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MOODY GARDENS[®] FACT SHEET AND ATTRACTIONS PROFILES

Rainforest Pyramid: The first built of the three pyramids is a 10-story glass structure that is home to more than 1,000 species of plants and animals. After a \$25 million enhancement in 2011, visitors are able to experience more rainforest life from around the world, including Africa, Asia and the Americas. Many of the animals within the pyramid are free-roaming, like the Cotton-Top Tamarin and White-Faced Saki monkeys.

Aquarium Pyramid: The blue pyramid is the largest pyramid on the Moody Gardens property, but also the largest aquarium in Texas. With 1.5 million gallons of water, the building houses life from five distinct ocean environments, and the collection in this popular pyramid includes seals, sea lions, sharks, thousands of fish and more than 100 penguins. A \$37 million multi-phased renovation was completed in 2017, ensuring Moody Gardens' guests enjoy a fun and awe-inspiring experience wonderfully complemented with conservation messages that underscore the vital importance of the oceans. Visitors travel from the Gulf of Mexico to South Atlantic, South Atlantic, South Pacific, North Pacific and Caribbean. Each ocean exhibit highlights different marine sanctuaries and aspects of our relationship to the seas. There are also a variety of new exhibits and surprises, including the addition of the tropical Humboldt penguins and touch tanks featuring jellies, stingrays and other crustaceans.

Discovery Museum: Traveling exhibits that explore the world of science are showcased in the pink Discovery Pyramid. Guests can now experience JAM: Journey Through Amazing Music. This enhanced exhibit showcases the science and mathematics behind music in four fascinating galleries that demonstrate the calculated side of music in an interactive and tangible form, allowing guests to fully experience the birth of music today. Visitors will find themselves at the crossroads of technology and romance as they explore what makes music.

MG 3D Theater: The giant 3D screen in this theater is the biggest in Texas, measuring 60 by 80 feet. In November 2014, the theater unveiled the world's first state-of-the-art Giant Screen 6 Primary Laser Projector System. Audiences see films nearly three and a half times brighter than standard theaters, with vibrant colors and new 3D glasses technology. Along with the theater's top-of-the-line surround sound system, this new laser projection further distinguishes the MG 3D Theater as one of the premier cinema venues. Most of the films highlight the wonders of nature and history, as well as the importance of conservation.

4D Special FX Theater: The theater and seating in this special attraction adds a whole new dimension to life. High-definition 3D projection combines with seat sensors, leg ticklers, wind, snow, scent and water splashes to engage all the senses. *Shark: A 4-D Experience* and *San Andreas 4-D Experience* are now showing.

Colonel Paddlewheel Boat: The Colonel is a charming 675-passenger, 1800s-style paddlewheel boat that takes guests on hour-long cruises around Offatts Bayou.

Palm Beach: As the only white-sand beach in Galveston, Palm Beach has become a huge attraction during the summer months. Moody Gardens spent \$5 million in 2011 to add a lazy river, wave pool and water slides to the seaside adventure park, which also includes a splash pad, spray arches and a sand volleyball court. Enjoy the concert series Bands on the Sand each Friday and Saturday night with live music, capped off with a fireworks show over Offatts Bayou.

Sky Trail® Explorer Ropes Course: Challenge your agility, balance and strength as you encounter the five-tier Ropes Course that is open year-round. Ranging from Criss-Cross Tight Ropes to Burma Buckets, the 81-foot Ropes Course is filled with 48 fascinating obstacles suitable for the whole family to enjoy. Children who are shorter than 48 inches can also take on an adventure of a smaller scale on the Sky Tykes™ Ropes Course.

Moody Gardens Zip Line: Thrill seekers can take adventure to a whole new level at the Moody Gardens Zip Line, open year-round. Snap into the harness, step to the edge of the zip line platform and glide over Palm Beach and the Lazy River 60 feet in the air for a bird's eye view of the Moody Gardens Pyramids and tropical gardens.

