



GEORGIA AQUARIUM

Aquarium Visit

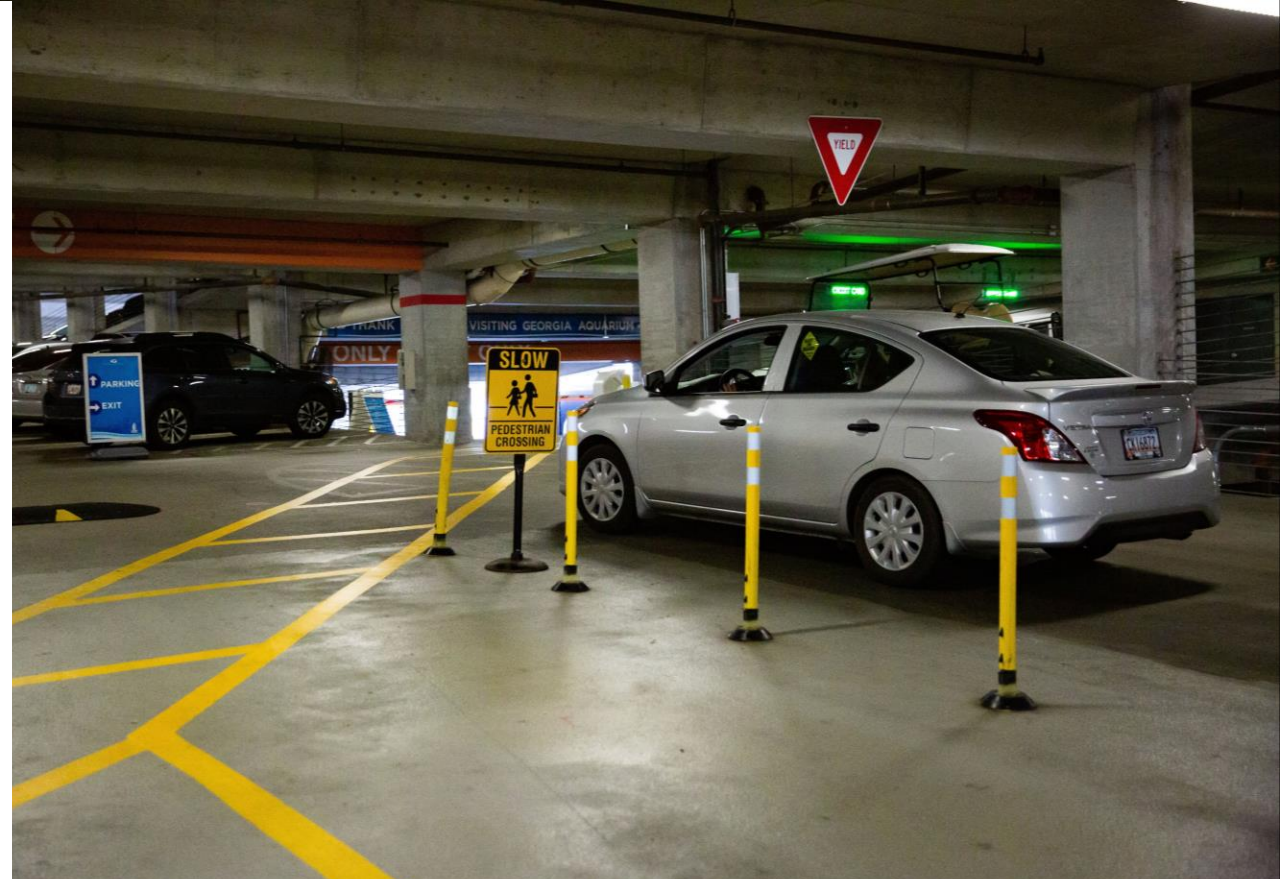
Social Story

Today I am going  
to Georgia  
Aquarium to see  
and learn about  
the animals that  
live in the ocean,  
rivers, and lakes.



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The parking deck at the aquarium has many cars and can be very busy. I must be sure to walk and not run and stay near an adult at all times



When we arrive, we will purchase our tickets. We may stand in a line, but it will move quickly.

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Once we purchase our tickets, I will walk through a scanner. I will make sure to listen to the security officer. They wear yellow and black shirts.

When we enter the aquarium, the staff will ask for our tickets and scan them so we can go inside.





When we enter the building, a photographer will ask to take our picture. There may be a bright flash of light as I stand with my family while they get a picture.





The inside of the aquarium is very large. There are bright lights and music playing but seeing all of the people can be a fun experience.



There are sensory bags with items available at the guest information desk that can help me feel relaxed.

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A headphone sign will let me know of a quiet area.

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Sensory bags are available for check out  
at the Information Desk located in Atrium.





I will stay with my group at all times. If I need help, I can calmly ask a staff member to help me. They wear blue shirts with name tags with a fish-shaped logo on the front.







Ocean Voyager is the most extensive gallery at Georgia Aquarium. I can ride on the moving sidewalk and see many fish or stand behind the nation's largest window to see the world's largest fish the Whale Shark.





When I enter the tunnel, I can ride on the moving sidewalk. It moves very slowly and allows me time to see all of the fish swimming above and around me.



