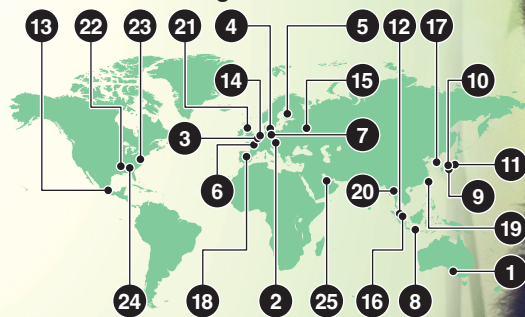























































































China's panda politics

The United States, UK and Australia will soon bid farewell to their pandas in a likely indication of cooling relations with China



NUMBER OF PANDAS OUTSIDE CHINA, 2023

Panda staying at zoo Panda leaving zoo

Country	Zoo (map numbers)	Number of pandas	One or more resident since...		Return date*
Australia	1 Adelaide Zoo		 	2009	Nov 2024
Austria	2 Schönbrunn Zoo		 	2003	
Belgium	3 Pairi Daiza Zoo		    	2014	
Denmark	4 Copenhagen Zoo		 	2019	
Finland	5 Ähtäri Zoo		 	2018	2024†
France	6 ZooParc de Beauval		    	2012	Jul 2023
Germany	7 Berlin Zoo		    	2017	2024
Indonesia	8 Taman Safari – Bogor		 	2017	
Japan	9 Adventure World	       	2000	Feb 2023	
	10 Kobe Oji Zoo			2000	Dec 2023
	11 Ueno Zoo		    	2011	Feb 2023
Malaysia	12 Zoo Negara Malaysia		    	2014	Aug 2023
Mexico	13 Chapultepec Zoo			1990	
Netherlands	14 Ouwehands Zoo		   	2017	Sep 2023
Russia	15 Moskovsky Zoopark		   	2019	
Singapore	16 Mandai Wildlife Reserve		   	2012	Dec 2023
South Korea	17 Everland Resort		    	2016	
Spain	18 Zoo Aquarium de Madrid		   	2007	
Taiwan	19 Taipei Zoo		   	2008	
Thailand	20 Chiang Mai Zoo			2003	Apr 2023‡
UK	21 Edinburgh Zoo		 	2011	Dec 2023
U.S.	22 Memphis Zoo			2003	Apr 2023
	23 National Zoo		   	2000	Dec 2023
	24 Zoo Atlanta		    	1999	2024
Qatar	25 Alkhor Park & Zoo		 	2022	

At beginning of 2023, there were **75** pandas in captivity in **21** countries outside China. By close of 2024, that number will have fallen to **48** pandas, with **Australia, Finland[‡], Thailand, UK** and **U.S.** having none at all

*To end of 2024. †May return due to zoo facing financial difficulties. ‡Panda died
Note: Several panda returns were delayed by years due to Covid-19 lockdown restrictions
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