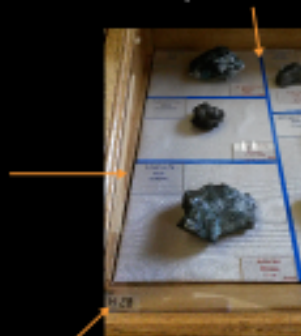


Read the display cases

Blue line
separates mineral species

Top left corner

Name of the mineral
Chemical formula
Crystal system



Bottom left corner of each display case

Display case catalog number

Complete your visit

Don't forget to check :

- Our meteorite collection, room O
- Our synthetic mineral collection, room O
- Our gemstone collection, room L
- The stairs, frescos, fixtures and fittings from the middle of the 19th century



Learn more

Explanatory cards are available in each room. For some minerals, you can download more information using "QR codes".

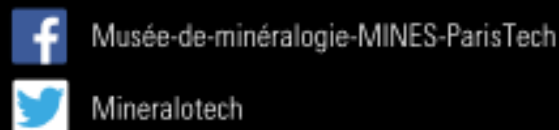


You can access our database through a screen, located in room M.

The book "Curiosités minérales" for sale in the museum.



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MINERALOGY MUSEUM



Visitor's guide

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MINES ParisTech mineralogical museum in a few words

The museum offers a preserved set (architecture, fixtures and fittings) that dates back to the middle of the 19th century.

Over 4,000 specimens, out of an astonishing collection of 100,000 samples, include minerals, rocks, meteorites and gemstones. Some specialists consider it as one of the most exceptional in the world.

Heir to 18th century's 'cabinets of curiosities', the collection aimed to make an inventory of all mineral resources of the world. It has been enriched during more than 250 years by field prospection throughout the globe, donations, purchase of private collections or individual specimens.

Its scientific, historical and patrimonial value is now considerable.

Thus, MINES ParisTech mineralogical museum gives the opportunity to wonder about the beauty and diversity of the world. It also gives an insight about industrial, political, economical and environmental implications of mining activities.

Visitors, this is an invitation to travel through history and time.

Museum floor map

Entrance room (A)

Some outstanding specimens are displayed here.



Entrance/
exit
Stairs

Haüy's room (B)

Five didactic showcases can be found here. They are dedicated to mineralogy and cristallography.



Room F

This room, dedicated to petrography, presents some of the most representative magmatic and metamorphic rocks.



Room G to O

Within these rooms, you will discover the systematic series which is the core of our collection. Minerals are organized chemically, following Strunz classification, from native elements to organic minerals.

Room	Systematic classification	Central display cases
F	Rocks	
G	French minerals / Native elements	Rocks
H	Sulfides	Vivianite / Niari
I	Sulfides / Halides / Oxydes	Provence - Corse / Vosges
J		Alibert's graphite / Alibert's nephrite
K	Oxydes / Carbonates	ABC Mines minerals
L	Carbonates / Borates / Sulfates	Fancy minerals / Baryte
M	Sulfates	Massif Central
N	Phosphates	Alpes
O	Silicates / Organic minerals	