

## A spectacular journey through evolution - the DARWINEUM



One billion years on 20,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

History, people and animals – all are united under one roof in the DARWINEUM, which additionally provides a fitting new home to the apes of the Zoo Rostock. This 20,000 m<sup>2</sup> area both combines a breathtaking nature experience with a world of knowledge and invites you to discover, to learn and to marvel. Since 2012, visitors are able to find answers to the questions of how the wonder of 'humanity' developed out of a single-cell over a time period of millions of years.

The beginning of life itself is presented at the entrance of the exhibition – starting with the 'big bang'. An evolutionary educational overview then follows to illustrate the different developments. Roughly, 15 different kinds of animals can be found within the area, including mudskippers, leaf-cutting ants, horseshoe crabs, and echidnas that have innocuously survived over one billion years of evolution.

A second part of the exhibition resembles a research laboratory reflecting the unbelievable potential of modern research (stem cells) and our responsibility for the environment.

With terrariums and a bright foil roof with a suspension bridge, our 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> big tropical house provides an appropriate home for our apes. The gorillas and orangutans live here in a nature-oriented ecosystem, cohabiting among other animals with, pygmy marmosets, gibbons, guenons, and tortoises.



**Target group:** 6–18 year-old pupils

**Subject addressed:** Biology, geography, anthropology

**Restrictions in the number of visitors:** 20–25  
participants per course

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