VIRTUAL AND TOURING EXHIBITIONS

For audiences outside Brussels, we welcome you to experience the museum closer to home.

Take a virtual tour through all five floors of the permanent exhibition or discover more objects from our Online Collection. Explore the European Coal and Steel Community Pavilion through our Expo 58 virtual reality experience or visit our touring exhibition travelling through cities across Europe.

LEARNING, EVENTS & FAMILY OFFERS

Our public program and learning offers provide opportunities to explore the multi-perspectivity of European history through a variety of events and resources catered to our different audiences and their needs.

Throughout the year we offer an extensive range of multilingual activities for adults, schools and families, both onsite and online.

They include talks, workshops, thematic tours, family discovery trails and more – all designed to support our visitors' understanding of the past and its relevance to the present.

Visit our website to find out more about our public programming offers.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The museum is open 7 days a week and admission is free of charge.

For individual visitors, families and groups of less than 9 people, pre-booking is not required.

For groups of over 10 or more people please pre-book your visit online **https://historia.europa.eu/en/visit#paragraph-bookings-for-groups**

The House of European History is located in Parc Léopold/Leopoldspark close to the European Parliament.

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OPENING HOURS

Monday 13.00–18.00
Tuesday–Friday 9.00–18.00
Saturday–Sunday 10.00–18.00

Closed on 1 January, 1 May, 1 November and on 24, 25, 31 December.

STAY IN TOUCH

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Discover the House of European History – the only museum that displays Europe's vast history from multiple perspectives.

Located in a building originally created in 1935 as a dental clinic for disadvantaged children, the museum invites you to step outside your national perspective and take a thought-provoking journey through the main events and phenomena that united and divided Europeans in the 19th and 20th century.

Using a handheld multimedia guide in 24 languages, experience some of the historical events that continue to shape and influence Europeans' lives today through objects, videos and narration.

Join us onsite at the museum, or remotely on our Virtual Tour to connect to Europe's past, understand its present and shape the future.

PERMANENT EXHIBITION

Starting with an introduction to the ancient myth of Europa, the permanent exhibition displays different perspectives on central events of the 19th and 20th century and milestones of the European integration process leading up to modern day. Visitors are invited to reflect on the relevance of the continent's shared heritage.

The exhibition is suitable for the whole family with interactive discovery spaces for children located on each floor.

● SHAPING EUROPE

Learn more about Europe and what distinguishes it from other continents through ancient mythology, maps and shared heritage.

● EUROPE: A GLOBAL POWER

The revolutionary period of the 19th century resulted in a significant period of change and the transformation of European societies. With the Industrial Revolution, came rapid advancements in science, technology and the economy, which pushed forward Europe's global expansion and exploitation of colonial empires.

Then discover how by the end of the century Europe had already reached the peak of its global power.

● EUROPE IN RUINS

Europe entered the most murderous century in the continent's history. The traumatic and unprecedented destruction profoundly impacted Europeans for years to come.

Learn about the events that led to the loss of millions of lives including the first industrialised mass war, the rise of nationalism and totalitarianism in the interwar period and the escalation of the Second World War into a ''total war'', which removed the distinction between soldiers and civilians.

● REBUILDING A DIVIDED CONTINENT

In 1945, Europe was in ruins and although the Second World War had ended, the Cold War was about to begin. Explore more about how Europeans' living conditions improved substantially in the post war period with the introduction of the welfare state - even with the remarkable differences between market and state economies in the East and West. This period was also characterised by the initial silence and non-recognition of the Shoah.

● SHATTERING CERTAINTIES

Europe's post-war boom came to an abrupt end in the 1970s and new social movements challenged the political order.

The demand for more political participation reinforced democracy in Western Europe while putting communism under pressure in Central and Eastern Europe.

With the end of the Cold War, Germany's reunification and the war in Yugoslavia, see how the map of Europe transformed again and discover how the archives and files once locked away during the communist era soon revealed people's repressed experiences and memories - which changed the interpretation of our history.

MILESTONES OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

From the Congress of Europe in 1948 to the debate on a European Constitution in the 2000s, the European integration process deepened significantly.

Discover how European countries gradually learned how to cooperate at a supranational level after the experience of war.

● EUROPE NOW

Explore the many challenges Europeans currently face today such as climate change, Brexit and colonial heritage, while reflecting on Europe's core values.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION

Each year, the museum creates a temporary exhibition that delves into a more specific theme or period of European history. This way we can display specific elements of Europe's story in a more in-depth, innovative and creative exhibition which appeals to different audiences.