

# GUIDED ACTION TOURS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 5 TO 8 AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM VIENNA

**80 minutes**

Guided action-tours give the students 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 forest**

Following a guided tour through the zoological galleries, school children have the chance to take a close look at traces left behind by woodpeckers, beavers, squirrels, and mice on tree trunks, spruce cones, and nuts. Under the guidance of an expert from the NHM Vienna, they are encouraged to talk about the traces, compare them with each other, and try to work out which tracks have been left behind by which animals. Participants are also shown how you can use the rings on a tree trunk to calculate a tree's age. Kids interested in botany have the opportunity to examine leaves, petals, fruits, and tree forms as well as to match these elements to different trees.

## **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. Therefore, this guided tour is particularly interesting for the students before or after a seaside holiday. The students learn, among other things, which items they should not take home as a souvenir in order to protect endangered sea-dwelling animals.

## **Climate change and energy transition**

From the origins of the Earth to the present day - the climate has always known constant change. What are the factors that determine and influence the climate and strengthen or weaken processes? These questions are raised in the guided tour in the geological-palaeontological exhibition. The students can place climate elements on our large Earth panel – and thus influence the processes themselves: What happens when fossil fuels that evolved and were stored for millions of years are burned within just a few decades? What will change if renewable energies are used instead?

## **Family get-together with early relatives**

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

## **Solve the murder mystery**

CSI Archeology! What can anthropologists and archeologists find out just by looking at bones? Using original bones and bone fragments, the students learn about the human skeleton. Prehistoric (criminal) cases are then used to demonstrate methods used in forensic anthropology. The students find out how the skeleton can reveal fascinating 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.

**Opening hours NHM Wien**

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

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 € 7.00 per student

€ 105.00 flat rate for groups of fewer than 15 students

**Booking**

recommended three weeks in advance

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