SpongeBob SubPants Adventure: Dive into adventure on a submarine voyage along with SpongeBob SquarePants and all your Bikini Bottom friends! On this wild and silly deep-sea expedition, YOU choose the destination and YOU interact with your hapless captain – Patrick Star! Moody Gardens was selected to receive the 2016 THEA Award for Outstanding Achievement for the SpongeBob SubPants Adventure attraction. The Themed Entertainment Association presents the award as an internationally recognized symbol of excellence.

Festival of Lights: Every November-January, Moody Gardens features the largest holiday lighting display on the Gulf Coast. More than one million lights in over 100 animated displays illuminate a mile-long trail, enhanced by live entertainment, ice skating, a Texas-sized Arctic Slide, pictures with Santa and special holiday feasts.

ICE LAND: Ice Sculptures: Moody Gardens presents ICE LAND: Ice Sculptures, a magnificent exhibit featuring large ice sculptures that offers a frosty complement to the Festival of Lights. A skilled team of professional ice carvers take 2 million pounds of ice and transform them into majestic displays ranging from holiday-themed sculptures to your favorite animals and characters. Chilled and held at a temperature of 9 degrees, you can witness these works of art as Galveston makes its holiday transition into a Winter Wonder Island.

Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa and Convention Center: Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa and Convention Center offers a unique tropical setting for business or pleasure with the most updated and user-friendly services on Galveston Island, highlighted by excellent customer service. A \$20 million hotel enhancement features upgrades that can be seen throughout the entire hotel from the lobby, corridors, guest rooms, business and fitness centers, restaurants, meeting spaces, spa and public areas. This AAA 4-Diamond rated resort hotel has 428 guest rooms, fine and casual dining, a full-service salon and spa, and more than 60,000 square feet of conference and convention space.

Moody Gardens Golf Course: Just down the road from the main property is the Moody Gardens Golf Course, which is ranked one of the top three courses in the Houston area and one of the top 50 courses in the U.S. This par-72 seaside course has five sets of tees to accommodate golfers of any playing ability.

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MOODY GARDENS RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS

AZA recognition is proof of highest standards and practice of care in animal management

GALVESTON, Texas – Moody Gardens was recognized with accreditation by the American Zoos and Aquarium Association (AZA) for its standards and care for animals within its Aquarium Pyramid and Rainforest Pyramid. Fewer than 10 percent of the approximately 2,400 animal exhibitors licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture are AZA accredited.

Every five years, Moody Gardens must undergo rigorous investigation to ensure it meets ever-rising industry standards in animal management and care, including living environments, social groupings, health and nutrition. The AZA Accreditation Commission also evaluates an institution's veterinary program, involvement in conservation and research, education programs, safety procedures, security, physical facilities, guest services and the quality of staff.

"We are committed to giving our animals the best care possible as well as educating and entertaining the public," said John Zendt, president and CEO of Moody Gardens. "Our staff has worked diligently over the years to meet and maintain the standards set forth by the AZA."

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\$37 MILLION RENOVATION**

*Humboldt penguins, multi-level oil rig aquarium, guest-to-diver communications
and shipwreck replica included in enhancements*

GALVESTON, Texas — Hidden behind the doors of Moody Gardens' Aquarium Pyramid awaits an awe-inspiring underwater experience that includes a new Humboldt Penguin Habitat, a Mangrove Lagoon touch tank home to stingrays and a multi-level 30,000 gallon Gulf of Mexico Rig Exhibit.

Following a \$37 million renovation completed in May 2017, guests will journey to new depths exploring the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, South Pacific, North Pacific and the Caribbean. Each ocean exhibit highlights different marine sanctuaries and relationship aspects to the seas with conservation messages that underscore the vital importance of the oceans.

"The Aquarium Pyramid is one of the largest and most fascinating aquariums in Texas," said Greg Whittaker, animal husbandry manager at Moody Gardens. "You can see and learn about everything from penguins, to sharks to seals as well as thousands of species of fish and plant life."

