

Museum of Life



Learn about
**THE HISTORY
OF FIOCRUZ**
and its role in Brazilian
health and science.

Worth a Visit

The Moorish-style castle known as the Pavilhão Mourisco is the centerpiece of the tour to the historical complex of Manguinhos, officially protected as part of Brazil's national heritage.

This building, whose construction was based on a plan by Oswaldo Cruz himself, is one of Rio de Janeiro's finest pieces of architecture.

Beyond the Museum

The Museum of Life does not limit its scope to the city of Rio de Janeiro. Traveling exhibits have been a success in a number of state capitals. The virtual museum expands the real museum's reach to all corners of Brazil, conveying information on health, science, and technology in entertaining ways.

As part of its effort to help improve teaching methods in the fields of science and health, the Museum of Life develops introductory and continuing education work for both teachers and students. The Museum is particularly interested in the application of visual language and new technologies in designing informative and pedagogical materials.



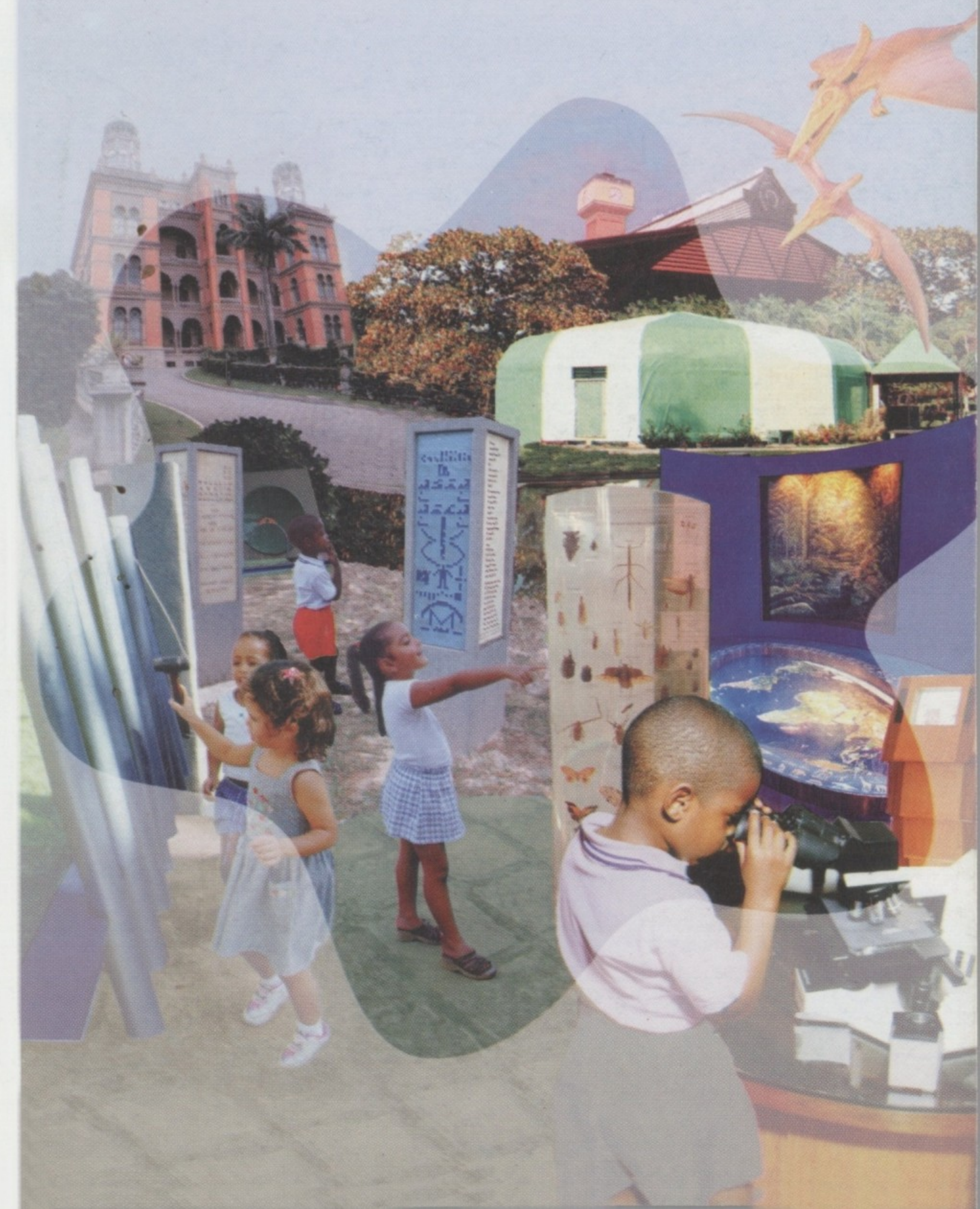
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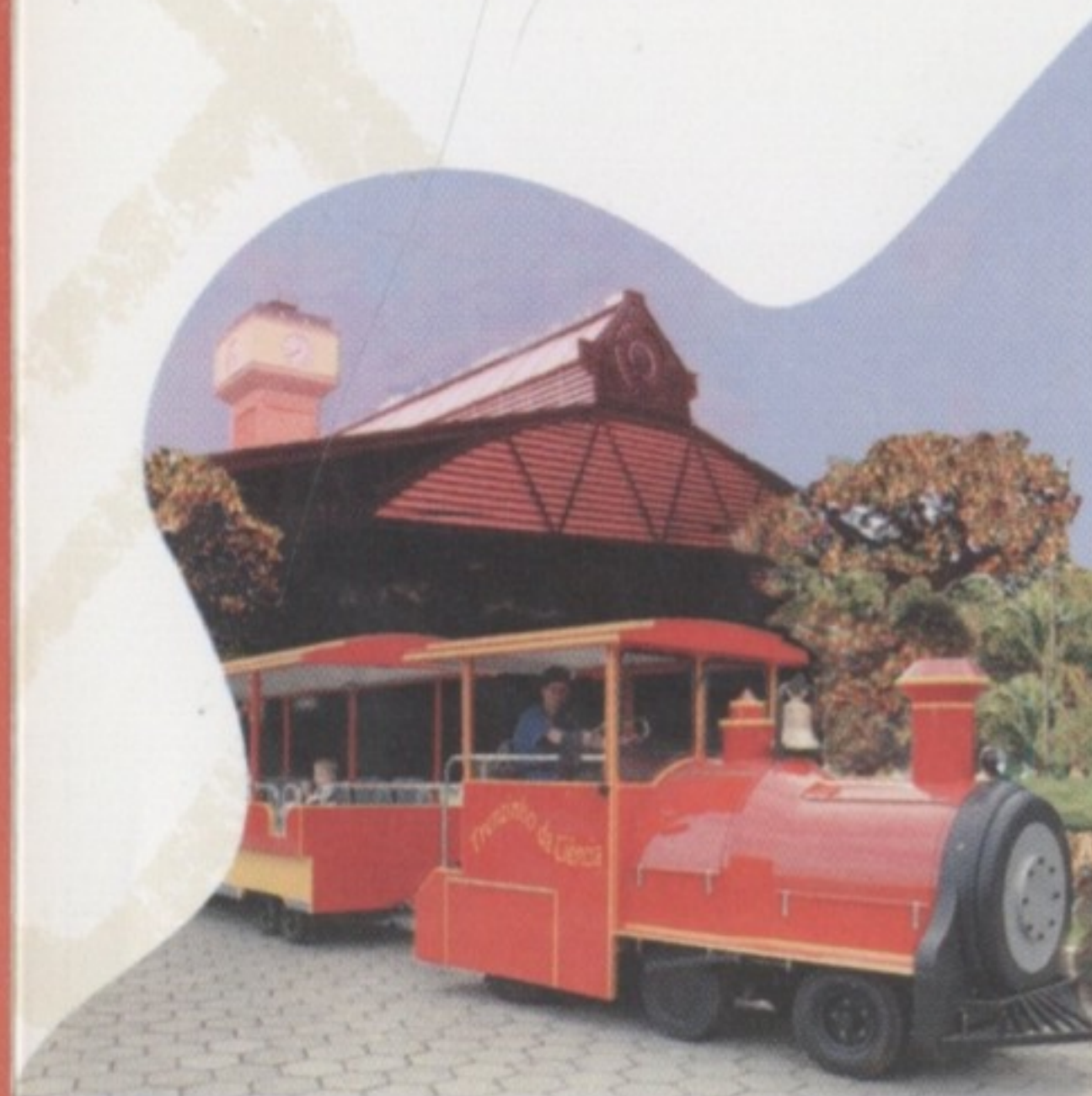
*At the Museum of Life, you're the scientist!
Observe our human efforts to understand the world
and ourselves. Unveil the mysteries of nature.*

