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Velociraptor skeleton

Velociraptor is a [genus](#) of small [dinosaurs](#) that lived in Asia during the [Late Cretaceous](#) epoch. It was about 1.5 to 2.07 m (4.9 to 6.8 ft) long with a body mass around 14.1 to 19.7 kg (31 to 43 lb). *Velociraptor* was a bipedal [carnivore](#) with [feathers](#), a long tail, and an enlarged sickle-shaped claw on each hindfoot; these claws are thought to have been used to tackle and restrain prey. It is distinguished from other [dromaeosaurids](#) by its long and low [skull](#), with an upturned snout. One of the dinosaur genera most familiar to the general public (due to its prominent role in the *Jurassic Park* films), in actuality it was roughly the size of a turkey, considerably smaller than its depictions in novels and films. It is well known to [paleontologists](#), with more than a dozen described fossil skeletons. [One dramatic specimen](#) preserves a *Velociraptor* locked in combat with a *Protoceratops*. ([Full article...](#))

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On this day

October 30: Mischief Night

- 1938** – [CBS Radio](#) broadcast the [radio drama](#) ***The War of the Worlds***, causing panic among some listeners who believed that an actual Martian invasion was in progress.
- 1948** – A [luzzu](#) fishing boat overloaded with passengers **capsized and sank** in the [Gozo Channel](#) off [Qala](#), [Gozo](#), [Malta](#), killing 23 of the 27 people on board (*monument pictured*).
- 1991** – The **Madrid Conference**, an attempt by the international community to revive the [Israeli–Palestinian peace process](#) through negotiations, convened.
- 1993** – **The Troubles**: Three members of the [Ulster Defence Association](#) **opened fire** in a crowded pub during a Halloween party, killing eight people and wounding nineteen others.
- 2002** – [Warren Zevon](#) made his **last public appearance** on the *[Late Show with David Letterman](#)*, giving the advice to "enjoy every sandwich".



Monument to the Gozo luzzu disaster

Miloš Trifunović (b. 1871) · **Dave Gallaher** (b. 1873) · **Gustav Ludwig Hertz** (d. 1975) · **Jam Master Jay** (d. 2002)

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Twenty sculptures were erected in [Istanbul](#) in 1973 and 1974 to commemorate the fiftieth [anniversary of the establishment of Republic of Turkey](#) on 29 October 1973. The theme of the sculptures was open; the sculptors were not only allowed but encouraged to freely express their own characteristic styles. This was a unique event in the history of [modern](#) Turkish sculpture, which had until then mostly only seen commissions for



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Fumarole minerals are minerals that are deposited by **fumarole** exhalations. They form when gases and compounds desublimite or precipitate out of condensates, forming mineral deposits. They are mostly associated with volcanoes (as volcanic sublimate or fumarolic sublimate), following **deposition** from volcanic gas during an eruption or discharge from a volcanic vent or fumarole, but have been encountered on **burning coal deposits** as well. They can be black or multicoloured and are often unstable upon exposure to the atmosphere. This fumarole formation, formed of **acicular** crystals of tazieffite (black), was photographed at **Mutnovsky**, a volcano on the **Kamchatka Peninsula** in Russia.

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