

Edinburgh Zoo's Penguin Rock adds one more to the parade

RZSS Edinburgh Zoo's Penguin Rock had a special guest today as the colony welcomed a penguin lantern, which despite being much larger than a regular gentoo will feature as one of the smallest installations in the Zoo's upcoming Giant Lanterns of China Festival this winter.



The inquisitive penguins adopted the lantern as one of their own as they admired the silk and steel structure created by a team of 150 craftsmen from the Sichuan Province in China. An array of handcrafted lanterns have travelled over 5,000 miles by boat to become part of The Giant Lanterns of China installation where over 450 dazzling giant lanterns will illuminate RZSS Edinburgh Zoo for 50 nights, launching on 1 December 2017.

The penguin lantern is one of 496 bespoke wildlife lanterns set to light up the Zoo, making it a truly unmissable spectacle of colour this winter. The showcase of Lanterns will include; vibrant flowers, fauna, insects, and traditional Chinese symbols such as signs of the zodiac and archways.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at: <http://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/lanterns>