**ATLANTIS AQUAVENTURE WATERPARK AT ATLANTIS, THE PALM**

*Dubai’s number one waterpark with more than 30 thrilling rides and attractions and a spectacular range of unique marine animal experiences*

Voted the number one waterpark in Dubai and the Middle East and among the best in the world, Atlantis Aquaventure is a magnificent waterscape at Atlantis, The Palm, set amongst 17 hectares (42 acres) of lush greenery. With unlimited complimentary access offered to all guests of Atlantis, Aquaventure contains 18 million litres of fresh water used to power more than 30 thrilling rides and attractions, including the longest river in the Middle East at 2.3 kilometres, which takes an impressive 45 minutes to float around. Aquaventure is also the only waterpark in the Middle East that has 700 metres of private white sand beach and that offers unique marine animal experiences such as Shark Safari, a thrilling trek on the bottom of the Shark Lagoon wearing a special helmet and Cownose Ray Feeding, in-water interaction and feeding of the hungry rays.

**AWARD WINS 2018/19**

* **UAE Best Aquarium & Waterpark** - 2019 LUX Family & Visitor Attraction Awards
* **Most Unique Marine Animal Destination** - 2019 LUX Family & Visitor Attraction Awards
* **Best Waterpark in the region** - 2018 Mother Baby & Child Awards
* **Best Experience Middle East** - 2018 Virgin Holidays Global Awards
* **Best Waterpark in Asia Regions** - 2018 GetYourGuide (GYG) Awards
* **Best UAE Waterpark (Highly Commended)** - 2018 Time Out Dubai Kids Awards
* **Best Aquapark Holiday for Families Worldwide** - Kids Swimming Paradise Tip! Quality Mark 2018
* **Best Luxury Experience in Dubai (Dolphin Encounter)** - Luxury Lifestyle Awards 2018
* **Sea TREK Operator of the Year** - Sub Sea Systems Awards

**THE TOWER OF NEPTUNE**

This Mesopotamian-styled tower reaches 30 metres into the sky and is visible from the fronds of The Palm as well as from Dubai’s mainland. It is packed with seven heart-pumping water slides including:

* **The Leap of Faith**
	+ Riders of the infamous Leap of Faith drop 9 storeys in 3 seconds
	+ The near-vertical drop is a daring 27.5 metres
	+ Riders are propelled through a clear acrylic tunnel submerged in a shark-filled lagoon
	+ The Leap of Faith is Aquaventure’s lifeguards’ favourite ride to test every morning
	+ Brave riders can travel up to 60 kilometers per hour riding The Leap of Faith
	+ 600,000 guests take on The Leap of Faith every year
* **Shark Attack**
	+ The Shark Attack begins 13 metres up the Ziggurat
	+ The slide spins riders on one- or two-person inner tubes into the blackness of the tower’s mysterious core
	+ Riders emerge through the shark-filled lagoon at a leisurely ‘shark-viewing’ pace
* **Stinger, The Falls and The Surge**
	+ These inner tube slides use innovative technology to create a water roller coaster, propelling riders up and down on jets of water throughout the Aquaventure waterscape

**THE TOWER OF POSEIDON**

Constructed in 2013, the $27 million USD daring Tower of Poseidon, has raised the stakes in entertainment, featuring record-breaking rides including, the world’s largest waterslide, the world’s first dual waterslide within a waterslide, the UAE’s only dual racing loops and the longest and only waterpark zipline in the Middle East.

* **Poseidon’s Revenge**
	+ The ride consists of 2 capsules equipped with terrifying trapdoors
	+ As the rider stands upright, the trapdoor suddenly drops out ahead of a 31-metre fall
	+ Riders accelerate through the loop at 60kph on the 116-metre long journey
* **Aquaconda**
	+ The perfect adventure for thrill-seeking friends with a 6-seat tube
	+ The world's largest waterslide tube for extreme careering, the 9.2-metre wide and 25-metre tall Aquaconda mercilessly catapults riders at 35 kph through a dark serpentine tunnel with unexpected twists and turns and intense banking 4.6 metres up the walls
* **Slitherines**
	+ At 31 metres high and 182 metres long, Slitherines is the world’s first dual waterslide within a waterslide experience
	+ In spectacular fashion, riders brave twists, turns and terrifying darkness before realising they are in the belly of the beast, suspended above riders of the Aquaconda slide far below
* **The Atlantean Flyer**
	+ This is the longest waterpark zipline circuit in the Middle East and offers a thrilling treetop view of the park, beach and The Palm Island below

**RIVER RIDES**

Surrounding The Tower of Neptune and The Tower of Poseidon is a complex river ride system with waves pushing inner tube riders through the lush landscape, as they navigate around the park.