I may have an opportunity to touch an animal in a touch pool. Sometimes the animals are on a touch break so they can rest. I can come back later. I don't have to if I don't want to.







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In the Coldwater quest gallery, it can be dark as I walk in. I will be able to see Beluga Whales, Penguins and more!





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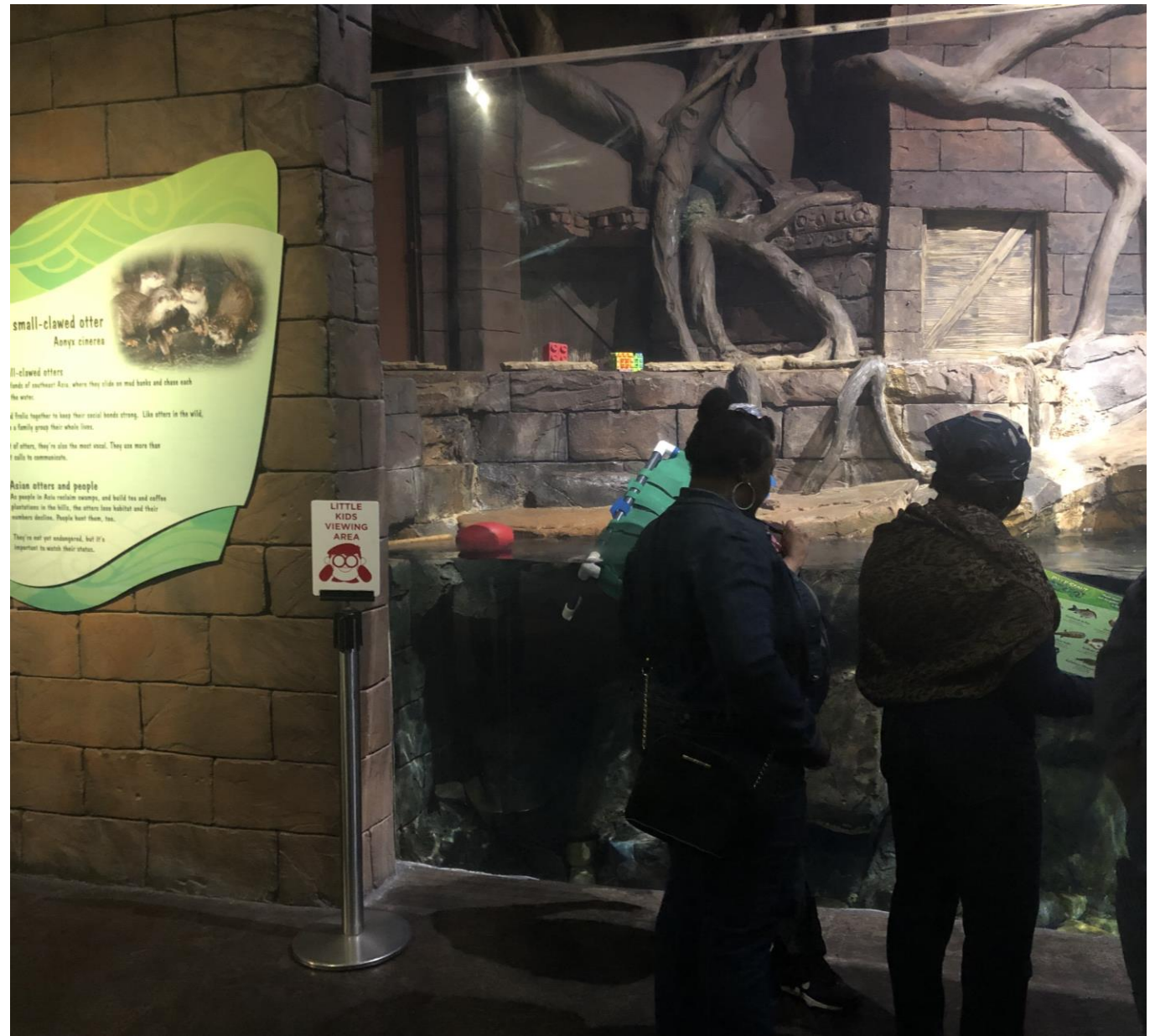
There is a tunnel to see the penguins up close as well as a touch pool. I will use two fingers to touch them gently. They will not hurt me. I can watch them if I don't want to reach them.





As we walk into the River Scout gallery, there is a loud waterfall. It is large and noisy but safe and will not get me wet.

I will see the worlds  
smallest otter, the  
Asian Small-Clawed  
Otter. There is a place  
just for me to stand on  
to see them up close







Tropical Diver gallery is home to Jellies and several colorful fish. I may see a SCUBA diver when I visit. I can wave hello to them if I do.



There is a vast exhibit full of colorful fish and coral. If crowded, I can step on to the red carpet that is designated for kids to see the animals up close.





