GENERAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCIES / LOST & FOUND / INFORMATION
Go to the main entrance desk or ask any staff member. First aid information can be reported to any staff member. Water fountains available adjacent to restrooms.

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 towards your membership. Please take your receipt to Admissions for more details.

EDUCATION
Field trips are available Monday through Friday for children and adults. We also offer engaging and educational curriculum materials for school-aged students. All components are grade-level appropriate, align with the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for science, and can be downloaded free-of-charge from our website.

For more information on field trips and for curriculum access, visit www.dwazoo.com/education.
Important Things To Know
As You Begin Your Adventure

- Food and beverage information can be found on page 11.
- EN indicates species that are on the IUCN Red List as Endangered.
- CR indicates species that are on the IUCN Red List as Critically Endangered.
- SP indicates species that are a part of a 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.
- No commercial photography without prior written consent.

Orinoco Rainforest

- Enjoy the Cloud Forest Trek and 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

- Mundo Maya is to your right when you enter our first floor aquatic exhibits. Don't miss the sharks!
- After ascending through the exhibit, the Main Exit is at the lower level (down the stairs or elevator at the Gift Shop).

Exhibit Information

Please use your phone or smart device to scan this QR Code for information on the animals and exhibits at the Dallas World Aquarium:
As you enter the rainforest, look around and overhead for the many species of birds that live in the rainforest, flying freely from the treetops to the river exhibits to the top of the seven-story structure.

**3 Monkey Island**
The upper level is home to tamarins and saki monkeys.

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

**7 Rapids**
The Andean Rapids is home to the rarest waterfowl in South America.

**8 Beneath the Canopy**
Beautiful and vibrant tanagers and manakins can be observed enjoying the humid habitat.

**9 Howler Heights**
Look up to see the red howler monkey. The howler can be heard throughout the rainforest.

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

**5 Sloth Forest**
A favorite of all ages, these lazy sloths watch from above as they hang out in their favorite tree.

**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.

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Orinoco Rainforest

Understory - Level Two

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.

1 Lobo’s Del Rio
Giant otters are known in South America as “lobo del rio” (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.

2 The Cave
Colorful poison dart frogs share this exhibit with the tree-dwelling boa.

3 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.

4 The River’s Edge
An anaconda can often be seen resting on the overhead branches while fish swim below.

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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.

7 Crocodile Cove
Orinoco crocodiles are one of the top predators in the Orinoco River. They are the most endangered of all crocodile species. Piranhas and pacus can be seen in the waters of Crocodile Cove.

8 Flooded Forest
During the rainy season, the flooded banks of the river allow freshwater stingrays, arowanas and turtles access to various plants and animals. Also carried by the floodwaters are animals such as the electric eel and the amphibian, worm-like caecilian.

9 Toucan Terrace
As the pathway continues downward, parrots, monkeys, sloths, tucanos and other birds add to the intrigue of the understory.

Several species of waterfowl can be seen in the water of the River exhibit that surrounds Monkey Island.

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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.

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Tomato frog
Giant day gecko
Your journey continues into the aquarium portion of the facility.

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. Arapaima, 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.

Aquatic - level one

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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.

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.

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

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

New Guinea
Butterflyfish, clownfish, and shrimpfish can be seen in this garden-like coral reef exhibit. Colorful anemones and anemonefish often swim in small schools.

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

Polka-dot stingray
Golden dorado

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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 periphery 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.

6 Serpent’s Den

The Neotropical rattlesnake or “tsaab kahn” 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.

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 it the upper world filled with celestial gods; surrounding and below is the underworld with evil spirits.

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

1 River Delta

This exhibit is home to various species of fish and amphibians. As you enter the Mundo Maya exhibit you will see scorpions, basilisks, and frogs.

2 Rainforests of the Cenotes

Blacking the skirt from above are areas who were believed to be messengers between humans and the divine. For ease of their nocturnal nature, each were often associated with death and darkness, however, they also had special links with fertility.

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 rabibit is believed to be one of the Maya celestial scribes – the patron of the sacred art of writing, and canvases with hieroglyph knowledge of the written calendars.

4 Cenote

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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 in the upper canopy.

