

SEAWORLD, BUSCH GARDENS & AQUATICA, FLORIDA



SEAWORLD ORLANDO

Orlando Florida is home to four extraordinary attractions - SeaWorld, Aquatica and Discovery Cove - and Busch Gardens is just down the road in Tampa Bay. These are unique, world class - and the common theme for all these parks is that they are immersive, experiential, educational and tons of fun!

In each park there are up close animal encounters with all kinds of animals. There are thrill rides – some of them rated amongst the best in the world by ride enthusiasts. There are gentle rides too – choose from the extreme to the serene according to your mood. And there are immersive attractions that allow you to understand, for instance, the incredible journey of a Sea Turtle or to experience life through the eyes of a Penguin. Learn about nature, different cultures, and each other with the ones you love!

SeaWorld Orlando

SeaWorld Orlando lets you dive into endless adventures. Be inspired by the all-new TurtleTrek, featuring the world's only 3D-360 experience that transports you into the amazing world of the turtle and lets you see it in a whole new way. Connect with the sea through up-close animal encounters. Dive into the exhilaration of the sea in the awe-inspiring Shamu show One Ocean, a multisensory celebration that entertains, educates and inspires. Then immerse yourself in the world of the ray before you glide, speed, soar and spin headfirst like a ray on Manta, SeaWorld's flying coaster.

Aquatica

Aquatica is a whimsical, one-of-a-kind water park that only SeaWorld could bring you. Where one river floats you through an undersea world of colorful fish and another races you into rolling rapids. Slides that spin and soak you and the incredible signature ride – two awesome, enclosed tube slides that send you speeding through a lively lagoon filled with playful black and white Commerson's dolphins. Delight in the serene-to-extreme waters in the gigantic double wave pools and soak in the sun or the cooling shade on the white sand beach. Aquatica is where the fun is as endless as the sea itself.

Discovery Cove

Discover an all-inclusive day resort experience that's one of a kind - Discovery Cove. This is where you can enjoy the magical experience of swimming with dolphins. And there's Freshwater Oasis with a rainforest canopy and sparkling clear springs below, filled with playful otters and curious marmosets. No crowds. No turnstiles. Imagine a place where you and your family can touch and swim with dolphins, wade with



mysterious rays, snorkel among thousands of exotic fish, hand-feed tropical birds in a free-flight aviary and relax on pristine beaches.

Busch Gardens

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay combines world-class coasters, live entertainment, and unparalleled exotic animal encounters in an unforgettable adventure. This year, explore the world on ice in Iceploration – the biggest ice show ever. Then take a seat on Cheetah Hunt a one-of-a-kind launch coaster that climbs high above the African landscape, races down along the ground and through a rocky gorge. On Cheetah Run enter an ancient realm that puts you just inches away from the world's fastest land animals. Even feed a curious giraffe on a Serengeti Safari. Step into amazing fun together at Busch Gardens alive with fun.

Getting to Orlando

You can travel to Orlando with flights and packages available from major Canadian Tour Operators like Transat Holidays, Sunwing Vacations, WestJet Vacations and Air Canada Vacations. And of course your Travel Agent can help you with your booking.

SeaWorld Hotel Partners

If you stay in Orlando at a SeaWorld Hotel partner you can get certain advantages—free shuttle transportation to and from the parks, all day dining deal, Quick Queue (front-of-the-line access) and early entry to the parks.

Buying Your Tickets

Check out the great deals at www.seaworld.ca. Currently (November 2012) Canadians can receive a free All Day Dining deal (a \$32.99 value) with each full paid admission to SeaWorld Orlando or Busch Gardens Tampa Bay. And if you're looking to enjoy even more adventure, you can visit both parks for only \$50 more than the price of one. There are some very special extras that you can add on to your ticket - for example:

Behind the Scenes Tours. - At SeaWorld for example you can take a 90-minute tour to discover how animal experts care for rescued manatees and sea turtles. Plus touch a shark, explore a hidden polar bear den and interact with a penguin.

Up Close Tours - At SeaWorld for example, see how dolphins are cared for, participate in a training session and touch a dolphin.

Dining

The "all day dining" option at SeaWorld Orlando and Busch Gardens is



	a great deal - this convenient, all-you-care-to eat deal allows you eat at
	tons of Restaurant locations all day. There are also some really cool
	ways to enjoy meals at the parks – for example:
	Dine With Shamu at SeaWorld Orlando at a poolside table.
	Sharks underwater grill – fine dining with a view of a live shark tank!
	Family picnics at Aquatica - great fun and great value.
	Character meals with Sesame Street fun at Busch Gardens!
SeaWorld Parks &	SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment operates 10 parks across the U.S.
Entertainment	including SeaWorld parks in Orlando, San Diego and San Antonio;
	Busch Gardens parks in Tampa, Fla. and Williamsburg, Va.; Discovery
	Cove and Aquatica in Orlando; Sesame Place near Philadelphia, Pa.;
	and water parks Adventure Island in Tampa and Water Country USA in
	Williamsburg.
	The 10 parks play host to 25 million guests each year and employ
	26,000 people nationwide. To learn more, visit
	www.SeaWorldParksandEntertainment.com or call toll-free
	1-888-800-5447. Additionally, SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment created
	the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, a non-profit,
	private charitable foundation committed to supporting wildlife and
	habitat conservation, research, education and animal rescue programs
	worldwide. Learn more at www.SWBG-ConservationFund.org .
Location	SeaWorld is at the intersection of Interstate 4 and FL 528 (the
	Beachline Expressway), 10 minutes south of downtown Orlando and
	just 15 minutes from Orlando International Airport.
	Aquatica is located just across the street from SeaWorld on
	International Drive off the Beachline Expressway (FL 528), 10 minutes
	south of downtown Orlando and 15 minutes from Orlando International
	Airport.
	Busch Gardens is at the corner of Busch Boulevard and 40th Street in
	Tampa, one hour from Orlando via Interstate 4 West and thirty minutes
	east of area beaches and Tampa International Airport. The Busch
	Gardens Shuttle Express makes it easy to get between SeaWorld and
	Busch Gardens.
Park Hours	SeaWorld is open year-round from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with extended
	hours during summer and holidays. Allow a full day to see all shows and
	attractions. Aquatica's hours vary seasonally; currently (Nov 2012) the
	opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Prices	The best value ticket is for Busch Gardens + SeaWorld, Unlimited
	Visits, 2 Parks, 14 Days: \$129 and \$121 for ages 10 and under (as at
	November 2012)
	Busch Gardens is \$75 adults and \$67 for children (at Nov 2012)
	Aquatica price is \$55 for adults and \$50 for children.
	Combine Aquatica and SeaWorld for \$99
	Discovery Cove is from \$229 to \$259 depending upon the date and
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CLIMATE	
General climate	Central Florida has a warm and humid subtropical climate, and there are two major seasons each year. One of those seasons is hot and rainy, lasting from April until October (roughly coinciding with the Atlantic hurricane season). The other is a cooler season (November through March) that brings more moderate temperatures and less frequent rainfall. October - May Average Daily Temperatures Days - Low 70s F (22 C) to mid 80s F (27 C) Nights - Low 60s F (16 C) to high 60s F (20 C)
	June - September Average Daily Temperatures Days - Upper 80s F (27 C) to mid 90s F (32 C) Nights - Upper 60s F (20 C) to mid 70s F (25 C)
Today's weather	25 degrees Centigrade and sunny (10 th November 2012) with a low of 13C at night.
Best time to visit	Certain periods of the year are busier than others in terms of visitation to Central Florida. The December holiday season as well as the



