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## **AQUATICA MAKES A SPLASH**

### ***SeaWorld's New Waterpark Blends Mystery of the Sea With Excitement of a Lifetime***

Orlando, Fla. - SeaWorld's much-anticipated Aquatica comes alive, wowing guests from around the world with its innovative new take on the traditional waterpark.

The South Seas-inspired waterpark features attractions from serene to extreme. Aquatica joins sister parks SeaWorld and Discovery Cove to create a trio of immersive marine life adventures found nowhere else in the world.

"Aquatica's diversity of attractions takes the high-speed thrills you expect at a waterpark even further by blending them with up-close animal interactions," says Dan Brown, executive vice president and general manager of the three parks. "We're eager to share this truly one-of-a-kind experience with our guests."

Featuring 36 water slides, six rivers and lagoons and more than 80,000 square feet of seemingly endless, sandy beaches, this extraordinary waterpark impresses visitors in size and scope alone.

But the excitement doesn't stop there. Add exhilarating encounters with the only Commerson's dolphins found in the Southeastern United States, giant anteaters, brilliant birds and an array of exotic fish, and you have Aquatica.

"No one creates animal adventures like SeaWorld, and this exciting twist is one of the many distinctions that makes Aquatica not only new to Orlando, but also new to the world," adds Brown.

#### **Rides, Slides and Animals**

Aquatica guests seemingly fly beneath the sea in the park's signature attraction, *Dolphin Plunge*. Riders catch the sight of spectacular black-and-white Commerson's dolphins as they jet through the marine mammals' habitat in clear, 250-foot-long tubes. These dolphins are swift and agile swimmers, commonly seen wave-riding in shoreline breakers or groundswells.

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Equally thrilling, the waterpark features the world's only side-by-side wave pools capable of operating both together and independently. While they are completely different experiences, *Big Surf Shores* and *Cutback Cove* can generate one immense wave or dueling waves -- challenging even the most avid water enthusiasts.

Winding rivers offer two different voyages, ranging from relaxing to racing. *Loggerhead Lane* floats guests through gentle waterfalls, past exotic birds, and through a magnificent underwater grotto that is home to thousands of exotic fish. For a more thrilling journey, *Roa's Rapids* sends riders through racing waters and rushing geysers.

Lots of fun awaits the little ones, too. *Walkabout Waters* is one of the world's largest interactive water playgrounds, boasting 15,000 square feet of pure water excitement. This 60-foot-tall, colorful water adventure is the perfect playground for kids to zip down slides and blast water cannons.

Aquatica amazes guests with colorful eight-lane racing slides, triple-drop raft rides, double inner-tube adventures, and a 6-story family ride -- all amid 59 acres of lush landscaping, brightly colored buildings and tropical surroundings.

For guests feeling a little less adventurous, tranquil beaches and refreshing pools help slow the pace. Private cabanas are available for rent to those desiring a private retreat.

"Guest comfort is first and foremost at Aquatica," says Vice President Tim Cuddihy. "The entire park was designed to limit wait times and provide easy access to rides, attractions and restaurants."

### **Nowhere Else**

Each of the three SeaWorld parks in Orlando connects guests to the sea through distinctly different experiences. For more than 35 years, SeaWorld Orlando has entertained hundreds of millions of guests with breathtaking animal experiences, dazzling attractions and awe-inspiring shows. Sister park Discovery Cove creates lifelong memories through exclusive, up-close animal interactions with Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, rays, tropical fish and exotic birds. The incredible, all-inclusive experience at Discovery Cove includes all food and beverages, snorkel equipment, dolphin-safe sunscreen and use of lockers for the day.

Aquatica, the newest Worlds of Discovery park, immerses guests in the playfulness of the sea, taking them in, over and under the water itself with some of the world's most unique water rides and animal encounters. This stand-out waterpark is the first -- and most thrilling -- attraction to open in Orlando since Discovery Cove in the summer of 2000.

"We're excited about taking the SeaWorld parks to the next level," adds Brown. "It's our commitment to our guests to provide the ultimate, unmatched family vacation."

-- Aquatica, SeaWorld's Waterpark --