

GENERAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCIES / LOST & FOUND / INFORMATION

Go to the main entrance desk or contact any staff member.
First aid information can be reported to any staff member.

GIFT SHOP AND THE BOOK STORE

- Gift Shop - Admissions second level - Mundo Maya
- Book Store - Continental Shelf exhibit - Aquarium

RESTAURANTS (Menus on page 11)

- Jungle Café
- eighteen-O-one
- Café Maya

MEMBERSHIP

Members receive free admission for one year, express entry and Gift Shop discounts on all merchandise. Multiple levels of membership are available to suit individual needs. A portion of today's admission may be used toward membership. Take your receipt to Admissions for more details.

EDUCATION

Field Trips are available Monday through Friday for children and adults. A variety of fun and educational curriculums are offered for pre-school to college students. Please call the Education Department for more information.

BOOK YOUR EVENT

The Dallas World Aquarium is an ideal and unique venue for receptions, banquets, dinners, weddings and more. The multiple dining and event areas available at The Dallas World Aquarium allow for a multitude of culinary experiences. Catering services are provided by Daryl's By Design, a Dallas-based catering company since 1985. Expert in-house staff provide the ultimate attention to detail in presentation, cuisine and service.



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FIELD GUIDE

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW AS YOU BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE

- Food and beverage information can be found on pg 11.
- **E** indicates species that are listed as endangered by USFWS.
- Species Survival Plan (SSP) 

Please do not feed or touch the animals and/or plants. Coins can kill!

For the safety of our animals and divers, please, no flash photography.



ORINOCO RAINFOREST

- Enjoy the canopy level of the Orinoco - Secrets of the River Rainforest Exhibit.

- Descend through the understory level into the freshwater aquatic level.

AQUARIUM

- The Aquarium adjoins the River exhibit and presents marine life from around the world.

- The outdoor South Africa exhibit (penguins) and seasonal Madagascar display are near the Book Store.

MUNDO MAYA

- The entrance into Mundo Maya is opposite the Book Store and through the Continental Shelf tunnel exhibit.

- After ascending through the exhibit, the Main Exit is at the lower level (down the stairs or elevator at the Gift Shop).

ENTER HERE MAIN ADMISSIONS

PROCEED UP THE STAIRS
START ON THE 3RD LEVEL



Fairy penguin

Shoebill stork

2nd Level

Admissions

Gift Shop



Luzon bleeding-heart dove



Bali mynah



Yellow bill Hornbill



Moluccan cockatoo



Jambu fruit dove



Western crowned pigeon



Green-naped pheasant pigeon



Pesquet's parrot



White-crested turaco



Blyth's Hornbill



Palm cockatoo



Matschie's tree kangaroo



Asian arowana



Raggiana bird-of-paradise



Red-tailed black cockatoo



Lesser bird-of-paradise



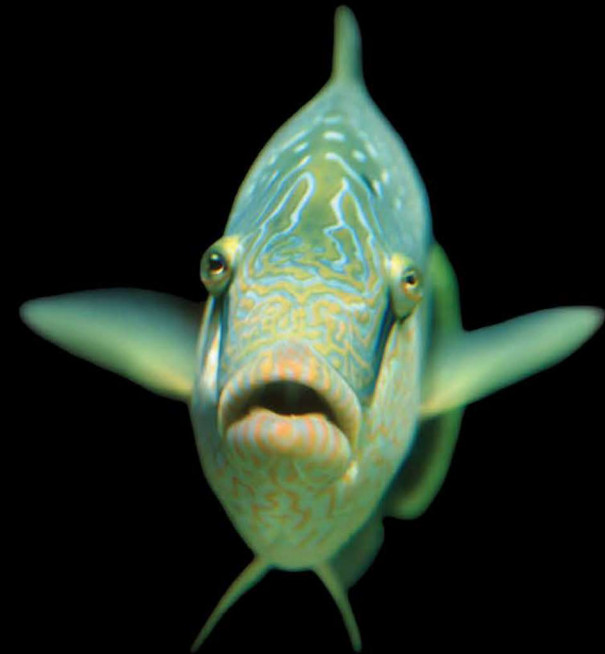
Victoria crowned pigeon



Wompoo fruit dove

EXHIBIT INFORMATION

Please use your phone or smart device to scan this QR Code for information on the Animals and Exhibits at the DWA



ORINOCO RAINFOREST

CANOPY - LEVEL THREE

FREE FLIGHT

As you enter the rainforest, look around and overhead for the many species of birds that live in the rainforest, flying freely from the island in the River exhibit to the top of the seven-story structure.



