



Audubon Aquarium  
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## **World-Famous Weeki Wachee Mermaids Return to Audubon Aquarium Limited Engagement Begins Thursday, November 2, 2017**

(New Orleans, La.) – Back by popular demand, the world-famous Weeki Wachee mermaids will splash into Audubon Aquarium of the Americas for a pair of four-day sessions: Thursday, November 2 through Sunday, November 5; and Thursday, November 9 through Sunday, November 12.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each of the eight days, the mermaids will dance and dive beneath the surface of the Great Maya Reef, which is home to stingrays and tropical fish. Guests also can meet a mermaid up-close and have photos taken next to the penguin habitat on the Aquarium's 2nd floor.

"Our guests were mesmerized by the mermaids last year and we're excited to bring them back to New Orleans," said Rich Toth, Managing Director, Audubon Aquarium and Audubon Butterfly Garden and Insectarium. "We hope children will marvel at their performances while being inspired by the marine life and educational opportunities in our Aquarium."

Located 45 minutes north of Tampa, Weeki Wachee Springs State Park is one of Florida's oldest roadside attractions, and is home to the world famous mermaids. These legendary sirens have been entertaining audiences worldwide since 1947. For more information, visit [www.weekiwachee.com](http://www.weekiwachee.com).

### **Sea Grass Salon | November 4, 5, 11 & 12 | 10:00am - 4:30pm**

Be a mermaid just like the ones at the aquarium. Our very own "Sea Grass" apprentices can turn you into a magical mermaid with make-up, hair extensions and nail color. Choose your hairstyle then add make-up, nail color, accessories and a mermaid tail, if your heart desires. Then let the Magic Memories team commemorate this moment with a keepsake photo.

And boys can join in on the fun too, as our "Sea Grass" apprentices transform them into heroic mermen or daring pirates!

## **Mermaid-Perfect Packages**

How much of a mermaid do you want to be? It's all up to you at the "Sea Grass Salon." Whether you want a just a touch of magic or want to be ready to swim in the sea, we have the perfect package:

### **The Little Fish Package (\$45.00)**

- Mermaid/Mermen Hairstyling
- Mermaid/Mermen face make-up
- Seashell tiara
- Nail polish

### **The Mystical Mermaid Package (\$90.00)**

- Mermaid Hairstyling
- Mermaid face make-up
- Seashell tiara
- Nail polish
- Bathing Suit with Mermaid Tail\*

*\* Please see the size chart below for bathing suit and tail options*

## **Pirate Package**

How much of a pirate do you want to be? Whether you want to sail your boat as a Mate or plunder the treasures of the sea as a Captain, we have the perfect package:

### **The Neverland Matey Package (\$35.00)**

- Pirate Makeup
- Earring
- Eyepatch
- Hat

### **The Captain Hook Package (\$60.00)**

- Pirate Makeup
- Earring
- Eyepatch
- Hat
- Sword
- Parrot

- Tattoo Sleeve

### **Know Before You Go**

We expect the “Sea Grass Salon” to be very popular. Reservations should be made in advance and are highly recommended. To book your appointment at the Sea Grass Salon, please register using the link below. Guests under 18 years of age must have parent or guardian permission to register.

- To participate, Guests must be between 3 and 12 years of age and be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older).
- Your mermaid transformation will take approximately 30 minutes

Audubon Aquarium of the Americas is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, visit [AudubonNatureInstitute.org](http://AudubonNatureInstitute.org)

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