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A TRUE LOVE STORY

Meet
Romeo
&
Juliet

To know

is to

LOVE

The Dolphin Discovery Rescue Team, along with Mexican authorities, rescued Romeo & Juliet from Tabasco in 2001. Their Habitat had been devastated, and food was scarce. Their health was also threatened, and survival looked bleak. Marine Mammal Specialists and Veterinarians took care of them 24/7 until they were transferred out of harm's way and into Puerto Aventuras where they live today and are part of our Miracle Reproduction Program. Romeo and Juliet have been an essential part in feeding our knowledge of manatees, who are currently in danger of extinction. They have also contributed to the repopulation of the species.

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Welcome to the Dolphin Discovery Family!

Marineland Florida, in Saint Augustine, was the world's first oceanarium and began 81 years ago as a filming studio and research center with an aquarium, Dolphins and other marine species on display. It is now the third Dolphin Habitat of Dolphin Discovery Group in Florida, United States, along with Gulf World Marine Park in Panama City Beach and Dolphin Connection in Florida Keys.

Marineland Florida is accredited by the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA) and the International Marine Animals Trainers' Association (IMATA). In addition, they are part of the Florida Attractions Association, Hammock Beach Resort and the Flagler County Tourist Development Council.

We are proud to incorporate it into the Dolphin Discovery Group family and be able to offer guests the Experience of a lifetime.



Acquajoss, our new park in Italy



Acquajoss, our new water park in Italy, has been part of the Dolphin Discovery Group family since June. Together with Zoomarine in Rome and Aquafelix in Civitavecchia, it is our third park in Italy and it's located in the city of Conselice, four hours away from Rome, very close to Bologna and the Rimini coast.

This park opens its doors during the summer season and receives approximately 100,000 guests every year from nearby regions. We are pleased that Acquajoss has joined our global mission to create unique experiences in harmony with the environment.

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Dolphin

Discovery

Isla Mujeres

receives its
2 millionth
guest



On May 16, Dolphin Discovery Isla Mujeres received its 2 millionth visitor, Mr. Jacky Chan accompanied by his wife Brianna and their two children, from Calgary, Alberta, Canada; who at the time of their arrival were received to the sound of the mariachi along with staff from the Habitat.

They received a credit for 2 million swims with Dolphins valid in all the parks of Dolphin Discovery Group around the world; in addition they received an "upgrade" in their swim with Dolphins program, which allowed them to have additional interaction with Manatees and Sea Lions.



We are a **Socially Responsible Company**

for the 14th consecutive year



In the framework of the XII Latin American Meeting of Socially Responsible Companies, the Mexican Center for Philanthropy (CEMEFI for its acronym in Spanish) recognized Dolphin Discovery Group for the 14th consecutive year with the distinction of Socially Responsible Company.

In addition to the award, CEMEFI granted Dolphin Discovery Group for the 5th consecutive year the badge for being a Social Responsible Company with 1% of social investment, meaning that it allocates this percentage of its profits before taxes to social actions.

Dolphin Discovery Group renews its commitment to comply with the established standards in the areas of Social Responsibility and voluntarily and publicly assumes the commitment to implement a socially responsible management and continuous improvement as part of its culture and business strategy.



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For the Environment

During the bimester, Dolphin Discovery group participated in several activities to promote the care and conservation of the environment.

On May 30, the **Sea Lion Day** was celebrated with educational visits for children with the aim of transmitting a message of love and care towards this species. They had the opportunity to take a tour in the Sea Lions area with an educational presentation and participated in the delivery of a 'cake' made of fish for these Marine Mammals.



In the framework of the **World Environment Day**, through our program "To Love is to Educate", we carried out a second clean-up of green areas, which we called **Trash Challenge**, in the municipality of Solidaridad. 16 garbage bags with 80 kg of waste were collected.



Finally, to commemorate the **World Ocean Day**, a cleaning of the beach located in Portal Maya, in Playa del Carmen, Q. Roo, was carried out and 90 kg of garbage were collected. The cleaning was attended by more than 100 volunteers from both the company and the community.

Dolphin Discovery

Punta Cana

opens its new attraction

Isla Pirata



Starting in June, the guests of Dolphin Discovery Punta Cana will have extra fun with a new water attraction. This game consists of an 800 m² area, where more than 2 thousand pieces were assembled to achieve what is now **Pirate Island**. It has more than 6 levels which lead to the doors of 8 different adventures.

8 slides, water curtains, multi-form jets, water buckets that fill and empty constantly, hydraulics driven by pressurized water outlets and a big smiling skull that guards a huge old wooden bucket, which when filled is tilted spilling hundreds of liters of water that fall into the area of pirate canyons from more than 10 meters high. These are some of the surprises that this great attraction has.

Zoomarine, Italy, owned by Dolphin Discovery Group, also offers this attraction for its smaller guests.

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Dolphin Discovery Puerto Aventuras has for the 11th time received in its facilities veterinary students who are part of the educational program "Marine Veterinary Medicine" (MARVET) where the main objective is to expand knowledge and experience in the field of Veterinary medicine and the management of Marine Mammals.

This year students from 15 different universities in the United States participated.



DOLPHIN COVE SALES MANAGER WINS TOURISM EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Paul Norman, sales manager for Montego Bay was named employee of the year by the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association; this award is given for the employee's overall service record. Several categories are eligible for nomination and we are proud that a member of our team won such a prestigious recognition.

Dolphin Cove has also won the JHTA "Attraction of the Year" several times in the past.



HELPS THE REHABILITATION OF PENGUINS

This species of penguin arrives year after year in the coasts of Mar del Plata. During their migration, there are problems related to the ingestion of garbage, malnutrition and for being seized with petroleum.

15 Magellanic penguins (*Spheniscus magellanicus*) were rehabilitated by the Aquarium Marine Fauna Rescue Center.

The penguins stayed 40 days at the Aquarium Rescue Center, under the care of the park specialists.

Thanks to the work done, a group with the necessary conditions of weight and health was ready to be reintroduced to the ocean. The reinsertion was successfully carried out on June 21st at the Aquarium beach.



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Meet our ambassadors!



Triton®

My name is Triton, I was born in Isla Mujeres, and I belong to the 2nd generation of Dolphins born through the Miracle Program.

I firmly believe that my mission is to be an ambassador of the oceans, becoming an example for guests that visit us.


Visit and learn about my friends and me. I am sure we'll learn a lot together!



Frida®

My name is Frida, and I am Triton's sister. I am a faithful follower of Dolphin Discovery's Rescue Team. Due to the knowledge that Marine Mammal Specialists have about us, they can help our brothers in the ocean when they have any difficulty.

Visit us to learn about the conservation of the species!



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Romeo

My name is Romeo, I am a West Indian Manatee rescued by the Dolphin Discovery Rescue Team. I live in Puerto Aventuras and I'm a proud dad of five manatees.

I became a Dolphin Discovery ambassador and my main mission is to teach our guests the importance of taking care of my species.

Come to Dolphin Discovery to learn more about me and other Marine Mammals.



Pingo

My name is Pingo and I'm 12 years old. My species is known as California Sea Lion. I am very playful and I like to have fun with the guests that visit us.

While I interact with our guests I take the chance to share with them environmental messages to improve the world in which we live.

Visit us and help us by sharing this conservation message!

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