# **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



Members receive free admission for one year, expressentry, 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**

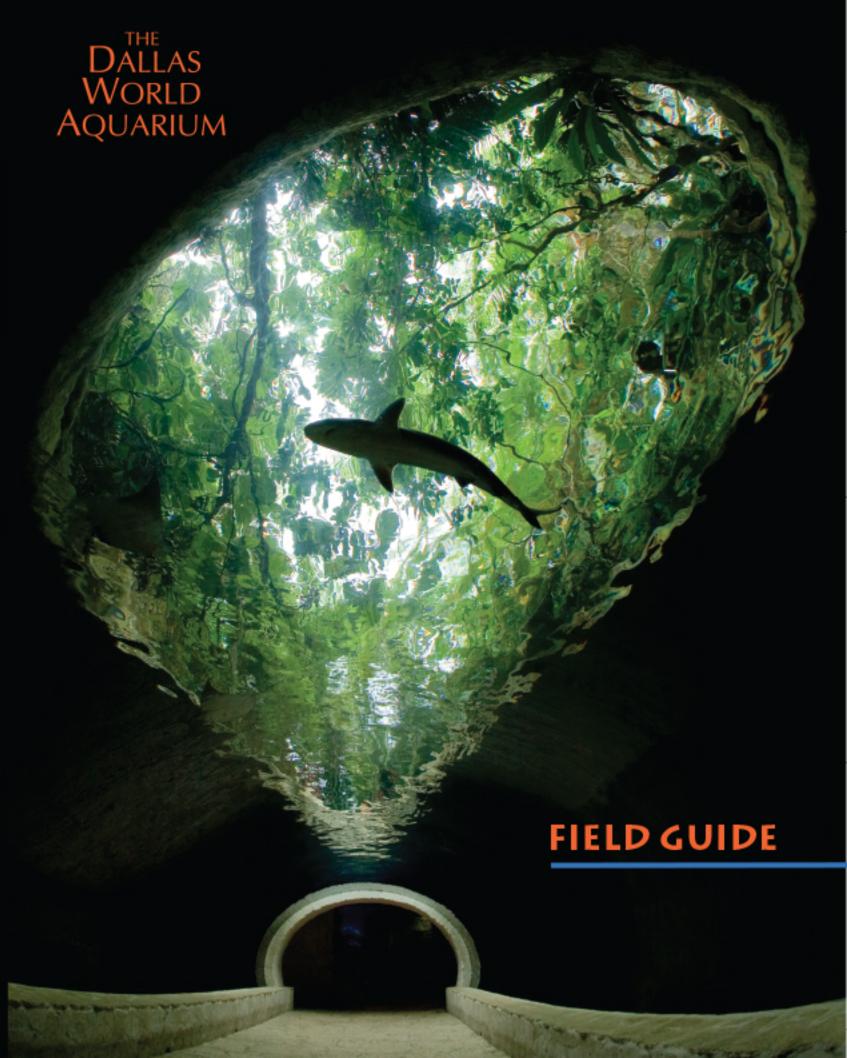
Field trips are available Monday through Friday for children and adults. We also offer engaging and educational curriculum materials for school-aged students. All components are grade-level appropriate, align with the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for science, and can be downloaded free-of-charge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

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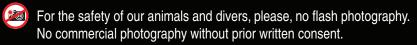
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## **IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW** AS YOU BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE

- Food and beverage information can be found on page 11.
- Indicates species that are on the IUCN Red List as Endangered.
- cm indicates species that are on the IUCN Red List as Critically Endangered.
- 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!



**ENTER HERE** 

MAIN ADMISSIONS

PROCEED UP THE STAIRS START ON THE 3 RD LEVEL

### **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).









Shoebill stork





















# **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:





# ORINOCO RAINFOREST

## **CANOPY AND CLOUD FOREST - 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.







### **8 TOUCAN ENCOUNTER**

Young toucans adjust to the rainforest in the enclosed habitat, prior to their release in the



Look up to to see the red howler monkey. The howler can be heard throughout the rainforest.









The dense vegetation of The Lek area is home to various species

of birds, such as the Andean cock-of-the-rock.

7 RAPIDS

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







### **5 SLOTH FOREST**

A favorite of all ages, three-toed sloths watch from above as they hang out in their favorite tree.







Black and white hawk eagle





Free Flight



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













10 Cotinga Corner

**2 JUNGLE JUNCTION** 

The exhibit is shared by toucans, bearded sakis, curassows, and giant

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COLOMBIAN ANDES FILM WALL

The northwest Andes of Colombia was identified as an area of utmost importance for protection and restoration.

Currently, over 7,000 acres of forests are being protected at the Mesenia-Paramillo nature reserve, which include the "El Olinguito" and "El Puma" forests. The biodiversity value of this area is incalculable.

Luis A. Mazariegos Hurtado, Ph.D. created the Bioconservancy Foundation in 2005. The Foundation supports research and conservation initiatives in the northwest Andes of Colombia. We want to thank Dr. Mazariegos for helping us film the breathtaking footage of this area that you see in Cloud Forest Trek







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.



# **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.



Colorful poison dart frogs share this exhibit

2 THE CAVE

with the tree-dwelling boa.

6 Bats and Bugs

Blue Discus



Many-banded aracari

**NURSING STATION** 







### 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.







### **5 THE RIVER'S EDGE**

An anaconda can often be seen resting on the over-head branches while fish swim below.



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.







**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.







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

The corner exhibit is shared by

tamarins, sloths, and tinamous

parrots, monkeys, sloths, toucans and other birds add to the intrigue of the understory.











