

# GUIDED TOURS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

## **Big and Strong**

Gorillas, buffalos, rhinoceros, elephants, giraffes, blue whales, golden eagles, ostriches, and giant clams – 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 far they have to run to cover the distance between a whale's head and its tail fin.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Forest Animals**

During this guided tour of the zoological galleries children learn about animals that are native to Austria's forests. The Forest Box with its traces of food, excrement, fruits and seeds, leaves and buds gives children the chance to touch and understand the woodland habitat.

## **Starfish and Ocean 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 and 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 teaches pupils all about Planet Earth. They can make a volcano erupt, send a water droplet on a journey, and see the heat emitted by their own body using a thermal imaging camera.

## **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.

### **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 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**

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

#### **Duration**

50 minutes

#### **Number of participants for kindergarten groups**

Max. 25 children

#### **Price**

Admission Free up to the age of 19 years; 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**

It is recommended to book three weeks in advance.

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