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Dive.Dive..Dive... Newsletter

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Dear,
Well, another year over. I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and a wonderful, and safe, New Year. We hope to see you in the store soon. Sincerely,

Lee Sessoms
Dive.Dive..Dive...



Featured Article



Diving with whale sharks and manta rays represent the pinnacle of big animal encounters. Divers often spend thousands of dollars traveling to destinations such as the Galapagos or Socorro island just to have the possibility of seeing these creatures. There is an alternative, however, that costs just a little more than \$300 and guarantees you will encounter not only whale sharks and manta rays, but hammerhead sharks, giant Napoleon wrasses and countless other species. And it is in downtown Atlanta, at the Georgia Aquarium.

This two-hour experience begins when you arrive in front of the Ocean Voyager exhibit, dive volunteers greet you and your group and welcome you to the Journey with the Gentle Giants program. One of six divemasters will begin your journey with a briefing and intro to your new world.

As you make your way topside of the football-field-size exhibit (this is the world's largest aquarium), you realize that you are not in Kansas anymore. You see 25-foot Trixie, the largest of four whale sharks, glide through the water. Nandi (one

Club News Christmas Party

This month's meeting will be on Jan. 19th at 7:00pm. We don't have a location yet (want to host?) but will let you know where soon. We meet at the Christmas Party in Dec and everyone seemed to have a good time. Ask Tom about his award if you missed it. Jan will mark the 1st anniversary of the club and we could not have done it without all of you. Please remember, if you were one of the first to sign up then dues are due. Still want to do a club only trip so be thinking about a location. Thanks for a wonderful year.



Judd, Joy, Lee and Brooke

Store News Happy New Year!

2009 is done and 2010 is upon us. Hard to believe. We had a good year last year and we are trying to make 2010 even better. If you can think of a way to improve the store please let us know.



Stop by, email or call us and let us know what we could do better. We have some new destinations in mind for trips this year, (Mexico?) and some old favorites back again. (Bonaire, Ginnie Springs) Please stop by when you can. I think John and Richie have plans to rearrange things next time I leave town so be on the look out for a new look to the store.

The photo contest is over. Congratulation to Russ Sexton for his winning photo (above) Stop by very soon to get a copy of the calendar.

Thanks again,
Lee & Brooke

About Dive.Dive..Dive...

Here are our upcoming trips:

Jan 15 - 17 Crystal River Manatee Trip
Feb 19 - 21 Annual Ginnie Springs Trip
Mar 18 - 21 Keys Bus Trip
Apr. 3 - 10 Saba
May 14 - 16 Panama City
Jun 23 - 27 Cozumel (You asked for it)
Nov. 27 - Dec. 4 Bonaire
May 7 - 21 2011 Philippines (Dumaguete & Cebu)

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of two manta rays) shows her impressive 11-foot wingspan and begins her acrobatic loops in the water almost as if saying Hello. You walk to the locker rooms to find a personalized locker with your wetsuit, boots, towel and even a bottle of water.

Most divers are used to setting up gear, breaking it down, lugging it from place to place, packing and unpacking wetsuits and fins. What if all of that was done for you and the only thing that was required of you was sliding into a wetsuit?

Now that everyone looks snazzy in their wetsuits, the other five divemasters meet you on deck. The lead, safety, and in house videographer brief you on what they expect in the water giving guidelines into a safe, exciting dive. It is a guided tour for the divers' safety and the animals' safety. The divers are in a two-by-two pattern as they snake through the water. While it is against Aquarium policy to touch, swim up to, or show any aggression towards the animals, it is not unusual to have extreme close encounters.

There are two events each weekday (a dive and swim) and three on on Saturday and Sunday (two dives and a swim), 365 day a year. Group rates are available for dive shops and special events. For more information on how you can dive or swim with these gentle giants, visit the Georgia Aquarium website.

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