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The Venus of Hohle Fels finds a new home

Sensational find by Tübingen University archaeologists how housed in new-look museum

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The world's oldest know representation of the human form has gone on display at the overhauled and newly reopened museum in the town of Blaubeuren, southwest Germany. The up to 40,000 year old Venus of Hohle Fels, an Ice Age figurine of mammoth ivory, has moved down from the Hohle Fels cave where she was found to the Urgeschichtliches Museum Blaubeuren (urmu) in the town below. The 6cm figurine created a sensation when reconstructed from fragments found by University of Tübingen archaeologists and presented to the world in 2009.

The Museum also contains other important works of Ice Age art from the region, including flutes made from bird bones, ivory figurines of animals, and a phallus. The Museum aims to help visitors understand what life was like in the Ice Age.

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The Venus of Hohle Fels. Photo: H. Jensen, University of Tübingen

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