Zoo Encounters: What do they entail?

Giraffe Encounters
- Take place only in the morning hours, when our keepers are doing their daily giraffe training session
- You must arrive to the Zoo by 9:15am for check-in; program will begin between 9:30am and 10am, depending on which keeper we work with that day
- You’ll learn about how we care for Zuri the giraffe at the Zoo! See a daily training session with Zuri, and enjoy a private feeding. Optional: a canvas painting can be created with Zuri’s tail swipes, for you to take home at the end of the program
- Lasts 30-40 minutes

Penguin Encounters
- Schedule is flexible and based on our Educator availability, morning or afternoon OK
- Get a private encounter with one of our penguins inside our quiet, behind-the-scenes Zoo Classroom
- Learn about penguins, take photos, and interact with the bird. Optional: a canvas painting can be created by the penguin, who will walk in paint and leave footprints for you!
- Lasts 30-40 minutes

Lion Training Encounters
- Take place only in the morning hours, when our keeper is doing her/his daily lion training session
- You must arrive to the zoo by 9:40am for check-in; program will begin promptly at 10am
- You’ll learn about how we care for the lions at the zoo, and see an up-close training session with Loid our male African lion
- You’ll also have the opportunity to chat with our expert Zookeeper at the end of the lion training session
- Lasts 20-30 minutes

Aldabra Tortoise Encounters
- Schedule is flexible and based on our Educator availability, morning or afternoon OK
- Get a private encounter with our Aldabra Tortoises, Al and Tootie!
- Go INSIDE of the tortoise habitat for a tour, learn about tortoises, and meet Al & Tootie up close; you’ll be able to interact with the tortoises and take photos
- Lasts 30-40 minutes