

LANGE NACHT DER MUSEEN

Sat., 30.08.2025 / 6:00 pm–2:00 am

Guided tours in German

- Registration 30 minutes before the tour begins:
Information desk in the dinosaur hall

Guided tour of the special exhibition »ZUGVögel«

- 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 9:15 pm, 10:15 pm –
approx. 45 minutes, maximum 15 people

Birds produce the most striking sounds and have the most exciting colors, shapes, and abilities. In this tour, we explain why some of the museum's very old bird specimens are still on the move today, rather than resting in peace, as they continue to roam the halls of the museum.

Here's looking at you, kid!

Guided tour of the arachnid collection

- 7:15 pm, 8:15 pm, 9:15 pm, 10:15 pm –
approx. 45 minutes, maximum 20 people

When you see your beloved with eight eyes and don't know which image to trust – facts and myths about spiders and their fascination. Why would anyone voluntarily work in a room full of dead spiders and still be liked? An insight into the arachnid collection and everyday work with spider specimens.

Guided tour of the wet collection and the antler hall

- 6:15 pm, 7:15 pm, 8:15 pm, 9:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 11:30 pm –
approx. 45 minutes, maximum 15 people

What we collect, why we collect, how we collect, and how the museum stores and preserves over 30 million collection items will be discussed in this tour, which will also present a few selected objects and their history.

From the wall to the magazine – teaching charts in focus

- 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 9:30 pm –
approx. 30 minutes, maximum 12 people

Several hundred historical wall charts, once used in teaching and exhibitions, have been brought together in a magazine for the first time and are being systematically recorded. During a guided tour, you will gain exciting insights into this unique collection and the history of knowledge transfer.

Workshop: Secrets of Feathers – Art Meets Science

- Microscopy Center, 7:00 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:00 pm –
approx. 30 minutes, maximum 12 people

You are invited to discover the fascinating beauty of the peacock and create a work of art from its feathers. This workshop offers a poetic and sensual way to combine art, nature, and science.

A love of fossils: The importance of paleozoological collections for research

- 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:00 pm, midnight, 1:00 am –
approx. 45 minutes, maximum 15 people

The paleozoological collections of the MfN are essential for understanding the evolution and biodiversity of past geological eras. These valuable fossils are lovingly catalogued and cared for, because each object tells a story. We provide insights into our work and offer the opportunity to work in the collection yourself.

Readings/Talks in German

Reading »geHÄUSE« – Urban explorations between nature and culture with Johann Reißer and Ursula Seeger

- Event hall, 9:00 pm–10:00 pm

Ursula Seeger and Johann Reißer present their book »geHÄUSE – Zwölf Schleifen zwischen Zellen und Clouds« (geHÄUSE – Twelve Loops between Cells and Clouds) in a multimedia reading. With a poetic and scientific perspective, it tells a special story about Berlin and its metamorphoses. The interplay of text and images reveals the interconnections between architecture and nature.

GUT ZU VÖGELN: Between turtledoves and starlings – An evening about bird love

- Special exhibition ZUGVögel, 11:00 pm–midnight

Look forward to exciting insights into the (love) life of birds and learn more about species and nature conservation. Accompanied by personal anecdotes, Antonia and Philipp shed light on the significance of birds in music, art, and pop culture and look forward to exchanging ideas with other "birders" from the audience or those who want to become one. The exhibition is open to visitors free of charge.

Information stands & hands-on activities

Species quiz with the Naturblick app

- Museum forecourt, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm

An interactive species quiz awaits you on the museum forecourt: Anyone who identifies five animal or plant species using the Naturblick app and writes down their Latin names on our participation sheet can take part. Fill out the slip of paper, drop it in our box, and with a little luck, you could win a surprise prize – sent directly to your home!

Insect love under the scanner

- Hall 2/Digitize, 6:00 pm–1:00 am

Love is in the details: In the world of insects, the genitals play a major role – in species identification, research, and reproduction. We show how tiny structures are made visible and scientifically documented using 3D technology. An unusual look at the diversity of nature – precise, close-up, and with a twinkle in the eye.

Mineral and stone identification

- Mineral Hall, 6:00 pm–1:00 am

It is not uncommon to discover fascinating minerals in nature, such as rock crystals or agates. Do you own a rock or mineral and would like to learn more about it? Our experts at the Mineral Bazaar will be happy to help you identify it or help you choose your personal favorite piece.

Amber discoveries

- Evolution in action, 6:00 pm–midnight

Fossil collectors present their million-year-old treasures. Learn about the finds, view amber inclusions through a microscope, or grind some amber yourself!

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach

- Highlights of taxidermy, 6:00 pm–midnight

Cooking for your loved one is one of our loved ones' traditions. We will be sharing exciting observations from nature about love, hunger, and the human or love at this themed table, and we are also very excited to hear your input.

Attention to detail – glass models by the Blaschkas

- Highlights of taxidermy, 6:00 pm–1:00 am

In addition to written and pictorial material, the archives of the MfN also contain models by glass modelers Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka. The filigree nature of the models, which were created in the 19th century, and the craftsmanship of the Blaschkas still inspire amazement and admiration today. Six of these glass models have been undergoing restoration since May 2025. Glass restorer Bettina K. Schneider presents her work and shows what measures are necessary to preserve historical glass objects and what challenges can arise in the process.

Queering Nature

- Highlights of taxidermy/Aras, 6:00 pm–midnight

The museum's "Queering Nature" tour celebrates love and queer communities – both human and non-human. Come to our cozy corner and color cute pictures of queer animals and plants and get excited about diversity.

LiveSpeakers at »Dinosaurs!«

- Special exhibition Dinosaurs!, 18:00–00:00 Uhr

Talk to our live speakers and gain exciting and special insights into our special exhibition »Dinosaurier!«