8 Flooded Forest











Yellow-spotted Amazon turtle



mammal with a walrus-like body.

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

> Your journey continues into the aquarium portion





Red-tailed, fork-snouted, and shovel-nosed catfish



Arrau turtle



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. Bigheaded turtles and various colorful species of frogs are also part of the Madagascar exhibit.

Giant day









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CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

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).

Look closely at the many species of

Madagascar exhibit are the shoebil

storks and colorful turacos.

unusual aloes and cactus-like plants, all native to South Africa. Living above the

Black-footed penguins are







2 SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA
Weedy and leafy seadragons and potbellied seahorses flourish and abound within the cold waters.



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

Located in the South Pacific Ocean, these islands are teeming with species such



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



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

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

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



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

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.



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.



### 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.

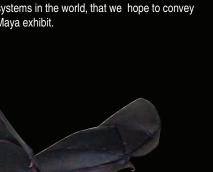


# MUNDO MAYA

## **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

### 6 SERPENT'S DEN

Eyelash palm viper

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-delance 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.



7 House of Zotz

Bats are major contributors in maintaining the

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.

balance of the ecosystem by pollination,







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



Clarion angelfish



Of special importance to the Maya were

micro exhibits along the winding pathway.

toads and frogs. Many species can be seen in



3 Los Petenes

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















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 scribal gods - the patron of the sacred art of writing, and carried with him the knowledge of the written calendar.



Spotted gar







Southern stingray







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.

\*Diaper changing

stations available

4 CENOTE





Giant grouper

5 MARINE CREATURES

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

Lined seahorse

# 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 in the upper canopy.





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.















abundant during the Mesozoic era, or the "age of dinosaurs."

1 Caribbean Creatures



1 CARIBBEAN CREATURES Exotic rays swim throughout the exhibit.





Free Flight









Free Flight













### **5 PELICAN 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.







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 SELVA MAYA

Selva Maya represents the

Maya forest, home to a variety



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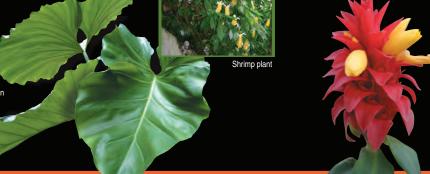
Burnished-buff tanager



Yellow hooded blackbird Free Flight







### **DINING AT**

## THE DALLAS WORLD AQUARIUM



# CAFÉ MAYA

- Yucatan Guacamole (GF) Queso (ground beef option)
- El Rancho Wings
- Jalapeño Poppers

- Tortilla del Día
- Soup del Día

### SALADS.

- Ensalada de Maya (GF)
- Taco Salad (vegetarian option)
- Southwestern Caesar Salad

### Café Maya Dressings:

Choice of Avocado Ranch, Roasted Pepper Vinaiarette. or Southwestern Caesar

- Quesadillas del Día
- Enchiladas Suizas (GF)
- Café Maya Tacos (GF option)
- South of the Border Burger
- Buffalo Chicken Wrap

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

### DESSERTS

- Mayan Pecan Brownie
- · Café Maya's Churros
- Ice Cream:

Choice of Chocolate or Vanilla Bean served with Fudge Sauce

### MENU

- Turkey Panini
- Chicken Club
- Ham Sandwich Grilled Cheese
- Turkey & Provolone Pretzel
- Flatbread Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni, Ham, The works,
- Jungle Jr. All-Beef Hot Dog
- Ball Park Nachos (Served with Queso & Jalapeños
- Frito Pie with Texas Chili (Served with Oueso)
- BBO Pork on a Bun (Served with Choice of Chips)
- Jungle Tenders
- Corn Dog
- French Fries
- Sweet Potato Fries
- Chili Cheese Fries
- Tater Tots
- Side of Queso
- Assorted Snacks & Candies

Found on the third level of the Orinoco Rainforest

## eighteen-O-one

### INTERNATIONAL

Located on the third level of Mundo Maya.

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

### INDONESIA

- Lumpia Shanghai\*Saté of the Day\* (GF)
- Wonton Shrimp Wraps\*

- Grilled Salmon\* (GF)
- · Calamari\*
- Pacific Boiled Shrimp\* (GF)

### AUSTRALIA

- Jaffle of the Day
  Shrimp on the Barbie\* (GF) Outback Pork Ribs

- Fijian Snapper\* (**GF**)
  Tuna Steak Sandwich
- Asian Spring Rolls (GF & Vegan)

### **HOUSE SPECIALTIES**

- Soup of the Day or Daryl's Famous Corn Chowder
- 1801 Cobb Salad
- Grilled Caesar Salad Tuna Salad
- Southwest Halloumi Cheese
- Mixed Grill\* (GF)
- Buffalo Chicken Wraps
- Buffalo Wings
- 1801 Burger & Fries
- Spicy Fried Chicken Sandwish

### Beyond Beef Burger (Vegan)

- CHILDREN'S MENU Chicken Tenders
- Fish and Chips Grilled American Cheese Sandwich
- Fish-Shaped Pizza Mini Cheeseburger and Fries
- Mac & Cheese

### **SWEETS**

- Homemade Brownie
- (served with choice of ice cream)
- Fritters Ice Cream
- · Key Lime Pie

\*items served with choice of soup or salad

Situated on the first level in the 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.

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)

(Associación Latinoamericana de Parques Zoológicos y Acuarios) **ALPZA** 

TPWD (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)

(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)

(Peru) Dirección General Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre **DGFYFS** 

(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) Departmento Administrativo de Gestión el 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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