The popular Aquarium Pyramid, which opened in 1990, showcases the complex beauty of the world's oceans within the 10-story blue-glass building with 1.5 million gallons of water and more than 10,000 marine animals.

Meet the new Humboldt penguins

With the renovation, Moody Gardens is thrilled to introduce the unique warm-climate Humboldt penguins that hail from Southern Hemisphere waters from the Antarctic Pole to the Equator. This is the second penguin exhibit at Moody Gardens and the Humboldts are right next door to the South Atlantic Penguin Habitat, home to the King, Gentoo, Chinstrap, Rockhopper and Macaroni penguins. As part of the recent renovations, the South Atlantic Penguin Habitat is newly enhanced to better benefit guests and the health and livelihood of the penguins within.

Gulf of Mexico Rig Exhibit

See the balance of technology and nature through the impressive Gulf of Mexico Rig 30,000 gallon, two-story, 23-foot scale model oil production platform aquarium. These manmade islands provide valuable attachment surfaces for a variety of encrusting organisms to create an entire reef ecosystem found throughout the Gulf of Mexico. This new exhibit includes diver communication for presentations and interaction, further engaging guests in their underwater experience.

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The Caribbean

Journeys to the Caribbean begin with the new Mangrove Lagoon. Touch Cownose Stingrays as they swim lazily around the jungle of stilt roots that most of the region's fish call home. Naturalists are on hand to help guests learn more about these important ecosystems. A second touch tank features small fish, Sea Stars, Hermit Crabs, Pencil Urchins and other invertebrates allowing guests to cross the water/air border.

The new Flower Garden Banks Exhibit highlights a hidden gem from the Gulf of Mexico and brings attention to the unique tropical coral reef system found just 115 miles offshore. With help from the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, guests experience the East Flower Garden Bank, West Flower Garden Bank and Stetson Bank up close and personal. The exhibit includes examples of Brain, Star and Elkhorn coral, to name a few, all of which can be seen on the banks. The Flower Garden Banks reef system is one of the healthiest in the Gulf and Caribbean regions.

Guests are completely immersed in the Caribbean Exhibit with breathtaking views as sharks, rays and other tropical fish swim overhead while they walk through the tunnel in this one million-gallon exhibit, giving them the sense of diving in the Caribbean. New to the exhibit is The Pride, a 19th century rum-runner shipwreck replica, loosely based on the vessel sailed by famed Galveston pirate Jean Lafitte. Divers spent a total of 68.5 hours underwater putting together the ship, which arrived in about 75 individual pieces.

Also new are in-water presentations by Moody Gardens divers. With additions to the exhibit, guests are bound to have questions. Divers are now able to take and answers questions while in the exhibit.

North Pacific Gallery

The North Pacific Gallery focuses on the high-energy coastline to the west. Playful Seals and Sea Lions are featured prominently alongside other kelp forest inhabitants including Leopard Sharks and the long-lived Rockfish. Jewel aquariums highlight the coastal surge zone, ingenious Giant Pacific Octopus and the relatively unknown deep water coral communities that act as nursery habitat for many commercial fisheries.

And, that's not all

Don't miss out on the whimsical and colorful array of soft-bodied predators inside the new Jellyfish Gallery. Lights, sounds and textures further enhance the display of these free swimming coral relatives.

There's also the South Pacific Biome that showcases the tremendous diversity that is found in the epicenter of the coral reef evolution. Colorful corals, invertebrates, fishes and sharks fill the niche habitats highlighted in the large and small aquarium features. Guests are able to engage with aquarium staff as they perform essential functions in the working conservation lab. Watch and ask questions as they work in the nursery, perform aquarium water quality tests, necropsies, grow algae as a food source and other functions in their daily lab work.

Exhibits will not only inspire visitor interest and empathy, but also connect visitors to specific ocean habitats, further establishing the Moody Gardens Aquarium Pyramid as the largest and most diverse aquarium in the southwest.

