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The Themes of the Munich Mineral Show 2009

Fossils/Natural Treasures:

The Archaeopteryx

is the oldest known bird in earth's history at 150 million years. The bizarre creature has teeth, bird's feathers, claws and a dinosaur's tail - it is seen as a transitional link between reptiles and birds and, thus, as proof of Darwin's theory of evolution. Five of the world's ten existing original Archaeopteryx fossils, which are usually housed as well-guarded treasures at different museums, are now on display under one roof for the first time: from Friday, 30th October (trade visitors' day) to Sunday, 1st November



2009 at the Munich Mineral Show. The witnesses to the primeval period are impressively staged in a fossil experience garden with lakes, plants and islands of the Upper Jurassic - together with nine genuine dinosaur skulls and several life-size dinosaur skeletons.

<http://www.mineralientage.de/sonderschau-fossilpark.html>

Minerals/India:

India's Hidden Natural Treasures

India, which stands for the splendid jewels of the Maharajas and the monument of love, the Taj Mahal. Some of the treasures for which this diverse country is famous are on display from Friday, 30th October (trade visitors' day) to Sunday, 1st November 2009 in Munich: The special exhibition at the Mineral Show in the style of the Maharaja's palace showcases splendid crystals and precious stones from the first and previously only mineral museum in India. The highlights: the "Emperor of India", a turquoise, ten kilogram giant aquamarine, a solid quartz statue of the Hindu deity Ganesha, and agate pictures created by nature, which look like ferns, mosses or miniature landscapes.



<http://www.mineralientage.de/sonderschau-indien.html>



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Wellness/Health:

Well-Being with the Power of Healing Stones

Gentle massages with precious stone balls and warm oils increase well-being and improve circulation. At the same time, certain precious stones like rose quartz, quartz



and amethysts are said to have therapeutic effects. If you would like to try out the power of healing stones for yourself, then the Munich Mineral Show is offering a special wellness weekend from Friday, 30th October (trade visitors' day) to Sunday, 1st November 2009. Visitors to Europe's largest mineral trade fair can pamper themselves with precious stones on a Wellness Island. Specialists discuss topics like precious stone massages and acupuncture, precious stone oils, precious stone cosmetics and energised precious stone water and offer the opportunity for hands-on treatments in individual massage cabins. <http://www.mineralientage.de/wellness-insel.html>

Jewellery/Precious Stones:

Designs in Stone at the Mineral Show

It is dazzling and glamorous in the new GemWorld Munich at the Munich Mineral Show. Renowned engravers and world-famous precious stone designers, including Atelier Munsteiner, are showing their top-carat treasures and artworks from Friday, 30th October (trade visitors' day) to Sunday, 1st November - from the two-dimensional



agate picture to the fascinating crystal sculptures. Only the right cut makes professionally selected precious stones into valuable unique pieces. If you feel inspired by the masters' fascinating works, you can have designs drawn up for your personal, unique piece of jewellery by young, up-and-coming designers and goldsmiths at the SchmuckWerk - perhaps even with a precious stone acquired at Europe's largest mineral trade fair.

<http://www.mineralientage.de/gem-world-munich.html>



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Children/Families:

Amateur Explorers on the Hunt for Natural Treasures

Grinding soapstone or panning gold? Preparing fossils or grinding precious stones? Walking round the Show with your parents or having fun with friends at the crèche. The Munich Mineral Show is offering lots of hands-on fun for the whole family from Friday, 30th October (trade visitors' day) to Sunday, 1st November 2009. Natural treasures in the form of soapstone sculptures, prepared fossils or gold dust are popular



take-home trophies. The special Fossil Park exhibit offers lots of geological knowledge. The new hands-on attractions for 2009 are part of this: fossil splitting with dinosaur expert Ben Pabst and the "Back to the Stone Age" exhibit with Thomas Patzleiner, the famous TV survival trainer.

http://www.mineralientage.de/aktionen_fuer_die_kleinen.html

Alps/Hiking:

Alpine Treasures: From the Mountain to the Display Case

Around 300 of the most beautiful minerals that have been found in the Tyrolean mountains are on display in Munich from Friday, 30th October (trade visitors' day) to Sunday 1st November 2009. Under the motto "from the mountain to the display case",



the Naturmuseum Bolzano is showcasing impressive pieces from different, mainly private, collections. The exhibition forms the centrepiece of the Alpine area at the Munich Mineral Show, Europe's largest mineral trade fair. Collectors of Alpine minerals are swapping news and showing their old and new finds, from the smallest emerald to the largest quartz. Some stones are interchanged with a story on the find location and the circumstances of the owner's find. Also on site: Swiss adventurer Franz von Arx. He discovered several enormous crystals in a cave on the Planggenstock, several of which weigh more than 350 kilograms.

<http://www.mineralientage.de/alpin.html>



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Design/Room Design:

Natural Objects - Artistically Staged

Natural stone as a wall cladding, fossilised wood as a table slab or backlit salt crystal walls - visitors to the Munich Mineral Show from Friday, 30th October (trade visitors' day) to Sunday, 1st November 2009 can be inspired by the diverse uses for beautiful



stones in decorative room design. Painters, illustrators and object artists create and sell stony artworks and interpret the mineral theme on the most exclusive level. At the crèche in Hall A5, even the smallest artists can carve their first artworks from soapstone under supervision.

<http://www.mineralientage.de/kunstwerke.html>

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