



Semper Observatory

In the 1860s, the architect Gottfried Semper designed and built not only the ETH Zurich main building, but also the Swiss Federal Observatory, which stands just a stone's throw away. It is one of the oldest research buildings at ETH Zurich; generations of scientists have glimpsed the vastness of space from here. You'll visit the historical dome from where sunspots were sighted as early as the 19th century and the solar tower, where between 1951 and 1980 astronomers investigated the sun's outer atmosphere and won international renown for the centre. Explore this chapter of scientific history, discover an architectural gem in the heart of Zurich – and reach for the stars!

For individuals

Available public dates are bookable [online](#).

60 minutes: CHF 10 per person

Payment is made directly at the time of booking by credit card or TWINT.

For groups

Groups of 6 to 25 people may request individual dates via this [booking form](#). The lead time is four weeks.

60 minutes: CHF 250 per group / CHF 125 per school class

Payment is made in advance by invoice.

Languages

German, English

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