Press Release

Hellabrunn Zoo: Your wild adventure starts here!

Idyllically set on the banks of the Isar River, Hellabrunn Zoo is a peaceful oasis in the heart of Munich that offers visitors an opportunity to explore a fascinating world of diversity with over 740 species of animals from all over the world.

Set in 40 hectares of the Isar Meadows, a beautiful conservation area in the heart of Munich, Hellabrunn Zoo offers a world of adventure for visitors of all ages. Here you can discover more than 740 exotic and native species of animals living at the zoo, including Asian elephants, Indian rhinoceros, chimpanzees, Aldabra giant tortoises, red kangaroos and African lions. Other exciting exhibits include up-close encounters with diving penguins, curious giraffes, frolicking polar bears and gorillas - with visitors often separated only by a moat or glass. This gives visitors a clear view of the residents at Hellabrunn, guaranteeing a day of unforgettable encounters.

Founded in 1911, Hellabrunn Zoo is one of the most renowned scientific zoos in Europe. Under its geo-zoo concept, the animal residents from five continents are grouped in zones according to geographic origin. This offers visitors a rare opportunity to explore fascinating animal continents within the heart of a major city and makes Hellabrunn Zoo an important cultural and educational centre in the region. With over two million visitors passing through its gates every year, Hellabrunn Zoo is one of the most popular attractions in the state of Bavaria.

Discover local biodiversity: Hellabrunn’s Mühlendorf village

The Mühlendorf village was officially opened to the public in summer 2019 upon completion of the second construction phase of the project, which included the building of a new Zoo School and the adjacent Kinderland. The Bavarian-inspired village at the zoo invites visitors to get to know some of the native domesticated fauna in the region and learn about how animals that were once wild have become domesticated via exciting hands-on learning stations. The zoo education programme also educates visitors about the production and origin of various foods such as eggs, meat, fruit and vegetables, and how a chick develops from an egg. In addition, the village's Fish Farm offers an insight into an "in situ" species conservation project, i.e. a conservation project in the natural habitat of the endangered fish species. Other exhibits at the Fish Farm include native amphibians and marine species.

Visitors to the Mühlendorf can also enjoy interactive experiences that educate children and adults about the responsibility we, as humans, have in managing our planet's natural resources and how each of us can play a part to help save our biodiversity, both regionally and globally. The Zoo School offers an innovative, curriculum-linked education programme for school classes designed to foster a closer connection with the animals through teaching in a living classroom.
In December 2018, the zoo unveiled an impressive revamp for the reopening of the visitor area of the Orangutan and Drill House. Visitors can now enjoy a more immersive educational experience about the two highly endangered species and their habitats.

**Hellabrunn continues to improve**

In early 2019, the aviary was given a horticultural makeover to provide open sun spaces and new breeding areas for the various bird species. In addition, an artificial rockscape was installed in the collared mangabey's outdoor enclosure to offer a natural habitat-inspired retreat and stimulating enrichment for the primates. In May 2019, the silver gibbons and spider monkeys also had their outdoor enclosures revamped.

Other planned improvements include the installation of an interactive educational experience in the World of Small Monkeys. Built in 1983, the animal house still meets the requirements for keeping the species housed there. However, it needs to be renovated to upgrade the technical installations and repair damaged surfaces. The renovation measures include enlarging the indoor enclosure of one of the species. The visitor area will also be revamped with a modern interactive education concept.

Naturally, visitors to Hellabrunn Zoo have the opportunity to learn about the work of the zookeepers and see them demonstrate the impressive abilities of the animals. The zoo offers animal demonstrations and keeper talks daily, all year round.

During summer, Café Rhino and Café Pongo serve a selection of sweet and savoury snacks, while the Asian-style Tao Garden is the perfect place to take a break and grab a bite to eat on a sunny day. The al fresco garden is open in good weather, even in winter. Visitors who enjoy a beer garden atmosphere will find a tasty selection of Bavarian delicacies at Brezn Sepp in the Mühlendorf village. At the zoo entrances, Café Mühle and Café Flamingo offer a delicious food all year round. So you can always recharge your batteries with the cuisine of your choice at Hellabrunn. Of course, you may also bring your own picnic to eat at the zoo. The main restaurant has been closed for renovation since mid-last year and will reopen in spring 2020.

Hellabrunn Zoo offers a wide range of facilities for children, including the petting zoo with pygmy goats, a large adventure playground and a separate playground for toddlers.

For more information visit [www.hellabrunn.de](http://www.hellabrunn.de) or our social media channels on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

**Opening hours:**
The zoo is open 365 days a year.
April - October*: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
November - March*: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

*Opening hours change on the weekend the clocks change

**Ticket prices:**

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**Valid for one parent and their own children or children (4–14 years) living in the same household**

**Valid for both parents (incl. same-sex) and their own children or children (4–14 years) living in the same household**
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