

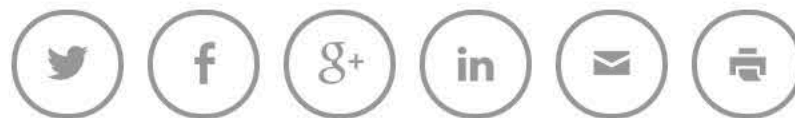


Excited visitors take photos of the 155 million-year-old skeleton of a dinosaur, which is now on display at Dubai Mall. Satish Kumar / The National

Skeleton of 155 million-year-old dinosaur finds new home in Dubai Mall

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DUBAI // The skeleton of a 155 million-year-old dinosaur has been put on permanent display at Dubai Mall.

The fossil, which is 24.4 metres long and 7.6 metres high, was unveiled to visitors on Monday night. Dating from the late Jurassic Period, the dinosaur remains can be seen at the mall's Grand Atrium.

"What you will see is a fossil that is not only 155 million years old but also 90 per cent original, which is very rare," said Mohammed Al Abbar, founding member and chairman of the mall's owners, Emaar, minutes before the giant black curtains surrounding the display were lifted.

Skeleton displays of the dinosaur species known to scientists as *Diplodocus longus* usually only feature 30 per cent of original bones.

The remains of the creature, which has a long tail, a long slender neck and very small head, were discovered in 2008 at the Dana Quarry, in central Wyoming in the United States. It was previously displayed at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and was sourced for Dubai Mall through Khalid Seddiq, the founder of Etihad Modern Art Gallery in Abu Dhabi.

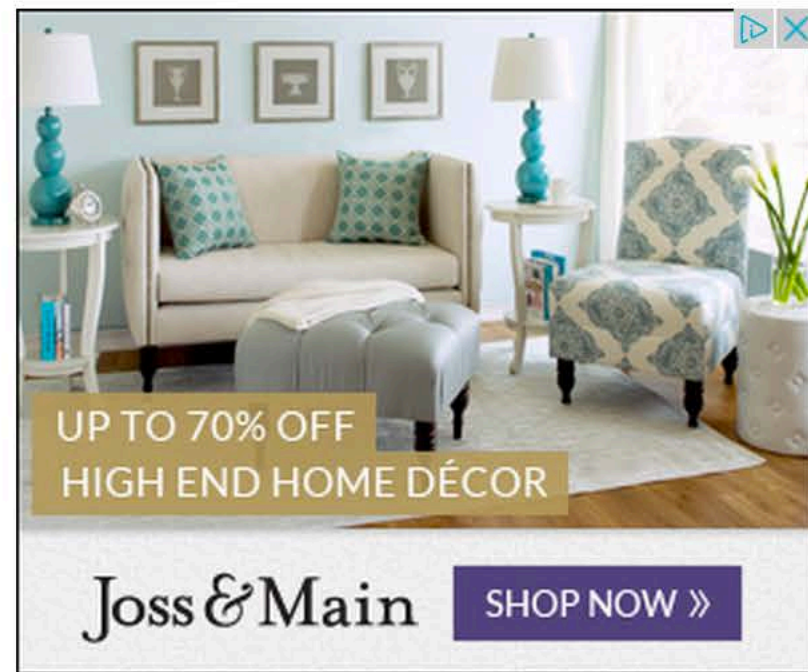
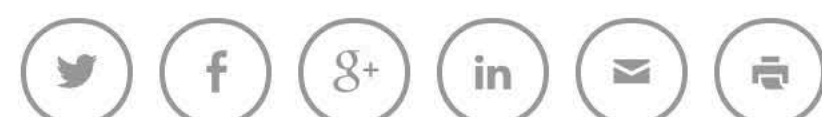
The specimen is that of a female adult and was found in the sleeping position.

The dinosaur's tail bones were injured during its lifetime, which suggests a predator's bite or trauma during a battle.

Visitors will have a chance to view the specimen and receive information from trained staff.

The mall has also launched a [competition](#) to name the dinosaur. The winner of the #NameTMDino competition will get a chance to win a trip for four to Jurassic Park at Universal Studios Orlando, USA.

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