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**Lantern Festival at Brevard Zoo Extends Through Memorial Day Weekend**

MELBOURNE, Fla. — The lights are staying on at Brevard Zoo – Illumi-Nature, the Zoo’s nighttime lantern festival, will extend past its original May 10 end date through Memorial Day Weekend. Guests will have even more chances to enjoy the more than 1,000 larger-than-life whimsical illuminated sculptures on select Thursdays-Sundays from 7-10 p.m. through May 25.

Illumi-Nature is powered by LuminoCity Festival, the New York based company that has drawn more than a million visitors to its widely regarded, immersive events across the United States since its founding in 2018. Founder and CEO Xiaoyi Chen brought her incredible creations of light and imagination to transform areas of the Zoo including an exclusive behind-the-scenes path called “Glowing Gardens” located off the Zoo’s Wild Florida boardwalk

The event features whimsical displays that include animals, flowers, mythical creatures and many interactive elements. With over 500,000 glimmering lights, guests can stroll through 10 acres of illuminated scenes. Music throughout the Zoo will add to the festive atmosphere.

In celebration of the event, specially curated spring-inspired food and drinks are on the menu, including hatch green chili flautas, a Memphis chicken sandwich, walking tacos, blueberry lavender spritzers and more.

Early bird tickets can be purchased for \$30 per person at [BrevardZoo.org](http://BrevardZoo.org) until March 12, after which tickets will be \$35 per person.

Please visit [this Dropbox link](#) for photos and video clips of this event.

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**About Brevard Zoo**

Brevard Zoo is home to more than 700 animals representing 170 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at [BrevardZoo.org](http://BrevardZoo.org).

