

## Best Aquarium



A window to the world underneath the water's surface, aquariums provide an avenue of exploration that many visitors could not find elsewhere. They also play a crucial role in ocean and wetland conservation, working to preserve marine environments and the fascinating animals that live there. From tropical ocean exhibits to freshwater river displays, the aquariums listed here represent a diverse array of aquatic environments and engaging education opportunities.



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Vote for the best aquarium in the US once per day until polls close on April 11 at noon ET. The top 10 properties will be announced on April 18. Have questions? Read the official [Readers' Choice rules](#).

## North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores—Pine Knoll Shores, NC

Just five miles from Atlantic Beach on the Outer Banks, the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores lies amid the Theodore Roosevelt Natural Area. With two nature trails and outdoor adventures, like kayaking and beach walks, the aquarium makes the most of its location. The largest aquarium in North Carolina, Pine Knoll Shores spans 96,000 square feet and contains the state's largest manmade ocean habitat, called Living Shipwreck.

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