

Low-stimulus day and evening at Naturalis

You're coming to Naturalis for a low-stimulus visit, welcome! We're happy to tell you the most important things in advance.

Virtual museum

Want to explore the entire museum from home? Then go to www.naturalis.nl/virtueelmuseum

Opening hours

You can enter from the time you booked.

Are you coming during the day? Then it's from 10:00 AM. The museum closes at 5:00 PM.

Are you coming in the evening? Then it's from 6:30 PM. The museum closes at 9:00 PM.

Shop

The museum shop is on the ground floor and is open during the day and evening.

Restaurant

The restaurant is open during the day and has vegetarian products. During the evening hours, we only have a coffee corner with some small snacks.

Visiting Naturalis

You can easily visit Naturalis with a wheelchair or a small mobility scooter. You can also borrow a wheelchair at the museum. The museum has two elevators. All our stairs have handrails and rest areas.

You are welcome to bring a guide dog. Regular pets are not allowed inside.

Sound and Light

The music is kept low. If you are very sensitive to sounds, please bring your own earplugs. The lights in the Atrium (hall) and the workshops are dimmed.

Our building

The address of Naturalis is Darwinweg 2, 2333 CR Leiden.

This is what it looks like on the outside:



Are you coming by train?

Naturalis is near Leiden Central Station. It is about 10 minutes walking distance. Use this entrance:





Please note: the revolving door opens automatically. You don't need to push.

Coming by car?

You can park behind the museum. Our parking lot is located at Mendelweg 2, 2333 CS Leiden. The parking barrier will open automatically upon arrival. A parking ticket costs €7.50, which you can purchase at the museum and also serves as your exit ticket.

After parking, use this entrance at the back of the building:



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At the museum

The big hall ('the Atrium') of the museum looks like this:



On the ground floor, you'll find coat racks, lockers, restrooms, and the shop. There's also a rest area, reception desk, stairs, and elevators.

Lockers and wardrobe

You can hang your coat on a coat rack. You can also use a locker. You'll need a 50-cent or 1-euro coin in the locker. You'll get the coin back later when you retrieve your belongings. Don't have any coins? There's a machine on the wall where you can withdraw a 1-euro coin.



Toilets

These are the toilets on the ground floor:



There are also toilets on the 3rd, 5th, and 9th floor. On the ground floor and 9th floor there are toilets for people with physical disabilities.

Quiet room

Do you need a moment of silence? On the ground floor you will find a quiet room.



You can sit here. There is also a basket available with fidget spinners, sunglasses etc.

Information desk

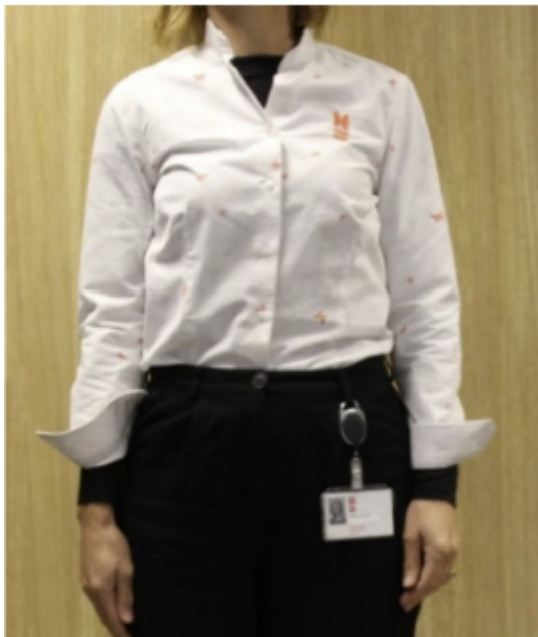
Do you have any questions? On the ground floor you will find our service desk. Our staff is happy to help you.



You can also ask our museum staff your questions.

Employees

Most Naturalis employees wear a white shirt with gray and red figures on them. They also wear a badge.



Naturalis also has security officers. They look like this.

