



SWIM WITH GENTLE GIANTS



DIVE IMMERSION PROGRAM - SWIM INFORMATION



THANK YOU!

The Dive Immersion Program is an opportunity to explore Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot, 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 tour of Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot
- All needed swim 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



SWIMMER REQUIREMENTS

AGE RESTRICTIONS

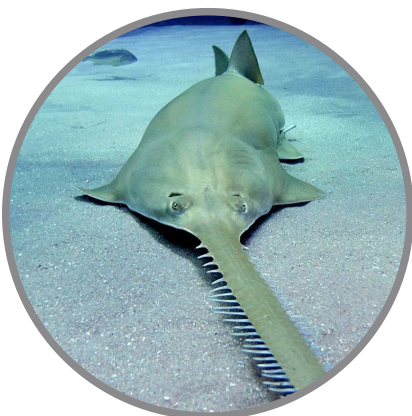
- Participants must be at least 12 years old at the time of the event.
- Any swimmers under 18 years old must have a parent or legal guardian IN THE WATER with them.
- There must be 1 adult PER minor ages 12-14 or 1 adult for minors 15-17 years old.

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).
- Participants must be able to climb out of habitat via in-water ladder.
- Guests with special needs 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 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 30 minutes prior to your scheduled event time at the Animal Interaction Kiosk, located in front of Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot.

You will be greeted by staff and taken to our classroom where you will be given an orientation to highlight the habitat, the animals, as well as explain 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

Your lead divemaster will invite you into the water and begin your guided tour with the gentle giants for 30 minutes. You will be escorted by three staff members who guide you through the habitat, ensuring the safety of you and the animals, and record your journey with the latest and greatest camera equipment.



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. Staff will escort you back to the classroom where you will be able to watch the video of your experience!

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME?

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 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.

WHEN IS THE SWIM PROGRAM OFFERED?

The Journey with Gentle Giants Swim Program is offered everyday at 4:30pm. Check-in is at the Animal Interaction Kiosk in front of Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot at 4:00pm.

There is a maximum of 8 participants per program.

Walk-ups are accepted, though availability may be limited, so it is strongly recommended you reserve your space in advance.

For larger group reservations or to book out a timeslot for a private tour, contact our Group Sales department at (404) 581-4121

WHAT ABOUT MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY?

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

Our fantastic volunteer staff will escort your company throughout the gallery during your dive so that they can watch you through the windows of the habitat. After your swim, they will join you to watch your video experience together!

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

WHAT ARE THE WATER CONDITIONS AND WHAT WILL I SEE?

Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot habitat contains 6.3 million gallons of salt water 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 Animal 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!

WHAT EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES DO YOU PROVIDE?

The Dive Immersion Program provides you with 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 and water bottle for you to use.

All our facilities and dive platform have all been designed to meet ADA regulations.

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

WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS DOES DIVE IMMERSION HAVE?

Hop into a moving cage on a full face dive mask to explore Georgia Aquarium's newest "[Sharks! Predators of the Deep](#)" **Cage Dive** experience. This unique opportunity allows for you to come face to face with the world's greatest apex predators, including Great Hammerhead and Tiger Sharks!

If your swim experience inspires you to want to explore the underwater world further, the Dive Immersion Program's **SCUBA Dive Program** allows for you to SCUBA Dive with the gentle giants! This program requires its participants to be certified autonomous open water divers (or higher) prior to visit and is not a certification course.

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



Question not answered here? **[CLICK HERE](#)** for more FAQs about the Swim Program.