traditional spring break vacation period (March and April, especially around Easter weekend) and summer vacation periods acquire the highest visitation numbers. The best travel times are February or
September-November.

GETTING THERE	
Flying time	Flight time to Orlando from Toronto and Montreal is around 2 hours 40 mins and SeaWorld is only 15 minutes from the airport. Busch Gardens is about an hour's drive westwards from the Orlando Airport. Sunwing, Transat, Air Canada and WestJet have frequent direct flights to Orlando from both Toronto and Montreal.
Airports	There is a choice of three convenient airports for visitors to SeaWorld, Aquatica and Busch Gardens: St. Petersburg, Tampa and Orlando. All are within an easy drive of the park.
Distances	The sister parks in Orlando (Aquatica, Busch Gardens and Discovery Cove) are all within an hour's easy drive of one another.
Shuttle	Busch Gardens Shuttle Mears Destination Services offers Round Trip Motor Coach transportation from several Orlando area locations to Busch Gardens Tampa. The Shuttle is FREE with any paid Busch Gardens ticket. The number of stops for each shuttle is not determined until day of trip. Your shuttle could potentially have a maximum of 3 stops on the route. For additional information: https://secure.mearstransportation.com/MearsExpress/BuschGardens.asp
Car Rental	Car rental is easy at Orlando Airport with all major companies represented. Because of the competition for customers, the car rental rates are among the lowest in the world. Those who rent a car while in Central Florida will find excellent signage that makes it easy to navigate throughout the area as well as friendly rental agents who will provide detailed maps that will guide you to your destination.
Services	Strollers, wheelchairs, two-way radios, lockers and indoor, climate-controlled pet kennels are available for rental at seaWorld. Wheelchair seating is available at all facilities. Diaper-changing and baby-nursing areas, first aid, foreign currency exchange, automated teller machine, taxi and bus parking are all found on site.
Passes	SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment offer various combinations of passes to their Parks: see their website for full details: www.SeaWorldOrlando.com

ACCOMMODATION	There is a huge variety of accommodations in the Central Florida area,
TYPES	from holiday homes to the largest and most luxurious resorts. Many
	have shuttles to the major Parks. Many are also available as part of
	packages with flights available from Canadian tour operators.



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LIFESTYLE GROUPS	
Kids	Busch Gardens Busch Gardens has a range of world class coasters, some of which are perfect for smaller children. It has family fun in abundance – my especial favourite is Sesami Street Safari of Fun - with kid-size rides, cool water fun and plenty of memorable adventures with your favourite characters. Jungala, a lush jungle village where guests have the chance to connect with the natural world. You'll come nose-to-nose with orangutans, test their strength against a Bengal tiger, explore a three-story play land of climbing nets, mazes and tunnels, and soar above the treetops on a zip line adventure.
	SeaWorld Shamu's Happy Harbor - "Shamu's Happy Harbor," a children's play area at SeaWorld, features fun for the entire family. It's a wildly popular 4-acre play area and a kid's dream come true, complete with three new rides, a 4-story net climb and a great place for parents to relax in the shade. "Shamu Express" is the park's first family-oriented roller coaster. Themed after SeaWorld's famous killer whale, the "Shamu Express"
	thrills children and parents alike while traveling down more than 850 feet of track at 26 mph. "Jazzy Jellies" lifts and spins families in over- sized seats, while "Swishy Fishies" enables adventurous youngsters to spin around a giant waterspout. Shamu's Happy Harbor also features the "Sea Carousel," the "Flying Fiddler," a giant fiddler crab that descends vertically in a quick series of short drops and "Ocean Commotion," a fanta-sea themed tug boat that
	swings passengers side to side. SeaWorld's littlest guests can explore four stories of colorful climbing nets and tunnels, nine slippery slides and a splashy water maze. There is a cozy Baby Care Centre in the back of Shamu's Happy Harbor. With top-of-line changing facilities, private feeding rooms and pint-sized potties, this new building gives parents the privacy and comfort of a home-away-from home in the middle of all the fun.
Teens	SeaWorld is Teen Paradise! Here are the must do rides for teens: "Manta" is a seamless blend of up-close animal encounters with a head-first, face-down thrill ride. The only flying roller coaster of its kind in the world, Manta is topping the list of don't-miss theme park attractions.



