

## ABOUT SINGAPORE ZOO

Set in a rainforest environment, Singapore Zoo's world-famous "Open Concept" offers the opportunity to experience and be inspired by the wonders of nature. Home to more than 2,400 specimens of over 300 species, 34 per cent of which are threatened, the Zoo has attained a strong reputation internationally for its conservation initiatives and breeding programmes. To better meet the healthcare needs of its animals and working towards its aspiration to become a leading global centre of excellence for veterinary healthcare and research, a purpose-built Wildlife Healthcare and Research Centre was set up in March 2006. Annually, approximately 1.9 million visitors enjoy experiential learning journeys at the 26-hectare award-winning Zoo. Singapore Zoo is part of Wildlife Reserves Singapore. The Zoo is a designated rescued wildlife centre by the governing authority.

### Highlights

Singapore Zoo boasts the world's first free-ranging orangutan habitat in a zoo. This environment showcases the charismatic apes, which are the Zoo's flagship species, in natural surroundings. Guests also get a vantage point along a raised boardwalk, and see Singapore Zoo icon Ah Meng swinging among the treetops.

Other not-to-be missed highlights include Fragile Forest and Elephants of Asia, both of which offer educational elements such as interpretive signages and discovery stations. The Great Rift Valley of Ethiopia is another fascinating area to be discovered where guests are immersed in habitats representing the respective geographical region.

Another significant breakthrough was the opening of the Wildlife Healthcare and Research Centre in March 2006. The \$3.6 million facility includes a viewing gallery that allows visitors to observe the animal surgery and treatment areas and interactive displays that will educate visitors on the work of zoo vets.

### Conservation

Singapore Zoo continues to contribute to the global conservation effort with its captive breeding programmes of endangered animals. In 2015, the Zoo bred over 190 animals, many of them endangered or threatened in the wild.

### Education

As part of its efforts to transform itself from an Open Zoo to a Learning Zoo, Singapore Zoo also has a myriad of educational programmes that cater to both local and overseas student groups of between 30 to 200 persons. These range from day and night camps, behind-the-scenes and specially guided tours, workshops to wildlife publications. In addition, worksheets are also distributed to students to further enrich them when they visit the Zoo on school trips.

### Dining

A popular treat for most visitors to Singapore Zoo is *Jungle Breakfast with Wildlife*. This programme allows guests to dine whilst enjoying the company of the Zoo's icons—the orangutans. Other food outlets available include *Ah Meng Kitchen*, *Ah Meng Restaurant*, *Ah Meng Bistro*, *Ben & Jerry's*, *Chawang Bistro*, *Inuka Café*, *KFC* and *The Wild Deli*.

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