

Rainforest of the Americas



The rainforest exhibits will include animal species from Central and South America and will immerse zoo visitors in a green world of cascading waterfalls, indigenous architecture, and colorful and exotic plants and animals. The visitor pathway winds upwards, climbing to the spectacular waterfall grotto before entering an existing walk-through aviary.

The signature species of tropical America, the Jaguar, is exhibited along with the rare and endangered Harpy Eagle, Baird's Tapir, Black Caiman, King Vulture, Macaw, Toucan and Howler monkey. Visitors will view animals from underwater, across

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open water moats, mesh aviaries and glass enclosures which reflect regional architectural styles, detailing, and materials.

Free-flight Macaws and free-roaming Golden Lion Tamarins contribute to the illusion that the animals of the exhibit are able to move everywhere and carefully located overlooks and vegetative screening eliminate disparate views.

The project utilizes the existing landforms and vegetation to create an intimate and secluded experience that is unique within the context of the rest of the zoo. The warm climate of Los Angeles makes the rainforest experience a reality.

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