To educate and inform about science, health, and technology through enjoyable, creative activities such as permanent exhibits, multimedia and other interactive experiences, theater, videos, and laboratories — this is the goal of the Museum of Life. Bringing together science, culture, and society, this Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz) initiative offers visitors an opportunity to improve their understanding of scientific processes and progress and how science impacts their daily lives. The Museum of Life also endeavors to encourage and develop scientific talents, to establish innovative methods in the field of science education, and to increase public involvement in issues related to science, health, and technology. It is linked to the Casa de Oswaldo Cruz, the unit of Fiocruz' dedicated to research into history, sociology and philosophy of science and public health, teaching, preservation of historical records and the architectural heritage of Manguinhos, cultural promotion and science diffusion and education.

Each stop brings Visitors' Center

a discovery,
a new experience.
The Science Train will carry
you down the road
of knowledge.
Embark on this adventure.

A panel by Brazilian artist Glauco Rodrigues depicting the landmarks of Fiocruz history welcomes visitors to the museum. Here people can use computer terminals to obtain information on current programming at the museum and on Fiocruz itself. They may also take a look at the temporary exhibit room. The Center is the main station for the little Science Train, an entertaining vehicle that transports visitors along the road to discovery.



Biodiscovery Hall

Located in an old stable building that has been declared a national monument, Biodiscovery Hall houses a permanent exhibit on the diversity of life and its cultural and historical aspects. The learning experience includes gazing through microscopes, playing games, and taking part in multimedia and other interactive activities.



At Biodiscovery Hall,
come into contact with the infinite
diversity of life. Watch the animals
or dive into a cell.
Decipher the secrets of living beings.

Science on Stage

Joining art to science helps
stimulate scientific curiosity.
Through theater, videos,
and interactive laboratories,
the public is invited to
discuss perceptions,
emotions, illusions, and
cultural contexts, using
concepts from physics
and neuroscience.



At Science Park,
travel the paths of energy and
communication. Decode the
messages of ancient peoples.
Make waves.

Science and art
blend together at Science on Stage.
See the sound, catch the light,
build up your emotion.
In the world of perception,
journey into illusion.



Science Park

The Park's interactive
open-air modules focus on
the transformation of energy
and its transmission through
many wave types.
Different forms of human
communication are the
theme in the Garden of
Codes. In the game and
experiment hall, visitors can
explore the world of
mathematics, physics,
and biochemistry.