

# See the world's largest fossil oyster reef!

The geo-edutainment park “Fossilienwelt Weinviertel” at Stetten in Lower Austria close to Vienna exposes the world's largest fossil oyster reef. About 15.000 up to 80-cm-long shells of the giant oyster *Crassostrea gryphoides* cover a 400 m<sup>2</sup> large area. The densely packed shell bed represents an event layer that had formed about 16.5 million years ago in a tropical estuary.

More than 650 species have been described from that Early Miocene ecosystem, which flourished during the onset of the last global climate maximum, known as the Middle Miocene Climate Optimum.

## Highlights:

- The largest fossil oyster
- The oldest Ganges dolphin
- The largest fossil pearl
- The last alligator in Europe

Free Busshuttle (hop on hop off) starting in front of Austria Center Vienna.  
Reduced entrance (EUR 5.00) to be payed at Fossilienwelt Weinviertel.  
The excursion takes two hours (including one hour round trip).  
[www.fossilienwelt.at](http://www.fossilienwelt.at)

Monday, 28 April: 09:00, 12:00, 15:00

Tuesday, 29 April: 09:00, 12:00, 15:00

Wednesday, 30 April: 09:00, 12:00, 15:00

Thursday, 01 May: 09:00, 12:00, 15:00

Friday, 02 May: 09:00, 12:00, 15:00

