



Sensory Guide

A RESOURCE FOR GUESTS WITH
COGNITIVE DISABILITIES INCLUDING
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)

AQUATICA

ORLANDO



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SENSORY LEVEL SUMMARY

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TYPE	ATTRACTION	TOUCH	TASTE	SOUND	SMELL	SIGHT
RIVERS & WAVEPOOLS	Roa's Rapids	5	1	1	1	4
	Loggerhead Lane	4	1	1	1	4
	Cutback Cove Wave Pool	5	1	2	1	4
	Big Surf Wave Pool	5	1	2	1	4
FAMILY SLIDES & PLAY STRUCTURES	Ray Rush	5	1	2	1	7
	Walhalla Wave	5	1	1	1	6
	Walkabout Waters	7	1	3	1	7
	Kata's Kookaburra Cove	7	1	3	1	5
TUBE SLIDES & MAT RACER	Tassie Twister	6	1	1	1	5
	Whanau Way	6	1	2	1	4
	Omaka Rocka	6	1	1	1	5
	Taumata Racer	5	1	1	1	4
BODY SLIDES	Dolphin Plunge	6	1	2	1	5
	Ihu's Breakaway Falls	7	1	2	1	4

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Overview

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF CREDENTIALING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION STANDARDS (IBCCES) FOR DEVELOPING THIS SENSORY GUIDE FOR AQUATICA ORLANDO.

For almost 20 years, IBCCES has been the industry leader in autism training for licensed healthcare professionals and educators around the globe. IBCCES recognized that many families with children who have special needs have limited travel options, and in response, created training and certification programs specifically for the hospitality and travel industry. The assessors believe the information contained within this assessment report to be correct at the time of printing.

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AQUATICA IS THE FIRST WATER PARK IN THE WORLD TO BE DESIGNATED AS A CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER.

OVERVIEW

At Aquatica Orlando, it is our goal to provide every family with an enjoyable and memorable visit, and we are proud to offer specialized services to guests with autism and other special needs.

Our team members generally receive applicable training in a variety of areas to help them address the needs of our guests with autism and other special needs, which may include:

- Sensory Awareness
- Motor Skills
- Autism Overview
- Program Development
- Social Skills
- Communication
- Environment
- Emotional Awareness

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Amenities

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GUEST SERVICES

Aquatica's guest services team is equipped to assist your family with the following services. You may locate a member of our team at the Guest Relations, Guest Services, or the Information/Reservation counter located inside the park.

- Enrollment in our Ride Accessibility Program
- Park Amenity information and Check-in
- Assistance with Annual Pass Memberships
- Ticket upgrades
- Lost & Found inquiries
- Park Sensory Information
- Dining Options

LOW SENSORY AREA

Guest in need of a less stimulating area in the park are encouraged to visit the area behind Loggerhead Lane.

QUIET ROOM

Guests in need of some quiet time and relief from sensory stimulation can utilize our new quiet room located near Kata's Kookaburra Cove. This room has adjustable lighting and a comfortable seating area for guests to take a break. The Quiet Room is locked to ensure privacy for our guests. Guests who would like to use the Quiet Room may do so on a first come first served basis.

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PARKING

A limited number of accessible parking spaces are available on a “first-come, first served” basis in our Accessible Parking Lot located in front of the main entrance to the park. Guests who display appropriate disabled parking permits as required by Florida state law should notify the tollbooth employee that accessible parking is needed so that they can be directed to the appropriate part of the lot.



QUICK PAY

With QuickPay, you can make purchases all day without carrying your wallet. You use your credit card, debit card or cash to set up a spending account and then use your waterproof wristband to charge purchases throughout the park.

- Enroll at the park at Guest Relations, Information/Reservation Counter, Guest Services or Kiwi Traders Gift Shop.
- Each member will be issued waterproof wristbands to charge purchases throughout the park
- Your account automatically settles at the end of each day

QuickPay is a courtesy service and there are no fees associated with its use.

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RIDE ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM

Our Ride Accessibility Program (RAP) matches the individual abilities of our guests to the requirements of each ride. RAP is designed to allow guests to fully participate in the enjoyment of our park while keeping in mind the safety requirements of our rides and attractions.

To enroll in the RAP program, we recommend you visit Guest Relations, the Information/Reservation Counter, or Guest Services.

