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ZOO MIAMI EXHIBITS

AMAZON & BEYOND

The 27-acre **Amazon and Beyond** exhibit showcases Tropical American animals such as jaguars, the largest cats in the western hemisphere; giant river otters, which can grow up to six feet long; anacondas, the mightiest snakes on earth; and harpy eagles with talons the size of grizzly bear claws. A 48,000-gallon aquarium gives visitors the feeling of being in the Amazon as the water rises above head level. Surrounded by the Village Plaza, there are three areas: the Cloud Forest, Amazon Forest, and Atlantic Forest that house more than 600 animals from the region. Throughout the forests, children can have fun in animal-inspired playgrounds and the Fiesta Children's Fountain, a fun area that shoots out water from a motion-sensor grid. A concession area serves up cold drinks and snacks for patrons' convenience.

ASIA

The **Asian River Life** exhibit invites the visitor to walk among cooling waterfalls, tropical mists and the exotic sounds of wild Asia to encounter the small-clawed river otters and clouded leopards. The **Falcon Batchelor Komodo Dragon Encounter** houses the largest, most powerful lizards on earth from the island of Komodo. These ancient beasts, the national treasure of Indonesia, reach nearly 10 feet in length and weigh up to 300 pounds. Among the spectacular temple ruins of Angkor Wat from Cambodia prowls the powerful, majestic Sumatran tiger. The **Kaziranga Camp Rhino Encounter** allows visitors to feed endangered greater one-horned Indian rhinos.

THE AMERICAN BANKERS FAMILY AVIARY, *WINGS OF ASIA*

The American Bankers Family Aviary, Wings of Asia, the largest Asian-themed aviary in the Western hemisphere houses more than 400 birds exotic, rare and endangered Asian birds representing about 85 species, including brilliantly colored pheasants, hornbills and pigeons, who show off their shimmering, iridescent plumage in a large, lush, free-flight enclosure that provides the birds unencumbered flight. Tiny and large birds swoop overhead, perch on branches and even strut and stroll right by the visitor. Aquatic birds can be observed swimming above and below water from the air-conditioned **Observation Center**, and from behind two waterfalls from the **Potamkin Conservation Center**. The air is alive with beautiful bird songs, trickling brooks and five waterfalls.

AFRICA

Embark upon an African safari to observe pygmy hippos, giant eland, and greater kudu. Reticulated giraffes, zebras and gazelles graze together on the African Plains. See the most beautiful eyelashes in nature up close while hand-feeding the giraffes at the **Samburu Giraffe Feeding Station**. Experience the forests of the Dark Continent as you encounter the family life of the powerful lowland gorillas and the chimpanzees. Many other fascinating animals are to be

discovered in Africa, including the critically endangered black rhinoceros, whimsical wart hogs, African wild dogs, okapi, and the threatened elephants.

AUSTRALIA
An international safari is not complete without a trip Down Under. Meet a wombat, Matschie's tree kangaroos, cassowaries and koalas. Visitors will also enjoy hand-feeding lorikeets at **Wings Down Under: A Parrot Feeding Adventure**.

CONSERVATION ACTION CENTER
Opened in January 2021, the Conservation Action Center is an indoor interactive exhibit that highlights the local and global conservation programs that Zoo Miami participates in. Visitors can learn what they have in common with a polar bear and crawl through a larger-than-life python while learning about the impacts of invasive species. They can see how fast they can scoop the "poop" into compost bins and whack out environmental threats in "Habitat Whack a Mole." They can explore the shared habitat house to see how everyday actions at home impact the ecosystem around them. Finally, they can experience how environments come to life as they pledge to act on behalf of wildlife.

CRITTER CONNECTION
The Critter Connection is home to South African meerkats. Visitors can get a fun-filled, close-up view as these animals dig their tunnels, stand sentry and frolic together. Kids of all ages enjoy the Wildlife Conservation Carousel with 30 handcrafted replicas of endangered animals. Animal encounters in the theater feature local and exotic wildlife. The Wacky Barn allows guests to pet sheep, miniature horses, goats and many more farm animals. The **Miami Ice** shop gives guests the option to choose from more than 20 ICEE flavors to cool off. The newest addition, **Miami BGR** serves specialty cheeseburgers, hot dogs and chicken tenders.

PLAYWORLD PLAYGROUND
The recreational area features "wet" and "dry" playgrounds for kids to enjoy: ***Jungle Journey*** and ***Ocean Voyage***. With over 1.5 acres of play and picnic space, kids ages 12 and under have plenty of room to explore the splashing water features and jungle gym while parents supervise in comfortable shaded seating. In the ***Jungle Journey*** playground, children have 11 play features to help them create their own adventures. While the jungle gym could keep them busy for a while, kids can find themselves making their way past a wobbly bridge, through a hollow log and escaping life-size gorilla and hippo figures. Their imaginations may take them on a wild journey, but kids remain safe on spongy floors as they bounce around the playground. After their jungle adventure, kids can cool down by splashing through spouting blow holes and overflowing buckets of water in the ***Ocean Voyage*** playground. This water-themed area includes 28 features that are guaranteed to get kids dripping wet. It would be hard to stay dry around water shooting cannons, a whale tail waterfall, and touch-activated rods spraying water. The ocean theme comes to life with shells and glossy starfish on the floor as guests walk in.

FLORIDA: MISSION EVERGLADES
Zoo Miami's **Florida: Mission Everglades** exhibit showcases some of our state's most amazing and treasured natural wonders. Signature Florida species represented will include the Florida panther, bald eagles, herons, pelicans, black bear, crocodiles, and alligators. **Florida: Mission Everglades** celebrate our state's incredible diversity and the zoo's unique ability to deliver an unparalleled experience. This exhibit showcases our commitment to wildlife conservation and

our belief that one of the greatest legacies we can leave future generations is the opportunity to experience nature as close to its original pristine state as possible.

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