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Dino display

ALPES-DE-HAUTE-PROVENCE, FRANCE

Sprawling landscapes, quaint towns, beautiful waterfalls: Alpes-de-Haute-Provence is known for a lot of things. And now, it's become the proud home of two dinosaur skeletons that represent a first for France. One is closely related to the *T.rex*, and the other is a new species of *Ankylosaurus* (a genus of armoured dinosaur and one of the last non-avian dinosaurs).

They were discovered in 2019 by self-taught French palaeontologist Luc Ebbo, who has hunted fossils from a young age, and are his biggest finds to date. The exhibition has been achieved with the help of a team, including Gabriel Delaroue, a preparer and base setter seen here assembling the pieces of the *Ankylosaurus* for display.


It's the first near-complete example of an *Ankylosaurus* ever to be found in France. Ebbo has retrieved 70 per cent of the skeleton and 95 per cent of the armour.

As for the other skeleton, unearthing a juvenile like the baby *T.rex*, has been unknown in Europe until now. Both will be extensively studied by scientists due to their exceptional preservation.

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