Mot-mot
Free Flight



Scarlet ibis
Free Flight



Chestnut-eared aracari
Free Flight



Troupial
Free Flight

9 COTINGA CORNER

This multi-level habitat is shared by umbrellabirds, capuchinbirds and cocks-of-the-rock.



Capuchin bird



Umbrellabird



Black-necked Aracari



Pale-mandible Aracari



Guianan cock-of-the-rock



Howler monkey

8 HOWLER HEIGHT

Look up to see the Red Howler Monkey. The howler can be heard throughout the rainforest.



Three-toed sloth

7 SLOTH FOREST

A favorite of all ages, the sloth watches from above as he hangs out in his favorite tree.



Curl-crested aracari

6 TOUCAN ENCOUNTER

Young toucans adjust to the rainforest in the enclosed habitat, prior to their release in the free flight canopy.



Pygmy marmosets



4 LEK

The dense vegetation of The LEK area is home to various species of birds, such as the Andean cock-of-the-rock.

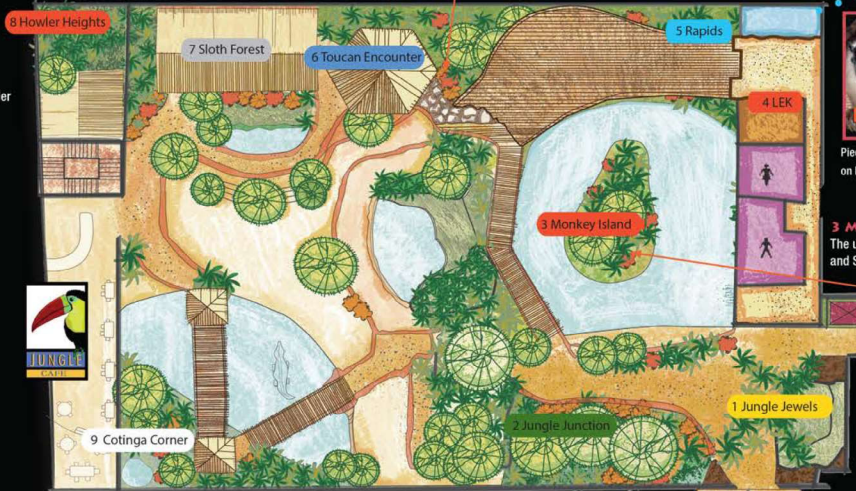


Andean cocks-of-the-rock
female-left, male-right, and chick.



5 RAPIDS

The Andean Rapids is home to the rarest warbler and the White-faced Whistling Ducks.



Guianan Toucanet



Giant anteater

2 JUNGLE JUNCTION

The exhibit is shared by toucans, tortoises, curassows and anteaters.



Toco toucan



Boat-billed heron



CAFE MAYA



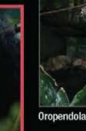
Pied tamarin,
on bridge over others



Pale-faced saki monkeys, male (right), female and a baby (below)



Crested oropendola
Free Flight



Green oropendola
Free Flight

3 MONKEY ISLAND

The upper level is home to tamarins and Saki monkeys.



Wattled Jacana



Swallow tanager



Paradise tanager



Golden-headed manakin

1 JUNGLE JEWELS

Many colorful species of birds can be seen in this exhibit. The interesting collection allows you to observe their unusual displays, building of nests and caring for their young.



Golden-collared manakin
and chicks



Red-capped manakin



Chiriqui
quail-dove



Oropendola nests

ORINOCO RAINFOREST

UNDERSTORY - LEVEL TWO

Green aracari

The second level of the rainforest begins near the home of the Giant otter. Many unique plants and animals are found at this level. You will see various species of birds as they search for food between the forest floor and the canopy.



