

SANTA BARBARA ZOO

Are you curious what it's like to feed a penguin, walk with flamingos, or check out the Zoo's veterinary clinic? Check out the Santa Barbara Zoo's behind-the-scenes animal experiences and encounters where you'll meet and greet the animals, visit behind-the-scenes areas not accessible to the general public, and hang out with our incredible animal caregivers.

ENCOUNTERS

A Zoo animal will be brought out to your group, allowing a greater number of guests to enjoy the experience. Each encounter last approximately 15 minutes. Pricing does not include Zoo admission.



Tortoise

Get up close to one of the Zoo's animal ambassador tortoises and learn about the natural history of these intelligent reptiles.

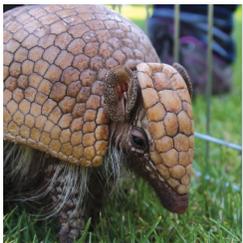
Max Guests: none **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$200



Indian Crested Porcupine

This charismatic mammal mingles with your group while zookeepers talk about porcupine natural history and behavior training.

Max Guests: none **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$400



Armadillo

Learn about the adorable three-banded armadillo. Enjoy a meet and greet as this fun and active little guy spends time outside his exhibit hanging out with your group.

Max Guests: 8 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$300



Opossum

Meet the opossum up close and learn all about North America's only marsupial.

Max Guests: none **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$400



Bird

Get up close to your choice of a red-tailed hawk, tawny frogmouth, macaw, or cockatoo and discover what makes that bird so special.

Max Guests: none **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$300



Navajo-Churro Sheep

The trained animal ambassador sheep will make her way out of barnyard to your group while zookeepers talk about the history of this species.

Max Guests: none **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$400

EXPERIENCES

Each experience lasts up to 25 minutes and allows your group to learn about animal care at the Santa Barbara Zoo. You'll also get a close-up view of some of the other animals along the way. Pricing includes Zoo admission.



Eeww!

Go behind the scenes for an up-close experience with slithery, slimy, and crawly reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.

Max Guests: 6 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$350



Radiated Tortoise

Get up close to a critically endangered radiated tortoise for a meet-and-greet inside the enclosure.

Max Guests: 3 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$300



Sulcata Tortoise

Experience these giants up close and learn how zookeepers care for and train the world's third largest tortoise species.

Max Guests: 5 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$350



Humboldt Penguin Fish Toss

Join a penguin keeper to learn about the Zoo's active Humboldt penguin colony, and toss the penguins a tasty fishy snack.

Max Guests: 10 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$400



Flamingle

A truly unique experience: get eye level with Chilean flamingos. These pink beauties will cruise out of their enclosure and mingle with your group while you enjoy learning about them from their keepers.

Max Guests: 10 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$500



California Condor Feeding

Learn about their conservation success story and what makes these big birds so special. You can help the keepers feed these carnivores, but be warned that they love uncooked meat items (aka carcasses).

Max Guests: 6 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$250



Masai Giraffe*

Step into the giraffe barn where you'll learn all about the care and training the Zoo's giraffe herd receives.

Max Guests: 6 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$600



Western Lowland Gorilla

Your up-close experience includes viewing a keeper training session as the gorilla keeper shows off how she cares and interacts with these intelligent apes.

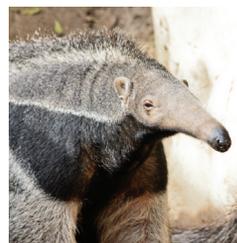
Max Guests: 6 **Ages:** 6+ **Cost:** \$600



Island Fox

Enter the foxes' behind-the-scenes space and have some one-on-one time with these adorable canids!

Max Guests: 4 **Ages:** 6+ **Cost:** \$400



Giant Anteater

Experience what it's like to be face to face with a giant anteater and learn what makes these animals so special.

Max Guests: 4 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$400

EXPERIENCES



Animal Kitchen Tour**

Learn what diet management looks like for the 500+ animals at the Zoo, and see where all the food preparation takes place.

Max Guests: 10 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$200



Veterinary Clinic Tour**

Learn what it takes to provide medical care to exotic animals and see where the animals receive their exams and medical treatments.

Max Guests: 10 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$200



Crested Porcupine, Behind the Scenes

This charismatic mammal mingles with your group while zookeepers talk about porcupine natural history and behavior training.

Max Guests: 4 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$400



Barnyard

Get up close with the Zoo's barnyard animals and learn how zookeepers care for and train them. Includes Guinea Hogs, Najavo-Churro Sheep, San Clemente Island Goats, and rabbits

Max Guests: 6 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$300



Capybara

Get up close to the world's largest rodents when you enter their behind-the-scenes area.

Max Guests: 4 **Ages:** 6+ **Cost:** \$400



Asian Small Clawed Otter, Behind the Scenes

Get close to the Zoo's otters family while their keeper tells you all about these adorable and playful creatures.

Max Guests: 4 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$400



Amur Leopard, Training Wall

Experience the thrill of being up close to these beautiful cats and learn all about leopards as you watch their keeper train them.

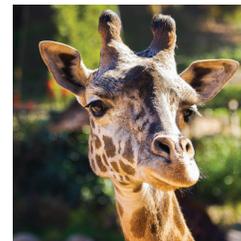
Max Guests: 6 **Ages:** 6+ **Cost:** \$500



African Lion, Training Wall

Learn all about lion training and care from the keeper as you watch a lion training session take place just a short distance from you.

Max Guests: 6 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$400



Meerkat/Masai Giraffe Combo

Watch the silly antics of the meerkat mob then turn your attention to the graceful giraffe herd.

Max Guests: 4 **Ages:** all **Cost:** \$900

* Possible feeding opportunity

** Highly dependent on staff availability