

Valentine's Day Dinner, *Motions of the Oceans* Lecture & Overnight FAQ

Friday, February 12th, 2010

Georgia Aquarium's Oceans Ballroom

Event Description:

Ever wondered about the secret sex life of marine animals? Come and enjoy an entertaining talk with Dr. Al Dove and Sr. Biologist Patricia Dove as they take you on a unique voyage on the secret life of animals from marine mammals to invertebrates. The evening begins at a reception filled with seductive bites & drinks, followed by an enticing Wolfgang Puck dinner and culminating with a provocative look at the mating behaviors of aquatic animals.

Want to make it an all-night affair?? Stay after the talk and spend the night with us. Our sleepover will let you sleep with the fishes in one of our galleries - either Ocean Voyager with the whale sharks and manta rays, or in Tropical Diver with the tropical fish and jellies - following behind-the-scenes and gallery tours. Breakfast the following morning is included with the sleepover.

FAQ:

1. How much does it cost?

Dinner & Lecture:

Members:	\$ 80.00
Non-members	\$ 90.00

Dinner, Lecture & Overnight:

Members:	\$ 135.00
Non-members	\$ 160.00

2. Is there an age restriction to attend?

Yes, all guests must be 21 years of age or older to attend, no exceptions.

3. How many people will attend this event?

This event averages 350-400 guests. The overnight is limited to 250 guests.

4. What is the itinerary for the evening?

7:00 p.m.	Guests Arrive Through Oceans Ballroom Entrance Dinner in Oceans Ballroom
8:15 p.m.	"Motions of the Oceans" lecture begins
9:15 p.m.	Lecture Ends, Q & A and "dinner lecture only" guests depart
9:20 p.m.	Sleepover guests meet their guides
9:30 p.m.	Behind the Scenes and Gallery Tours begin for overnighters
11:15 p.m.	Relax and get ready for bed (sleeping in front of Ocean Voyager window)
6:30 a.m.	Early start with Breakfast in Cafe Aquaria
7:15 - 9 a.m.	Gallery Tours and Behind the Scenes

5. Are alcoholic beverages included in the dinner?

Yes, we will be offering champagne, wine, beer and a special “Motions of the Oceans” cocktail for all attendees

6. What are the seating arrangements?

The ballroom will be arranged with open, not assigned, seating at tables for eight guests. After the dinner, guests will transition to auditorium-style seating for the lecture. We encourage you to arrive promptly so that you can select your seats.

7. Can guests request special seating by the belugas or Ocean Voyager window?

We cannot reserve or guarantee a seating location, but the ballroom offers a wonderful atmosphere at every seat.

8. Who is preparing the dinner?

The dinner will be prepared by our Wolfgang Puck Catering team, led by head chef Greg Brickman. The full menu is available on the main event page on the Web site for your review.

9. Is parking included?

Parking is not included. Normally parking is \$10, but as Motions of the Oceans guests, you will be provided with a voucher for a discounted parking rate of \$7.

Sleepover FAQ:

How long is the program? Program begins right after the lecture and concludes at 9 a.m. the following morning. You will be invited to stay for regular operating hours after 9 a.m.

1. What should we bring with us?

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Necessary personal items: i.e., clothing, toothbrush, sleeping mask, etc.

2. Can I bring an air mattress?

You are welcome to bring an air mattress. Please keep in mind that you will be responsible for carrying your sleepover gear from your car. If you choose to bring an air mattress, it should be no larger than a twin size.

3. Can I bring my mp3 player?

Please do not bring valuables such as radios, mp3 players, etc. If you do so you bring them **at your own risk** as the Georgia Aquarium will not be responsible for personal property. Please do not bring flashlights as there will be no need for them.

4. Can I bring my cell phone?

You may bring your cell phone. In order to avoid disruption, we do ask that you put your cell phone on silent once the program begins. **You may bring it at your own risk** as the Georgia Aquarium will not be responsible for lost or damaged personal property.

5. Are there items that are not allowed?

Chewing gum, outside food or drinks, and weapons of any kind will **not** be allowed.

6. Do I need to bring any money?

Our parking deck and gift shops will accept credit cards. There is a SunTrust ATM in the Aquarium if you require cash during the program.

7. What if we're late?

If you believe there is a chance you will not be able to make it on time to the sleepover, or you're coming from out of town and are not really sure when you'll arrive, please contact Michael Stille in advance at mstille@georgiaaquarium.org.

8. Should we bring our bags with us to check-in?

You may leave your bags in your vehicle. You will be escorted out to your vehicle to retrieve your luggage later in the evening

9. What if I have a food allergy/ special dietary needs?

Please contact Michael Stille at mstille@georgiaaquarium.org. When provided notice, we are often able to accommodate special dietary needs.

10. What is included as part of breakfast?

There will be a small continental breakfast consisting of muffins, fresh fruit, granola bars, and juice. Coffee will also be provided!

11. Are there showers available?

Showers will **not** be available.

12. What should I wear to sleep in?

Please plan to dress comfortably in layers. Please note that sometimes the Aquarium can be cold at night.

13. Where will we sleep?

You will sleep in a community sleeping area in front of gallery windows in one of the following galleries: Ocean Voyager, Cold Water Quest, Tropical Diver or River Scout. Unfortunately, we will not be able to guarantee a particular sleeping area.

14. Can we choose where we sleep?

Sleeping assignments are based on the size of the group, number of total groups during the evening, and type of group. Due to these factors, we are unable to guarantee preferred sleeping areas.

15. Is there a place I can smoke?

No. The Georgia Aquarium is a smoke-free facility. You will not be able to exit the building to smoke once the program begins.

16. Will the gift shop be open in the morning?

The gift shop will open when the Aquarium opens to the general public at 9 a.m.

17. Will there be security in the building?

Yes. The Aquarium has 24-hour security.

18. Will I be able to leave the building and get back in?

Anyone leaving the building after the program has begun will **not** be able to return. You may leave at bed time. However, there will be **no** price reduction. Please contact Michael Stille at mstille@georgiaaquarium.org prior to your event if you need to make special arrangements to leave early.

19. Is staying the night optional? What if I have to leave?

You may choose to leave after the evening program concludes. However, re-entry will not be permitted after leaving. No reduction in price is available if you choose not to spend the night. Please contact Michael Stille at mstille@georgiaaquarium.org prior to your event if you need to make special arrangements to leave early.

20. Can I leave early in the morning?

If your schedule requires it, you may leave early. Please contact Michael Stille at mstille@georgiaaquarium.org prior to your event if you need to make special arrangements for early departure.

21. Can I stay for regular hours the following day?

If the program's conclusion correlates with our regular opening hours, you will be invited to stay. Typically, the adult sleepover will end at 9 a.m. and the Aquarium will be open for normal operating hours at that time.