Anaconda



Spiny-tailed iguana



Emperor tamarin



Many-banded aracari



Blue Discus



Double-yellow headed Amazon parrot



Guianan Red Cotinga



Emerald tree boa



Wattled guan



Paradise Tanager



Red-breasted Toucan



Saffron Toucanet



Golden lion tamarin



Caiman lizard



Red-footed tortoise

3 LIZARD COVE

Caiman lizards hunt for food both on land and in the water.

1 LOBO DEL RIO

Giant otters are known in South America as "Lobo Del Rio" or river wolves. They are the largest of the 13 species found throughout the world. Giant otters are now threatened with extinction largely due to the commercial value of their beautiful pelts which were heavily traded in the mid 1900s. Coupled with habitat reduction, their numbers have been severely depleted.

4 HIDDEN TREASURE

As you continue downward and around the sharp curve in the pathway, look at the Monkey don't climb trees and the displays of tamarins, toucans and other birds.

2 THE CAVE

Colorful poison dart tree frogs share this exhibit with the tree-dwelling boa that can usually be seen draped over a branch.

5 THE RIVER'S EDGE

Anacondas can often be seen resting on the overhead branches while fish swim below and birds and tamarins



Dwarf caiman



Strawberry poison dart frog



Amazonian poison frog



Green basilisk



Brazilian yellow head



Piranha

6 BATS AND BUGS

Small nocturnal Vampire bats feed by lapping the blood of their prey through small cuts made by their razor-sharp incisor teeth. This area of the understory displays smaller creatures which are often food sources for many rainforest animals.



Vampire bat



Silver arowana



Yellow-spotted Amazon turtle



Caecilian



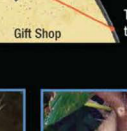
Bigtooth river stingray



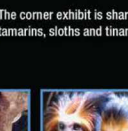
Hawk-headed parrot



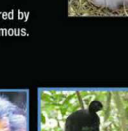
Wattled curassow



Elegant crested tinamou



Two-toed sloth



Golden-headed lion tamarin



Gray winged Trumpeter



Ringed teal



Orinoco goose



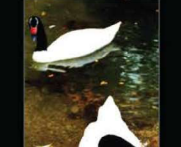
Rosy-billed pochard



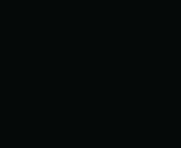
Black-bellied whistling duck



Giant otter



Black-necked swan



Black-necked swan



Orinoco goose



Orinoco goose

ORINOCO RAINFOREST

AQUATIC - LEVEL ONE

THE RIVER

The River Exhibit brings you to the aquatic level of the rainforest. It is home to the Red-tailed, Fork-snouted and Shovel-nosed catfish, Arrau turtles, Black-banded leporinus and freshwater stingrays. The long fish with the unusual snout is the Arapaima. The Antillean manatee is a marine mammal with a walrus-like body.

Your journey continues into the aquarium portion of the facility.



Antillean manatee



Arapaima



Red-tailed, Fork-snouted and Shovel-nosed catfish



Radiated tortoise



Arrau turtle

MADAGASCAR

Madagascar is an outdoor, seasonal exhibit at The Dallas World Aquarium. Look closely to see such animals as the Leaf-tailed geckos and various chameleons. Whether changing colors and/or mimicking vegetation, some of the species displayed are exceptional masters of disguise. Big-headed turtles and various colorful species of frogs are also part of the Madagascar exhibit.



Giant day gecko



Tomato frog



Blue-bellied roller



Polka-dot stingray



CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
Black-footed penguins are from the tip of South Africa where they live in temperatures quite similar to that of Dallas. Penguins, like other birds, regularly shed their feathers (molt). Also enjoying the outdoor exhibit are Eastern yellow hornbills and Rock hyraxes. Although the hyrax resembles a rodent, it is related to the manatee. Look closely at the many species of unusual aloe and cactus-like plants, all native to South Africa. Living above the Madagascar exhibit are species of ducks and colorful turacos.



Fischer's Turaco



Poison dart frog



Surinam toad



1 SOLOMON ISLAND

Located in the South Pacific Ocean, these islands are teeming with species such as Flashlightfish that have bean-shaped photophores under their eyes which glow in the dark. Jellyfish drift through the nearby exhibit.