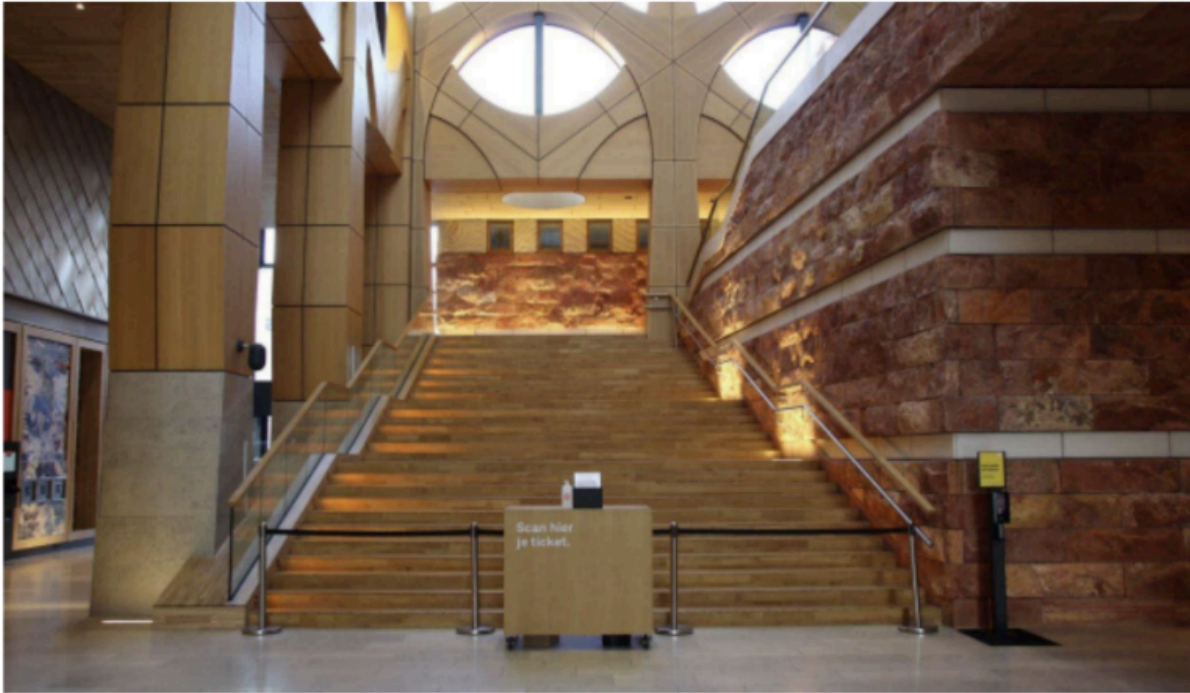


To the museum

From the ground floor, you can take the elevator or the stairs. These are the elevators:



These are the stairs:



Show your tickets

Staff will be at the elevators and stairs. They'll need to scan your ticket. You can download tickets to your phone or print them out. If you've booked discounted tickets, you'll also need to bring your discount card. Examples include a Museum Card, Vriendenloterij VIP Card, or CJP Pass

Skeletons and taxidermy

Naturalis has many skeletons and mounted animals. But we don't kill any animals. Most of the animals you see here come from zoos, where they died of natural causes. The eyes of the mounted animals are artificial. They're made of glass.

Our galleries

Naturalis is a large Museum, with nine galleries. It could be too big to explore all at once. We recommend choosing two or three rooms in advance that you want to see.

The LiveScience room is on the ground floor. In this room, you'll learn all about our scientists. They even clean real dinosaur bones and other fossils here.

LiveScience has 2 floors. If you can not take the stairs, ask our staff for help. They will bring you to a special elevator.



In Gallery **Leven (Life)**, you will find all sorts of animals. This exhibition starts at the 2nd floor.



Gallery **De aarde (Earth)** is on the 3rd floor. You can learn here about volcanoes, gems, and earthquakes.



You can find our dinosaurs at **Dinotijd (Dino times)** on the 3rd floor. This is also where you can find our T. rex Trix.



On the 5th floor you will find the gallery **De ijstijd**. (Ice age). This is where you can see our mammoth for instance.



In **De vroege mens** (*early humans*), you can learn about human species of long ago. This hall is on the 5th floor.



All plant and animal species change very slowly. We explain this in the **Evolution room**, which is located on the fifth floor.

Note: Touching the large stone in the room will cause flashes of light. The sound will be muted.



Exhibition hall ***De dood (Death)*** is about dying and extinction. This room is on the 7th floor.



De verleiding (temptation) is about seduction, sex, and young animals. You'll find this exhibition on the 7th floor.



End

The museum galleries close at 5:00 PM if you visit during the day. If you visit in the evening, they close at 9:00 PM.

We hope you enjoyed your time at Naturalis.

Parking

Have you parked your car in the parking lot? Don't forget to buy a parking ticket. You can do so at the reception desk on the ground floor.

Questions

Do you have any questions about your visit? Please send an email to tickets@naturalis.nl

We hope you enjoy your visit to Naturalis. See you soon!