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MOODY GARDENS RAINFOREST PYRAMID SHARES IMPORTANT CONSERVATION MESSAGE FOR ALL

GALVESTON, Texas – Guests to the Moody Gardens Rainforest Pyramid are able to engage with a tree-top canopy entrance, exciting animal exhibits and more than 1,700 exotic plants as a breathtaking tribute to the world’s vanishing rainforests and its inhabitants.

Guests to the Rainforest Pyramid experience the spectacular wonders of life in a way few other U.S. attractions offer. As they begin their journey through the pyramid, they are greeted by curious and playful members of the largest otter species — the Giant Amazon River Otters — a critically endangered species found in captivity at only a handful of other zoos in all of North America.

Guests enter the heart of the rainforest at treetop level as they venture across a 300-foot-long walkway for a closer look at the plants and animals that thrive in the rainforest canopy. On this canopy bridge, which elevates guests to 35 feet above the ground, they encounter a variety of animals including Rodrigues fruit bats, free-roaming White-Faced Saki Monkeys and dozens of bird species including the Scarlet Ibis, butterflies, a cloud forest amphibian exhibit and much more. At ground level, guests will follow lushly landscaped trails through the Asian, American and African regions of the rainforest. Here guests see even more animals like the Giant Anaconda, Vampire Bats, Ocelot, Blue Duikers and Komodo Dragons, and if they look close a Two-Toed Sloth, in their native habitats.

In 2010-2011, the Rainforest Pyramid completed more than \$25 million in improvements following damage caused by Hurricane Ike. While the redesigned pyramid is certainly entertaining, it also conveys an important message about protecting the rainforest.

Around the world, this indispensable ecosystem is vanishing at alarming rates. More than 12 million acres of rainforest lands are lost each year due to cattle farming, logging and other trade and development. Rainforest guests can easily see how deeply deforestation impacts the lives of millions of rainforest plants, animals and people. This unique attraction is essential in fulfilling the Moody Gardens conservation and education missions and is a token of gratitude to the disappearing rainforests of the world.

“Anyone who has seen this exhibit before will be amazed at the transformation,” said John Zendt, president and CEO of Moody Gardens, who added that visitors continue to share appreciation for how the rainforests is interpreted as a fun and educational experience. “These enhancements have created a richer experience and a deeper understanding of the role of rainforests in our world.”

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GUESTS EXPERIENCE UNPRECEDENTED 3D THEATER EXPERIENCE AT MOODY GARDENS

Enjoy movies like never before on the largest screen in Texas with clear, vibrant color

GALVESTON, Texas – Moody Gardens guests will experience movies like never before inside the state-of-the-art MG 3D Theater, featuring the state’s largest movie screen and the world’s first 4K 3D giant screen 6-Primary Laser Project System.

That means moviegoers will enjoy films on the 60 by 80 foot white screen nearly three and a half times brighter than normal theaters, with vibrant colors and new 3D glasses technology.

Along with the theater’s top-of-the-line 11.1 surround sound system, this new laser projection further distinguishes the MG 3D Theater as one of the premier cinema venues, giving viewers the best viewing experience in the world.

“Everything we do is geared toward providing the best guest experience possible,” said John Zendt, president and CEO of Moody Gardens, who added the MG 3D Theater has always been at the forefront of technology. “We are very pleased to be able to offer our guests the very best theater-viewing experience available.”

The new laser projection system is a collaborative project with Christie Digital Systems and D3D Cinema. D3D and Moody Gardens have co-hosted the annual Digital Cinema Symposium since 2011, debuting some of the top technology advancements in cinema to the world.

“This is the game-changing milestone the museum giant screen industry has longed to achieve for many years,” said Don Kempf, president and founder of D3D Cinema. “Moody Gardens’ audiences are the first in the world to have a 6P giant screen laser experience, unarguably the future of cinema presentation. The DCI and DIGSS-compliant Christie laser solution, coupled with 6P glasses technology, are unparalleled in terms of image quality.

