



COMMUNITY OVERNIGHT PROGRAM

Information and Itinerary

Welcome to Monarto Zoo

Your camp overnight program will be held at Indaba, a bush camp situated amongst Mallee scrub at Monarto Zoo. It provides basic camping facilities for groups of 15 to 35 people who can

- Pitch their tents or set up swags on the flat tent-site areas,
- Set up their bedding in the covered and semi-enclosed Shearing Shed.
- Swags are available for hire at \$10 each.
- Three camp toilets are available, but there are **no showers**.

Zoos SA staff run the overnight component of your program, the day opportunities offer access to the public areas of the zoo as your own free time.

Campsite Facilities

Indaba Bush Camp

Day Program

It is your choice to spend either Day 1, Day 2 or both Days 1&2 at the zoo at your leisure. See Planning a visit to help you understand and coordinate your options ie keeper talks, walking tracks, viewing platforms. Please note extra activities such as tuckerboxes will need to be pre-booked with Monarto Education before arrival.

If your group comes with a bus, you will be given the option to go on a safari tour at no extra cost. Your group must be a minimum of 22 people. We will provide a tour host to hop on board and give commentary for the tour. Day and time of tour **must** be pre-booked with Monarto Education before arrival. No tour will be available without prior booking.

Without a bus, your group will still have full access to the animals via walking tracks and our Zuloop bus service (a continuous circle loop bus that travels around the zoo picking up/dropping off at viewing platforms) . Timetables for the Zuloop are available at the Tours Desk.

Overnight Program

A brief outline of the overnight component of your program

Day 1 3.30pm. Meet Indaba Coordinator at the Visitor Centre. **(If you are choosing to spend your extra time at the zoo on Day 2 only, arrival at the gatehouse of Zoo must be before closing time at 3.15pm. The drive to the Visitors Centre is 10 minutes from the gatehouse)**

Bus or cars in convoy drive to Indaba

Meet and greet

Set up sleeping areas.

Exploring and conservation team-based activities

Prepare & eat evening meal. Clean up

Night Walk - Explore Monarto under the stars

	Supper
	Sleep time
Day 2 6.30am	Rise & shine. Serengeti Sunrise Breakfast. Pack up all gear Exploring and conservation team-based activities Bus / car convoy back to Visitor Centre
10.00am	End of program

Note: The Monarto Overnight Programs do **not** include “behind the scenes” zoo animal

Indaba Coordinator

A trained member of Zoos SA staff runs the program which provides an inspiring chance to connect positively with nature. This program meets the needs of most groups and can be negotiated to meet your groups specific outcomes ie badge requirements.

The Indaba Coordinators are trained in First Aid, Mandatory Notification and have been cleared through a Police Check and require the following:

- Very sound knowledge of the physical environment in the area around Indaba and a good knowledge of the layout of Monarto Zoo.
- Very sound knowledge of Monarto Zoo protocols regarding access and movement to different areas of the Zoo
- Behaviour expectations when in the scrub, on walking tracks, near animal enclosures etc.
- Communication via radio network within the Zoo
- Very sound knowledge of procedures to follow in case of medical emergency, fire, animal escape or other emergency
- Sound experience in leading groups in camping experiences in outdoor environments.

Numbers

Due to the size and nature of Indaba, community groups of between 15 and 35 individuals only can be accommodated for a particular night. Groups of less than 15 will only be accepted if they are prepared to pay for a minimum of 15 people.

Times

The Indaba Bush Camp can be booked for use by community groups on weekends and during school holidays, subject to the availability. Bookings **must** be made through Monarto Education.

Costs

Children (14 and under) \$40 each

Adults (15 and over) \$60 each

Extra Adults (over the 1:5 Free of charge ratio) \$60 each

Zoo Membership Holders

Any members of the zoo will be granted free entry (students \$10, adults \$18) into the zoo on presentation of a photocopy (or the original) membership card and details. **The overnight program fee still applies: Children \$30 each, Adults and Extra Adults \$42 each.**

A deposit of \$300 is required within 14 days of a tentative booking, and the balance must be paid at the gatehouse on day of the program. A refund will be available if the booking is cancelled more than 4 weeks prior to the date of the event.

Supervision, Safety & Security

The safety and security of visitors, Zoo staff and animals is of utmost importance.

It is essential that participants on overnight programs respect the site and act within Monarto Zoo protocols, following the directions and instructions from the Indaba Coordinator at all times.

- A **signed “Responsibility Slip”** must be received before booking is accepted
- Group leaders are responsible for managing the behaviour of members of their group
- **Completed Medical Information Forms** for all members of the group, including themselves, must be brought with you to the zoo. A summary of participant health concerns which includes any information of particular relevance to evaluating the risk of activities to participants need to be given to the Indaba Coordinator on arrival.
- Participants who refuse to **follow instructions** of the Indaba Coordinator during the program will be escorted from the Zoo.
- Participants are not able to come and go from the Zoo during the program. The perimeter gates are locked at night and are only opened by the Indaba Coordinator in an emergency.
- No-one is permitted to leave the Indaba Bush Camp area without a member of Zoos SA Camp Coordinator or clear permission and instructions from him/her.
- Risks on the Monarto Zoo Overnight programs include snakebites, fire, getting lost and attack by an animal such as magpies, emus or kangaroos (only if they are attacked or cornered) See Risk Assessment under “Planning a Visit” for more detail
- **Alcohol** is only an option for groups that have negotiated a Special License at the time of booking and for whom a Responsible Person is present. Alcohol is not an option for child-based groups such as scouts.
- Monarto is a **No Smoking** site. Group Leaders must ensure that all supervisors are able to meet this expectation.

Booking Information

To make a booking, contact Monarto Education for availability and program negotiation.

If you wish to organise a time to come and see the facilities, we would be more than happy to show you around.

Contact Us