



DIVE WITH GENTLE GIANTS



DIVE IMMERSION PROGRAM - SCUBA DIVE INFORMATION

THANK YOU!



The Dive Immersion Program is your 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.

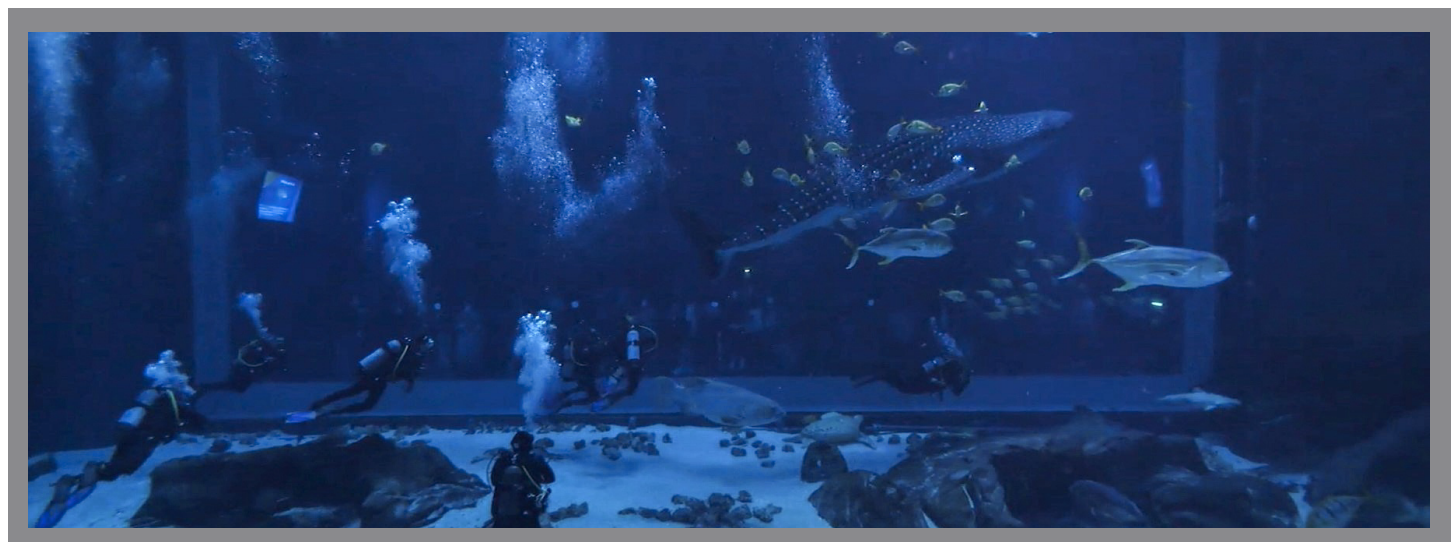
DIVE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 30-minute guided tour of Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot
- All needed dive 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 Bag: \$10+tax
- Additional Program Shirt: \$13.95+tax



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:** PADI's "Scuba Diver" card is not a full open water certification and will not be accepted.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- Participants must be at least 12 years old at the time of the event.
- Any divers under 18 years old must have a parent or legal guardian 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/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/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 on the 2nd floor of the atrium. 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.



CLEAN UP AND DEBRIEF

Staff will assist you out of your gear before 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 -3 hours, so plan accordingly!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME FOR MY DIVE?

Divers should be sure to bring their proof of Open Water certification (or higher) with them as well as their program and specialty tickets. You may also bring a personal mask, personal wrist computer, and clean swimsuit to wear under your wetsuit. The Dive Immersion Program provides all necessary dive equipment and facilities for your experience. We do recommend bringing a bag to carry your wet clothes in after your dive.

Please leave underwater cameras and personal equipment at home!

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.

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, BC, mask, regulator, air cylinder, weights, and fins.

Personal lockers are provided in our dressing rooms and will have a towel and water bottle

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

WHAT ABOUT MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY?

Your friends and family are more than welcome to join you to watch your journey! They must purchase a General Admission ticket and check in with you at the Animal Interaction Kiosk on the second floor of the atrium before your event.

If available, staff will either escort OR direct your company to the best viewing locations to watch you during your dive.

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

WHAT ARE THE DIVE 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 crystal clear water is maintained at a temperature of 76°F / 25°C .

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 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.

WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS DOES DIVE IMMERSION HAVE?

Georgia Aquarium's Dive Immersion Program also hosts a **Closed Circuit Rebreather (CCR) Program** for autonomous open water (or higher) certified divers. This 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 with the gentle giants while wearing a life vest on the surface of the water. Or, 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!



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