2 SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA

Weedy and leafy seadragons resemble seaweed floating on the bottom of the sea floor.

3 LORD HOWE ISLAND

This exhibit features colorful fish from the southern-most coral reefs. Such spectacular animals as the Spectacled angelfish and endemic clownfish can be seen.

4 PALAU

Clams, soft leather corals and tiny Mandarin dragonets are in the colorful Palau exhibit.

5 FIJI

Clownfish nestle in the beautiful anemones. Brain corals add vibrance to this exhibit.

6 NEW GUINEA

Butterflyfish, clownfish and shrimpfish can be seen in this garden-like coral reef exhibit. Colorful wrasses and assessors often swim in small schools.

7 BRITISH COLUMBIA

The cool waters of British Columbia are home to the Pacific giant octopus. Other invertebrates include sea anemones, sea stars, sea cucumbers and urchins.

8 SRI LANKA

Often known as the tear drop of India, Sri Lanka is home to many colorful corals and the brightly-colored Scorpionfish.

9 DENIZENS OF THE DEEP

The deep ocean is home to some of nature's unusual sea creatures.

10 INDONESIA

Indonesia is the world's center of diversity for corals. Stony or hard corals are important to the structure of coral reefs. The tiny Banggai cardinalfish can be seen on the bottom or swimming in the exhibit.

11 JAPAN

Garden eels sway gently as they watch for the many species of colorful fish that often get too close, causing them to retreat into their burrows.

12 CONTINENTAL SHELF

The Continental Shelf (area around each continent where the land meets the sea) is home to the majority of marine life. The 22,000 gallon tunnel exhibit offers a panoramic view of reef life.

MUNDO MAYA

LOWER LEVEL

The journey continues into the world of the Maya, one of the ancient cultures of the Western hemisphere. Dominating the area from Mexico's Yucatan peninsula to the rainforest of Guatemala, the Maya civilization lasted several thousand years and presently survives in parts of Mexico and Central America.

The Maya both feared and revered nature. They did not believe that nature needed to be conquered or subdued. It is this interaction between man and nature, in one of the most important ecosystems in the world, that we hope to convey in the Mundo Maya exhibit.

Leaf-nosed bat

7 HOUSE OF ZOTZ

Bats are major contributors in maintaining the balance of the ecosystem by pollination, dispersing seeds, eating insects and as food for higher species on the food chain. These nocturnal mammals were associated with death, darkness and sacrifice by the Maya.

6 SERPENT'S DEN

The Neotropical rattlesnake or "tsah kah" in Maya, is a large snake that was the inspiration for the feathered serpent Quetzalcoatl, one of the most important Maya gods. Also exhibited in this area are the feared Fer-de-lance and the striking Eyelash viper. Perhaps because of their number and variety, snakes appear in Maya art and religious roles more than any other animal.

Neotropical rattlesnake

Fer-de-lance

Eyelash palm viper



Red-eyed tree frog



CROCODILES

Crocodiles were both feared and revered by the Maya. When floating on the water, the body of the crocodile represents the earth on which humans live; above is the underworld filled with celestial gods; surrounding and below is the underworld with evil spirits.



Red-tailed boa

Of special importance to the Maya were toads and frogs. Many species can be seen in micro exhibits along the winding pathway.



Axolotl

As you enter the Mundo Maya exhibit you will see scorpions, basilisks and frogs.



Brown basilisk



Blue spiny lizard

1 RIVER DELTA

This exhibit is home to various fish and amphibians.



Dendrobates auratus



Jack Dempsey cichlid



Red-knee tarantula



Mexican leaf frog



2 FISHES OF THE CENOTE

Watching the fish from above are owls who were believed to be messengers between humans and the divine. Because of their nocturnal nature, owls were often associated with death and darkness, however, they also had special ties with fertility.