Once enrolled in this program a special access wristband may be given to provide expedited access onto the attractions via the Quick Queue entrance at participating attractions. The wristband is designed for the enrolled guest and up to three (3) additional guests to enter through the Quick Queue entrance. If party size is larger than four (4) additional Quick Queue wristbands may be purchased based on availability of the product. Not all attractions participate in Special Access/Quick Queue as they are open entries (i.e., Wavepool and rivers).



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CABANA RENTALS

Our cabana areas allow more private settings for families and guests who are looking for a break from sensory stimulation. Cabanas can be rented Online, phone, Guest Relations, Information/Reservation Counter, or at Guest Services. Cabana rentals have a limited availability and require a reservation. For the most up to date availability and price please visit [Aquatica.com/Orlando](https://www.aquatica.com/Orlando)

Roa's Rapids Riverview Cabanas

Enjoy your own private cabana with a view of Roa's Rapids.

- Four guests per cabana, additional guests up to a maximum of seven guests for an additional fee.
- Maximum guest counts are based on ticketed guests, children ages 3 and up count as a ticketed guest.
- Additional guests range from \$15-\$30.

Beach Front Cabanas

Enjoy your own private cabana located on the most desirable location in the park.

- Four guests per cabana, additional guests up to a maximum of seven guests for an additional fee.
- Maximum guest counts are based on ticketed guests, children ages 3 and up count as a ticketed guest.
- Additional guests range from \$15-\$30.

WavePool Loungers

Enjoy a relaxing Wave Pool Lounger with an attached shade top located in an exclusive area centrally located on the sand beach in front of the wave pools.

- Price includes 1 lounger with attached shade top.
- Maximum guests counts are based on ticketed guests, children ages 3 and up count as a ticketed guest.

Premium Cabanas

Enjoy your own private cabana located on the island between our two wave pools.

- Price includes a maximum of 4 guests.
- Maximum guest counts are based on ticketed guests, children ages 3 and up count as a ticketed guest.
- These cabanas feature upgraded furniture on this private island.

Ultimate Cabana

Enjoy your day in your own private cabana located on the island between our two wave pools.

- Price includes a maximum of 8 guests.
- Maximum guest counts are based on ticketed guests, children ages 3 and up count as a ticketed guest.
- These cabanas feature upgraded furniture on this private island.

Roa's Rapids Riverview Family Cabana

Enjoy your own double private cabana with a view of Roa's Rapids centrally located on Roa's Island.

- Price includes a maximum of 7 guests.
- Maximum guest counts are based on ticketed guests, children ages 3 and up count as a ticketed guest.

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DINING

Guests looking for a quieter dining environment are encouraged to visit meal facilities during non-peak hours or ahead of meal time.

ALLERGY FRIENDLY

Aquatica is committed to providing all guests with a safe and enjoyable dining experience. Allergy-friendly meals are offered at our dining facilities. For additional assistance or questions please contact a member of leadership at the restaurant.

FOOD POLICY

Aquatica has clear limitations on what types of food/beverage purchased outside are allowed to be brought in to the park. Coolers are permitted, but they must be no larger than 16-quart size. For guests with special dietary requirements a limited number of unlimited access daily picnic size lockers are available for rent at the park. Two picnic areas are located at the bus drop-off area at the front of the park and guests may re-enter these areas as often as they would like during an operating day. The guest has the option to donate any pre-packaged/unopened food that is not permitted in the park to the Second Harvest Food Bank serving the Orlando area.

The following food and beverage items are not permitted:

- Picnic lunches or other family portion servings (such as large bags of chips great than 3.5 oz, sandwiches, hot dogs, slices of pizza, subs, fried chicken, etc)
- Any outside beverages except bottled water (this includes teas, sodas, alcohol, etc in any size containers)
- Glass containers of any kind are not permitted

Coolers may contain:

- Snacks in individual serving sizes (cracker packs, bags of chips, fruit snacks, etc. that are under 3.5 oz)
- Bottled water
- Baby food in plastic containers

For the safety of our animals, plastic straws, balloons, and cup lids are not permitted inside Aquatica.

Rivers & Wave Pools

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RIDE NAME:

ROA'S RAPIDS

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

Get ready for an awesome adventure through a roaring sea of high tides, swirling whirlies, and gushing geysers- all at speeds that leave ordinary river rides eating this one's wake.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

1 = low sensory stimulation, 10 = high sensory stimulation*

 TOUCH	5	 TASTE	1	 SOUND	1	 SMELL	1	 SIGHT	4
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- Fast river ride, free swimming/immersionw
- Potential for water geysers, splashing, etc.
- Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/swallow water
- Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers
- Slight smell of water
- Bright colors
- Changing scenery through the park as you ride

Individuals under 51" tall are recommended to wear a life vest.



