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# MONKEYS!

A Primate Story

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**Monkeys!** is a major family-friendly exhibition which explores the fascinating world of primates. Presented within an immersive, multisensory and specimen-rich environment, the exhibition brings innovative taxidermy to life and invites visitors to meet both their primate ancestors and today's apes and monkeys.

The exhibition explores the extraordinary diversity of primates from the tiny mouse lemur to the mighty gorilla, examining how they live, move, eat, play and interact, and how they have evolved and adapted over time. It also investigates the relationship between humans and primates, including the threats of extinction, habitat loss and hunting.

*Monkeys!* features more than 60 spectacular, newly-prepared taxidermy specimens of monkeys, apes, lemurs, lorises and bushbabies, six engaging digital interactives and two manual interactives, stunning photography and films.



## Collection

Over 60 spectacular new taxidermy primate specimens prepared by National Museums Scotland specialists.

## 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.

## Specifications

- Venue gallery size: 450–700 sqm
- Venue ceiling height: 4 metres recommended
- Conservation & security: High
- Standard rental length: 16 weeks





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