

MUSÉUW TOULOUSE

Opened in 1865, Toulouse Natural History Museum is France's second busiest natural history museum in terms of visitor numbers.

With over 2.5 million artefacts in its collections, it is the result of a long-standing tradition of excellence, the cradle of prehistoric science, and a space for sharing scientific culture.

Located next to the Jardin des Plantes (botanical gardens), the Museum of Toulouse was built around the historic red-brick walls of the cloister of the ancient Carmelite convent, set in a 6,000-square metre extension with an impressive curved glass façade.

A permanent exhibition of more than 8,000 artefacts bears witness to the Museum's motto "Science and Awareness of the Living World", while a temporary exhibition – part of a specific programme – explores a theme related to the museum's collections.



JARDINS MUSÉUW BORDEROUGE

The Museum gardens, an area of exceptional biodiversity, are centred around the Maourine pond in the Borderouge neighbourhood.

This site, spanning 4 hectares, evolves with the seasons, offering a precious glimpse of nature in all its forms, whether wild or tamed by humans. It is home to one of the last reed beds to thrive in an urban environment, along with the Forgotten Path and the World Vegetable Gardens.



THE MUSEUM GARDENS
24-26 avenue Bourges-Maunoury - 31200 Toulouse

LA NORIA restaurant: shaded patio area
Open Tuesday to Sunday, midday to 6 pm.
Saturday 10 am to 9.30 pm. Tea room in the afternoon.
Tel.: 0033 (0)5 34 33 00 13 - www.lanoria-toulouse.fr

HENRI-GAUSSEN BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Henri-Gausson botanical garden, snug against the curved façade of the Skeleton Wall, offers you an insight into the life of plants through its eye-catching "spiral" of ethnobotanical collections, combining plants used for food and medicine, as well as poisonous varieties.

Visitors are also invited to wander through the humid tropical greenhouses, along with those housing carnivorous plants and arid tropical plants.



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35 allées Jules-Guesde - 31000 Toulouse
Tuesday to Sunday all year round, 10 am to 6 pm
Closed on 1st January, 1st May and 25th December

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www.museum.toulouse.fr

KETZAL BOUTIK

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LE MOAI RESTAURANT

Open every day, 10 am to 6 pm
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At the heart of the Museum and the ancient cloister of the Carmelite convent – Outdoor patio area overlooking the botanical gardens.



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In the heart of the city, a gateway to natural science, the Museum offers its visitors several exhibition areas, a rich, varied programme and high-quality cultural mediation, open to all.

The Museum for All

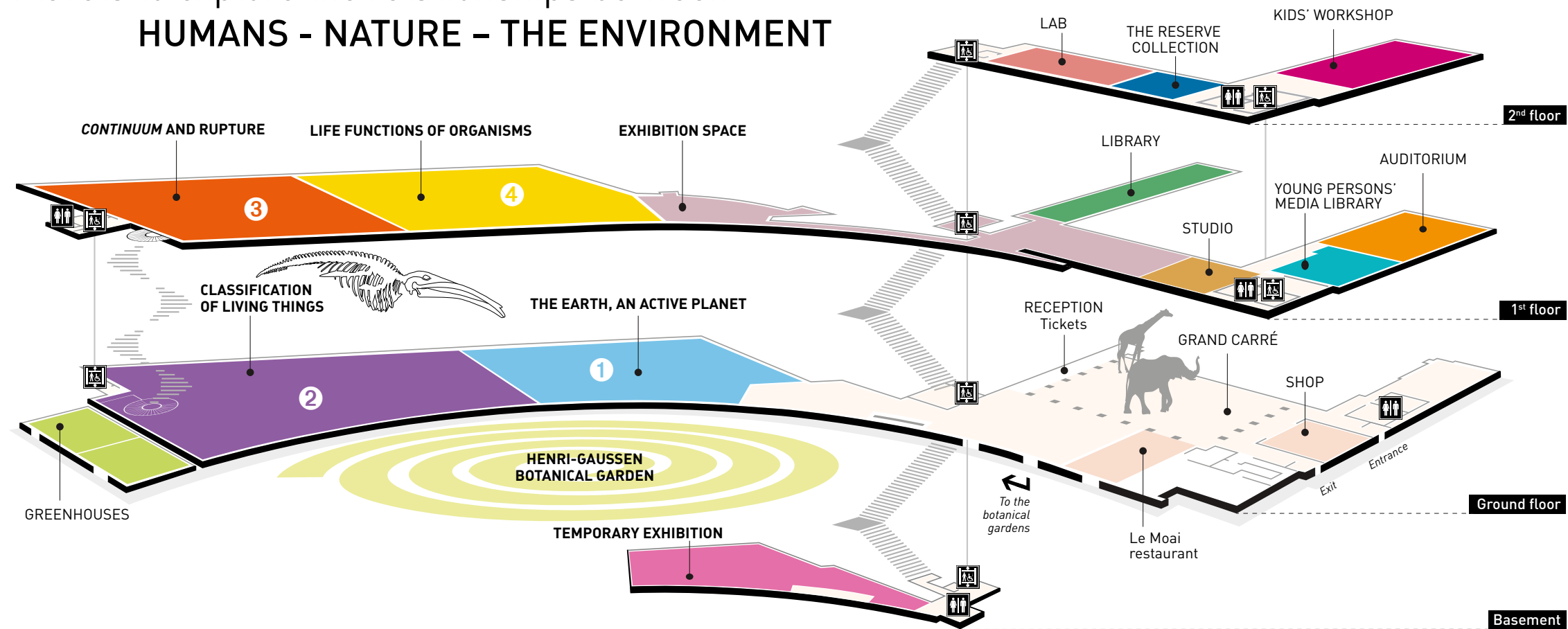
Committed to ensuring easy access for everyone, the Museum welcomes all members of the public, thanks to visitor management and services designed to make the visit as user-friendly as possible. It offers specific devices, assigned mediators and structured activities for groups and individuals.