RIDE NAME:

LOGGERHEAD LANE

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

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.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

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 TOUCH	4	 TASTE	1	 SOUND	1	 SMELL	1	 SIGHT	4
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- Floating in tube along waterway
- Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/swallow water
- Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers
- Slight smell of water
- Bright colors
- Viewing of fish along the way

Individuals under 48 inches tall are recommended to wear a life vest

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RIDE NAME:






CUTBACK COVE WAVE POOL & BIG SURF SHORES

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

At Cutback Cove, the waves are always rolling, and the action's always high. At Big Surf Shores, the surf can be high or slow and easy. What kind of wave do you feel like catching today? Two separate pools let you decide.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

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 TOUCH	5	 TASTE	1	 SOUND	2	 SMELL	1	 SIGHT	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Splashing water, rolling waves		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/ swallow water		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmersCountdown buzzer/ timer for wave bursts		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Slight smell of water		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open waters with other swimmers, can get crowded	

There is no height requirement. Individuals under 48" tall are recommended to wear a life vest

Family Slides & Play Structures

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RIDE NAME:

RAY RUSH

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

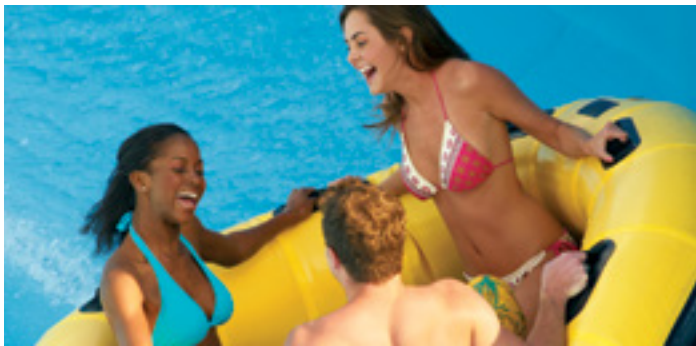
Ray Rush is a fully-loaded water adventure. Water jets launch your raft from zero to awesome in just seconds. Your adventure takes a twisting turn as you spin inside a colossal water sphere. Finally, dive into the giant manta wings, swooping up and down a different path each time.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

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TOUCH	5	TASTE	1	SOUND	2	SMELL	1	SIGHT	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Splashing water, spinning, and “diving” while riding on a raft 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for riders to accidentally taste/swallow water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for splashing and sounds of other riders 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight smell of water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright colors and changing scenery Semi-enclosed areas 	

Riders must be at least 42” tall to ride. Individuals under 48” tall are recommended to wear a life vest



RIDE NAME:

WALHALLA WAVE

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

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.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

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TOUCH	5	TASTE	1	SOUND	1	SMELL	1	SIGHT	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partially enclosed slide riding on raft Splashing/immersion at end of slide Twists and turns 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/swallow water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight smell of water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright colors Rafting in the dark for a portion of the slide then quickly transitioning into sunlight 	

Riders must be at least 42” tall to ride. Individuals under 48” tall are recommended to wear a life vest

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RIDE NAME:

WALKABOUT WATERS

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

This towering, 60-foot-tall rain fortress is bursting with color, excitement, and adventures waiting to begin.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

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TOUCH	7	TASTE	1	SOUND	3	SMELL	1	SIGHT	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High stimulation- lots of fixtures and interactive areas Splashing and streaming water Small rides and play areas 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for splashing and sounds of other riders 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for splashing and sounds of other riders 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight smell of water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright colors and changing scenery Semi-enclosed areas 	

Riders must be under 48" tall to experience the pool and slides.

Open slides ending in a run out: Guests must be 36" tall to ride.

Open slides over 8 feet tall ending in a splash pool: Guests must be 42" tall to ride and are required to wear a life jacket.

Enclosed slides over 8 feet tall ending in a splash pool: Guests must be 48" tall to ride. Life jackets are not permitted on these slides.



