

# GUIDED ACTION-TOURS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 9 (AGE 14) AND ABOVE AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM VIENNA

Guided action-tours give pupils 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.

## **Life in the Ocean**

Following a guided tour of the zoological galleries, school children have the chance to take a close look at flotsam, jetsam, and shells washed up on beaches. Children learn, among other things, which items they should not take home as a souvenir in order to protect endangered sea-dwelling animals.

## **From the Big Bang to Homo sapiens – A quick journey through the history of Planet Earth**

At the start of the tour the participants are given “research sheets” and then sent out either alone or in small groups to explore 24 selected exhibits from different periods in Earth’s history. Afterwards, a member of the education team takes the participants on a quick journey through the history of Planet Earth, from the Big Bang to the appearance of Homo sapiens.

## **Development of Life**

This guided tour through the paleontological galleries introduces participants to different periods of the Earth’s history using a variety of fossils. Finally, participants are given fossils or models of different organisms and have to work out which period of Earth’s history they come from.

## **The Earth’s System – minerals, rocks and their formation**

This guided tour not only focuses on minerals, rocks, and their formation but also takes a closer look at the interaction between the lithosphere and the hydrosphere, biosphere, and atmosphere. Using a virtual time machine, participants can see the movement of the Earth’s tectonic plates and the eruption of a volcano. Simple experiments bring the world of minerals to life.

## **Look and lifestyle of our early ancestors**

What did our early ancestors look like and how did they live? Why does our body look like it does? Is there maybe even a little bit of Stone Age man left in us? This tour guides participants through the evolution of humankind.

## **Bone Hunters**

We set out in search of fossilized remains of our most well-known ancestors such as Lucy, Turkana Boy, Taung Child, and Neanderthals. Together we draw up a family tree of human evolution based on recent fossil discoveries and genetic studies.

## **Solve the murder mystery**

CSI Archeology! What can anthropologists and archeologists find out from bones? Using original bones and bone fragments, participants learn about the human skeleton. Prehistoric (criminal) cases are then used to demonstrate methods used in forensic anthropology. The school children find out how the skeleton can reveal details such as signs of illness and injury, or even the possible cause of death.

### **NHM Archeology**

A multimedia journey through prehistory and early history in Austria, from the Stone Age to the Early Middle Ages. Highlights of this guided tour include finds from the Neanderthal period, the Venus of Willendorf, the pile dwellings in Carinthia and Upper Austria (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the prehistoric salt mine in Hallstatt, and the Celtic settlement in Roseldorf. The tour concludes in the first millennium AD, when Austria was mentioned for the first time in a written document. Multimedia stations and hands-on objects make this journey through the prehistory and early history of Austria an exciting interactive experience.

### **NHM Archeology & Planetarium**

A multimedia journey through prehistory and early history in Austria, from the Stone Age to the Early Middle Ages. The planetarium screens a 15-minute live show about "The Stone Age Sky".

#### **Opening times of the NHM Vienna**

Thursday to Monday from 9:00 until 18:30, Wednesday until 21:00, closed Tuesdays

#### **Duration**

80 minutes

#### **Group size**

Max. 29 pupils per group

#### **Price**

Admission Free up to the age of 19 years; 2 accompanying adults free for every 17 pupils

Guided tour € 5.00 per school pupil

€ 75.00 flat rate for groups of fewer than 15 school pupils

#### **Booking**

It is recommended to book three weeks in advance.

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