

Fun Facts

General

- Georgia Aquarium opened to the public in November 2005 with over one million guests visiting within the first 100 days and 3.6 million guests visiting within the first year.
- Over 18 million guests have visited Georgia Aquarium since opening in 2005.
- Georgia Aquarium is the largest aquarium in the Western Hemisphere with more than 10 million gallons of water.
- At opening, the Guinness Book of World Records certified Georgia Aquarium as having more aquatic life than any other aquarium.

AT&T Dolphin Tales

- The largest physical addition to the Aquarium yet, AT&T Dolphin Tales is 84,000 square feet and 1.8 million gallons of excitement!



- Our dolphins regularly appear in front of full houses in our 1,800+ seat theater. Renowned composer Tim Williams wrote the show's original musical score, a tribute to the beauty and whimsy of dolphins. The music was recorded by a 61-piece orchestra at Sony Pictures Studios in Los Angeles.
- AT&T Dolphin Tales is magical fun with a great message – in order to continue experiencing the majesty of dolphins in our oceans and human care, we must take action to protect them through positive environmental choices.
- One and a half White Houses could fit into the 84,000 square-foot AT&T Dolphin Tales expansion and the 99 foot-long viewing window in the AT&T Dolphin Tales theater is the length of two school buses.

Georgia-Pacific Cold Water Quest

- Deepo – Georgia Aquarium's official mascot – is a Garibaldi damselfish. You can find that species in the kelp forest habitat of Cold Water Quest!
- Our beluga habitat is a cool 59° F (15°C), 800,000 gallon slice of the Arctic!
- Japanese spider crabs live in deep, cold environments. Their exhibit – the coldest at the Aquarium – is 51°F (10.6°C)!
- Southern sea otters have the densest fur in the animal kingdom, sporting a hefty 350,000-1,000,000 hairs per square inch.



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[Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot](#)

- Ocean Voyager is the largest indoor aquatic habitat in the world, holding 6.3 million gallons of water.
- The filtration system can filter all 6.3 million gallons in approximately one hour.
- Ocean Voyager is home to thousands of animals representing about fifty different species, including multiple kinds of sharks and rays!
- Georgia Aquarium is the only Aquarium in North America that is home to whale sharks, the largest fish in the world.



[SunTrust Georgia Explorer](#)

- Introducing guests to the diversity of life on the Georgia Coast, this gallery has three touch pools where guests can learn about native sharks, rays, and invertebrates!
- Georgia Explorer is home to the Aquarium's juvenile loggerhead sea turtle. GAQ works together with the Jekyll Island Sea Turtle Center to rehabilitate sick and injured sea turtles.
- Guests learn about the red lionfish – an invasive species that lacks natural predators in local waters – and the effect this is having on the coastal ecosystem.

[Southern Company River Scout](#)

- River Scout is Georgia Aquarium's only freshwater gallery.
- The overhead river, at approximately 45,000 gallons, makes up about half of the gallery's total volume!
- Many of the exhibits in River Scout contain live vascular plants, contributing to the unique look of the gallery.
- Albino American alligators completely lack natural camouflage, and are sensitive to direct sunlight. See if you can spot them in their habitat in River Scout!



[Tropical Diver Presented by Southwest Airlines](#)

- Tropical Diver's Pacific barrier reef habitat, at 164,000 gallons, is one of the largest living reef exhibits in the United States.



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- The sandy substrate in the garden eel habitat is about three feet deep to allow the eels to burrow.
- “Jelly Alley” is an exotic and relaxing section of Tropical Diver where guests can observe different kinds of undulating jellies.