Alligator lizard



Blind cavefish



Screech owl

3 LOS PETENES

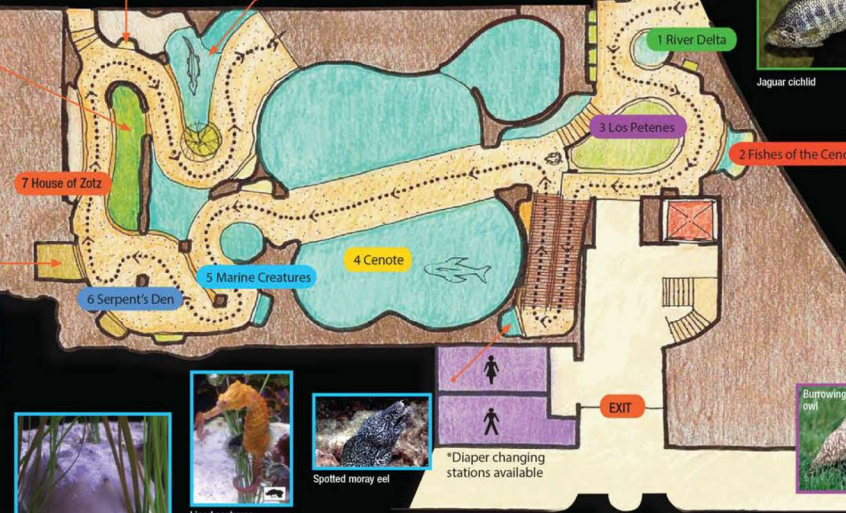
Petenes are islands of forest vegetation that have a high biodiversity. Living in this peten are various species of birds and the Desert cottontail. The rabbits believed to be one of the Maya celestial scribal gods - the patron of the sacred art of writing, and carried with him the knowledge of the written calendar.



Desert cottontail



Burrowing owl



Horseshoe crab



Lined seahorse



Spotted moray eel



Royal gramma



Claron angelfish



Bluehead wrasse

5 MARINE CREATURES

Many saltwater vertebrates and invertebrates were used as food and ornaments. Seen in these exhibits are cardinalfish, jawfish, grammas and wrasses.

4 CENOTE

Caves and cenotes (deep sinkholes with a pool of water in the bottom) were believed to be passages to the underworld. As such, they became sacred places for the Maya. Living in the cenote are sharks, rays, sawfish, groupers and stingrays.



Brown shark



Largetooth Sawfish

Giant grouper



MUNDO MAYA

UPPER LEVELS

This is the last level (with the exception of Café Maya on Level Three) that is accessible to visitors. The overhead vegetation provides shelter and food for many species of birds, many of whom have favorite areas, as placed on this page. Birds can often be seen near colorful blooms or at carefully placed feeders. Larger raptors are usually in the upper canopy.



Tropical woodpecker



Scarlet macaws



Ornate hawk eagle



Harpy eagle

2 BIRDS OF EL TRIUNFO

Usually watching from high above are a pair of majestic Harpy eagles. They are one of the largest species of eagles, with females being up to twice the size of males. The five-inch long talons help make this bird of prey an apex predator in their native habitat.



Ocelot

3 MAYAN TEMPLE

The overhead portion of this multi-level habitat is heavily planted and allows for climbing and fresh air. The large fallen Mahogany tree on which the Ocelot lounges, has areas within the tree that can be cooled and heated for the Ocelot's comfort. Cubby holes also provide hiding places for bones and other forms of enrichment.



Burnished-buff tanager



Blue dacnis



Yellow grosbeak



Spangled cotinga



Ceiba tree



Tree ferns



Guiana crested eagle



Cycads

THE CEIBA TREE

The Ceiba is one of the most sacred trees in the Mayan culture. It is known as the "ya'axche" in Mayan which means the first tree. The "Tree of Life" in Mayan religion is a model for the universe and was believed to hold up the sky. Massive buttress roots support the straight, largely branchless trunk that spreads into a huge canopy of leaves.

GUIANA CRESTED EAGLE

The Guiana crested eagle is a large, slender raptor that soars high above the canopy scanning the forest for its next meal of small-to-medium-sized mammals, birds or reptiles.

CYCADS AND TREE FERNS

Cycads and tree ferns are very primitive plant species that were abundant during the Mesozoic or the "age of dinosaurs."



