

# Athens Zoo (Attica Zoological Park)



The zoo of Athens, or Attica Zoological Park, is a pleasant place to spend an afternoon, especially if you are traveling with children. Attica Park is a privately owned zoo, and it is located in the outskirts of Athens near the Spata airport.

The zoo exhibits a variety of animals and exotic birds, in a pleasant environment that allows the animals to live in relative comfort. The 55 square kilometers of the zoo allow the visitors to walk through ponds, fields, and cages.

The zoo was built in 2000 by Jean-Jacques Lesueur, and it belongs to the European Association of Zoos and Aquariums. As such, it conforms to the association's standards for the humane treatment of the animals, and the education of the visitors.

Each exhibit offers documentation on the animal's characteristics and other information for the visitors. The animals on display are representative of species from around the world and include lions, tigers, wolves, zebras, bears, and giraffes, among many others.

At the Athens zoo you will find large cage exhibitions with birds of America, Africa, and Asia among others, and many smaller exhibition spaces of specific species like parrots, cranes, and penguins. In all, there are over 2000 birds from 320 species on display.



Since the zoo is near the airport it may be an excellent place to spend the day if you are catching a late flight, or if you find your self at the Athens airport between flights.

