

Offer

The Haus der Museen offers three permanent and a temporary exhibition as well as shows at the in-house cinema. The "children's trail" passes through the whole house, as do the general guided tours. The basic museum programme of the Haus der Museen is complemented by individual programmes and events offered by the three museums.

Olten Museum of Nature

- Teachers' packs, guided tours and workshops for schools, specimens and theme boxes available on loan
- Workshops for children and families
- Birthday parties for children
- "Beetle Club", "Youth & Science"

Historical Museum Olten

- Guided tours and workshops for schools
- Introductions for teachers
- Offers for groups
- Birthday parties for children

Archaeological Museum of the Canton of Solothurn

- Guided tours and workshops for schools
- Introductions for teachers
- Offers for groups

More at: www.hausdermuseen.ch

Visit

The Haus der Museen accommodates the Olten Museum of Nature and the Historical Museum of Olten as well as the Archaeological Museum of the Canton of Solothurn. The museums are owned by the city and the canton, respectively. They work in close collaboration but are independent as far as their collections, exhibitions, and educational services.

The main thematic interest of the Haus der Museen focuses on the archaeology of the Canton of Solothurn from the Stone Age to modern times, the history of the city of Olten and the canton from their beginnings up to the present day, as well as on the natural history and biodiversity on a local, regional, and cantonal level.

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Opening hours

Tuesday-Sunday 10–17 h, closed on Mondays.
Schools upon reservation from 8 h.
Open on the following holidays: Easter Monday,
Whit Monday, 1.8.
Closed on the following holidays: 24.12., 25.12., 31.12., 1.1.

Entrance fee

Adults CHF 5.-.
Children, adolescents, schools free of charge.
Swiss Museum Pass is valid.

Access

Bus stop (Olten Konradstrasse) and parking (Munzingerplatz) near the building.

The Haus der Museen is wheelchair-accessible and has a restaurant (MAGAZIN).



Olten Museum of Nature

Olten – naturally diverse The nature of the region

Today, our region is composed of the Jura and the Plateau. During millions of years, it was covered by an impressive sea. Its appearance was marked mainly by the emergence of the Alps and the advance of the glaciers in the quaternary period. Fossils of exotic animals and plants bear witness to these early chapters of the history of nature. We examine today's diversity of living beings according to their different diets. We show the "big feast" or in other words, what it means to be a plant, a herbivore, or a predator.



Eurasian jay getting a "spa treatment" before the exhibition opening

Historical Museum Olten

Olten: all passengers are requested to leave the train! Stations of a city

Olten is known to everybody in Switzerland. Tens of thousands of railway passengers travel through the transport intersection and local train station on their journeys from east to west or from north to south every day. Some get off the train here, but most continue on. Those who do get off, change trains and leave again soon afterwards. The new permanent exhibition of the Historical Museum now provides a reason to stop and discover the eventful and fascinating history of the city on the intersection of many routes. Interactive points as well as audio and video records ensure that you have a multi-sensory experience. A "history workshop" will entice you to take a look at the work that goes on behind the scenes.

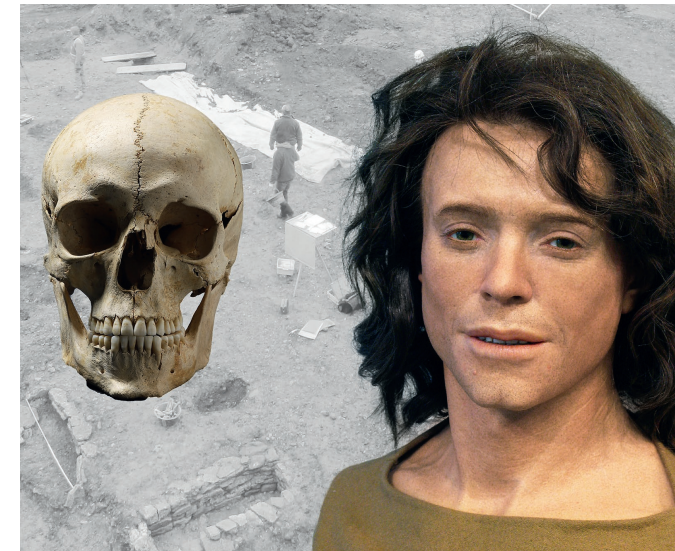


Missed your train? It is never too late for a stopover in Olten (former departure time clock at Olten train station).

Archaeological Museum of the Canton of Solothurn

What remains. Stories unearthed

People left their traces in the ground of the present Canton of Solothurn over a period of many thousands of years. They built houses, buried their dead, lost household items, buried valuables in the ground, disposed of waste in ditches or dumps. Many things have disappeared, others have survived for millennia. When we open up the ground, the history of our ancestors appears. It is a history of Ice Age hunters, Stone Age peasants, wealthy Celts, small-town Romans, and medieval craftsmen. The exhibition presents a wide range of remnants dating back over a period of 80,000 years, and brings the people from the past back to life.



Adelasius could have been the name of the young man who was buried 1300 years ago in Grenchen. In the exhibition, he comes back to life thanks to a forensic face reconstruction.