



# Zoo Overview

## Media Kit



Australia Zoo - the home of the Crocodile Hunter - is still thriving and offering visitors the same extreme wildlife experience that Steve founded with Terri in the 1990's.

Steve and Terri Irwin's vision has always been to make Australia Zoo the biggest and best wildlife conservation facility in the entire world, and there is no other zoo like Australia Zoo.

The friendly and experienced zoo keepers will expand your knowledge and passion, and the drop-dead gorgeous animals love to get up close and personal with everyone! There is always something new to see or do, with a multi-million dollar expansion currently in progress.

With over one thousand native and exotic animals, a line up of interactive animal encounters, an action-packed 24-hour wildlife hospital and one amazingly adventurous Zoo crew, there is never a dull moment at Australia Zoo. If you've ever wanted to hand-feed an Asian Elephant (for FREE!), cuddle a koala, walk alongside a cheeky cheetah, get up close to a gorgeous lemur, wrap a Burmese Python around your shoulders or waddle with a wombat, then Australia Zoo is your ultimate destination.

There are stacks of wildlife action every day and plenty of exciting wildlife shows. Get your adrenalin pumping when you watch a massive Saltwater Crocodile launch a strike in the 5,000 seat Crocoseum and catch the thrilling free flight birds as they fly right over your head in this amazing stadium. Other daily shows include the cheeky Asian otters, the cuddly koalas, snakes, and we can't forget the playful tigers who love to stalk their handlers and go for a swim in the magnificent Tiger Temple.

Set over seventy acres, Australia Zoo is a tropical oasis amid beautiful natural bush land situated on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. As well as the lush greenery and well-maintained gardens, the most striking attributes of Australia Zoo are the adventurous, spacious and artistic enclosure designs seen throughout.

The Tiger Temple, built to resemble the famous Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia, is a work of art as well as an architectural first - Tiger Temple boasts the southern hemisphere's only underwater viewing of tigers. Relax as you stroll through the gorgeous rainforest aviary and try to spot over 150 rainforest birds, or have a picnic with friendly kangaroos, amongst the shady macadamia and avocado trees.

Check out Elefantasia - a 12 acre, one-of-a-kind elephant paradise, which is the largest Asian Elephant facility in the Southern Hemisphere. The three big beautiful girls, Bimbo, Siam and Sabu, don their trunks to go for a swim in the massive pool, complete with waterfall. You can meet the girls when you hand feed them for free, or try a Gorgeous Elephant Encounter, and get up close and personal!

Speaking of getting up close and personal - come face-to-face with a two-tonne rhino in a Ripper Rhino Encounter! Scratch and pat our White Rhinoceros in the off-display paddocks, and chat to the keepers to learn all about this awesome endangered species.

If something small and fluffy is more your thing, have a go at a Leapin' Lemur Encounter and meet our gorgeous troop

of Ring-tailed Lemurs, or meet our cute Red Panda boys - they'll come down from the trees to greet you, and eat right out of your hand!

Australia Zoo offers a range of tours from two-hour safari tours to exclusive platinum day tours which is a 5-star package - the ultimate wildlife adventure. Australia Zoo is the only place in the world where you can experience this kind of incredible VIP day, full of wildlife action and adventure.

Australia's premier wildlife attraction keeps getting bigger and better as Australia Zoo expands its existing site to create Steve's dream of a stand alone worldwide tourist destination right here in Beerwah on the Sunshine Coast over the next five years.

Australia Zoo was recently named Major Tourist Attraction at the Queensland Tourism Award for the third year running, and was inducted into the Queensland Tourism Hall of Fame! Australia Zoo was also named Major Tourist Attraction at the Australian Tourism Awards in 2008.

With conservation projects on-going and the expansion plans going full steam ahead, Australia Zoo is keeping Steve's dreams and legacy alive.