

A 100-foot-long acrylic tunnel gives visitors the feeling of being a scuba diver in the depths of the sea—without the fear of hammerhead sharks coming too close!

he state's newest attraction, the \$290 million Georgia Aquarium, is teeming with more than 100,000 creatures from around the globe. Normally trips to view these creatures in the wild would take years, a small fortune and a lot of luck, but this excursion takes less than a day. Thanks to a very generous gift from Bernie Marcus, the cofounder of The Home Depot, to the people of Georgia for helping him

get his start, the oceans of the world have come to the landlocked city of Atlanta (see "The big fish," page 24).

From the moment you arrive, your imagination will be transported to sea. The architecture of the Aquarium's atrium, with its undulating white walls and streaming videos of life under the sea set the mood. Simply crisscross the atrium to travel from one side of the globe to the other.

Personally experience the magic of the Seven Seas, no Dramamine necessary, in fact never leave Georgia!

## Travel itinerary:

Stop 1: See the coral kingdoms of the South Pacific and Caribbean.

Stop 2: Visit deep-sea giants. Break for lunch and shopping.

Stop 3: Visit incredible creatures found in colder waters.

Stop 4: Uncover freshwater mysteries from the Amazon to the

off our own Georgia coast.

A loggerhead sea turtle, native to our Georgia coast, eyes his visitors with curiosity in the Georgia Explorer gallery.

