GEORGIA AQUARIUM

SHARK CAGE DIVE

DIVE IMMERSION PROGRAM- SHARK CAGE INFORMATION

THANK YOU!

Dive Immersion Program's Shark Cage Dive is an opportunity to explore Georgia Aquarium's newest habitat "SHARKS! Predators of the Deep." Dive into the water with our team to learn about the multiple species of sharks in our care and the challenges they face.

Your registration with Georgia Aquarium's Shark Cage Dive Experience 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.

CAGE DIVE OVERVIEW

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE INTRO VIDEO

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 20-minute cage dive experience in the SHARKS! Predators of the Deep habitat
- All needed equipment
- Digital souvenir photo
- Exclusive program t-shirt

REMEMBER YOUR JOURNEY

- Edited HD Video: $49.95+tax
- Georgia Aquarium Mask Strap: $9.95+tax
- Dive Hat: $19.95+tax
- Reusable tote bag: $10.00+tax
- Additional Program Shirt: $13.95+tax

CAGE DIVER REQUIREMENTS

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- Participants must be at least 12 years old at the time of the event.
- Any participants under 18 years old must have a parent or legal guardian IN THE WATER with them.
- There must be 1 adult PER minor ages 12-14 or 1 adult for 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).
- Guests wear/carry upwards of 35lbs. of additional weight on the surface.
- Guests with special needs or considerations should inform the dive team by emailing **dive@georgiaaquarium.org** prior to event date. We are happy to make reasonable accommodations to improve your experience.

SIGN LIABILITY WAIVER

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

YOUR JOURNEY

CHECK-IN AND SAFETY BRIEFING

Check-in 30 minutes prior to your scheduled event time at the Animal Interaction Desk.

You will be greeted by staff and taken to our briefing room where you will be given an orientation briefing about the animals and safety guidelines for your experience.

DRESS OUT AND GEAR UP

Head to co-ed changing rooms to dress into your Georgia Aquarium wetsuit before heading to the deck to meet your safety divers. After reviewing gear and safety, staff will assist you into your equipment

JOURNEY WITH THE PREDATORS OF THE DEEP

Our team will escort you into the cage to begin your excursion. Your safety divers in the cage will brief you on the species of sharks that will be swimming around you as your cage moves through the habitat.

CLEAN UP AND DEBRIEF

Staff will assist you out of your gear before you head back to the locker rooms to shower and clean up. The group will head back to the briefing room for a review of your experience!

The whole program lasts approximately 2.5 hours, so plan accordingly!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS IT SAFE?

Contrary to popular belief, sharks typically leave humans alone. The animals in our habitat are familiarized with divers. The cage was specifically designed with guest safety in mind so no physical contact between sharks and guests will occur.

WHAT IS A FULL FACE MASK?

A full face diving mask is a system used to breathe while underwater. Staff will brief guests on its use before their experience. We use the same masks often seen during dives featured on TV and will allow for staff and guests to communicate underwater.

HOW CAN I PREPARE TO USE THE FULL FACE MASK?

Dive staff will provide details on the usage of a full-face diving mask during their program briefing.

Near-sighted guests who typically wear stronger prescription glasses should plan on wearing contacts.

We also suggest trimming or shaving of beards to ensure the most comfortable experience.

WHAT IF I AM NOT COMFORTABLE ON THE MASK?

Guests who do not fit in or are uncomfortable using the full face mask can request to be placed on a dive mask and use a typical dive regulator. We will also have snorkels available.

Please note these systems will be unable to hear any communications coming from the in-water staff.

NOTE: The cage has a carrying capacity that we must adhere to. While Dive Immersion will make every effort to honor your reservation, **it is possible that your dive may be delayed or rescheduled** in order to meet these safety regulations.

WHAT ARE THE WATER CONDITIONS AND WHAT WILL I SEE?

The "SHARKS! Predators of the Deep" habitat contains 1.2 million gallons of crystal clear salt water that is temperature controlled at 75˚F / 24˚C.

The habitat is home to 4 different species of shark, including great hammerhead, tiger, silvertip and sand tiger sharks.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE CAGE

The cage you will be diving in was specifically designed for this program. With acrylic windows for optimal viewing, the cage will slowly move throughout the habitat.

Much like a helicopter, the cage's occupants must be placed in order for a balanced and smooth ride. This may require parties be placed separately in the cage during their excursion.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME FOR MY DIVE?

Cage divers should be sure to bring their program tickets for check-in. If you'd like, you may also bring a 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 experience.

WHAT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT DO YOU PROVIDE?

Our changing room is co-ed with private dressing/shower stalls.

The changing rooms as well as the cage have been designed to meet ADA regulations.

Dive Immersion will provide all needed equipment for your experience, including wetsuit, booties, weight harness and full-face masks.

For the safety of the animals and to minimize habitat contamination, **no personal cameras or other equipment will be allowed into the environment.** We also ask you minimize use of personal products (makeup, lotions, perfumes) and remove all jewelry before entering the water.

WHAT ABOUT MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY?

Your friends and family are more than welcome to join you for your experience! They must purchase a General Admission ticket and check in with you at the Animal Interaction Kiosk before your event.

Our staff will direct your company to the best viewing opportunities in the gallery during your journey so that they can watch you through the windows of the habitat.

Children must be chaperoned by an adult at all times.

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.

Question not answered here? CLICK HERE for more FAQs about the Cage Program.

DIVE IMMERSION'S PROGRAMS

Sign up for the Dive Immersion Program's **SCUBA Dive Program** in the Ocean Voyager, Built by the Home Depot habitat. This Journey with Gentle Giants is the world's only guaranteed opportunity to dive with the whale sharks and manta rays, This program requires its participants to be certified autonomous open water divers (or higher) prior to visit.

Georgia Aquarium's Dive Immersion Program hosts a unique **Closed Circuit Rebreather (CCR) Program** for certified autonomous open water (or higher) divers. This "bubble-less" dive is only recommended for our more adventurous divers who are ready to explore Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot utilizing the latest in "recreational rebreather" technology.

For those who are not certified divers, the Dive Immersion **Swim Program** allows for you to snorkel in the Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot habitat. Don a life vest and put on a snorkel to come face-to-face with the largest sharks on the planet, the whale shark!

For more information, please visit www.georgiaaquarium.org