	Guests may also use their own wheelchairs or single passenger ECV's. Guests using wheelchairs may join any admissions line to enter the park.
	Rental near the front gate of the park. Wheelchairs and ECV's are rented on a "first-come, first served" basis to guests with disabilities.
Disabled Travellers	Wheelchair rental: reserve a wheelchair or stroller online. Wheelchairs and Electric Convenience Vehicles (ECV's) may be rented at Stroller
	Busch Gardens – exotic animal encounters: Cheetah Run puts you inches away from the world's fastest land animals. Cheetah Hunt Coaster is a high octane, one of a kind triple launch coaster. Jambo Junction is where some of their animal ambassador guests live when they aren't visiting us on the Travel Show!
	Discovery Cove – this is where you can swim with the dolphins – a magical experience. There's Freshwater Oasis – with a rainforest canopy and sparkling clear springs below with playful otters and curious marmosets.
	Aquatica – a Water park as only SeaWorld could do. Slide through enclosed tubes that race you through a lively lagoon populated with black and while Commerson's dolphins. Sit on the sandy beach (yes – right in the middle of Orlando!) or frolic in the wave pool. Float along rivers with undersea colourful fish.
	"Wild Arctic" takes guests on a thrilling, motion-based flight over the frozen North where they are enveloped in the beauty, exhilaration and danger of Arctic exploration. Stepping from the simulated jetcopter experience they enter a frozen wonderland with live beluga whales, walruses, harbor seals and polar bears.
	"Journey to Atlantis" is an edge-of-your-seat water-coaster part water ride, part roller coaster thrill ride that plunges guests into the middle of a clash for the lost city of Atlantis. Riders encounter spine-tingling thrills, including two of the steepest, wettest and fastest drops to be found at any theme park in the world.
	"Kraken" – Orlando's only floorless roller coaster – is themed after a massive, mythological underwater beast unleashed from the depths of the sea. Riders' feet dangle as they travel in open-sided seats, riding on a pedestal above the track at speeds of 65 mph to heights of more than 140 feet.



	popular as families discover that there is something for everyone at SeaWorld and its sister parks.
Seniors	SeaWorld is a great venue for mature travelers, snowbirds, seniors, grandparents and the young-at-heart, offering numerous ways of enjoying the Florida sunshine. There are gentle rides at Busch Gardens and SeaWorld and there are immersive attractions that allow you to understand the incredible journey of a Sea Turtle for instance or to experience life through the eyes of a penguin.

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Books	- Frommer's Florida 2012
	- "Florida, eh?" By Isobel Warren and Milan Chvostek
	- "Places to go with children in Orlando and Central Florida", by
	Deborah Ann Johnson and Cheryl Lani Juarez
Inside Track at SeaWorld	Here are some Top Tips from SeaWorld Insiders:
	If you love animals
	Make time for feeding times: Meal time is the best time to meet some playful Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins, sea lions, and sting rays, who you can even feed by hand—but only at designated times throughout the day. Stop by in the morning to check the day's schedule, then give yourself some extra time to get a great spot right at the water's edge.
	See what goes on behind the scenes: SeaWorld Orlando's Behind-the-Scenes tour times aren't listed on the park map, so they're easy to miss out on once you're here. An insider's tip? Book online ahead of time, or stop by the tour desk just inside the front gate.
	If you're bringing young kids
	Bring a disposable waterproof camera: There's wet, and there's Shamu wet. If you're in the Soak Zone at Shamu stadium, you'll have a lot more fun watching kids' reactions if you don't have to watch out for an expensive camera. A little tip for parents? Pack a poncho—or pick one up at the gift shop. It's a great way to keep yourself and a towel or two dry, and still get in on the fun.
	Feed their imagination: Look for interactive work stations and computers located throughout the park that give kids a fun way to learn about the animals they meet. Kids can test their lung power against a walrus in Wild Arctic or see how a manatee grinds its food at Manatee Rescue.



Head to Shamu's Happy Harbor: A great place for kids to burn off a little energy, plus plenty of shady spots for parents. Ride the family-friendly Shamu Express—a great first coaster—and imaginative rides like Jazzie Jellies and Swishy Fishies that bring out the kid in everyone.

Make an autograph book: put together an autograph book with kids ahead of time, then catch the Shamu & Crew characters from 9 a.m. to noon near the front gate.

Catch the show before the show: Take your seat for the Clyde and Seamore show at least 30 minutes ahead of time. Late-comers miss out on their zany pre-show antics.

Once you've worked up an appetite...

Beat the crowd: Plan to have lunch during show performances and you'll get ahead of the crowd.

Plan to already have a reservation at Shark's Underwater Grill: This popular restaurant only takes priority seating requests in person—starting at 10:00 a.m. Stop by early to guarantee your seat.

A few last tips from those in the know...

Choose your seats wisely: You will get drenched if you sit in the front seat of Journey to Atlantis—and I mean drenched! Been there, done that!

Beat the heat: Temperatures can get quite high—especially in the middle of the day. Plan to take in these "cool places" when the thermometer rises: Wild Arctic, Penguin Encounter and Nautilus Theater.

Remember the kid in you: Don't be surprised if you find yourself choked up in the presence of Shamu. Or your arms covered with goose bumps in 30° weather as your hand touches a dolphin. There's an incredible connection between humans and animals. Take a few deep breaths and drink that in when you feel that move through you, and you'll carry that feeling home with you.

New and Must See's in 2012/2013

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay combines unparalleled exotic animal encounters, world-class thrill rides, and live entertainment. This year, explore the world on ice in Iceploration, their biggest ice show ever. Then take a seat on Cheetah Hunt a one-of-a-kind launch coaster that



climbs high above the African landscape, and then races down along the ground and through a rocky gorge. Continue the adventure inches away from the world's fastest land animals at Cheetah Run, an up-close habitat. Even feed a curious giraffe on a Serengeti Safari. Step into amazing fun together at Busch Gardens alive with fun.