* **The Torrent**
	+ The Torrent is a wave river of 700 metres
	+ A wave generator simulates a water surge that is capable of swells reaching more than 1 metre high at more than 94,000 litres per minute that propel riders in their inner tubes on the crests of the waves, along the course of the river
* **The Rapids**
	+ The Rapids is a 1.6-kilometre river adventure
	+ 15 million litres of fresh water is used to propel inner-tube riders through the high intensity rapids, wave surges and waterfalls
	+ The Rapids is the longest river in the region and the only river that has multiple level rapids
	+ Riders navigate the waterpark via The Rapids, as it passes by all of the major slides throughout Aquaventure, taking an impressive 45 minutes to circumnavigate the park
	+ A variety of large pools with spacious sun decks are available along The Rapids, allowing guests to easily dip-in and out of the water at their leisure

 **FOR CHILDREN**

* **Splashers Mountain**
	+ Splashers is a water playground featuring elaborate water games, slides and structures, providing a world of thrills and lots of water spills for children less than 1.2 metres - and their parents
	+ Two enormous tipping buckets spin on their axis and release 1,400 litres of water at various intervals, soaking those brave enough to stand below
	+ Children delight in the interactive climbing frames or challenge one another across one of the 5 rope bridges that interconnect with 10 water slides, whilst comrades use water jets and cannons on family and friends.
* **Splashers Island**
	+ Located next to Splashers Mountain, and at almost three times the size, Splashers Island launched in April 2018
	+ Suitable for families with children 1.20m and below, the area features 20 thrilling water attractions, as well as the addition of a giant dry-play structure in the shape of a Dhow shipwreck
	+ Featuring fun-soaked experiences for the whole family to enjoy, highlights of ‘Splashers Island’ include 7 brand-new body and tube slides, as well as the first KIDZ Tornado and KIDZ Bowl in the MEA region, which are exact replicas of the popular Aquaventure adult slides, but for kids!

**ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS**

Aquaventure is the only waterpark in the Middle East where guests can enjoy marine animal encounters including:

* **Ray feeding**
	+ For those seeking the ultimate thrill, a Cownose Ray Feeding at the Mesopotamian-styled Tower of Neptune in Aquaventure is the definitive feeding experience
	+ Guests (up to 6 per feeding) join an Aquarist in the shallow waters of the Shark Lagoon for a 35-minute hands-on experience
	+ Guests learn about the anatomy of these graceful species while the hungry rays emerge for their tasty treats
	+ *From AED 185 per person - From 13:00 to 14:30 daily - Ages 6+*
* **Shark Safari**
	+ Putting on one of the special Sea TREK helmets, guests can safely explore the Shark Lagoon in Aquaventure Waterpark on foot
	+ This exciting underwater adventure allows non-certified divers to become marine explorers and even walk underwater for a fish eye perspective on the world
	+ During the 20-minute Shark Safari, participants will get up close and personal with the many Black Tip Reef Sharks, rare Marble Rays and exotic and colourful fish that call the Atlantis Shark Lagoon home, making this an unforgettable underwater experience
	+ *From AED 340 per person - From 13:00 to 16:30 daily - Ages 8+*

**AQUAXPRESS**Want to make the very most of your time at Atlantis Aquaventure? Upgrade your waterpark experience and skip the queues with our Aquaxpress Pass. Less waiting, more sliding. *From AED 220 per person.*

**BEACH ACCESS**

Atlantis Aquaventure is the only waterpark in the Middle East where the inviting beauty of 700m of white sand beach awaits. The balmy waters of the Arabian Gulf host a myriad water sports including kayaking and pedalos. Day visitors can enjoy this unique beach experience as part of their entry into Aquaventure Waterpark.

