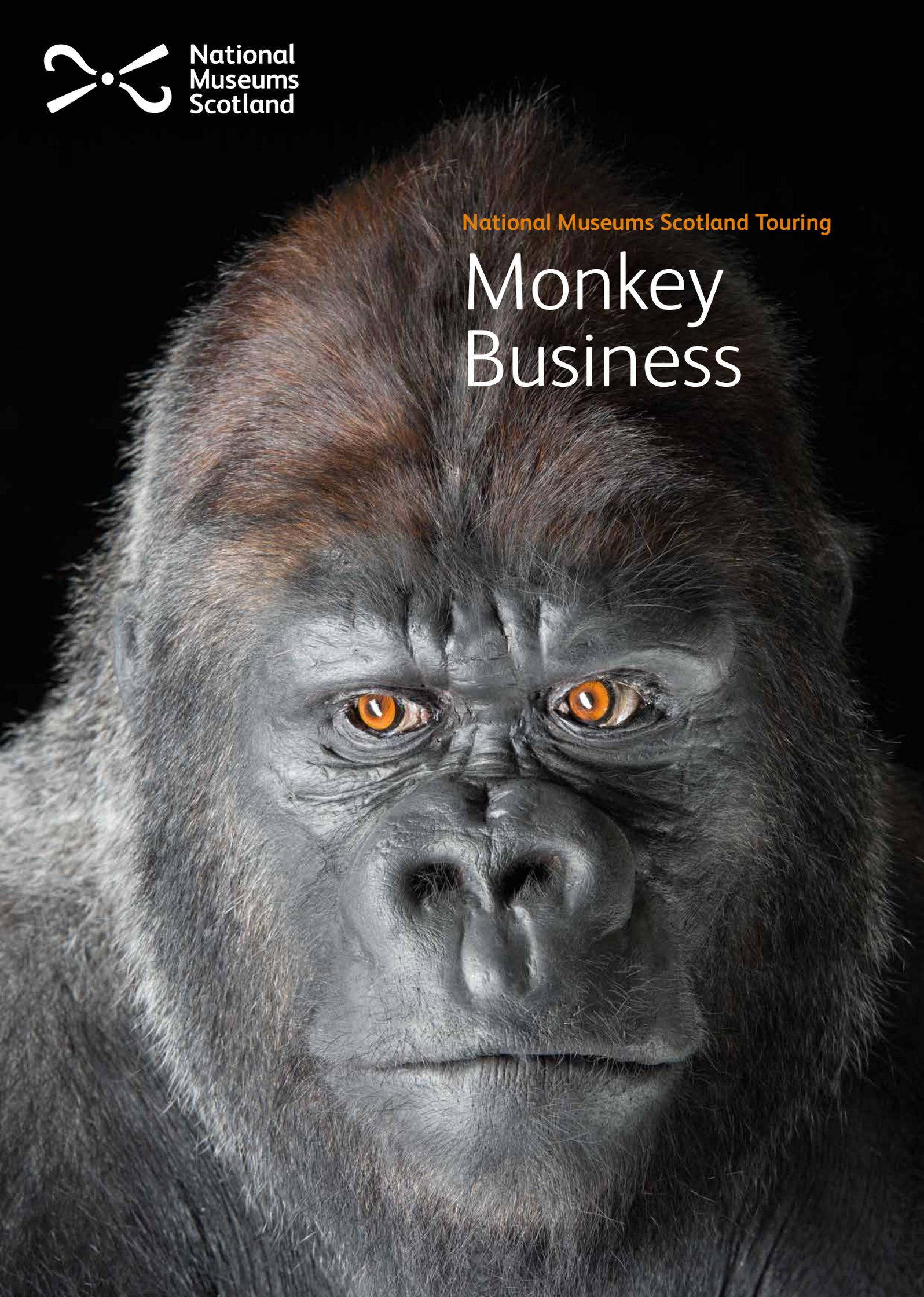


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Monkey Business



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Primates are our closest living relatives. More than just monkeys, this extraordinary exhibition explores the diversity of primates from the tiny mouse lemur to the mighty gorilla, examining their key characteristics and how they have evolved and adapted over time.

This family-friendly exhibition features more than 50 spectacular new taxidermy specimens and articulated skeletons of monkeys, apes, lemurs, lorises and bushbabies, alongside models, engaging interactives, stunning photography and film.

The exhibition will explore:

Diversity

Discover your inner primate! Find out what sets primates apart from other animals. How did humans evolve, and what makes us different, or not so different, from other primates?

Adaptability

From tropical rainforests to vast savannas and even rocky mountainsides, primates have adapted to a wide range of habitats. Discover how different primates move, climb, swing, leap and walk on two and four limbs. Explore how their diets have changed, the tools they use to get hold of food, and try out the tricky feeding techniques of chimpanzees.

Social Skills

Can you speak gibbon? Communication is at the heart of primate social lives, from visual displays and vocal communication to touch and scent marks. They also live in often complex social systems to help ensure a stable family life, so that youngsters can begin their long learning journey to adulthood.

Primates Today

The relationship between humans and our fellow primates is complex and challenging. Some primates may be transmitting diseases to humans, especially where they share our urban environments, while many species are threatened with extinction through the impact of habitat loss and hunting. Find out what you can do to support our endangered cousins.





Exhibition Curator

Dr Andrew Kitchener has been the Principal Curator of Vertebrates at National Museums Scotland for 27 years. His vast experience of developing family-friendly exhibitions using innovative taxidermy and engaging interactives, such as *Cats... The Ultimate Predators* in 2004, and the spectacular Natural World galleries in 2011, have helped to establish National Museums Scotland as the UK's most popular attraction outside of London.

He is an Honorary Research Fellow in the Institute of Geography, University of Edinburgh, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, a Trustee of the People's Trust for Endangered Species and a member of the IUCN Cat Specialist Group.

Specifications

Space requirements: 500–750 m²

Over 50 unique specimens, plus articulated skeletons, digital and physical interactives and audio visuals.

All images show actual exhibition specimens

Available to hire internationally from summer 2017

Further information

Monkey Business is toured exclusively on behalf of National Museums Scotland by Nomad Exhibitions. To find out more please contact:

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"It's wonderful to see these new incredibly life-like animal exhibits...they're behaving in exactly the same way as the live animals I've seen all around the world"

Sir David Attenborough, commenting on specimens created by National Museums Scotland.

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