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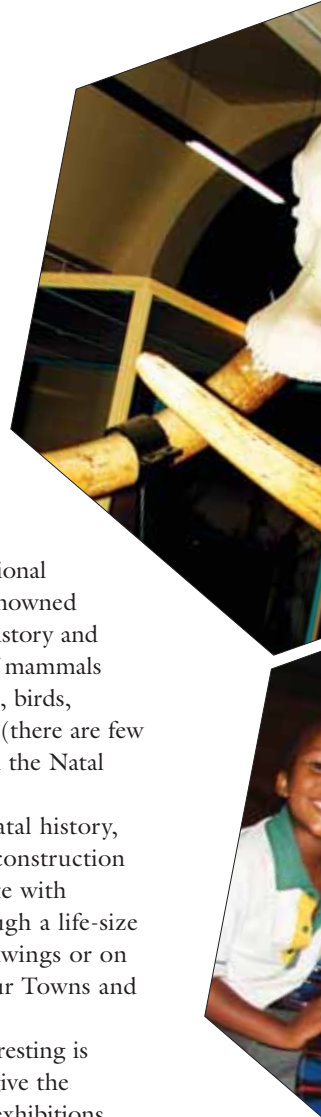
Natal Museum

The Natal Museum is one of South Africa's five national museums, a cultural and natural history museum renowned for its unique collections – there are eight natural history and ten cultural history galleries that include an array of mammals (including the last wild elephant in KwaZulu-Natal), birds, amphibians, insects, an extensive mollusc collection (there are few South African land snails that are not represented in the Natal Museum) and a life-size T-Rex model.

There is also a room dedicated to KwaZulu-Natal history, geological and palaeontological material, and a reconstruction of a Victorian street set in the late 1800s, complete with shops, stable and period homes. Take a walk through a life-size recreation of a Drakensberg cave with rock art drawings or on the wooden deck of a wrecked trading vessel in our Towns and Trade Exhibition.

What makes the Natal Museum particularly interesting is the array of interesting temporary exhibitions that give the museum a definite dynamic advantage. Temporary exhibitions and happenings have included an exploration of the history of segregation in the United States, xenophobic violence and a mixed children's art exhibition. The Museum officially opened another new and exciting exhibition on the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ in May this year. Later in the year, they will also be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Indian people in South Africa with another brand new exhibition showcasing the Indian community of Pietermaritzburg.

The Natal Museum is very popular with schools and family visitors alike. The museum boasts an internet café with workstations, a resource library for learners, a film room and a coffee/snack bar.





EVENTS

JUNE/ JULY

- Soccer World Cup Gallery Opening
- Schools holiday programme – Arts & Crafts activities
- Night at the Museum Sleepover
- Museum Internet Café and Resource Centre will be open