



European Academic Heritage Day
18 November 2010
Theme for 2010: Surprise, Astonishment and Wonder

Museum of Geology and Palaeontology
University of Padua
The fossils: wonderful witness of lost worlds

The fossils, remains of animals or plants living in the past, testify the presence of the life on Earth since remote ages, and document the biodiversity through time. The fossilization is an exceptional event, because only a few organisms that lived in the past were fossilized, and only a small part of the fossils were found. The study of fossils is very important because from the fossils we can derive useful information about evolution, geography, climate and environment during the deep time.

Some of these important aspects about the evolution, the paleogeography and the paleoclimate can be seen in the Museum of Geology and Paleontology walking in the room of the fossil palm trees, or visiting the room of Bolca's fishes.

During the visit it is possible to see again the ancient luxuriant tropical forest that thrived near Bolca (Verona province), and the visit to the room of Bolca's fishes represents a dive in the shallow warm sea that covered the Veneto region about 50 million years ago.

For schools: from 9.00 to 12.30 am

For others groups or single visitor from 15.00 to 20.00

Details and booking

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