Antarctica at SeaWorld

The big news from the SeaWorld Park is that next Spring 2013 "Antarctica – Empire of the Penguins" is opening. This will be a fabulous experience allowing visitors to see the world through the eyes of penguin.

Manta at SeaWorld

The only flying roller coaster of its kind in the world. A seamless blend of up close animal encounters with a head-first, face-down thrill ride. It's an adventure only SeaWorld could create.

From the start, Manta provides a glimpse into the incredible underwater worlds of tropical fish and rays - many seldom seen. Floor-to-ceiling aquariums showcase rare leafy sea dragons and thousands of schooling fish. Kids get a unique 360-degree underwater view by climbing into a pop-up aquarium. A massive Pacific octopus slinks back and forth between habitats through an underwater tube. Three hundred rays - their group known as a "fever" - swim/fly past you and even overhead. You'll be immersed and surrounded by thousands of mysterious creatures.

Turning a corner, you'll peer through a waterfall then feel the punch of air as something huge zooms by, just inches away. It's a giant manta ray. On steel rails. A manta ray thrill-ride speeding, flying, soaring, gliding and spinning at highway speeds. And secured to the manta's belly are 32 riders, each one lying prone and face down, going for a ride on the biggest and grandest ray of all.

SeaWorld ride and animal experts designed Manta to have thrills for the whole family, at every age level. For guests too young to ride roller coasters — or those who like their adventures a little less extreme — the Manta experience includes incredible views into 10 stunning and all-new aquariums, which are home to 100 species of fish, hundreds of rays and other sea life, more than 3,000 creatures in all. Never before has SeaWorld had such a diverse display of ocean animals. And never before have non-riders been so much a part of a thrill ride's experience. Those who take their excitement flying head first at 56 mph crown Manta as one of the world's top coasters. A track-twisting pretzel loop, in-line spins, a waterfall close call and a wing dip just inches from the water add up to a flying roller coaster ride never before seen, let alone experienced. There are only a handful of "flying coasters" in the world.



Climbing into what look like traditional seats and harnesses, riders soon notice what makes this kind of coaster so special: the entire seating assembly rotates forward, positioning riders horizontally, or face down in a prone position. It's like flying. Or even better, it's like riding on the belly of a massive 12-foot-wide manta ray as it glides and twists and soars above the ocean. For thrill ride fans, Manta is sure to be the final notch on their coaster belt. For lovers of up close encounters with the mysteries of the sea, it's what they love about SeaWorld.

Aquatica:

Aquatica is SeaWorld's one-of-a-kind water park. Inspired by a whimsical take on the South Seas, Aquatica immerses guests in the playfulness of the sea, taking them in, over and under the water with the world's most unique water rides and animal encounters. Aquatica mixes animals, waters from serene to extreme, high speed waterslide thrills and wide, sandy beaches to create a day of non-stop fun. From high-speed water slides and exhilarating wave pools, to tranquil beaches and the remarkable animal habitats that are the hallmark of SeaWorld, Aquatica delights all ages and interests. This one-of-a-kind waterpark is home to some of the world's most thrilling water rides, featuring 36 slides, six rivers and lagoons and more than 80,000 square feet of sparkling white, sandy beaches. Aquatica's exclusive attractions promise unlimited fun, sending guests on amazing undersea adventures and through breathtaking animal exhibits. Aquatica's South Seas-inspired flora features more than 100 species of trees and 250 species of shrubs, grasses, vines and flowers. In total, 60,000 plants cover the grounds of this lush park. Providing the ultimate in guest comfort, Aquatica's serene beaches are packed with 3.1 million pounds of soft, white sand covering 80,000 square feet. It's located just across the street from SeaWorld Orlando, on International Drive. Near the intersection of Interstate 4 and FL 528 (the Beachline Expressway) and is approximately 6kms south of downtown Orlando and 24kms from the Orlando International Airport. For park information, call 1.888.800.5447 or visit www.AquaticabySeaWorld.com

Discovery Cove:

Guests have the exciting opportunity to swim with dolphins, snorkel among thousands of tropical fish and rays, hand-feed exotic birds and relax on pristine beaches. Discovery Cove is an all-inclusive adventure featuring animal interactions and first-class amenities such as light continental breakfast, freshly-prepared lunch, plus snacks and beverages throughout the day, as well as wetsuits, snorkels, towels, lounge chairs, sunscreen and a 7-day pass to either SeaWorld Orlando



or Busch Gardens Tampa Bay.

Twilight Discovery offers guests a unique way to experience Discovery

Cove. This all-inclusive summer evening package brings the intimacy of Discovery Cove to an extraordinary level for 150 people a night. Twilight Discovery features sunset animal interactions, sumptuous island feasts and live Caribbean-style entertainment in a tropical setting. Guests of all ages are welcomed at Discovery Cove. To swim with the dolphins, however, guests must be at least 6 years old. This policy was established to ensure the cognitive and physical stature of the child. These factors are taken into consideration to ensure children are able to interact in a group social setting, accept instructions, and understand the trainer. Also, the physical size of the child is taken into account since he/she will be in water that is approximately 3 feet deep with large, powerful animals.

Since Discovery Cove limits attendance to only 1,000 guests per day, it is highly recommended you make a reservation for your visit. Also, if you are planning on visiting during the summer or near a holiday, you should book your reservation at least two months prior to your intended visit to ensure availability as these timeframes tend to book early.

The admission packages to Discovery Cove are all-inclusive products. Admission includes the use of lockers, wetsuit, towels and mask during your stay, free parking, shower amenities, souvenir snorkel, complimentary entry photo, continental breakfast, lunch, all drinks and snacks, access to the Aviary, Coral Reef, Ray Lagoon, Resort Pool, Tropical River, a 7-consecuative day pass to either SeaWorld Orlando or Busch Gardens Tampa, and the dolphin interaction.

