SIC2026 ETH zürich

Sunday, 13th September 2026

Visit to ETH Zurich and its scientific instrument collections.

Half a day excursion

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Programme

13:30- meeting point at ETH Zurich, main building, entrance hall (Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zürich)

Please note that this excursion offers three different tours, and **each participant can take part in two of them**. The meeting point is the same for all tours, and participants will be divided into groups on the day, directly by the organisers. The second tour starts at 15:15 at the meeting point.

The three tours to choose from are as follows:

A. Guided tour of the Semper-Observatory	
Where	Semper-Observatory, ETH Zurich, Schmelzbergstrasse 25, 8006 Zürich
Meeting point	ETH Zurich, main building, entrance hall, Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zürich
Duration	Duration: 90 minutes *incl. walking time from the main building to the observatory*
Description	The Semper Observatory was built in 1864 by the famous architect Gottfried Semper. Rudolf Wolf, its first director, was a pioneer for sunspot research. We visit the building, including Meridian Hall, the entrance hall with an exhibition with astronomical instruments, and the Dome, where the original Kern-Merz-Refractor of Rudolf Wolf can be seen. (Visits only with guided tours)

B. Guided tour through "Models – shaping knowledge" an exhibition about scientific models	
Where	Extract, exhibition room of the collections and archives at ETH Zurich, main building
Meeting point	ETH Zurich, main building, entrance hall, Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zürich
Duration	Duration: 60 minutes
Description	The exhibition "Models – shaping knowledge" presents more than 500 historical and contemporary exhibits from the collections of ETH Zurich and the University of Zurich, many of which are on public display for the

	first time. It offers a thorough insight into the diversity of models: from anatomy and geometry to crystallography and aerodynamics.

C. Guided tour through the ETH main building	
Where	ETH Zurich, main building
Meeting point	ETH, main building, entrance hall, Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zürich
Duration	Duration: 60 minutes
Description	Guided tour of ETH Zurich's main building offering an inside look at one of Switzerland's leading scientific institutions.

Other possibilities to visit on your own

Free entry

extract
Temporary exhibition: HUGO SUTER. FLOWING AND GROWING. THE PRINTMAKING
HG E 45
Rämistrasse 101
8092 Zurich
https://extract.ethz.ch/en/
Mon–Sun: 10:00–17:00

Thomas Mann Archive
The Furnishings of a Writer. Thomas Mann and his study
Permanent exhibition
HG E 43
Rämistrasse 101
8092 Zurich
https://tma.ethz.ch/en/exhibition.html
Mon–Sun: 10:00–17:00

focusTerra
Permanent and temporary exhibitions about Earth Science
Sonneggstrasse 5
8092 Zurich
https://focusterra.ethz.ch/en/
Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00

Natural History Museum of the University of Zurich
Permanent exhibition
Karl-Schmid-Str. 4
8006 Zurich

Tue-Sun: 10:00-17:00
https://www.nmz.uzh.ch/en/besucherinformation.html

How do I get there?

1. From Neuchâtel railway station, take the IC5 train to Zürich HB, or IC51 + IR55 with a change in Biel/Bienne.
2. From Zürich HB, it is about a 15-minute walk to ETH Zurich's main building — or you can take tram T6 (direction Zürich, Zoo) or T10 (direction Zürich Flughafen, Fracht) and stop at ETH/Universitätsspital.
3. You will arrive directly at ETH Zurich, main building, entrance hall (Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zürich)

You can check public transport timetables and book your tickets directly here: https://www.sbb.ch/en

Tickets can also be purchased at ticket machines instead of counters at train stations.