

Carnotaurus

# 21 Cool Facts you never knew about the Carnotaurus!



1. Carnotaurus was a large, meat-eating dinosaur that lived during the Late Cretaceous period, about 71- 69 million years ago.
2. It was first discovered in South America in 1984, and was named in 1985 by Jose Bonaparte
3. Carnotaurus has a cool name and its easy to see why it was chosen. Its name means "Meat Eating Bull."
4. Carnotaurus was between 24 and 26 feet long, (8 meters) and weighed between 1 and 2 tons. (2-4000 lbs.)
5. Carnotaurus had horns. These horns were cone shaped and about 6 inches long, just above its eyes.
6. Carnotaurus had 32 teeth on its top jaw and 30 on its bottom jaw
7. Carnotaurus had a good sense of smell,

8. Carnotaurus was a fast runner, and could reach speeds of up to 35 miles per hour. (48 -56 kph)
9. Carnotaurus had really small arms, about 1.6 feet long. Smaller even, compared to size, than the Tyrannosaurus rex.
10. its skull, only one skeleton has been found, was 60 cm long ( 23.5 inches).
11. Its skin was covered in small, pebble-like scales
12. there is no evidence that Carnotaurus had feathers
13. Its bite force was not as strong as other large carnivorous dinosaurs, but still strong. it was about 6000 lbs.
14. Although Giganotosaurus lived in a similar area to Carnotaurus it lived 30 million years before
15. Its extinction was probably due a massive asteroid impact 66 million years ago. And the climate change following the impact.

16. Scientists don't think they could use their horns to fight like bulls. They would not run and hit each other.
17. Its small arms were probably not very useful for hunting or fighting, in fact scientists have said that these arms are "vestigial" this means that over a long time they got smaller and smaller till they were no use
18. Humans have parts of them that are vestigial as well! Did you know you have a "vestigial" tail! right at the bottom of your back bone.
19. Carnotaurus horns were 6 inches long.
20. there are other members in its family that include Majungasaurus and Aucasaurus
21. Carnotaurus is one of the easier dinosaur names to say. it is said like this. Car-nuh-Tore-Rus