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SPORTS ACTIVITIES	
Golf	Orlando is a golfer's paradise, home to literally hundreds of golf
	coursesso if you would like a day on the greens, you don't have to
	look very far in Central Florida.
Fishing	Anglers recognize the area's lakes, rivers and springs as some of the
	best freshwater fishing in the world, particularly for largemouth bass.
	Those who prefer saltwater fishing can cast their lines from piers, from
	the shore or from deep-sea fishing boats in the Gulf Coast waters which
	are only an hour's drive away. Several fish camps and guides are
	available to help visitors navigate the local waters.
Adventure Activities	VIP moments at SeaWorld bring to life an array of opportunities to
at SeaWorld	interact with amazing animals, and experience up-close tours and
	educational programs. Available year-round, these wild adventures
	offer a one-of-a-kind gift that creates a lifetime of memories.



Beluga Interaction Program

The Beluga Interaction Program is one of the few programs in the world where guests can experience up-close, hands-on interactions with majestic beluga whales. Participants suit up and enter the chilly 55 degree water for a shallow-water encounter in the whales' habitat at Wild Arctic. Cost is \$149 per person, is limited to four guests per session, and includes an educational DVD on whales. Participants must be at least 10 years of age older.

Sharks Deep Dive

SeaWorld plunges guests into the realm of the shark as part of the park's most daring animal interaction program, Sharks Deep Dive. Participants don wetsuits and a Sea Trek helmet – which allows participants to breathe and communicate underwater without scuba equipment- during their close encounter with more than 30 sharks and an array of fish. Cost is \$149 per person, is limited to two guests for the two-hour program, and includes a "Sharks Deep Dive" T-shirt and a shark information booklet. Participants must be 10 or older.

CULTURE

Shows at SeaWorld

"Believe" is a revolutionary production that features SeaWorld's entire family of majestic killer whales performing awe-inspiring choreography with an original musical score performed by Prague National Symphony Orchestra. The elaborate 3-story set features an 80-foot-wide whale tail designed exclusively for this show as well as four rotating panoramic LED screens and nearly 100 speakers.

"Blue Horizons" is a breakthrough theatrical spectacular that showcases graceful dolphins and false killer whales, a rainbow of exotic birds and an entire cast of world-class divers and aerialists draped in elaborate costumes. The vivid imagination of a young girl sets the stage for an emotional adventure to experience the power of the sea and the elegance of flight.

"Clyde and Seamore Take Pirate Island" stars the park's hilarious sea lions, otters and walrus in a swashbuckling adventure and a sensational tale of lost loot, pirate plunder and misadventure on the high seas.

"Pets Ahoy!" is a comical show featuring the talents of a menagerie of dogs, cats, birds, rats, skunks, pot-belly pigs, and other animals performing a series of uproarious and amazing skits. Most impressive is the fact that nearly all of the fabulous four-legged celebs were rescued from animal shelters before they found their fame at SeaWorld.



Chaus at Durch	"A'LureThe Call of the Ocean" tells the spectacular tale of the Sea Sirens, whose hypnotic calls have lured fisherman into their underwater lairs for centuries. It's a mariner's story that comes to life with flying athletic performers, gravity-defying aerial tumblers and amazing silk yo-yo artists
Shows at Busch Gardens	Iceploration Busch Gardens' biggest ice show ever, Iceploration, will inspire audiences to "explore the world" on a journey to the four corners of the earth.
	A is for Africa Go on an adventure of imagination with Elmo and his friends. It's filled with music, dancing, adventure and—best of all—fun!
	Critter Castaways Come and see a show full of family fun and studded with stars that were created when our expert animal trainers turned their attention toward some rescued and shelter animals.
	Dance to the Music "Hustle" down memory lane to the disco days of the 1970s with a high-energy cast of singers and dancers.
	Let's Dance feat. Burn the Floor Dancers from around the world will heat up the Desert Grill stage when Busch Gardens Tampa Bay presents Let's Dance featuring Burn the Floor. This show runs Jan. 16 to Apr. 14, 2013
Quick Queue	Enjoy the flexibility and convenience of Quick Queue. This is your ticket to bypass wait times at major and most popular attractions. Quick Queue pricing is \$35 (Nov 2012). Limited quantities available daily. Valid for unlimited front of the line admission at the major rides in the parks.
Events	Christmas Town will transform Busch Gardens Tampa Bay into a holiday wonderland of wintery surprises and all things Christmas every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 6 to 11 p.m., November 30 - December 23, 2012. Guests can look forward to special entertainment, live music, festive treats, holiday shopping and thousands and thousands of twinkling Christmas lights, filling guests' senses with seasonal sights, sounds and flavors, and creating a beautiful new tradition. Christmas Town will be a separate-ticketed night event, and families with children ages 3 to 9 will enjoy special ticket prices for their youngest members.



ATTRACTIONS

Animal Attractions at SeaWorld

"Key West at SeaWorld" spans five acres and celebrates the legendary mystique and animals of the Florida Keys while it immerses guests in the quirky, carefree ambiance of America's southernmost city. Guests may feed and touch dolphins in a tropical lagoon with rolling waves, a sandy beach, underwater viewing and naturalistic coral reef --as well as feed stingrays and see endangered sea turtles up-close.

"Manatee Rescue" submerges guests in the beautiful underwater world of the endangered Florida manatee. All of the manatees in this habitat have been rescued by SeaWorld's animal rescue team, and those who become healthy enough will be returned to their natural habitat. The attraction was named best new zoological exhibit in the country by The American Zoological Association (AZA).

"Pacific Point Preserve" is home to California sea lions and harbor seals. The 2½-acre naturalistic setting duplicates the rocky Northern Pacific coast.

"Shark Encounter" takes guests underwater, surrounding them with the spine-chilling denizens of the deep, including eels, barracuda, venomous fish, and sharks. The 60-foot shark tunnel in SeaWorld's Shark Encounter attraction is formed of acrylic panels weighing up to 5,000 pounds, and able to support the pressure of more than 500 tons of water.