2 Birds of El Triunfo
Watching from high above is the majestic harpy eagle. 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.

3 Mayan Temple
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.

5 Caribbean Creatures
Exotic rays swim throughout the exhibit.

5 Selva Maya
Selva Maya represents the Maya forest, home to a variety of flora and fauna.

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

3 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 biology is 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.

2 Caribbean Reef
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.

Cycads and Ferns
Cycads and ferns are very primitive plant species that were abundant during the Mesozoic era, or the “age of dinosaurs.”

Guiana Palm
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Dining at The Dallas World Aquarium

Café Maya

Menu

• Turkey Parm
• Chicken Club
• Ham Sandwich
• Grilled Cheese
• Turkey & Provolone Pretzel

Flatbread Pizza
Choice of: Pepperoni, Ham, The works, Jalapeno

Jungle Jr. All-Beef Hot Dog

Kid’s Menu

• Beef Tacos (GF option)
• Cheese Nachos (GF)
• Cheese Quesadilla
• Chicken Tenders and Fries
• Crispy Seasoned Fries

Frito Pie with Texas Chili (GF)

BBQ Pork on a Bun (Served with Choice of Vida)

Jungle Tenders

Chili Cheese Fries

Tater Tots

Side of Queso

Assorted Snacks & Candies

ENTREES

• Quesadillas del Dia
• Enchiladas Sueltas (GF)
• Café Maya Tacos (GF option)
• South of the Border Burger
• Buffalo Chicken Wrap

Ensalada de Maya (GF option)

Taco Salad (Vegetarian option)

Southwestern Caesar Salad

• Queso

Taco Salad

• Mayan Pecan Brownie
• Café Maya’s Churros
• Ice Cream

Choice of: Chocolate or Vanilla Bean served with Fudge Sauce

DESSERTS

• Fudge Sauce
• Homemade Brownie
• Ice Cream

Jungle Tenders

Grilled American Cheese Sandwich

Grilled Caesar Salad

1801 Cobb Salad

Soup of the Day or Daryl’s Famous Corn Chowder

1801 Flatbread Wrap

1801 Burger & Fries

Spicy Fried Chicken Sandwich

Beyond Beef Burger (Vegan)

Buffalo Wings

Buffalo Chicken Wraps

Ice Cream:
• Vanilla Bean served with Choice of Chips

• Choice of Avocado Ranch, Roasted Pepper Vinaigrette, or Southwest Caesar Salad

Situated on the third level of the Aquarium.

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INTERNATIONAL

MEXICO
• Quesadilla Del Dia
• Caribbean Chicken Club
• Red Pepper Linguini Pasta

PERU
• Lomo Chorizo (GF)
• Nea Greeny
• Wonton Wraps

BOLIVIA
• Grilled Steak (GF)
• Caballería
• Pacific Baked Shrimp (GF)

AUSTRALIA
• Jaffle of the Day
• Shrimp on the Barbie (GF)
• Outback Pork Ribs

US
• Plantain Snaps (GF)
• Tuna Steak Sandwich
• Avac Spring Rolls (GF & Vegan)

HOUSE SPECIALTIES

• Soup of the Day or Deep’s Famous Corn Chowder
• 1801 Flatbread Wrap
• Grilled Caesar Salad
• Tuna Salad
• Southwestern Halloumi Cheese
• Mixed Grill (GF)
• Buffalo Wraps
• 1801 Burger & Fries
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CHILDREN’S MENU

• Chicken Tenders
• Fish and Chips
• Grilled American Cheese Sandwich
• Fish-Shaped Pita
• Mini Cheeseburger and Fries
• Mac & Cheese

SWEETS

• Homemade Brownie (served with choice of ice cream)
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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.

Staff at the Dallas World Aquarium work in cooperation with the following organizations/agencies:

AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums)
WAZA (World Association of Zoos and Aquariums)
ALPZA (Asociación Latinoamericana de Parques Zoológicos y Acuarios)
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)
MIN PRODUCE (Peru) Ministerio de la Producción (Ministry of Production)
ANAM (Panama) Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente (National Environment Authority)
DAGAMA (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 Energía (Ministry of Environment and Energy)