

Natural History Museum

Enter the Natural History Museum and inside the cavernous hall of the Waterhouse building stands the huge fossilised skeleton of a diplodocus. It's an overwhelming sight as you walk alongside it, minute compared to the enormous structure. Weave your way through the crowded halls and busy galleries of the rest of the museum and you'll find something new to be amazed at round every corner.

Diplodocus skeleton aside, you can also see the world's current largest creature (the blue whale, in case your memory's gone blank) from every angle you can think of. There's also a 1,300-year-old giant sequoia tree, which when you think about the age, is staggering, as well as loads of examples fired from within the Earth itself of glittering minerals, crystals and precious metals.

Our favourite exhibition of all though – and the one that lets you pander to the kid inside – is the earthquake simulator in the Red Zone of the museum. Stand in mocked-up version of a Japanese supermarket and re-experience the Kobe earthquake in a much safer environment than normally possible.