

Located in the city's beautiful Balboa Park, and one of the world's most innovative, the facility has many features to offer visitors. There are nearly 4,000 animal and bird residents, representing more than 650 species.

This year's expansive new attraction is Africa Rocks. It duplicates many of the continent's most dramatic rocky features. The exhibit displays natural, free-roaming habitats for lions, tigers, bears, elephants, apes and many exotic bird species.

A thrill for kids from age four to 94 is the Skyfari, an overhead moving cable of observation cars. Riding above the many natural gatherings of animals and plant species in their own surroundings is a highlight for all visitors.

For schedules, ticket prices and other info, go to zoonation.org