

Triceratops: the herd Naturalis



Naturalis presents a blockbuster exhibition on *Triceratops horridus*: a giant herbivore and icon of the dino era. 'Triceratops: the herd of Naturalis' is a family exhibition where you will come face to face with as many as five triceratops.

In 2013, a research team from Naturalis stumbled upon a unique find in Wyoming, USA. At this site, researchers uncovered hundreds of fossilised bones and bone fragments of the world famous dinosaur species: *Triceratops horridus*. Such a large and significant find has never been seen before worldwide.

Prior to this temporary exhibition, the five triceratops individually toured the Netherlands. In the summer of 2024, they could be seen separately in five different cities. Now they have been brought together and the world premiere can be admired at Naturalis Biodiversity Center in Leiden (NL) until August 2025.



Authority

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Location

Leiden, The Netherlands

Visitors step into the world of the giant herbivore and meet the herd of five triceratops. A dinosaur known for its large collar and three horns.

Bruns realised together with design agency Designwolf, Naturalis, Yipp, Redrum and Atatech the entire temporary exhibition. The assignment was mainly to provide a stage for the entire herd with various interactive exhibits around it. For instance, visitors can collect as much food as triceratops ate per day, find out what a triceratops' fart sounded (and smelled like) and how many teeth they change in their lifetime.

You will also learn by crawling inside a triceratops egg how a triceratops baby grew and you can join the herd to face its greatest enemy: the T. rex.

To determine the correct dimensions of the skeletons, a 3D scan was performed on site during the tour of the skeletons. This was implemented in the final production model so that the stages could be customised exactly.

The world premiere has immediately a lot of publicity and will attract the general public, especially those interested in the dino era.

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Destination

Museum

Type of exhibition

Temporary

Project director

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Surface area

500m²

Year

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