



Up Close and Personal with Vultures and Cheetahs

Company Outing to the Berlin-Friedrichsfelde Zoo on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**

As is well known, collaboration across scientific disciplines is in the WZB's DNA. But on September 8, we want to take interdisciplinarity to the next level: Our company outing will take us to meet the biologists and veterinarians at the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research in Berlin-Friedrichsfelde. A trip to a research institute? Yes, that too—and even that alone is far from boring, because our colleagues there have plenty to share. Right next door, though, is the East Berlin Tierpark, the largest animal park in Europe. Our hosts will take us in through the back door and offer us a very special tour—essentially a curator's tour. Cheetahs and vultures are probably getting the most academic attention right now, but let's see who else we might run into along the way...

Program

9:45 a.m. Meeting point at the entrance to the [Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research](#)

We'll split into two groups that will meet for lunch together. If needed, the activities for one of the groups can be conducted in English.

10:00-11:30 a.m. Group A: Insights into the IZW's research in the lecture hall there
Group B: An expert from the IZW takes us to see his or her favorite animals at the [Tierpark](#)

12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch at [Patagona](#) Restaurant in the Tierpark

2:00-3:30 p.m. Group A: An expert from the IZW takes us to see his or her favorite animals at the [Tierpark](#)
Group B: Insights into the IZW's research in the lecture hall there

from 3:30 p.m. Time to explore the zoo on your own / Sports and games on the lawn (the zoo closes at 5:00 p.m.)

Meals

We'll meet at noon at the [Patagona](#) Restaurant. The restaurant is self-service, and we'll reserve tables so we can eat together. To ensure there's a wide variety of food options and something for every budget, please pay for your own food and drinks.

Getting There and Back

On your own, preferably by public transportation:

- To get to the IZW: Take the subway to the Friedrichsfelde station (U5, a 5-minute walk to the IZW) or the tram to the Am Tierpark/Alfred-Kowalke-Str. stop (trams 27, 37, and M17, a 1-minute walk to the IZW).
- Return from the Tierpark: from the Tierpark subway station (U5)



Costs / Registration

We'll be visiting a partner Leibniz Institute. The team there can help us avoid the line at the Tierpark's main entrance, but unfortunately, they can't waive the admission fee. Group tickets for the zoo cost 13.50 euros per person if we book well in advance. Therefore, we ask that you **register by August 24** with Miriam Godefroid at buero.praesidentin@wzb.eu. When registering, please be sure to indicate whether you prefer the presentation and guided tour in German or English. The costs for our trainees will be covered by management, but we still ask that you register.

If you have an annual pass for the zoo and Tierpark, you don't have to pay anything, of course. If you are eligible for a discount (people with severe disabilities with a GdB of 50 or higher), it's best to purchase an online ticket at the discounted price yourself. However, we ask that everyone register in any case.

Payment can be made in cash on site in Room A 204 (President's Office) or via PayPal or Wero (the email address will be provided upon request). When paying via PayPal or Wero, please ensure your name can be clearly identified, e.g., by including it in the comment field.

The total cost for the day is therefore 13.50 euros in advance, plus the cost of the restaurant meal on the day of the event, plus public transportation costs if applicable. Please note that the fees paid in advance cannot be refunded in the event of last-minute cancellation.

We look forward to receiving many registrations and to a fun-filled and enjoyable company outing with you!

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