

# Dinosaur On Tour!

Have you ever visited London? Then you might have seen one of the biggest and most popular members of the Natural History Museum.

Dippy the spectacular Diplodocus skeleton has been at the museum since 1905, but now some other museums around the United Kingdom are going to have a turn to look after him.

The real Diplodocus skeleton was found in America in 1898 and put on display there. King Edward VII saw a drawing of it and he asked to have a model of the skeleton built for the Natural History Museum.

The king's wish eventually came true. The 292 bones arrived in London in 36 packing boxes. It took four months to put the skeleton together and Dippy finally went on show on Friday 12th May, 1905. What an amazing sight he was!



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**It took four months because it was a tricky job because there were 292 different bones that had to be put together like a gigantic jigsaw puzzle.**