

NEMO SCIENCE MUSEUM

ENGLISH 2 – CHAPTER VI

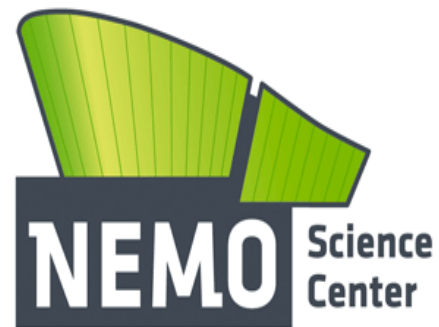
What is NEMO Science Museum?

Largest science museum in Amsterdam's eastern docklands

Visitors can do experiments on scientific and technical developments

Themes: biology, behavioral science, IT, physics, and chemistry

Attracts annually 500,000 visitors



HISTORY

1923 – Labour Museum by Herman Heijenbrock → the root of NEMO

1930s – the Labour Museum couldn't outgrow to be only a personal collection → unable to develop into a national museum

1945-1970 – reconstructions; new board and director (W. Heldoorn) → new name: NINT (Netherlands Institute for Industry and Technology); main focus was to get children excited about working in the industry and technology

1970-1983 - society became critical of technology and industry; NINT placed the emphasis on fun and play as a way of teaching children to technology

HISTORY

1988 – new director Joost Douma; started to attract visitors and financial backers

1997 – new name and new location: Amsterdam's eastern dockland; under the name of newMetropolis; main goal to attract visitors of all ages to learn new skills through games and exhibitions

2000 – new director Michiel Buchel; new name NEMO Science Museum

Today - offers opportunities to learn about science through exhibitions, lectures, events, TV programs

EXTERIOR

Designed by: Renzo Piano

Looks like a huge green ship

Sited on the top of the IJ river car tunnel

4 floors (+ rooftop) with science-themed exhibitions in Dutch with English summaries



INTERIOR

Lobby → small cafeteria and gift shops

First floor → main concepts are DNA and chain reactions; a room with giant dominoes with contraptions like a giant bell and a flying car; large chain reaction circuit

Second floor → ball factory; cafeteria, movie and performance hall where acts and movies about science are shown



INTERIOR

Third floor → huge science lab where ppl can do experiments such as testing a vitamin C in certain substances and looking at DNA; small exhibition about money and business

Fourth floor → focuses on the human mind; memory tests, mind problems and sense testers

Rooftop → cafeteria, playground for children and great view of the city





OPENING HOURS AND PRICES

Opening hours: Tuesday – Sunday (10-17.30)

1 April – 30 August: also open on Mondays

Entry price: 15 euros/person aged 4 and over; children under 4 is free; students get a 50% discounts on the ticket's price

QUESTIONS

What is the name of one of the biggest science centers in the Netherlands?

Which city is the home of the NEMO Science Museum?

Who designed the NEMO Science Museum?

When was the NEMO Science Museum's new building debuted?

How many decks are inside the NEMO Science Museum?

What are the basic principles of natural science that you can find in the NEMO Science Museum?



Thank you
for your
attention!