“D3D has always been committed to designing first-rate giant screen solutions that are built on a more economically viable business model. It’s a great thrill to be able to achieve this goal AND be first to market with such a premium solution.”

The 6P laser projectors generate a proprietary mix of photoptically-optimized light wavelengths for each eye directly from the source, in effect eliminating the need for a highly inefficient stage of filtering or polarizing the light as it leaves the projector. The Christie demos use Dolby 3D glasses specifically engineered to exactly match the 6-primary laser light wavelengths to yield nearly 90 percent light efficiency.

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As one of the first 3D Theaters in North America, the MG 3D Theater consistently offers some of the top educational films in the world daily, and has engaged and entertained guests since 1993.

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ABOUT D3D CINEMA

D3D Cinema offers complete digital 3D cinema solutions and services to museum and attraction industry clients worldwide, providing a unique partnership approach to cinema design and 3D content production built around four core capabilities - theater design and installation; touring exhibition theaters; an award-winning library of 3D content; and custom signature film production. Comprised of institutional theater specialists, D3D excels in bringing first-to-market immersive cinema technologies to its clients, offering technology-agnostic consultation, strategic planning, installation, content production & distribution, operational support, and ongoing service. D3D is headquartered in Evanston, IL with offices in Philadelphia, Ottawa, Canada and Valencia, Spain.

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**MOODY GARDENS RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION
WITH A THEA AWARD FOR ITS SPONGEBOB SUBPANTS ADVENTURE ATTRACTION**

GALVESTON, Texas – Moody Gardens, a world class attraction located in Galveston, was selected to receive the 2016 THEA Award for Outstanding Achievement for its SpongeBob SubPants Adventure attraction.

The SpongeBob SubPants Adventure is a one-of-a-kind interactive experience that allows guests to go on a submarine voyage to explore the world of Bikini Bottom with the help of their captain, Patrick Star. Visitors are able to choose their path through the wild and silly deep-sea adventure and have real-time conversations with Patrick. The attraction takes visitors from digital to real time through exciting 4D sensory elements which brings the adventure to life through scents, bubbles and bouncing beach balls.

Moody Gardens partnered with Nickelodeon, Super 78 and SimEx-Iwerks Entertainment to create this innovative attraction. Harnessing the power of modern computer technology and classic artistic techniques, a group of designers, engineers, fabricators responsible for many of the world's leading theme park attractions collaborated to create the SpongeBob SubPants Adventure.

Super 78, an attraction design and production company based in Los Angeles, was also recognized with a THEA Award in the Technology Breakthrough category for the creation of their groundbreaking Gepetto™ Animation Control System. This is a proprietary digital puppetry that delivers feature film 3D animation in real time used in the SpongeBob SubPants Adventure attraction. This Animation Control System allows a performer behind the scenes to control all aspects of the full-sensory experience on screen in front of audiences. The performer's voice becomes an on-screen character, and he has an unlimited palette of animation options which brings the character to life. The performer also runs the lights, sounds, bubbles, and scents with the push of a button.

"We consistently strive to offer new and immersive experiences the whole family can enjoy together," said John Zendt, Moody Gardens president and CEO. "This was a highly innovative and creative team that created an exceptional attraction and we are honored to be receiving this THEA award."

The Thea Awards were created by the Themed Entertainment Association (TEA) in 1994 to help realize a key mission of the association: bringing recognition to achievement, talent and personal excellence within the themed entertainment industry. TEA's Thea Awards have become internationally recognized as a symbol of excellence.

This permanent attraction takes excitement to new depths in a non-stop whirlwind of surprises with fun for the whole family to enjoy only at Moody Gardens. Admission is \$14.95 for adults and \$12.95 for seniors and children. It is also included in a Moody Gardens Value Pass.

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