**CABANAS**

Guests can relax and unwind during a day out at Aquaventure Waterpark within the secluded and serene selection of private cabana. This reserved seating areas offers complimentary amenities and all-day cabana host service for anyone who wishes to kick-back and relax. *Family cabanas suitable for 6 guests start at AED 995.*

**DINING EXPERIENCES**

Atlantis Aquaventure has a variety of exceptional dining experiences to ensure that appetites are fed, and thirsts are quenched. Barracudas offers a wide selection of express casual dining and Arabic Mezze, from freshly baked pizzas, shawarma, falafel, dosa, fish & chips and fried chicken, plus indulgent gelato and express outlets of popular Atlantis restaurants.

**AQUAVENTURE AFTER DARK**

Since launching in 2018, Aquaventure After Dark has firmly established itself as the ultimate after-hours waterpark party in the Middle East. The exciting evening concept sees Dubai and the Middle East’s number one waterpark open its doors a few times per year for moonlit fun set to the backdrop of a live DJ. Costing from just AED 119, Aquaventure is lit up from 7:30pm – 11:30pm and offers children and adults of all ages the chance to take on more than 20 of Dubai and the Middle East’s scariest waterslides, whilst partying to music from three epic DJ zones. Aquaventure After Dark events may run sporadically throughout the year, with exact dates to be confirmed closer to the time.

**NEW TWO-DAY MEGA PASS**

With so many exciting and unique experiences throughout Atlantis Aquaventure, it can be difficult to tick them all off the list in just one day. With this in mind, an exciting new two-day pass has been launched that allows guests to enjoy the thrills and spills again on a second day. Guests get two full days of unlimited access to Aquaventure Waterpark including Surf's Up wave rider, The Lost Chambers Aquarium, private beach, plus a dolphin and shark feeding performance with this mega pass. What’s more, the two days can be used across a three-day period.

The two-day pass is accessible to all visitors to Dubai for an entry fee of AED 350 per adult and AED 290 for children less than 1.2 metres. Dubai residents enjoy special rates of AED 220 for adults and AED 170 for children upon presentation of their Emirates ID card. Hotel guests receive complimentary unlimited access during their stay.

**ANNUAL PASS**

Guests can enjoy unlimited access to Atlantis Aquaventure and a variety of member benefits including preferential rates at Dolphin Bay and Sea Lion Point, unlimited access to The Lost Chambers Aquarium and much more! The annual pass costs AED 990 for adults and AED 495 for children.

Aquaventure Waterpark is open from 10:00am-18:00pm daily. A one day super pass starts from AED 320 for adults and AED 260 for children. A two day mega pass starts from AED 350 for adults and AED 290 for children. Children 0-2 years of age are free. for more information or to book tickets visit <https://www.atlantisthepalm.com/marine-water-park/aquaventure-waterpark>.

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**About Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai**

Atlantis, The Palm is the first entertainment resort destination in the region and located at the centre of the crescent of The Palm in Dubai. Opened in September 2008, the unique ocean-themed resort features a variety of marine and entertainment attractions, as well as 17 hectares of waterpark amusement at Atlantis Aquaventure, all within a 46-hectare site. It is home to one of the largest open-air marine habitats in the world, with over 65,000 marine animals in lagoons and displays including The Lost Chambers Aquarium, a maze of underwater corridors and passageways providing a journey through ancient Atlantis. Aquaventure Waterpark features 18 million litres of fresh water used to power thrilling waterslides, a 2.3-kilometre river ride with tidal waves and pools, water rapids and white-water chargers. Dolphin Bay, the unparalleled dolphin conservation and education habitat, and Sea Lion Point were created to provide guests a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn more about one of nature’s most friendly mammals.  Atlantis, The Palm is also known as *the* culinary destination in the region with a collection of world-renowned restaurants including Bread Street Kitchen & Bar, Nobu and Ronda Locatelli. The resort boasts an impressive collection of luxury boutiques and shops as well as extensive meeting and convention facilities.