



DIVE 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.

DIVE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 30-minute guided tour of Ocean Voyager
- All needed dive equipment
- Digital souvenir photo
- Exclusive program t-shirt

WHAT TO BRING

- Proof of Open Water Certification
- Swimsuit to wear under the wetsuit
- Personal dive mask*
- Personal wrist computer*
- Bag for wet clothes storage*

**optional*



DIVER REQUIREMENTS

PROOF OF CERTIFICATION

- Participants must provide proof of an autonomous Open Water certification (or higher) from a national or internationally recognized dive agency.
- Georgia Aquarium recommends those who have not recently dove to participate in a dive skill refresher course prior to visit.
- **NOTE: Any certification that is not Open Water or higher will NOT be accepted.**
 - **Examples:** PADI Scuba Diver, PADI AWARE Specialty, SSI Basic Diver, SSI Scuba Diver, NAUI Passport Diver, SDI Scuba Discovery

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- Participants must be at least **12 years old** at the time of the event.
- Any divers **under 18 years old must have an adult IN THE WATER** with them.
- There must be 1 adult present PER minor ages 12-14, or 1 adult present for up to seven 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/dive 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 dive 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 dive 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 DIVE 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 log your dive!

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I DIVE WITH MY OWN GEAR OR BRING A CAMERA?

For the safety of the animals and to minimize risk of habitat contamination, **NO PERSONAL CAMERAS OR OUTSIDE DIVE 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.

HOW CAN I REMEMBER MY JOURNEY?

During your Dive with Gentle Giants, one of our trained Dive Masters will be recording your experience, which will be edited by our team and shown in the classroom after your dive. You will be able to purchase this video, along with other items, to remember your incredible journey you had with us.

WHAT EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES DO YOU PROVIDE?

The Dive Immersion Program provides you with all of the equipment needed to dive, including wetsuit, booties, gloves, fins, BCD, mask, regulator, air cylinder, weights, and fins.

You are welcome to bring your own mask and dive computer to use.

Personal lockers are provided in our dressing rooms and will include a towel.

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 dive.

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

CAN I TOUCH OR FEED THE ANIMALS?

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

WHAT ARE THE DIVE CONDITIONS AND WHAT WILL I SEE?

Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot 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' / 6-9m and the crystal clear water is maintained at a temperature of 76°F / 25°C .

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 to your scheduled event. 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

