Details on Children’s birthday parties

We can offer you a choice of three exciting children’s birthday parties for various age levels and will do our best to make it an unforgettable experience for your child and the birthday guests!

1. Giant’s birthday party
   for children aged 6 to 10
   with a polar bear, a mammoth, a giraffe and other giants of the animal kingdom

2. Fairytale birthday party
   for children aged 6 to 10
   with a unicorn, the frog king, vampires and other fairytale creatures

3. “Hop, buzz and waddle” birthday party
   for children aged 7 to 10
   with a flying rodent, a dancing monkey, marine saurians and many other animals

You find invitation cards on our homepage.

Activity details

Everyone meets in the museum lobby at the arranged time. The museum educator welcomes the group.

The birthday party is a very interactive and age-appropriate museum tour, offering an exciting experience with furs and bones to touch, games, crafts and explorations. Depending on the theme chosen, the group of children will learn interesting facts about giants of the animal kingdom, animals from fairytales and myths, or surprising and funny ways in which animals can move.

Depending on the age group, there will be a 20 to 30-minute break after about 45 minutes. Now the children can eat the food that has been brought by the chaperones. For this, a separate room with tables and chairs and running water is available. The birthday girl or boy will throne on a special animal birthday chair. Decorations and tableware are the responsibility of the chaperones, who will also be in charge of supervising the snack/cake break. The interactive children’s tour of the museum continues after the break. Therefore, we kindly ask you to tidy up the room after use (well-swept, wiped tables).

At the end there is some time for good-byes.

Number of participants

These events are designed for groups of up to 10 children. If a group includes more than 10 children, a second museum educator has to be hired. Therefore, please let us know well in advance if there are any changes in the group size.
If a group of more than 10 arrives unannounced, it will have to be split up and each half will be taken through the tour separately. The waiting group must be supervised by a chaperone. For liability reasons, at least one chaperone should be present during the whole birthday party.

Length, cost and payment
The birthday parties are 2 hours long (including a short break). Birthday parties can be booked at the following times:

- Wednesdays: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
  2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- Saturdays / Sundays: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
  1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
  2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

The event will start at the arranged time. For scheduling reasons we cannot guarantee the complete program to groups arriving late.

A children’s birthday party with up to 10 children costs CHF 200. Birthday parties with larger groups (11 – 20 children) require two museum educators and therefore cost CHF 400. Payment is made in cash at the Zoological Museum before the event. Credit cards or any other bank cards are not accepted.

Booking
You can make a booking request using the online form “Birthday party reservation” at www.zm.uzh.ch (>Guided Tours and Events >Birthday Parties for Children). We send you the confirmation within the following four working days or contact you in order to arrange another date. We contact you in any case. Booking requests are considered in the order in which they are received.

Please book early to avoid disappointment, and please understand that we are only able to consider requests that arrive at least 3 weeks before the desired date.

The booking is only finalized when you receive the confirmation from the educational service of the Zoological Museum.

Cancellations
For short term cancellations (less then 3 days before the scheduled birthday party) cancellations must be made by telephone to the museum during our normal business hours, (+41 (0) 44 634 38 38). Cancellations which reach us less than 24 hours before the arranged start of the event, the full cost of the birthday party will be charged.

Please note that there are only a limited number of public parking spaces near the museum.

The Zoological Museum can be reached easily by public transport (www.zm.uzh.ch >Visitor Information).

We look forward to your visit!