

PREMIERE TOURS

BIRDS

Fridays

12:30-1:30 PM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of the Fisher Bird Garden and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of ONE of the following areas.

- * Cassowary
- * Lorikeets
- * White-bellied go-away bird (also includes photo opportunity)

Your experience will include an opportunity to meet and feed our double-wattled cassowary or lorikeets in their back-of-house exhibit areas or the chance to hold our white-bellied go-away bird and snap a souvenir photo to take home. The specific back of house animal area you visit on your tour will be determined by the animal care team.

Important Tour Information

- Tour meets at Sarofim Court.
- This is a guided walking tour; guests will not board a tram or other vehicle.
- Tour is for guests ages 8 and older only. A ratio of 1 adult for every 2 children is required.
- Non-members must purchase admission tickets in order to participate. Admission tickets may be purchased on the day of your visit at the Zoo's main entrance.
- Reservations are required. Online registration closes at midnight the day before the tour or when the maximum capacity of 6 persons is reached.
- Cancellations must be made 7 days in advance or payment will be forfeited. All cancellations must be made in writing and sent to tours@houstonzoo.org.

CHILDREN'S ZOO

Fridays

2:30-3:30 PM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of the Children's Zoo and a 30-minute feeding opportunity in the coastal exhibit area of the Children's Zoo. Your experience will include assisting the keeper in feeding the Zoo's pelicans and **may** include an opportunity to assist the keeper feed the river otters and observe the feeding of alligator snapping turtles.

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HOOFED STOCK

Wednesdays

1:00-2:00 PM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of the Zoo's hoofed stock collection and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of ONE of the following areas.

- * Bongo
- * Okapi
- * Babirusa

Your experience will include an insider's view of a back-of-house hoofstock barn, an opportunity to touch an animal, and **may** include a feeding opportunity. The specific back of house animal area you visit on your tour will be determined by the animal care team.

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NATURAL ENCOUNTERS

Tuesdays

1:00-2:00 PM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of the exhibits inside Natural Encounters and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the exhibits for our animal ambassadors residing in Natural Encounters, including an up-close and personal animal experience with one of these animal ambassadors. Your experience **may** include a touching experience, photo opportunity, or demonstration of husbandry behaviors.

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NATURAL ENCOUNTERS AQUATIC EXHIBITS

Sundays

10:00-11:00 AM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of Natural Encounters aquatic exhibits and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the Natural Encounters Coral Reef and River's Edge exhibits, including a feeding opportunity with the Zoo's piranhas.

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PRIMATES

Tuesdays

12:30-1:30 PM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour through Wortham World of Primates and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of ONE of the following areas.

- * Chimpanzees
- * Gibbons
- * Guenons
- * Mandrills
- * Orangutans
- * Sifakas

Learn what it takes to care for some of the most intelligent animals at the Houston Zoo, including a peek into the night house(s) and keeper areas where you'll see primates up-close and get the scoop on their behavior and personalities. The specific back of house animal area you visit on your tour will be determined by the animal care team.

Important Tour Information

- For this tour, please wear closed-toe shoes (no sandals or high heels).
- For your health and safety, we will ask that all guests put on a face mask that we will provide while touring in any primate (monkey and ape) area. This keeps our primates and visitors safe from any colds and germs or, in the case of the orangutans or chimpanzees, the very remote possibility that they may spit or throw things. For this reason, it is recommended that casual and easily cleaned clothes be worn for your tour.
- For the safety of our animals, if you are ill or feeling unwell on the day of your tour, we ask that you refrain from attending this tour. Please contact the Education Department at 713-533-6739 to make the appropriate arrangements in the event of illness.
- Tour meets at Sarofim Court.

- This is a guided walking tour; guests will not board a tram or other vehicle.
- Tour is for guests ages 12 and older only. A ratio of 1 adult for every 2 children is required.
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RED PANDA

Mondays

1:00-2:00 PM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of Red Panda and Natural Encounters exhibits and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the Red Panda exhibit, including a feeding opportunity with one of the Zoo's red pandas.

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REPTILES

Saturdays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 9:30-10:30 AM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of the Reptile House and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the Reptile House, including an up-close and personal animal experience with one of the Zoo's reptiles. Discover the world of herpetology from diets, the dangers of venomous snakes, and the stories of our specific individuals that live behind-the-scenes at the Reptile House. Your experience **may** include a touching experience, photo opportunity or observation of a feeding.

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TROPICAL BIRD HOUSE

Saturdays

8:30-9:30 AM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of the Birds of the World exhibits and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the Tropical Bird House, including a feeding opportunity in the open-air tropical rainforest exhibit. Get an up-close glimpse of the inhabitants of this aviary before it opens to the public as you experience prime bird watching and photo opportunities.

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