TAKE PART AND MAKE A CHANGE

BECOME A PATRON

With your support we will find solutions to some of the big issues facing the world today.
The Earth is facing an unprecedented ecological and climate catastrophe – humanity’s impact on our planet has placed an estimated one million species at risk of extinction. But there is hope.

With over 250 years of accumulated research expertise, an unparalleled collection of over 80 million natural science specimens, and over 5 million visitors a year, the Natural History Museum is uniquely positioned to respond to the shared global challenges we face.

Be it fostering fresh conversations amongst the public, politicians and industry; embracing new digital and genomic technologies; or preserving and unleashing the collection’s potential to benefit billions of people around the world, the Museum is at the forefront of securing our planet’s future.

But we can’t do it without you. The Patrons Circle provides essential resources to create innovative learning programmes, advance scientific research and care for our invaluable collections. As a Patron your support will allow us to carry on this vital work while giving you behind-the-scenes access to a truly extraordinary institution.

Our vision is of a future where both people and the planet thrive. With your help the Natural History Museum can and will play its part in creating that future.

I hope you will join us in becoming advocates for the planet.

Lord Green of Hurstpierpoint
Chair, Board of Trustees

‘The future of the natural world, on which we all depend, is in your hands.’
Sir David Attenborough
80 million specimens spanning 4.5 billion years of history; a cultural institution inspiring awe and wonder; a world-leading scientific research centre providing active solutions to the global environmental and human challenges of our time... the Natural History Museum puts the beauty and diversity of life on earth at the heart of its work. Award-winning visitor exhibitions exhilarate minds young and old, near and far.

The continuing digitisation and accessibility of the museum collection online is powering knowledge creation across continents. As a Patron you can go deeper, know more and contribute to this intellectual powerhouse of the cultural and natural world.

The Patrons Circle lets you get closer to areas in which you are specifically interested – from behind-the-scenes tours and previews of major exhibitions to exclusive worldwide travel opportunities exploring the diversity of the natural world alongside expert scientists and curators. You’ll join a passionate, dynamic and committed group of fellow Patrons, be guided through the Museum’s secret doors and see its vital work in extraordinary new ways.

You’ll be able to take part and make a change.
As a Patron you will join a group of like-minded individuals keen to support both the artistic and natural world, becoming part of a unique institution at once crucial to our heritage but also at the cutting-edge of scientific discoveries that will help inform how we protect the planet.

Your generosity not only puts you at the forefront of what we do, it allows you to experience it in unparalleled ways:

- **Out-of-hours visits** Join a curator at a private view of the latest exhibition or visit a gallery you love with an expert after the crowds have gone.
- **Behind-the-scenes access** Enter the research labs and meet leading scientists, see their life-saving work close-up and explore areas tailor-made to your specific interests.
- **Exclusive invitations** Join leading figures at bespoke dinners and events, exhibition launches and specialist lectures.
- **International Travel Programme** Travel with our experts on bespoke trips and expeditions, providing unrivalled access to and stimulating guided experiences of the natural and cultural world.

*Additional costs apply*

“To dream, to create, to innovate the mind must first be inspired by the possibility of the impossible, the unreal, the otherworldly... to this day, the Natural History Museum remains still the single most important source of inspiration for my work. To me, it is a priceless curiosity cabinet of wonders.”

**Tessa Packard, Patron**
THE PATRONS CIRCLE

Starting at £1,500 per year, or £125 per month, there are three Patron levels to choose from, each providing a unique selection of benefits, meaning you can choose the option that best suits your interests.

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* Patron membership consists of two parts: a fee that covers the taxable membership benefit package, and a discretionary donation to support the work of the Natural History Museum, which qualifies for Gift Aid.

‘The NHM is a world-class museum in one of London’s greatest buildings. But it’s also an intellectual powerhouse where great scientists are working on some of the biggest questions facing mankind...Your donation directly supports this work so you can have fun while helping save the Earth too.’

Steven Larcombe
Patron
SILVER CIRCLE
Out-of-Hours Access

£1,500 annually
£125 monthly
Benefit value £300

Receive privileged out-of-hours access to the Museum. Through special events, Silver Circle Patrons are able to engage with the Museum’s world class collection and exhibitions on a deeper level, with like-minded supporters of the Natural History Museum.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:
• Invitation to the annual Patrons Open House, an evening of talks and debates in the galleries
• Invitations to the Museum’s inspiring lecture series
• Opportunities to view exhibitions out-of-hours with invitations to Patrons Private Views and Early Morning Views of exhibitions
• Special out-of-hours curator-led tours of the Museum’s galleries
• Invitation to join the Patrons International Travel Programme (availability and additional costs apply)
• Access to Membership events
• Acknowledgement in the Annual Review
• Regular mailings, including the NHM magazine evolve, and the Patrons Events Programme
• Entry to the Anning Rooms with up to five guests
• 10% discount on all Visitor Events, the Museum shops, cafés and restaurants
• Priority booking in the Anning Rooms restaurant
• Free, unlimited entry to view the Permanent Collection and temporary exhibitions for you and a guest
• Priority entry to the Museum for you and your guests

GOLD CIRCLE
Behind-the-Scenes Access

£5,000 annually
£416.67 monthly
Benefit value £850

Gold Circle Patrons will be given access to unique behind-the-scenes experiences, allowing you to get closer to the vital work of the Museum. You will enjoy a very close relationship with the Museum, receiving bespoke access through tours tailored to suit your personal interests.