RIDE NAME:

KATA'S KOOKABURRA COVE


ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

With a beginner's body slide, water spouts and silly spilly rides, kids can laugh it up all day long

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

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TOUCH	7	TASTE	1	SOUND	3	SMELL	1	SIGHT	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple smaller rides, water splashing/spraying, and items to climb on and play with 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/ swallow water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers Countdown spill clock/buzzer 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight smell of water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright colors Lots of interactive fixtures, rides, and open play with other guests 	



Tube Slides & Mat Racer

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RIDE NAME:

TASSIE TWISTER

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

Lightning fast tubes shoot you into a giant bowl, where you'll spin, and spin, and spin, until you're finally spun back out into the lazy river. You've never seen or felt- anything quite like it.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

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TOUCH	6	TASTE	1	SOUND	1	SMELL	1	SIGHT	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast slide on raft Spinning and turning, potential for water splashing, immersion at end of ride Riders must be able to maintain proper riding position 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/ swallow water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight smell of water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright colors Spinning, twisting 	

Individuals under 48" tall are required to wear a life vest.



RIDE NAME:

WHANAU WAY

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

This quadruple slide tower offers riders four different high-speed experiences.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

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TOUCH	6	TASTE	1	SOUND	2	SMELL	1	SIGHT	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast ride double inner tube Spinning and turning, potential for water splashing, immersion at end of ride Riders must be able to maintain proper riding position 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/ swallow water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight smell of water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright colors Fast movement through slides 	

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RIDE NAME:

OMAKA ROCKA

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

Experience Omaka Rocka, a water slide in which riders speed down flumes into massive funnels, sliding high up one side and then the other.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

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TOUCH	6	TASTE	1	SOUND	1	SMELL	1	SIGHT	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride on raft through partially enclosed tubes Plunge into water at end of ride Water drips from above 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/ swallow water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight smell of water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright colors Fast ride through multi-colored tubes, partially enclosed space 	

Riders must be at least 48" tall to ride.



RIDE NAME:

TAUMATA RACER

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

Meet Taumata, a high-speed competitive mat ride where eight racers rip down a staggeringly steep hill, head first.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

1 = low sensory stimulation, 10 = high sensory stimulation*

TOUCH	5	TASTE	1	SOUND	1	SMELL	1	SIGHT	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast slide on mat Splashing/ immersion at end of slide 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/ swallow water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight smell of water 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright colors Ride side by side with other racers, slide is partially open to environment 	

Riders must be at least 42" tall to ride.

Body Slides

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RIDE NAME:

DOLPHIN PLUNGE

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

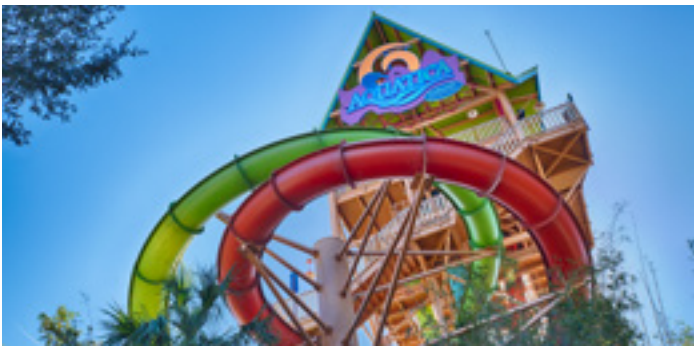
Two side-by-side enclosed tube slides send you racing through an underwater world that is home to a playful pod of beautiful black-and-white Commerson's Dolphins. Known for their playful nature and electrifying speed, you may well see them racing right alongside you as you zoom by.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

1 = low sensory stimulation, 10 = high sensory stimulation*

TOUCH 6	TASTE 1	SOUND 2	SMELL 1	SIGHT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body sliding on enclosed tube • Plunging into water at end of slide and slides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/ swallow water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slight smell of water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tube is enclosed • "Face to face" view of swimming dolphins

Riders must be 48" tall to experience the pool and slides. Life jackets are not permitted on these slides



RIDE NAME:

IHU'S BREAKAWAY FALLS

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

Brave the watery free-fall on Ihu's Breakaway Falls - the tallest, steepest and only multidrop tower of its kind in Orlando. Face your fear and each other. You never know who's going to breakaway first, all you know is it's going to be one wild ride.

SENSORY LEVEL & PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:

1 = low sensory stimulation, 10 = high sensory stimulation*

TOUCH 7	TASTE 1	SOUND 2	SMELL 1	SIGHT 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Drop" from great height into water slide • Plunging into water at end of slide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for swimmers to accidentally taste/ swallow water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for splashing and sounds of other swimmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slight smell of water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bright colors • Enclosed slides

Riders must be 48" tall to experience the pool and slides. Life jackets are not permitted on these slides.