

Guided tours for groups

Zoo Zurich and its animals transmit the diversity, beauty and fragility of nature. During our guided tours, the animals are always at the centre of attention, as they are the connection between man and nature and allow a better understanding of ecological relations. Our guides will transform your visit of the zoo into an exciting expedition:

General information

Guided tours for groups we offer daily as follows:

March until October: 09.00 – 20.00h (Masoala 10.00 – 19.00h)
November until February: 09.00 – 19.00h (Masoala 10.00 – 18.00h)

On Sundays only in the morning and after the zoo is closed.

Guided tours on our adventure trails in the Masoala Rainforest we only offer from March until October and after the zoo is closed.

Guided tours of the zoo

Our guides can guarantee an exciting tour through the zoo. You will observe different species of animals and receive well-founded information and insights into the zoo's tasks. Our guides are flexible with respect to the tours that can be organized; this means, the itinerary can be adapted to daily activities and exciting news such as the arrival of a new-born animal. The guides will give you competent answers to your questions.

Topical guided tours

During these guided tours we are able to take your wishes into consideration. You decide what the main theme of the tour should be. This may be a particular animal species or a habitat you would like to know more about.

- ▶ **„Evolution – Following the tracks of Charles Darwin“:** How does evolution work? Where do we stand today? The guided tour through the Zurich Zoo explains the process of evolution in a colourful way. On the tour you will visit animals which already enchanted Charles Darwin, and you will get to know fascinating details about his biography. The tour ends in the recently opened exhibition "Evolution - How Fish Became Bird" which is situated in the animal house of the Galapagos giant tortoises.
- ▶ **“Elephants – Prospect to their new home“:** As their present home is getting too small for the elephants the Zurich Zoo will build a new Elephant Park for them which is planned to be opened in 2012. The guided tour contains fascinating information about the Asian elephants, the new Elephant Park and also the nature conservation project in Thailand supported by the Zurich Zoo.
- ▶ **„Research in the Zurich Zoo“:** The Zurich Zoo does research in collaboration with various institutions. One of the many subjects of research for example is the impact the way of feeding has on the behaviour of the cats in the zoo. The guided tour presents several research topics.
- ▶ **„Presentation of animals in the Zoo“:** What are the critical characteristics of an enclosure (size, setup) in order for the animal to show its natural behaviour? What is the best food? The guided tour offers the possibility to observe various animals in their enclosures and explains their different needs.
- ▶ **„Popular mistakes about animals“:** We try to look into worldwide popular knowledge about the animal world.

- ▶ **„Eat and being eaten“:** We study the tools with which the animals eat and in which form the zoo animals receive their food.
- ▶ **„Communication in the animal world“:** How do animals exchange information? Communication for seeking a partner, communication between a mother and her babies, warning and camouflage.
- ▶ **„Homosexuality in the animal world“:** We investigate in what ways this proves right for animals.
- ▶ **„Visit the zoo with all your senses“:** for groups of blind as well as seeing people: with our senses and a lot of illustrative material we will discover animals from different perspectives.
Advise: maximum group size 15 participants; duration 1,5h.

Masoala Rainforest

Through the Masoala Rainforest, Zurich Zoo acts as an ambassador for the protection of a fascinating plant and animal world. It is also a direct link to this endangered paradise of great biodiversity. On the Masoala tour you will dive into the rainforest and receive a more in depth knowledge of the zoo's Masoala project.

Guided tours for adults and children

Our product for families and companies with children and adults. You go for a hunt through the zoo all together. Try to allocate animal skins with the right animal, make a contest in long jumping with animal rivalry. An active get-together stays in front of this guided tour.

Prices & Information

Package price for a guided tour (max 20 persons) for 1 hour: Fr. 560.00;
for any additional person Fr. 28.00/ Fr. 18.00 per child.

Package price for a guided tour (max 20 persons) for 90 Min.: Fr. 640.00;
for any additional person Fr. 32.00/Fr. 22.00 per child.

Package price for a guided tour (max 20 persons) for 2 hours : Fr. 720.00;
for any additional person Fr. 36.00/ Fr. 26.00 per child.

The entrance fee is included. The maximum number of participants per guide is 25. For additional guides we charge Fr. 120.00 per hour. Free tickets and annual subscriptions are not legal.

Languages

Our guided tours can be held in the following languages: German, English, French and Italian. Please inform us at the moment of your booking if you wish the tour to be held in a language other than German.

Booking of guided tours

We are looking forward to hearing from you! Please pre-book your guided tour at least 2 weeks before.
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