"**Dolphin Nursery**" is home to dolphin mothers and their newborn calves.

"Penguin Encounter" is home to more than 200 penguins and puffins. Featuring six species of penguins - king, gentoo, adelie, macaroni, chinstrap and rockhopper - the animal habitat is kept at a chilly 30 degrees and the water an icy 45 degrees. Six thousand pounds of snow fall daily inside the naturalistic habitat, which is reminiscent of the Antarctic's rocky cliffs and frigid waters. Guests ride a 120-foot-long moving walkway through the frozen wonderland to watch the playful birds cavort both above, and under the water.

SeaWorld Rides

"Manta" is a seamless blend of up-close animal encounters with a head-first, face-down thrill ride. The only flying roller coaster of its kind in the world, Manta already is topping the list of don't-miss 2010 theme park attractions.

"Kraken" – Orlando's only floorless roller coaster – is themed after a massive, mythological underwater beast unleashed from the depths of



the sea. Riders' feet dangle as they travel in open-sided seats, riding on a pedestal above the track at speeds of 65 mph to heights of more than 140 feet.

"Journey to Atlantis" is an edge-of-your-seat water-coaster -- part water ride, part roller coaster -- thrill ride that plunges guests into the middle of a clash for the lost city of Atlantis. Riders encounter spine-tingling thrills, including two of the steepest, wettest and fastest drops to be found at any theme park in the world.

"Wild Arctic" takes guests on a thrilling, motion-based flight over the frozen North where they are enveloped in the beauty, exhilaration and danger of Arctic exploration. Stepping from the simulated jetcopter experience they enter a frozen wonderland with live beluga whales, walruses, harbor seals and polar bears.

Busch Gardens Rides

Cheetah Hunt: a one-of-a-kind launch coaster that climbs high above the African landscape, races down along the ground and through a rocky gorge. On Cheetah Run enter an ancient realm that puts you just inches away from the world's fastest land animals.

SheiKra: North America's first dive coaster sends riders through a breathtaking three-minute journey 200 feet up, then 90 degrees straight down — and that's just the beginning. "Floorless" cars give riders an unobstructed view of the 70 mph rush, and SheiKra was the first dive coaster to incorporate an Immelmann loop (a simultaneous loop and roll), a second, 138-foot vertical drop into an underground tunnel and a water feature finale, all packed into a half-mile of steel track.

Kumba: After the blood-curdling thrill of an initial 135 foot drop, you will plunge from 110 feet into a diving loop, feel a full 3 seconds of absolute weightlessness while spiraling 360 degrees, and tear through one of the world's largest vertical loops.

Montu: Feel the ultimate rush on one of the tallest and longest inverted roller coasters in the world! Experience the thrill of an inverse diving loop and a 60-foot vertical loop while you endure speeds of more than 60 miles per hour and a G-force of 3.85.

Gwazi: Challenge the dueling forces of Gwazi: two wooden tracks intertwined into the Southeast's largest and fastest double wooden roller coaster. Boasting more than 1.25 million board feet of lumber, Gwazi's Lion and Tiger tracks offer two distinct ride experiences.

Cheetah Chase: Families will love the curves, drops and corkscrews of



Cheetah Chase, a five-story "wild mouse" style coaster in Timbuktu. With its top speed of 22 mph and 46" height requirement, Cheetah Chase is the perfect ride for a child's first coaster experience.

Scorpion: Feel the "sting" of Scorpion's terrifying 60-foot drop and 360-degree loop at incredible speeds.

The Wild Surge: Launch out of a 35-foot mountain crater up above a towering waterfall for a thrilling view of Jungala's village below.

Jungle Flyers: Young adventurers choose from three different flight patterns to soar 50 feet above Jungala's village.

Rhino Rally: This wild jeep tour transports guests aboard an off-road adventure through the wilds of Africa, blending up-close animal encounters with an unpredictable safari competition.

Congo River Rapids: Encounter the swift-flowing white water of the Congo River Rapids. Spin through a geyser and face an ominous waterfall and other thrilling obstacles in a 12-person raft.

Stanley Falls: This Log Flume whisks your whole family through a splashing trip ending in a 40-foot drop that's sure to get you soaked!

Tanganyika Tidal Wave: Watch out when your seemingly tranquil jungle journey aboard a 20-passenger boat ends with a sudden plunge down a 55-foot drop, creating a tidal wave that gets everyone sopping wet.

Educational Tours and Programs at Busch Gardens

Serengeti Safari: For animal enthusiasts, we offer half hour Serengeti Safari tours daily. This open truck tour offers guests a unique look at our Serengeti Plain habitat and the opportunity to feed giraffes, antelopes and birds by hand! Encounter African wildlife up close with a Busch Gardens education specialist as your guide. Cost of the tour is \$33.99 per person plus tax in addition to park admission. (2012)

Elephant Keeper Experience: Make a personal connection with one of the most iconic of all jungle animals in our Elephant Keeper Experience. Find out how great it feels to enrich the lives of these magnificent animals as well as the lives of other protected species, through their extensive care and training practices. Spend some time making a difference in the lives of very special animals. Cost is \$199.95 (2012)

Jungala Insider Tour: Go deep into the heart of Jungala with this 45-minute behind-the-scenes tour. With a knowledgeable zoo educator



as your tour guide, you will quickly become an animal expert as you go face-to face with endangered Bengal tigers and Bornean orangutans. On this walking tour, you will also witness behavior training and interactions led by the keepers. Cost of the tour is \$19.95 (2012) per person, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund.

Sunset Safari: As the sun sets over the Serengeti Plain and the day's adventure draws to a close, experience an animal encounter unlike any Busch Gardens has ever offered. It begins in the Crown Colony's Brew Master's Club, where guests can sample premium lagers. Then, the journey continues on the park's 65-acre Serengeti Plain, where participants will hand-feed giraffes and encounter other African wildlife while indulging in Anheuser-Busch's world-class beers. This 45-minute tour is offered daily for \$39.95 (2012) per person for ages 21 and older with proper identification.

