in the courtyard, followed by a gala dinner in the upper dome hall as the highlight of the evening? There is no limit to what imagination and creativity can achieve for an unforgettable evening, both for you and your guests.

Our committed team of advisors will be happy to assist you. Reservations for the courtyard can be made for the evening, for Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays.
Presentation is everything! The appropriate framework turns a successful evening into a really special one. NHM Vienna has a range of programs to create the perfect event.

- **Roof-top tour**
  This tour takes you and your guests on a journey through the museum, accentuating its cultural history and the story of its collections. It includes a glimpse behind the scenes of an internationally acclaimed research institution. The indisputable highlight of this tour is the wonderful view of the inner city and the Ringstrasse from the roof.

- **Venus & Co**
  Get to know the most precious objects of the Natural History Museum such as the worldwide known Venus of Willendorf, admire the oldest gold treasure in Central Europe presented in our gold cabinet, and have a look at the ‘Stone-Age-Sky’ in the fulldome digital planetarium.

- **Highlights of the museum**
  While strolling through the impressive exhibition rooms you can enjoy some of the most famous exhibits of the Natural History Museum and pick up fascinating snippets of information. The tour includes interesting and amusing facts and anecdotes to illustrate the provenance and scientific background of the top objects in the museum. Of course you can also make your own selection of tour highlights. And we will gladly incorporate your company exhibit or logo, or your conference motto, with the tour.
contact information

For more information and reservations, please contact:

Event Management & Tourism Department
Natural History Museum Vienna
Burgring 7, 1010 Vienna, Austria
Tel: +43 1 52177-512 or -276
Fax: +43 1 52177-395
E-mail: vermietungen@nhm-wien.ac.at

Web: http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/en/museum/corporate_special_events
and http://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/en/museum/tourism