Purple-throated fruitcrow
Free Flight



Wattled jacana

HUMMINGBIRDS

Although small, fast and brightly-colored, hummingbirds can be quite fearless and aggressive. In ancient Mexico, hummingbirds were often identified with war and blood. The art of sacrificial bloodletting was often depicted as a hummingbird sucking nectar with its needle-like beak.



Broad-billed



Black-chinned



Costas



Rufous



Green-backed Trogon



Spotted Tanager



Cecropia tree



Golden-headed quetzal



Purple honeycreeper
Free Flight



Red-legged honeycreeper

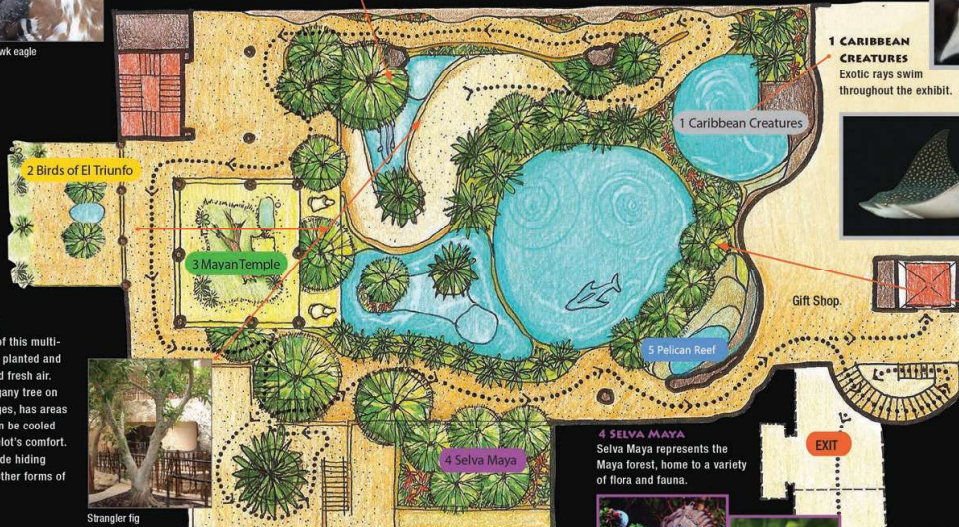


5 Pelican Reef



Brown Pelicans

Open windows to the rest of the cosmos the sacred and magical code included secrets, and hidden laws of the universe, the gods and time. They were the eyes of the invisible forces that impacted the destiny and history of the Mayan civilization.

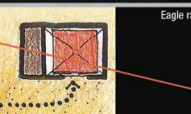


1 CARIBBEAN CREATURES

Exotic rays swim throughout the exhibit.



Lesser devil ray



Eagle ray

Gift Shop

EXIT



Ocellated turkey



Keel-billed Toucan



Spectacled owl



Black hawk eagle



Spiral ginger



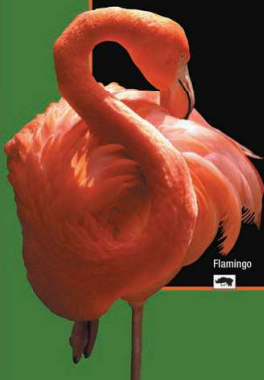
Shrimp plant



Strangler fig



Philodendron



Flamingo

DINING AT THE DALLAS WORLD AQUARIUM



Cafe Maya

APPETIZERS

- Yucatan Guacamole
- El Rancho Wings
- Chili con Queso
- Jalapeno Poppers

SOUPS

- Tortilla del Dia*

SALADS

- Ensalada de Maya*
- Taco Salad*
- Southwestern Caesar Salad*
- Cafe Maya Dressings:
Choice of Avocado, Roasted Pepper Vinaigrette or Southwestern Caesar

(* Vegetarian Options Available)

ENTREES

- Quesadilla del dia
- Echiladas Verdes
- Cafe Maya Tacos
- South of the Border Burger
- Buffalo Chicken Wrap

KID'S MENU

- Beef Tacos
- Chicken Nachos
- Chicken Quesadilla
- Cheese Quesadilla
- Chicken Tenders & Fries