Serengeti Night Safari: Escape into the wild African night for two glorious hours under the stars above the Serengeti Plain. Enjoy savory appetizers and ice-cold beverages before embarking on an exclusive guided expedition. Feel the night spreading like a blanket across the vast Serengeti as you board your safari vehicle in search of hippos, lions, hyenas, rhinos and more. Return to camp and gather around a roaring bonfire, where you'll hear colourful tales of the Serengeti. Finish your nighttime adventure with a nightcap, coffee and desserts. Cost is \$60 (2012)

Wildlife at Busch Gardens

Serengeti Plain: This habitat features hundreds of exotic African animals that can be seen from the Serengeti Express Railway, Skyride, Serengeti Safari and various walkways. The 65-acre environment includes expansive berms, the largest of which is four acres; tiered and open landscapes covered with native and African grasses, scrub trees and shrubs; rock outcroppings and bluffs replicating natural formations; and naturalistic creek beds and mud banks. Busch Gardens Tampa Bay welcomed a **baby white rhinoceros** on Tuesday, October 23, 2012. The female rhino was born 26-acre white rhino habitat on Busch Gardens' Serengeti Plain.

Myombe Reserve: Enter the lush forest where gorillas and chimpanzees can be viewed in this naturalistic rainforest habitat. Tour the Great Ape Domain amid waterfalls and through shrouds of mist and fog to get an up-close look at these majestic primates.

Edge of Africa: This habitat offers an intense walking safari where guests can experience hippopotamus, lions, lemurs, meerkats,



crocodiles and lappet-faced vultures in natural habitats themed around an abandoned African fishing village.

Jambo Junction: The former Busch Gardens' Nairobi Field Station now allows greater interaction between guests and the park's animal ambassadors. The new area is called Jambo Junction, a name inspired by a Swahili greeting. At Jambo Junction, you can participate in animal feedings, lessons in husbandry and behavior training. Featured animals include Caribbean flamingos, lemurs, cuscuses, sloths and opossums.

Bird Gardens: Soar over to the Bird Gardens area to check out almost 500 tropical birds from around the globe. You can enjoy the Wild Wings of Africa show, see the feather-filled aviary, and experience the powerful presence of bald and golden eagles in Eagle Canyon. After the show you can talk to conservation educators about how to attract birds to your own backyard.

Lory Landing: The domed habitat showcases a variety of brilliantly coloured birds including several species of parrots, including lorikeets, as well as hornbills and pheasants in both free flight and observational environments.

Aquatica Rides

Cutback Cove & Big Surf Shores

One thing that makes Aquatica so unique, make that two things, are the giant, side-by-side wave pools you won't find anywhere else in the U.S.

Dolphin Plunge

The most popular ride in the park is our incredible Dolphin Plunge. One look and it's easy to see why.

Kata's Kookaburra Cove

If you're a kid, Kata's Kookaburra Cove is the coolest place in the park to be.

Loggerhead Lane

Take a load off your feet and hop on a lazy river ride down Loggerhead Lane. This leisurely raft ride takes you through an underwater world colored by exotic tropical fish.

Omaka Rocka

Now open, experience Omaka Rocka ... an all-new water thrill ride featuring high-speed tubes and half-pipe funnels that'll have riders splashing and sliding frontward and backward and climbing the walls.



	Roa's Rapids
	Roa's Rapids Roa's Rapids race you along an action river ride through the white waters of Aquatica.
	Tassie's Twisters Tassie's Twisters is one of the wackiest rides we've ever imagined. In fact, getting there is part of the fun.
	Taumata Racer If you're looking for the biggest thrill in the park, you've found it. Meet Taumata, a high-speed competitive mat ride where eight racers rip down a staggeringly steep hill, head first.
	Walhalla Wave & HooRoo Walhalla Wave is a thrilling ride for the whole family, zooming you through a 6-story maze of twists, turns, and tunnels before you surge back out into daylight.
	Walkabout Waters With its whimsical character and a seemingly endless sea of fun, Walkabout Waters is one of the most talked-about places in the park for kids.
	Whanau Way This quadruple slide tower offers riders four different high-speed experiences.
Beaches	The beach at Aquatica is fabulous, with all the beach features that would expect on any seaside strand. For an extra special day at the beach, you can rent a private Cabana with all mod cons. A private cabana is the best way to take in all Aquatica has to offer. Your cabana is reserved exclusively for you for the entire day, until the park closes. Cabana rentals include a refrigerator stocked with a variety of sodas, juice, and water (16 beverages per cabana) as well as complimentary use of towels and lockers. As cabanas provide the comfort of a shaded, sheltered environment, guests are welcome to move seating outside of the cabana to soak up some of the warm Florida sun.
Aquatica Amenities	 Dining facilities throughout the park offer a variety of delights; Aquatica has several different dining options including an all-you-can-eat restaurant and healthy alternatives. Gift shops feature a wide selection of brand-name sportswear,
	beachwear and other "must-have" summer items. - Beach and picnic areas - Showers, changing areas, and nursing mother's station - A one-time locker fee gives you a full day's worth of unlimited access.



Small lockers are \$5 and large lockers are \$10 per day. - Beach towels can be rented for the entire day for a \$4 each. Towels can also be purchased shops throughout the park.
 Life vests can be checked out free of charge throughout the park.

