



get wild

ON VACATION!

Sometimes it's the simple things that visitors remember the most! Although Florida attracts thousands of travelers through its theme park gates, it's the area zoos and aquariums that are the main attraction!

oldest zoological attraction

[St. Augustine] **Alligator Farm & Zoological Park** was founded in 1893, and is one of Florida's oldest zoological attractions. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the zoo has entertained millions of visitors for more than a century, lured by the awesome presence of captive reptiles, long regarded in the popular imagination as once mysterious, dangerous and frightening. The zoo features all 23 species of the worlds' crocodilians.
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watch sharks being fed

[Fort Walton Beach] **Florida Gulfarium** - The Gulfarium's three live marine shows begin with the top deck Dolphin Show, featuring trained Bottlenose Dolphins performing in the main tank. The show is followed by the Sea Lion Show

as they entertain guests of all ages. Rounding out the program is the MSP Show, highlighted by Bottlenose Dolphins and California Sea Lions performing side-by-side. The other great attractions at Florida's Gulfarium are the Animal Exhibits. Guests can get an up-close view of live salt water fish in the aquariums, watch sharks being fed in the shark moat or feed wild birds in Dune Lagoon!

850-243-9046 | 800-247-8575 | www.gulfarium.com

behind-the-scenes

[Orlando] **Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens** is the home to elephants, birds, bugs and more! During one of the zoo's specialized behind-the-scenes encounters, guests can discover what 100,000 muscles in an elephant trunk feels like and feed this endangered species during an this interactive tour. In addition, visitors can explore acres filled

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See what lurks after dark at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo. This year offers even more spooky surprises. It's fun that will haunt you all month long!

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encourage wild behavior

[Melbourne] The **Brevard Zoo**, situated along Florida's Space Coast, specifically encourages some wild behavior. Whether it's walking through an imitation rainforest or investigating La Selva or "the jungle" exhibit, visitors will experience encounters with plants and animals unlike anywhere else. For a more close-up experience, specialty events are held including a night walk and camp out.

www.brevardzoo.org

explore various wildlife species

[Tampa] **Lowry Park Zoo** was named the #1 Zoo in the U.S. by Parents Magazine for 2009! In addition to the zoo's plethora of animals, what's unique at Lowry is it offers an ecotour down the beautiful Hillsborough River. This unique journey is a terrific opportunity for nature lovers of all ages to explore various wildlife species in their natural habitat in and along the Hillsborough River. The "Sirenia," named after the Order that manatees come from, will take wildlife enthusiasts on a boat ride adventure where they can see gopher tortoises, hawks, herons, manatees and dozens of other animals that call the Hillsborough River home.

In 2008, the Zoo grew with the addition of a white "albino" alligator exhibit and "Gator Falls," a water flume ride. The new ride allows guests to enhance their outdoor adventure by hopping on a log and exploring Florida's native wildlife by water with a 30 - foot drop over an albino alligator exhibit.

813-935-8552 | www.lowryparkzoo.com

see sharks, alligators and penguins

[Tampa] **The Florida Aquarium!** Come see why The Florida Aquarium is one of the top 10 aquariums in the country! Visitors of all ages are invited to come and see sharks, alligators and penguins! Touch a stingray or bamboo shark! Become immersed in interactive programs like 'Swim With The Fishes' or special Behind the Scenes programs like 'Penguins: Backstage Pass' where guests can actually touch a penguin!

Remember to bring a bathing suit for the kids so they can splash the day away in Explore A Shore, the two-acre water adventure zone. There is also a new Wild Dolphin Ecotour boat with daily excursions from the Aquarium to Tampa Bay on board a 72-foot powered catamaran with

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largest black bear exhibit

[Naples] **Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens** features breathtaking and mesmerizing exhibits and gardens! Safari Canyon presentations like Planet Predator and Serpents: Fangs & Fiction enable visitors to understand wildlife in exciting ways through living animals, wildlife video, and live camera close-ups. The Primate Expedition Cruise takes guests through islands inhabited by monkeys, lemurs, and apes. Enjoy the Meet the Keeper Series, Snake Sunbathing, and Alligator Bay Feeding.

New to the zoo is Black Bear Hammock, the largest black bear exhibit in an accredited zoo east of the Mississippi. In the "Natural Habitat" section the bears will be able to lounge on a railroad trestle or splash in the water. The shade on the porch of an old style Florida shack welcomes the bears while guests safely look on through 2" thick glass. The "Backyard Habitat" section also features glass viewing through a lanai overlooking a simulated suburban Florida backyard. Visitors will both have the opportunity to learn basic safety tips as well as gain a deeper appreciation of the bears' crucial role in the local environment.

239-262-5409 | www.caribbeangardens.org

swim with dolphins

[Miami] **Miami Seaquarium** is a world-class marine-life entertainment park featuring eight marine animal shows and presentations. It is also the home of Lolita, the Killer Whale and TV superstar Flipper! Guests will discover the power, grace and beauty of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins

and laugh with the silly adventures of Salty the Sea Lion. Other exhibits include Nile Crocodiles at Discovery Bay, Salty's Pirate Playground, an exotic bird exhibit, as well as docile and friendly Manatees.

As if seeing and learning fascinating facts about dolphins weren't enough, you can now have a hands-on experience and kiss, hug, dance, rub and get up-close to these friendly mammals through our dolphin interaction programs at Dolphin Harbor, home to 12 Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins. In addition to education, entertainment and community involvement, Miami Seaquarium is also committed to wildlife conservation and the rescue, rehabilitation and release of distressed marine mammals. The park's highly trained animal rescue team includes divers, staff veterinarians and animal caretakers who are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to sea turtle, manatee and other marine animal rescues.

305-361-5705 | www.miamiseaquarium.com

more than 1,500 animals

[Palm Beach] **Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park** definitely encourages some wild behavior! In addition to housing more than 1,500 animals throughout 23 lush acres, the zoo features a colorful carousel, an interactive water play fountain, a full service restaurant, daily performances of the "Wings over Water" bird show, and many other programs and events throughout each day. The zoo offers a dynamic Summer Zoo Camp Program, a "Night Owls" Overnight Program, Field Trips, Outreach Programs, and a variety of special events such as "Winter in July", "Boo at the Zoo" and "Festival por los Animales."

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