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SLIDE SHOW

## 14 Weird Animals You Can Travel to See



Tired of seeing run-of-the-mill lions, tigers, and bears? Then say "oh my!" to these oddball creatures at zoos and sanctuaries worldwide—from a giant Chinese salamander to a little lemur called the aye-aye. [READ MORE](#)

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FROM OUR BLOG: THIS JUST IN

### Holiday Inn Shows Off Its New Look

The iconic American brand, which got its start in Memphis in 1952, is in the middle of a \$1 billion relaunch of all its franchises worldwide—that's more than 3,200 hotels—or 419,000-plus guest rooms. Does this makeover raise your interest in Holiday Inn? Anyone stayed at a revamped hotel yet? [POST A COMMENT](#)

NYC: Hertz Boosts Its Fleet of Pay-by-the-Hour Rental Cars  
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### Germany Menu Decoder

Don't know *Karpfen* from *Krapfen*? Before your next trip, print out this handy decoder with translations of German food terms and popular dishes. [READ MORE](#)

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7 Ways Doctors Stay Healthy on Vacation Use their battle plan to avoid colds, jet lag, and other troubles. ... [Readers' Best France Photos](#) Check out a frozen-in-time village in the Loire Valley, lavender fields in Provence, and shots of Paris. ... [World's Most Amazing Hotel Pools](#) Swimming is almost beside the point at these 10 pools in gorgeous, unexpected locations.



TRIP COACH

### Need Holiday Travel Advice?

While certain hassles are unavoidable, a little planning and smart strategizing can go a long way toward making traveling during the holidays more pleasant. Send us your questions, and we'll answer them in an upcoming Trip Coach column of the magazine.

[ASK A QUESTION NOW](#)

Previously: [Trip Coach Answers Your Disney World Questions](#)

## REAL DEALS



### Northern France Cruise, 7 Nights, From \$999

A two-for-one deal on a cruise from Paris along the Seine River during the festive holiday season, with shore excursions to Les Andelys, Rouen, and Versailles. [WHY IT'S A DEAL](#)

Jordan Tour, 8 Nights, From \$999  
Shenandoah National Park, 3 Nights, \$460  
Puerto Rico, Air/4 Nights, From \$249  
Switzerland, Air/7 Nights, From \$1,939  
Washington State Hotels, From \$69 a Night



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