



El Paso Zoo, El Paso, TX

Passport to Africa

The zoo expansion encompasses an 8-acre expansion of the existing zoo property and includes new animal exhibits and a new main zoo entry. The Africa experience will be one that immerses visitors in a savanna environment and contains dramatic views of Giraffe, Zebra, Gazelle, Antelope, Ostrich, and wetland birds in expansive free-range habitats. Lion, Wild Dog, Warthog, and Mandrill may also be encountered along the trail and visitors get up-close looks at some of the smaller creatures of the savanna at the Research Village. In the village, traditional African structures of mud and thatch combine with a modern

research station in which visitors view Meerkat and Mole Rat underground, as well as Hyrax, Baboon Spider, Chameleon, Millipede, Centipede, and Cockroach in the walls. The village also provides facilities for overnight group camping and special functions.

Cultural immersion is evident in the village's indigenous architecture and at the Lion exhibit where the animals inhabit the ancient Zimbabwe ruins. Discrete views of Lions are seen through glass peep-holes in the rocks, glass windows set in the hand-laid stone ruin walls and across open moats. The savanna animals in the background complete the illusion of being in a natural landscape complete with the fauna, flora, geology, and culture of Africa.

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