

The Journey

A journey around the world beginning and ending in Bremerhaven, always following the 8th degree of longitude, is one of the main attractions at the Klimahaus®. Visitors “travel” around the world within an area of 5000 sqm: they pass through a whole range of climate zones and encounter people whose daily lives are profoundly influenced by each prevalent climate. Visitors experience and physically feel the climatic conditions as at original locations. Interactive exhibits help visitors to easily understand even complex interdependencies in the climatic system of the Earth. The settings and geographical impressions are faithful re-creations or artistic inspirations of original locations.

The Elements

Just how complex the climate system of the Earth is and how it basically functions are the focus of the “Elements” area of the exhibition, whereby the title is not to be understood as the scientific term, but serves rather to give general direction and facilitate the approach to a range of phenomena which are interrelated in complex ways. Emphasis is placed on visitors being able to carry out experiments, to influence and experience these phenomena for themselves. More than 100 interactive and illustrative exhibits demonstrate what physical and meteorological principles lie behind the phenomena of weather and climate.

Perspectives

The third major exhibition area leads along the trail of climate change, from natural fluctuations during the course of Earth’s history to changes in the climate caused by man. The “Perspectives” show the work of climate researchers and their findings, but also explain why an accurate evaluation of past and future processes is so difficult to achieve. This section impressively illustrates the developments we must expect in coming years as a result of climate change. This is illustrated, for example, by showing the futures of children the visitors have already come across on the “Journey”.

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Opportunities

Even simple measures help protect the climate – the “Opportunities” area of the exhibition demonstrates this using specific examples and practical experiments. The range extends from action that individuals can take on their own, with interest groups and initiatives, up to high-level climate politics. Visitors can open their personal climate account at the “CO₂ terminal”. A series of specific questions about daily habits enables a computer to calculate not only how many tons of greenhouse gases are caused by such a life-style – the balance also reveals what potential for climate protection there is even in small changes to this daily lifestyle.

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