

# MONKEYS!

## A Primate Story

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



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Western lowland gorilla

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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 a large number of spectacular, newly-prepared taxidermy specimens of monkeys, apes, lemurs, lorises and bushbabies, engaging digital and mechanical interactives, and stunning photography and film.



## Exhibition specifications

### Curatorial partners



**National  
Museums  
Scotland**

### Collection

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

### Venue gallery size

600–1,000 sqm

### Exhibition themes

As humans we are part of a group of mammals known as primates. Monkeys and apes are very similar to us in many ways, reflecting our common evolutionary heritage. Because we can easily see similarities, we find them endlessly fascinating.

There are over 400 species of primate. Monkeys and apes are familiar to most of us, but the weird and wonderful prosimians include lemurs, lorises, bushbabies and tarsiers. All are explored within the exhibition.

The majority of primates are arboreal, spending most of their lives in the trees. We will explore the different habitats primates inhabit, and by comparing and challenging themselves visitors will discover how different primates move, climb, swing, leap and walk on two and four limbs.

The exhibition will look at the various foods primates eat, and how they have adapted to different diets. Primates are also a highly intelligent group, with large

brains. The exhibition explores their use of tools, their social constructs and behaviour, how they communicate, and how they raise their young. Here, visitors can explore how similar primates are to us: can you speak chimpanzee?

Finally, we will investigate the world of primates today. Current research projects will be explored, including the recent discovery of a new species, a type of mouse lemur. We show how primates and humans can live together, as many species have adapted to urban environments. We explore the emerging diseases that have developed from our closest relatives, now spreading across the world. Most importantly for the future of primates, we look at the species which are now critically endangered, the causes behind this, and what visitors can do to help.

- Theme 1:** Introduction / Why am I a Primate?
- Theme 2:** Adapted for Life
- Theme 3:** Monkey Messages
- Theme 4:** Social Climbers
- Theme 5:** Primates Today