

# GUIDED TOURS FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

## **Arctic**

We travel through the Arctic, taking a dive into the polar ocean and surveying the tundra. On our journey, we meet a whole lot of animals: seals and reindeer, lemmings and puffins, snow hares and snow owls. We listen in to the sounds and voices of the North. What does this cool place sound like? Available from 8 November 2023 until September 2024.

## **Animals in winter**

A hunt for tracks in the museum: the traces of animals lead the kids through the museum. Together they can think what strategies different animals have to survive the winter. Available from 15 November 2023 until 19 February 2024.

## **All about the egg**

Whether hard or soft, thick-shelled or rubbery, round or angular – eggs always have something in common: a young is growing within them. In the museum the kids can compare different eggs and match them with the species they belong to. Afterwards we take a tour through the collections, looking at birds, fish, crocodiles, and many other egg-laying animals. Available from 21 February 2024 until 15 April 2024.

## **Big and strong**

Gorillas, buffalos, rhinoceros, elephants, giraffes, blue whales, golden eagles, ostriches, and giant clams – these are all living creatures of impressive size and strength. Children can compare their own weight with that of various heavyweight animals, test their strength, and even see how they measure up against a whale.

## **Favourite animals**

Guided tour à la carte: The group names 4 favourite animals and we accompany the children to the animals. Together we explore where and how they live, what they eat and how they move around. Colourful picture cards and careful observation help us find the answers.

## **Forest animals**

Children learn about animals that are native to Austrian forests. Traces of food, excrement, fruits and seeds, leaves and buds gives children the chance to touch and understand this woodland habitat.

## **Starfish and sunfish – sea animals**

Together we go in search of animals that are native to the world's seas. Where do they live? What do they eat? Do they have scales, feathers, or fur? Clam and snail shells, starfish, and cuttlefish bones are waiting to be discovered.

## **Frog King und Rainbow Fish – fairytale animals**

On a walk through the museum the children meet many animals familiar to them from fairytales. They learn all about how these animals live and whether they really do have the same characteristics as described in the fairytales. Is the wolf really so bad? And are all frogs really the sons of kings?

## **Our Earth**

Fire – water – earth – air – life. This guided tour provides children with lots of exciting knowledge on our planet from our newly renovated Hall 6.

## **Cats**

Most children are familiar with cats. They know their soft fur and their sharp claws. In the museum the children learn about early ancestors of the modern-day domestic cat and many of their relatives such as the now extinct sabre-tooth cat, lion, and tiger.

## **Dinosaurs and their contemporaries**

In the geological and paleontological galleries children can marvel at lifesize models of dinosaurs, many of which they will already be familiar with from books and films. Further highlights include touching a real dinosaur bone and learning about other animals and plants that were alive when the dinosaurs roamed the Earth.

## **Monkeying around**

How much monkey do we have in us? The school children learn how our closest relatives – gorillas, orangutans and chimpanzees – live. In the anthropological exhibition they get the chance to see what early humans looked like, how they moved, and which tools they used.

## **Mammoths and mammoth hunters**

Which Ice Age animals did humans meet? How did hunters and gatherers live in the Stone Age? The NHM Vienna has real skeletons of cave lions, cave bears, and giant deer as well as a reconstruction of a hut made from mammoth bones. And the children can pet a lifesize mammoth with baby.

## **Stone Age**

Our journey begins in the time of the Paleolithic hunters and gatherers, where the school children can see what the find site of the Venus of Willendorf would have looked 30,000 years ago. The tour then continues into the Neolithic and passes through Austria's first farming village before ending in the Copper Age, when Ötzi the Iceman was alive. Animations and colorful illustrations show how people would have lived at the time.

### **Opening Hours of the NHM Vienna**

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

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

### **Duration**

50 minutes

### **Number of participants**

max. 25 children

### **Price**

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

Guided tour € 5.00 per child

€ 75.00 flat rate for groups of fewer than 15 children

### **Booking**

recommended three weeks in advance: [anmeldung@nhm-wien.ac.at](mailto:anmeldung@nhm-wien.ac.at) or

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