DESSERTS

- Mayan Pecan Brownie
- Cafe Maya Churro's
- Sorbet

located on the third level Mundo Maya



Menu

- Turkey & Gouda Panini
- Warm Ham & Cheddar
- Junior Jungle Dog
with Queso or Chili
- Corn Dog
- Frito Pie
*with Lettuce & Tomatoes
with Queso and Chili*
- Flatbread Pizza
- BBQ Pork Sliders
- Chicken Fingers
- Bacon & Egg Burrito
- Ball Park Nachos
*Cheese & Jalapenos
and Beef & Black Beans*
- Grilled Cheese
- Layered Tex-Mex Salad
- French Fries
- Chili Cheese Fries
- Warm Soft Pretzel
- Assorted Chips
- House-made Cookie
- House-made Brownie

located on the third level Rainforest



eighteen-O-one

INTERNATIONAL

- MEXICO
- Quesadilla Del Dia
- Caribbean Chicken Club
- Flautas Del Dia
- Red Pepper Linguini Pasta*

- INDONESIA
- Lumpia Shanghai Springroll(s)*
- Saté of the Day*
- Nasi Goreng of the Day*
- Wonton Shrimp Wraps*

- BRITISH COLUMBIA
- Grilled Salmon*
- Crab Cakes*
- Pacific Boiled Shrimp*

- AUSTRALIA
- Jaffle of the Day
- Shrimp on the Barbie*
- Bacon and Egg Pie
- Outback Pork Ribs

- FIJI
- Tuna Steak Sandwich
- Fijian Snapper*
- Island Salad Plate
- Rice Paper Wraps

HOUSE SPECIALTIES

- 1801 Cobb Salad
- Grilled Caesar Salad (chicken or shrimp)
- Mixed Grill (petit beef filet, jumbo shrimp and chicken filet)*

- Caesar Wraps
- Burger and Fries
- Soup of the Day
- Soup and Salad
- Darryl's Famous Corn Chowder
- Salad Plate
- Buffalo Chicken Wraps

CHILDREN'S MENU

- Fish and Chips
- Grilled American Cheese Sandwich and Fries
- Fish-Shaped Pizza
- Chicken Tenders and Fries
- Mini Burger and Fries
- Mac & Cheese
- Side of Fries

SWEETS

- Fritters with Coconut Ice Cream
- Homemade Brownie
- Ice Cream

* Items served with choice of soup or salad

located on the first level Aquarium

CONSERVATION AT THE DALLAS WORLD AQUARIUM

As part of our mission to help instill an appreciation and understanding of our interdependence on the Earth and its fragile ecosystems, The Dallas World Aquarium is committed to multiple conservation efforts within our local and global communities. A number of the animals in our collection are threatened or endangered in their natural habitat. Many of these species are here as part of cooperative breeding programs with other zoos in the US and throughout the world. Some of these programs involve specialized breeding groups which may, in the future, be reintroduced into their natural habitat. In addition to the institutional based programs in Dallas, we are also involved in a number of in situ efforts.

Our staff is dedicated to their work in cooperation with the following organizations/agencies:

- AZA** (Association of Zoos and Aquariums)
- WAZA** (World Association of Zoos and Aquariums)
- TPWD** (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)
- USFWS** (US Fish and Wildlife Service)
- MINAMB** (Venezuela) Ministerio del Poder Popular para Vivienda, Hábitat y Eco socialismo (Ministry of Popular Power for Housing, Habitat and Eco Socialism)
- ICMBio** (Brazil) Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade (Chico Mendes Institute of Biodiversity Conservation)
- MINAG** (Peru) Ministerio de Agricultura (Ministry of Agriculture)
- IIAP** (Peru) Instituto de Investigaciones de la Amazonia Peruana (Peruvian Amazon Research Institute)
- DGEYFS** (Peru) Dirección General Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre (Forestry and Wildlife General Direction)
- PRODUCE** (Peru) Ministerio de la Producción (Ministry of Production)
- ANAM** (Panama) Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente (National Environment Authority)
- DAGMA** (Colombia) Departamento Administrativo de Gestión del Medio Ambiente (Environmental Management Administration Department)
- CONANP** (Mexico) Comisión Nacional de Areas Naturales Protegidas (Protected Natural Areas National Commission)
- MINAE** (Costa Rica) Ministerio del Ambiente y Energia (Ministry of Environment and Energy)

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