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Wine	Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards: Free guided winery tour and wine tasting at Florida's largest award-winning winery. Gift shop, picnic area, festivals and concerts Location: 19239 US 27 North, Clermont, FL 34715; website: www.lakeridgewinery.com Tel: 800-768-9463
SeaWorld Restaurants	There are a number of excellent dining choices at SeaWorld: - Sharks Underwater Grill - Voyagers Smokehouse - Seaport Pizza - The Terrace Cafe - Spice Mill - Captain Pete's Island Eats - SeaFire Inn - Mango Joe's - Antarctic Market For an extra special experience, call toll-free (888) 800-5447 and try "Backstage at BelieveDine With Shamu" offers park guests a once-in-a-lifetime VIP experience to eat alongside killer whales, dine with Shamu trainers, ask questions and observe training sessions in an
	exclusive themed area. This buffet-style meal is located poolside and requires reservations by visiting the park's Information Counter at the front gate. "Sharks Underwater Grill" is a full-service, upscale restaurant that immerses guests in an underwater world to dine with the denizens of the deep. The "Floribbean-style" menu blends Caribbean and Florida fare with an emphasis on seafood. Priority seating can be arranged by visiting the host stand at the restaurant. "Makahiki Luau" is a nightly celebration at The Waterfront's Seafire Inn
	filled with ancient customs, rhythmic music and dance, authentic costumes and the delectable cuisine of the Pacific Islands. Reservations are required.
Busch Gardens Restaurants	There are a number of excellent dining choices at Busch Gardens:
	Crown Colony House Restaurant: Relax in air-conditioned comfort



and take in a panoramic view of the Serengeti Plain while you enjoy courteous full table service, authentic African roadhouse ambiance and a diverse menu that includes delicious upscale entrees, refreshing salads and hearty sandwiches all house-made with the freshest ingredients by our culinary team.

Bengal Bistro: Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious lunch as your young adventurers explore Jungala. Bengal Bistro—the newly remodeled Vivi Restaurant—is the perfect place to view Jungala's village. At this cafeteria-style bistro, the Busch Gardens' culinary staff prepares your lunch fresh, offering Catch of the Jungle fish, wraps and sandwiches, salads and vegetarian options.

Orang Café: Watch endangered Bornean orangutans swing across their habitat from the patio of Orang Café. Whether it is snack items or entrees, Orang Café's menu is designed to be "kid-siderate." Children will appreciate the family-friendly menu items like "dirt sundaes," chicken "stripes" and bug candy. The menu also includes assorted fresh fruit, wraps and other entrees.

Zambia Smokehouse: Witness the power of SheiKra —America's first dive coaster—as you dine on delicious barbeque. The new 500-seat indoor/outdoor Zambia Smokehouse makes guests part of the action, as diners sit directly beneath the wings of the new roller coaster. Entrees include chicken, beef brisket and the park's famous ribs, all slow-smoked for hours over real hickory and oak.

Desert Grill: Palatial architecture, exotic entertainment and air-conditioned comfort come together to make your meal at the Desert Grill truly unforgettable. Watch a live performance while you dine on outstanding entrees like Baby Back Ribs or Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo — all served fast and fresh. You'll also find specialty salads, hot and hearty sandwiches, delectable desserts and a complete kid's menu. Busch Gardens Tampa Bay Fact Sheet/page 3

Sultan's Sweets: Start your day at Busch Gardens with a steaming cup of gourmet coffee and muffins, cinnamon buns and pastries made fresh daily in the park. Stroll through the shop and feast your eyes on an incredible array of sweet treats including hand-made candies, cakes and the deliciously decadent Wild Indulgence Fudge.

Aquatica Restaurants

Banana Beach Cookout

Looking for the best dining value during your day of fun in the sun at Aquatica? Then you'll want the Banana Beach Cookout. Enjoy unlimited visits all day or just a one time for the best of the grill at this



	all-you-care-to-eat cookout. Juicy burgers, flavorful veggie burgers, franks, famous chicken drumsticks, and a bountiful array of fruits, sides and desserts. Plus, all of the ice-cold Pepsi products you care to drink during your visit.
	Mango Marketview It's good food FAST! So you can get back to your sweet spot on the beach. Pizza, wraps, salads & kids meals. Plus delicious desserts and soft serve ice cream with an array of fun toppings. Enjoy ice cold beer, specialty frozen drinks and Pepsi products. Fill your basket & head back to your spot on the beach, or choose a table nearly and enjoy.
	WaterStone Grill
	Enjoy a variety of fresh tasty favorites. Choose from succulent sandwiches, specialty wraps, salads, kids meals and delicious desserts. Plus ice cold beer and Pepsi products.
Dining Deal	The "all day dining" option at SeaWorld Orlando and Busch Gardens is a great deal - this convenient, all-you-care-to eat deal allows you eat at tons of Restaurant locations all day.
	There are also some really cool ways to enjoy meals at the parks – for
	example: Dine With Shamu at SeaWorld Orlando at a poolside table.
	Sharks underwater grill–fine dining with a view of a live shark tank! Family picnics at Aquatica–great fun and great value.
	Character meals with Sesame Street fun at Busch Gardens!
	You can purchase an "All-Day Dining Deal", at participating
	restaurants in the Park. Prices are: Adults \$32.99 - Children (Ages 9 and under) \$14.99. (As at Nov 2012)

MORE INFO	For more information call 1-888-800-5447 for Aquatica
	For general park information on Busch Gardens, call 1-888-800-5447
Prices	The best value ticket is for Busch Gardens + SeaWorld:
	Unlimited Visits, 2 Parks, 14 Days: \$129 and \$121 for ages 10 and
	under (as at November 2012)
Brochures	Are available at the Park entrances and in most area hotels in Orlando
	and Tampa Bay.
Websites	For general park information visit the interactive Web sites at
	www.seaworld.com
	www.AquaticaBySeaWorld.com
	www.buschgardens.com
	www.discoverycove.com



PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

For the shows in 2010 and 2011, I was on location at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and SeaWorld in Florida. Check out my Travel Blogs at http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Blog/tabid/400/Entryld/61/SeaWorld-Orlando.aspx and

http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Blog/tabid/400/Entryld/47/SeaW orld-Orlando.aspx

For our Nov 2012 show, the Animal Ambassadors of SeaWorld came to us in the radio studios in Toronto and included:

Scout, the Virginia Opossum Pete and Penny Penguin Dunder, the Asian River Otter Dara the Hyrax Randy the Echidna.