

TRAVEL ➡ SNAP CARDS

ANIMAL PRESERVES AND SANCTUARIES



Animal sanctuaries offer the travel photographer a chance to score big safari style photographs without actually going on a safari. The sanctuaries are popular destinations around the world including California and Thailand. It's a great idea to plan a visit into your itinerary and checklist.

PRINT SIZE: A5
14cm x 21cm /
5.83" x 8.27"

Try to plan 2 visits for a sanctuary shoot. On day one, you want to scout the location, learn the rules, and pick good vantage points. Remember animals are typically most active early in the day and late in the day. Study where the sunlight will be at these times. Ask questions of the staff if you can. Pick a camera position that provides a clean and natural looking background.



HOW TO DEAL WITH FENCES

Bring your longest telephoto lens, as your access will likely be limited. You might consider investing in a teleconverter; also know as a “doubler”, these devices increase the focal length of a lens. Make sure to buy a highly rated one!



- A telephoto lens helps to get close to the dramatic action.
- A telephoto lens with a wide maximum aperture and minimum depth of field can make fencing disappear if the camera is close to the fencing.
- If shooting through fencing use the DOF button to determine if any fencing is visible when the aperture closes.
- Put a rubber lens hood on the front of your telephoto lens and put it right up to the fence. The hood will protect the front of your lens from the metal.



PRO TIP!

When shooting around wild animals it's good to bring a partner. One can keep an eye on things, while the other concentrates on taking pictures. These animals can move incredibly fast. Use your high-speed drive setting in natural light. Set your ISO to auto. Focus on the eyes.

REMEMBER!: There is typically a hefty entrance fee to many animal preserves and sanctuaries. Do your research and plan this into your travel budget. These organizations are typically funded by donations, and they may ask for the free use of your pictures as a donation.