# DOLPHIN COAST

The image shows the entrance to Dolphin Coast at night. The building's facade is made of light-colored stone tiles. Above the entrance, the words "DOLPHIN COAST" are displayed in large, illuminated 3D letters. "DOLPHIN" is in black with a white outline, and "COAST" is in blue with a white outline. To the right of the text is a large, illuminated blue dolphin leaping out of the water. The entrance itself is a dark, recessed area with a black ceiling and several small, round, recessed lights. Inside the entrance, a set of stairs and an escalator lead up. Several people are visible on the stairs and escalator, some wearing yellow shirts. The overall atmosphere is dark and modern.

There is a Dolphin Presentation to see the dolphin leap and swim. When I enter I will ride a escalator up to see the show.

It may be crowded, and people will cheer. I can cheer with them too! I should sit far away if I don't want to get wet. It can be loud. I can wear my headphones if I don't like loud environments. It's ok to ask a blue shirted guest services person if I need help or need to leave the presentation early.





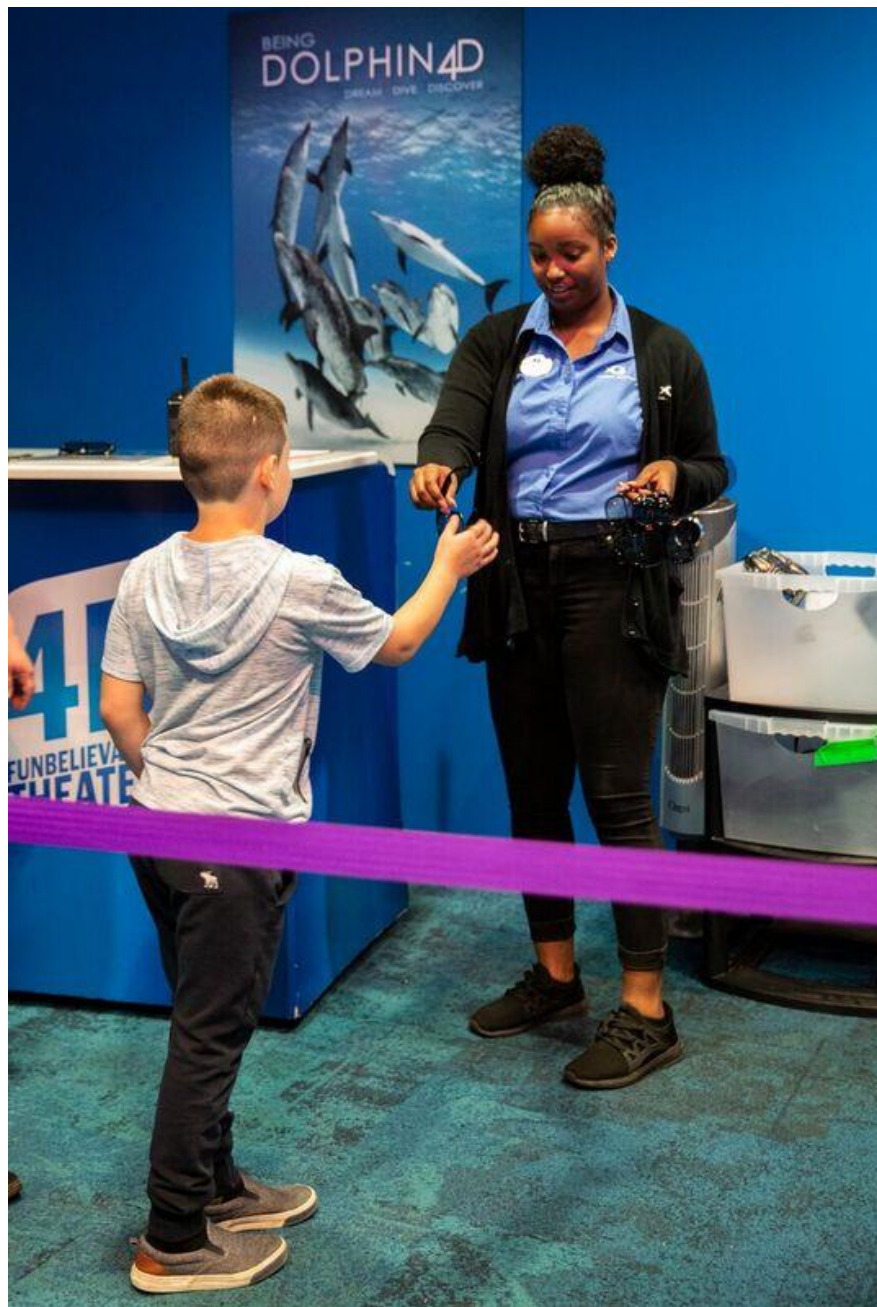
Georgia Aquarium has  
a Sea lion  
presentation. I will  
stand in line to wait a  
little while before I  
get to see them.



Once inside, we will choose a seat to see the show. The animals can come close and I can sit as close or far away as I like.







I may get to watch a movie! If it is too loud or bright I can use my sensory bag, or find a quiet zone.

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When I am ready to leave the aquarium, I must exit through the gift shop. There are many items for sale. If I would like to purchase anything to help me remember my aquarium visit, if I need any help, the employees in orange shirts can help me.





# Goodbye!

Visiting Georgia  
Aquarium has been so  
much fun and I cannot  
wait to come back!

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