



HONOLULU ZOO SOCIETY

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ZOOFARI AMAZON!

A “Glamazon” Benefit for the Honolulu Zoo Society

HONOLULU – In support of its conservation and education programs, the Honolulu Zoo Society presents *Zoofari Amazon*, its distinctive annual fundraiser on Friday, September 23, from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The grounds of the Honolulu Zoo will come alive with the sights and sounds of the Brazilian rainforest for an enchanting evening filled with samba music and dance, fabulous food, a superb silent auction, and “glamazonian” experiences.

Table sponsorships seating 10 are available from \$2,500 to \$15,000, with benefits that feature an amazing behind-the-scenes tour and private elephant encounter with Honolulu Zoo Director Manuel Mollinedo, private feeding encounters with giraffes, hippos, warthogs, and other special Zoo experiences. Individual event tickets are available for \$250 each.

Jason Ito, President of the Honolulu Zoo Society’s Board of Directors, said, “This will be a fantastic evening in a beautiful setting, but most importantly we will be raising much-needed money to support the Honolulu Zoo and the wonderful experiences that our *keiki* and families enjoy here. A big *mahalo* to the Zoo leadership and staff, our sponsors and patrons for supporting our mission with this special event.”

A highlight of *Zoofari Amazon* will be the array of special prizes offered at the silent auction, including these unique experiences at the Zoo that animal-lovers will appreciate:

- Private dinner in the Honolulu Zoo’s then newly opened elephant habitat
- Accompanying a zookeeper to feed the Zoo’s young lions
- Hands-on encounter feeding the Zoo’s meerkats

The silent auction will also include deluxe resort packages from premier Hawaii and mainland properties:

- Romantic Couples Spa Weekend at the Moana Surfrider
- Mauna Kea Beach Hotel
- Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa
- The Waikiki Edition
- Hyatt Regency Maui
- Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort
- Kaanapali Beach Resort
- Golf package at The Villas of Grand Cypress in Orlando
- The W Hotel in Westwood

Memorable dining experiences have been donated to the silent auction from award-winning restaurants, including Morimoto Waikiki, Roy’s, and at the Kahala Resort.

Also available at the silent auction are fun activities to enjoy, such as a Zip Line Tour on Maui at Piiholo Ranch Adventures, Sunset Fun experience at Kualoa Ranch, and a personalized tour of the Fish Auction followed by breakfast at Nico’s.

Along with the invigorating music of the evening, guests of *Zoofari Amazon* will enjoy gourmet fare from some of Honolulu’s top restaurants including:

- 12th Avenue Grill
- 3660 on the Rise
- Azure Restaurant
- Chai’s Island Bistro
- DK Steakhouse
- Diamond Head Market
- Hank’s Haute Dogs
- Indigo
- Kai Market
- Morimoto Waikiki
- PF Chang’s
- Tiki Grill & Bar
- Town
- Sansei Seafood and Sushi Bar
- and, the Honolulu Zoo’s very own A Taste of the Wild Catering

Also at *Zoofari Amazon*, corporations will have an opportunity to be part of artist Leah Rigg’s new mosaic at the Zoo’s entrance. The mural will depict both native and exotic birds and some of the Zoo’s beloved and majestic animals, all against the backdrop of lush flora and Diamond Head. With a 100% tax-deductible donation corporations can “buy” a mosaic animal and have their company name and logo in the zoo entrance mosaic.

Support for the Honolulu Zoo Society helps provide dynamic educational experiences for more than 30,000 children and adults annually, volunteer programs that offer hands-on learning opportunities, animal enrichment, conservation activities, professional development for Zoo staff. Most critically, the Honolulu Zoo Society provides necessary financial support for the City and County of Honolulu’s finest bird, mammal, reptile and amphibian collection, and infrastructure and facilities at the Honolulu Zoo.

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