



Chris' Favourite Places:

Chris' personal picks from places in the world that he has visited.

Top 10 Dinosaur Experiences

Museum of Natural History, Denver - US: *This museum places dinosaurs in the sequence of evolving life forms, starting 3.5 billion years ago, and the laboratory of Earth Sciences is open for you to observe scientists study and prepare fossils. Plus watch Allosaurus and Stegosaurus do battle with an 80 ft-long Diplodocus!*

Dinosaur Provincial Park - Canada: *One of the world's richest dinosaur fossil grounds, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, visitors can find (but not keep!) their own dinosaur bones on Ranger-guided walks into the weirdly eroded badlands landscape on the banks of the Red Deer River in Alberta. Thrilling for all ages!*

Royal Tyrrell Museum - Canada: *The Drumheller Valley north of Calgary, Alberta is known as the "Dinosaur Capital of Canada" and the jewel in its crown is this fabulous museum situated right in the heart of it all. The massive T.Rex skeleton on display is exactly how we all picture dinosaurs to be: massive, scary and very real.*

Lyme Regis - UK: *This little seaside town on England's Dorset coast is where it all began: Mary Anning, born in Lyme Regis in 1799, found the first recorded ichthyosaur fossil - an 18ft specimen, which became world famous.*

Natural History Museum, London - UK: *One of the world's finest and largest museums of natural history with hundreds of exhibits - many interactive - ranging from the volcano experience to the dinosaurs exhibition. This was where my childhood fascination with dinosaurs began...*

Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh - US: *'Dinosaurs in Their Time' displays over 15 dinosaur specimens, realistically posed, and in an accurate recreation of the environment of plants and animals in which they lived. The museum prides itself on displaying "real" bones, not facsimiles, including five skeletons that are either the first or most complete specimens of their species yet discovered.*

Museum fur Naturkunde, Berlin – Germany: *'The World of Dinosaurs' recreates Tendaguru in East Africa, 150 million years ago. The centre-piece is the world's largest mounted dinosaur skeleton - a Brachiosaurus brancai, plus you can see the famous Berlin specimen of the ancient "bird-dinosaur" Archaeopteryx.*

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington - US: *The Dinosaur Hall displays giant dinosaur skeletons and hanging from the rafters above are models of prehistoric birds, among them a full scale replica of a pterosaur, which boasted a wingspan of 10 meters.*

Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto - Canada: *The Michael Lee-Chin Crystal is a dramatic new space leaning out over Bloor Street, and is a dramatic setting for 50 dinosaur specimens with a ceiling high enough to accommodate the tallest specimens, while allowing others to be suspended artistically overhead.*

Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago - US: *In 2000 The Field Museum unveiled Sue, the largest, most complete, and best preserved Tyrannosaurus rex fossil yet discovered. This is the real thing: not a patchwork or composite of bones from different specimens. She's awesome!*