A place designed to delight and inform

The exhibition layout is designed to stimulate questions about the complexity of the relationship between Humans and Nature. It illustrates the Museum's motto "Science and Awareness of the Living World".



4 levels to explore the relationships between HUMANS - NATURE - THE ENVIRONMENT



PERMANENT EXHIBITION

Ground floor and first floor

The scientific journey comprises 4 major themed areas that progressively build up a coherent representation of our planet. By the end of their visit, visitors will be able to grasp the enduring links between Humans-Nature-Environment.

1 THE EARTH, AN ACTIVE PLANET

Centre, forces and movements of the planet.

2 CLASSIFICATION OF LIVING THINGS

The explosion of life, the notion of species and classification.

3 CONTINUUM AND RUPTURE

How life has evolved over geological times.

4 LIFE FUNCTIONS OF ORGANISMS

Reproduction, nutrition, movement, communication, protection.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION

Basement

1ST FLOOR

SEMI-PERMANENT EXHIBITION

Oka Amazonie: an inhabited forest

LIBRARIES

Open to all, they can be accessed free of charge – just ask at reception. The libraries offer you the chance to consult, on site, their collections of books, journals and multi-media resources on Life Sciences and Pre-history, Ethnology and the relationship between Humans and their environment.

Opening hours on www.museum.toulouse.fr

Émile Cartailhac Library

For all ages.

Young persons' media library: "Pourquoi Pas?"

Designed for our youngest visitors, from age 3 and above.

A book loan service is now available.

STUDIO

A multi-activity area, it constitutes an annex to the main exhibitions. Designed to foster direct exchanges, it offers a forum for debate and a chance to take part in practical workshops. It also houses photo and drawing exhibitions, and offers film screenings related to the themes addressed by the Museum.

2ND FLOOR

LAB

An original facility for adults and children aged 7 and above, the Lab is a place designed for observing and handling specimens from the Museum collections. It provides an opportunity for visitors carry out experiments as part of fun activities, with free access or under supervision, and immerses them in the scientific world by encouraging them to make deductions and pursue experiments.

THE RESERVE COLLECTION

A genuine reserve, housing artefacts from our heritage and the Museum's hidden collections, this area offers guided tours focused on the professions and missions that define a Museum.

KIDS' WORKSHOP

The Workshop, a space specially geared to children aged 3 to 6, stimulates curiosity and the senses through a series of fun experiments, arts and crafts, and verbal exchanges. It offers activities that give children their first taste of the life sciences, using a concrete, exploratory approach to the Museum's themes: observe, name, describe, draw, play... all focused on the plant and animal worlds.

The Museum's permanent exhibition is based on four major themes:

- Active Earth
- Classification of Living Things
- Continuum and Rupture
- Life Functions of Organisms

Every year, a temporary exhibition that is part of a specific programme explores a theme related to the collections.



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