

# Melbourne Zoo Tour

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*PS: Remember to use the browser zoom to get a better view of the photographs.*



Dragon keeping watch as we walked through the Zoo.

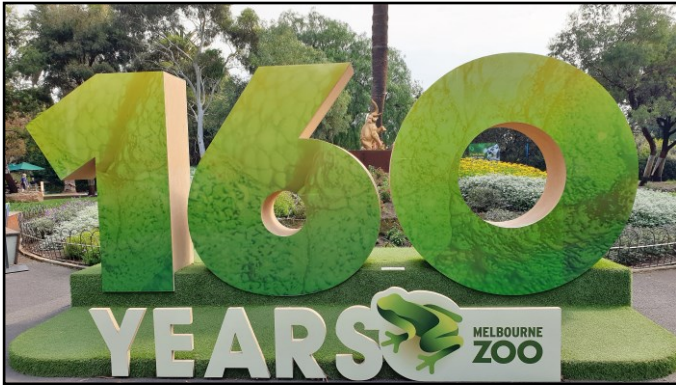
We had 20 attendees and were extremely lucky to have perfect weather for our Zoo tour. Nine people travelled by train, some by tram, and some drove in, but irrespective of how we all got there, everyone was exactly on time at the zoo railway entrance for a 10am start. After entering, we decided to do several of the keepers talks during the day, and we set the first to be the Baboons at 10.40am. Meanwhile, to fill in time, we thought we would walk through Lion Gorge (see map below) to see the Lions, the reticulated Python, Coatis, Snow Leopard, Tiger, Tasmanian Devil, and the Dingos. But, by the time we finished this circuit – which turned out to be very long, time had got away from us, and it was well past 10.40, so we missed the talk and realised that we should not be so ambitious and allow lots more time to get to the talks. After Lion Gorge we saw the Baboons, and they were fascinating, with the big male keeping careful watch over his restricted domain. This was followed by Giant Tortoises, Giraffes and Zebras. Lunch was adjacent to the Giraffe enclosure, and there was a convenient takeaway stall nearby. Some brought their own lunches, and some had takeaways and coffee. We went to the Giraffe Keepers talk during lunch, then, after lunch to the Gorilla Rainforest circuit which was spectacular. We saw - apart from the Gorillas, Lemurs, Pygmy Hippopotamus, Cassowary, and the Tree top Apes. We attended the Meercats keepers talk, saw more giant Tortoises then on to the Trail of the Elephants – also outstanding. We finished the day with a visit to the Butterfly house and the Frogs and Reptiles. Ran out of time to see all exhibits, but everyone enjoyed a fabulous day at the Zoo.



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Must have opened in 1862



Leo on the prowl



Snow Leopard



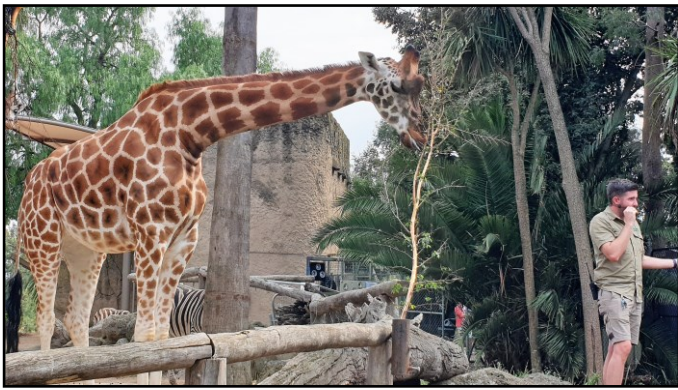
One of several Giant Tortoises



Baboons in the distance



Zebra



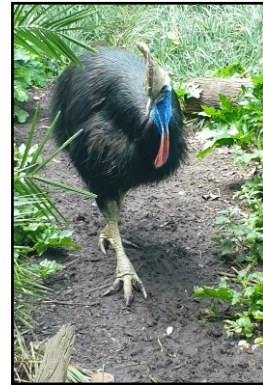
Keepers Talk for the Giraffes



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Lemur



Cassowary



Indian Elephants



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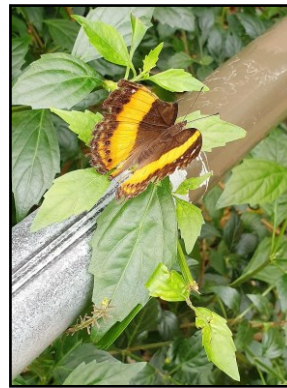
More Elephants



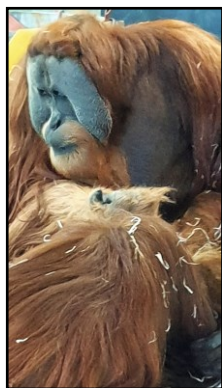
Meerkat keeping watch



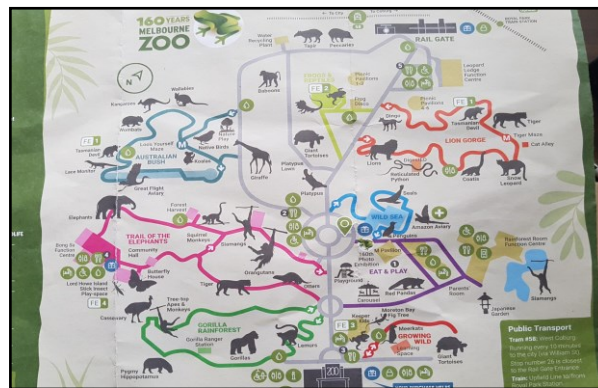
Green Iguana



In the Butterfly House



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Melbourne Zoo Map.

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