



SWIM WITH GENTLE GIANTS



THANK YOU!



The Dive Immersion Program is your opportunity to explore Ocean Voyager, the world's only guaranteed encounter with whale sharks, manta rays, and thousands of other aquatic animals from around the globe.

Your registration with Georgia Aquarium's Journey with Gentle Giants Program is not only your ticket to an experience of a lifetime, but you are also actively supporting research, promoting conservation, and driving appreciation for these amazing species.

SWIM PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 30-minute guided snorkel experience of Ocean Voyager
- All needed swim equipment
- Digital souvenir photo
- Exclusive program t-shirt

WHAT TO BRING

- Swimsuit to wear under the wetsuit
- Bag for wet clothes storage



SWIMMER REQUIREMENTS

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- Participants must be at least **12 years old** at the time of the event.
- Any swimmers **under 18 years old must have an adult IN THE WATER** with them.
- There must be 1 adult PER minor ages 12-14 or 1 adult for a group of minors 15-17 years old.

PHYSICAL ABILITY

- Participants must be able to dress themselves into and out of a wetsuit without assistance from staff (or be able to provide someone to assist them).
- Participants must be able to climb out of habitat via in-water ladder.
- Guests with special considerations or functional needs should inform the dive team by emailing dive@georgiaaquarium.org prior to event date. We are happy to make reasonable accommodations, when possible, for a seamless experience

SIGN LIABILITY WAIVER

- All participants must sign a liability release waiver prior to event, either on site or by visiting www.smartwaiver.com/v/swim prior to visit.
- Minors must have **parent or legal guardian** sign waiver on their behalf.



YOUR JOURNEY

CHECK-IN AND SAFETY BRIEFING

Check in at least 30 minutes before your program at the Animal Interaction Desk. There, you will be greeted by staff and taken to our classroom where you will be given an orientation to the habitat, the animals, your swim plan, and the safety guidelines for your experience.



DRESS OUT AND GEAR UP

Head to the locker rooms to dress into your Georgia Aquarium wetsuit before heading to the deck to meet your in-water divemasters. After a site briefing, staff will assist you into your swim gear.



YOUR JOURNEY WITH THE GENTLE GIANTS

Time to hit the water to begin your 30-minute guided tour! You will be escorted by three staff members, all of which are dive masters or instructors. They will guide you through the habitat, ensuring your safety as well as the safety of the animals, and record your journey with the latest and greatest camera equipment.



AFTER YOUR SWIM EXPERIENCE

Staff will assist you out of your gear before head back to the locker rooms to shower and clean up. After your shower, staff will escort you back to the classroom where you will be able to watch the video of your experience and purchase additional souvenir items!

The whole program lasts up to 2.5 hours, so plan accordingly!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT SHOULD I BRING FOR MY SWIM?

Swimmers should be sure to bring their program tickets for check-in. If you'd like, you may also bring a personal mask, snorkel, and clean swimsuit to wear under your wetsuit. The Dive Immersion Program provides all necessary equipment and facilities for your experience. We do recommend bringing a bag to carry your wet clothes in after your swim.

For the safety of the animals and to minimize risk of habitat contamination, **NO PERSONAL CAMERAS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE HABITAT.** We also ask you minimize use of personal products (makeup, lotions, perfumes) and remove all jewelry before entering the water.

WHAT EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES DO YOU PROVIDE?

The Dive Immersion Program provides you will all of the equipment needed to swim, including wetsuit, flotation vest, masks and snorkels. Personal lockers are provided in our dressing rooms and will have a towel for you to use.

WHAT ABOUT MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY?

Your friends and family are more than welcome to watch you during your experience! They must purchase a General Admission ticket and check in at the Animal Interaction Kiosk with you before your event. If available, staff will either escort OR direct your company to the best viewing locations during your swim.

Please note that children under 18 must be chaperoned by an adult at all times.



WHAT ARE THE WATER CONDITIONS AND WHAT WILL I SEE?

The Ocean Voyager habitat contains 6.3 million gallons of saltwater making it one of the largest indoor aquatic environments in the world. It is home to thousands of animals, all of which can be found online at [Georgia Aquarium's Gallery Guide](#). The habitat has depths ranging from 20 - 30' and the water temperature is 76°F / 25°C with no currents or surf to worry about!

CAN I TOUCH OR FEED THE ANIMALS?

The swim program is for observation only. There will be no touching or feeding of the animals. Swimmers who violate this may be asked to abort their swim and leave the Aquarium.

WHAT IF I AM LATE OR NEED TO CANCEL/RESCHEDULE?

Our cancellation policy states that a date may be changed free of charge if made at least 14 days prior. Any changes made after that will be subject to a \$50.00 per ticket charge.

Cancellations, late arrivals, or no-shows will not be refunded or rescheduled.

To make a change to your reservation, please contact the Call Center at (404) 581-4000

Due to the nature of caring for animals, Georgia Aquarium reserves the right to modify, cancel and/or reschedule programs without notice. Reasonable accommodations will be made to reschedule guests as effectively as possible.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Please review our website for more program details and to see our full FAQs

[CLICK HERE](#) or call us at 404-581-4000

