



NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND VIVARIUM



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Founded in 1828 during the Dutch period, the country's first Natural History Museum opened its doors to the public in 1829.

In 1839, the museum set up home inside a gallery and square room designed by the architect Bruno Renard in its current location - the site of the ancient Saint Martin's Abbey brewery.

When it was extended and refurbished (it officially re-opened in June 2001) the layout was designed to showcase the cabinet of curiosities , plunging visitors into the world of 19th-century natural history cabinets, together with a rare and extraordinary gallery of stuffed animals, where you can admire the first elephant to arrive in Belgium, in 1839.

- A living museum -

The Natural History Museum is also home to a Vivarium featuring living fish, tarantulas, amphibians and reptiles in reconstructed natural habitats, where you will come face-to-face with fabulous species such as spectacled caimans, Amazonian poison frogs, rare Egyptian tortoises and Jamaican boas, now threatened with extinction.

- Part of a museum network -

The Tournai museum also takes part in endangered fauna protection and reproduction programmes.

The Tournai Natural History Museum is a member of the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA). The association brings together Europe's largest zoological parks; its main mission is to safeguard threatened animal species through coordinated reproduction programmes and citizen environmental awareness programmes.

Information for individuals

Opening times

From 1/04 to 31/10 (except Tuesdays): 9.30-12.30 and 13.30-17.30 • From 1/11 to 31/03 (except Sunday mornings and Tuesdays): 9.30-12.00 and 14.00-17.00

Price

adults €2.60 - 60+ / children / students (6-18) €2.10 • Free entry on 1st Sunday of the month • Audio guide (EN, FR, NL) €2 • disabled access

Tour length

2 hrs

Information for groups

Price

(min. 20 people) €2.10 - School groups €1

Guided tour

Please book in advance at the Tourist Office (069/22.20.45) - €69/ 2hrs (1 to 20 people per guide).

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