



NATIONAL AVIARY
PITTSBURGH, PA



National Aviary Sensory Guide

When you arrive



When you arrive, you may need to wait in line to enter with your family or group. This area may be loud and crowded.

Getting a Sensory Bag



You can borrow a Sensory Bag from Kulture City, for free any day of the week. Sensory Bags are available at the Visitor Services Desk.

What Is In A Sensory Bag



There are items in the Sensory Bag that could help you stay calm. You can use noise cancelling headphones if it gets too loud. There are fidget toys and plush toys to help you enjoy your visit.

Atrium/Dining



In the Atrium, you may experience bright light from the windowed dome. There are tables and seating to eat, drink, and rest.

Dining



Guest are welcome to bring in outside food but should be aware that there are no refrigerators or microwaves on the premises.

Staff and Volunteers



If you have questions or need help, you can ask a staff member or volunteer. They wear blue shirts with the National Aviary logo on it. They will also have nametags on.

Restrooms



Our restrooms are ADA accessible. They can be found in the Atrium by the entrance to the Tropical Rainforest. They may be loud, with automatic flush toilets and an electric hand dryer.

Restrooms



Restrooms, including an all-gender restroom with an adult changing table, can be found in The Garden Room, located at the end of The Charity Randall Foundation Eagle Hall.

Canary's Call Presented by Dollar Bank



**You can expect loud noises from our
flock of Rainbow Lorikeets which
vocalize frequently.**

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It is also home to a colony of fruit bats which can cause a strong smell. It is a low-light area with lighted photos and signage. There are benches to sit and rest.

Condor Court



**Condor Court is an outdoor habitat.
The pathway in this area is unpaved.
There are benches to sit and rest.**

Grasslands



The Grasslands is an indoor habitat where you may experience an element of surprise as small birds fly close to visitors, experience bird droppings from above, or encounter smells from the birds. There is a bench to sit and rest.

Penguin Point



Penguin Point is a 360-degree habitat that can be experienced indoors and outdoors. Indoors, you may encounter low light conditions. Penguin Tunnels have low ceilings for kids to explore. The tunnels are ADA compliant and can fit a wheelchair. There are benches to sit and rest.

Penguin Point



You may encounter smells from the colony of penguins that eat fish, especially in the outdoor areas. There may be sudden loud noises from colony members. If you stand close to the pool outside, you may get splashed by an African Penguin swimming close by.

Tropical Rainforest



The Tropical Rainforest is an indoor habitat. This room can be loud, and birds in this room are free-flying and may fly or walk close to you. You may encounter scents from the birds. You may experience bird and water droppings from above.

Tropical Rainforest Waterfall



This room can also be very bright because of the glass paneled ceiling. There is a 15 foot waterfall and you may hear the water splash along the rocks.

The Wetlands



The Wetlands habitat is currently under renovation. You can see some of your favorite Wetlands birds, like flamingos, during Wonderful Waterbirds, a daily activity included with admission!

The Charity Randall Foundation Eagle Hall



The Charity Randall Foundation Eagle Hall is home to two eagle species. You may even hear them vocalize. There are benches to sit and rest.

Treetops Presented by Peoples



At the end of the hall, is Treetops Presented by Peoples. This area can be bright because of the large glass windows. There are several benches to sit and rest.

Covid safety



Out of an abundance of caution and in alliance with CDC guidelines, the National Aviary recommends masks for all guests over the age of two, regardless of vaccination status.

Wonderful Waterbirds



During Wonderful Waterbirds, American Flamingos can walk close by while making loud noises. You may encounter Inca Terns flying above the audience and Brown Pelicans making an appearance. You may also encounter scents from the birds.

Tropical Rainforest Feeding



During the Tropical Rainforest Feeding, you may encounter large crowds as well as several bird species flying or walk close to you at one time. You may also encounter scents from the birds.

Rainbow Lorikeet Feeding



During this add-on experience, you will encounter Rainbow Lorikeets resting on your arms. You can expect loud noises from our flock of Rainbow Lorikeets which vocalize frequently. Tickets can be purchased at the Visitor Services Desk or online during checkout.

African Adventure Show Presented by AAA Travel



During this add-on experience, you will encounter several bird species flying, waddling, and walking right in front of you. This show entails varying volumes and lighting experiences. Tickets can be purchased at the Visitor Services Desk or online during checkout. Catch a sensory-friendly version of African Adventure during Sensory Friendly Mornings. Check our online calendar for dates.