GOLD PATRONS ENJOY ALL SILVER LEVEL BENEFITS, AS WELL AS:
• Invitations to explore the collections behind-the-scenes, through intimate out-of-hours group tours
• One bespoke visit a year for you and up to five guests either to an exhibition or behind-the-scenes area of the collection of your choice (subject to availability and location accessibility)
• Invitations to bespoke off-site events at other locations relating to the Museum’s work
• Invitation to the annual Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition opening reception
• Invitations to all other exhibition opening receptions
• Advance booking for the Patrons International Travel Programme
• Additional invitations to the Patrons Open House for up to three guests
• 15% discount on all Visitor Events
PLATINUM CIRCLE
The Inner Circle

£12,000 annually
£1,000 monthly
Benefit value £1,800

Platinum Circle Patrons have access to the most exclusive parts of the Natural History Museum and its scientific research. As an important supporter of the Museum’s work, you will be introduced to a distinguished circle of scientific figures who are inspired by and work closely with the Natural History Museum. You will be part of the Museum’s evolution, taking part in exclusive receptions and being the first to experience major new projects and exhibitions.

PLATINUM PATRONS ENJOY ALL GOLD LEVEL BENEFITS AS WELL AS:
• Invitation to the annual Platinum Circle Dinner – an intimate evening with the Director and Senior Scientists
• Invitation to the Annual Trustees’ Dinner – hosted by the Chair of the Museum in the iconic Hintze Hall, with the Director, Museum Trustees and leading advocates of the natural world
• Invitation to the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Awards Dinner – a private evening hosted before the exhibition opening reception
• Invitation to lunch for you and one guest with a Scientist or Curator
• The opportunity to organise one private visit to an exhibition or gallery of your choice for you and up to ten guests (availability, location accessibility and additional costs apply)
• Two bespoke behind-the-scenes visits to the Natural History Museum for you and up to five guests (subject to availability and location accessibility)
• Invitations to all major gallery VIP opening receptions at the Museum
• Invitations to hard-hat visits of gallery projects
• Priority booking for behind-the-scenes events

PATRON DONOR

Donation £1,500 or more annually
Benefit £0

If you do not want to receive benefits or attend events, but would still like to make a contribution to the Natural History Museum as a Patron, you can become a Patron Donor. The entire amount you give will help us tackle global environmental problems, educate and inspire future generations, and enable us to share our unrivalled collections with the world.

PATRON DONORS RECEIVE:
• Acknowledgement in the Annual Review
• The Natural History Museum magazine evolve
• Entry to the Anning Rooms
• NHM Supporter Card to visit all NHM exhibitions during public hours
• Priority entry to the Museum
• Discounts at the Museum’s shops, cafés and restaurants
YOUR IMPACT

By joining the Patrons Circle you provide invaluable support to the people and projects that make the Natural History Museum a world-leading visitor attraction, igniting curiosity in the natural world and creating a future-focused centre of research directly tackling the challenges facing the health of our planet.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL:

• Help preserve, build and nurture the Museum’s irreplaceable 80 million strong collection of plants, animals, fossils, rocks and minerals crucial for understanding the Earth’s biodiversity and to combat the threats to it
• Support life-saving scientific research – into disease-carrying insects spreading malaria and schistosomiasis in sub-Saharan Africa, just one example of the work done by the Museum’s 300 plus scientists
• Address food security for the world’s growing population – for example, understanding how to futureproof crop strains against climate and environmental threats to dramatically improve food supply
• Help fund the Museum’s ongoing development and modernisation programme, including transforming the green spaces and creating outdoor galleries, making the Museum a national hub for urban biodiversity
• Support our valuable and innovative education programmes for schools, universities, local communities and families as well as members of the global scientific community
• Inspire future generations entering the Hintze Hall and seeing the Blue Whale for the first time; see dinosaurs take people’s breath away, and perhaps inspire one of today’s young visitors to be the next Sir David Attenborough?

Your support is invaluable.
Take part and make a change.
To join the Patrons Circle, and make a valuable contribution to the work of the Museum, please fill out the enclosed form and return to:

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If you have any questions and would like to discuss the Natural History Museum Patrons Circle, please do not hesitate to give us a call on the number above. Our Patrons are a sociable group, with a close relationship with the Patrons team at the Museum, and we would be delighted to speak with you.

**Gift Patronage**

Patrons gift membership is also available. For further information, please contact the Patrons Office.

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'The Natural History Museum has been a beloved part of my life since I first became a child visitor at the age of four, when we lived around the corner. Even then, its feast of flora and fauna, displayed in those incomparable Victorian marbled halls, made me catch my breath. The Museum has been doing the same ever since, wonderfully transformed for the 21st Century and new generations.'

Sir Max Hastings
Patron