

The dinosaurs are back!

Hang on to your hats, the dinosaurs are now back at the National Museum of Scotland.

Tyrannosaurs from 23 January to 4 May 2020

National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street.

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This is the most comprehensive exhibition ever mounted all about tyrannosaurs and it comes to Edinburgh from tomorrow.

There are rare fossil specimens including 'Scotty' one of the largest and most complete T rex skeletons in the world. Discovered in Saskatchewan Canada in 1991 it was named by the excavation crew from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum just after they toasted the discovery with a dram.

There are dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes in the exhibition, some of which might have had feathers.



Alice Wyllie, National Museum Scotland gets a sneak peak of the Tyrannosaurs exhibition before its opening tomorrow. Neil Hanna Photography www.neilhannaphotography.co.uk 07702 246823
Dr Nick Fraser, Keeper of Natural Science at National Museums Scotland is extremely excited about the new exhibit. He spoke to us about it.

Dr Fraser said: "For any of us who are fascinated by dinosaurs, T. rex is surely the most recognisable, whether in popular culture or on the front of your first dinosaur book or poster as a kid. I think there is a real sense of wonder that such a seemingly fantastic animal actually walked the earth. Tyrannosaurs shows visitors not only the mighty scale of T. rex, but also their fascinating family tree, including early Asian feathered tyrannosaurs which are some of the most exciting recent discoveries in dinosaur palaeontology."

Tyrannosaurs, which is supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery, uses cutting-edge technology, includes

hands-on and multimedia experiences. These include digital screens featuring computer animated creatures, AV of tyrannosaurs exploring modern-day Edinburgh, a large scale, multi-touch and multiplayer family tree gaming table and an interactive augmented reality experience where visitors can play with life-sized dinosaurs in the gallery.

This will be the only European outing for the exhibition, created by the Australian Museum and toured internationally by Flying Fish. It has already been shown in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. Before touring internationally, the exhibition was brought up to date with exciting recent tyrannosaur discoveries including the oldest feathery relatives of *T. rex*.

Stephanie Kerr from the People's Postcode Lottery said

"We are very excited to be supporting this exhibition which promises to be a spectacular, surprising, informative and hugely interactive experience for visitors of all ages."

The exhibition runs until 4 May 2020 and is supported by a programme of events including a special Museum Lates Jurassic Party on Friday 13 March 2020.



Rosa Connolly aged 10 gets a sneak peak of the Tyrannosaurs exhibition before its opening tomorrow. Neil Hanna Photography
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