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When I visited the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel recently I was on a mission to visit the Georgia Aquarium, which features the largest freestanding fish tank in the world. Staying at the hotel made my trip all the more enjoyable. Not only is the aquarium nearby, but the hotel itself is a delightful place to stay.

I especially liked the many original contemporary artworks at the property and its stylish canopy entryway that's both attractive and functional in sheltering guests from the rain.

Sheraton Atlanta: Interiors and Guest Rooms

The hotel has received a progressive series of upgrades over the past seven years, totaling \$70 million. Last year all 765 rooms and 90,000-square feet of meeting space were updated. While the exterior is still relatively nondescript except for the dramatic entryway, the interior is colorful and contemporary.

The jewel of the property is its Garden Courtyard, which has a retractable roof. The huge open-air space in the center of the Sheraton is beautifully landscaped and has a pool, hot tub, deck and plenty of surrounding tables and chairs. I found myself oftentimes lingering there with a drink or grab-and-go items from the deli.

The courtyard enhances the view from the adjacent fitness center. Staying on the treadmill a little longer is no problem when you can look out large windows to such a charming courtyard. Hotel management was thoughtful to create a complimentary self-serve laundry area adjoining the fitness center so guests can wash a load of clothes as they exercise if so inclined.

Guest rooms at the Sheraton are spacious and have large windows that look out on Atlanta's striking cityscapes. I appreciated the large desk and task lighting in my room as I needed to get some work done during my stay.

My only problem with my recently refurbished accommodations was that the new smell fumes were so strong it was hard to fall asleep, even on the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed. I was too lazy to request a room change, which I'm sure would have been promptly and efficiently made, as the Sheraton had consistently excellent service levels.

Sheraton Atlanta: Dining and Entertainment

As I tend to eat on the run, but prefer healthy sandwiches, fruit cups and salads to greasy burgers and fries, I was a frequent customer at the convenient Sheraton Deli both for breakfast and lunch. The pleasant staff practically knew me by name after my two-night stay.

The buffet restaurant, Collage, next door is also good but can get overrun at lunchtime when there's a convention. I did indulge myself by eating one memorable gourmet meal at Fandangles, which is as visually exciting as it is tasty. The glamorous Martini Bar at Fandangles made me wish I was younger and could stay up later.

Sheraton Atlanta: The Neighborhood

While Atlanta has a host of upscale hotels sprinkled throughout its metropolitan area few are as well located as the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. The Georgia Aquarium, the New World of Coca Cola and CNN Atlanta/Studio Tour are all within



Exterior at Sheraton Atlanta in Downtown Atlanta, Georgia
Image courtesy Sheraton Atlanta

walking distance and only a few minutes away by car.

It's no wonder the hotel offers several getaway packages that include tickets to downtown attractions. As I am a huge fan of marine life, I opted to stay at the hotel with the goal of visiting the aquarium and snorkeling with the whale sharks, manta rays and other sea creatures.

The day I headed out by car to the aquarium was overcast, and my GPS wasn't working. Even so I easily found my way thanks to signs pointing the way and a friendly resident who confirmed I was on the right track. I then spent several hours at the aquarium wondering at the multitude of marine creatures, especially at the huge whale sharks. Then it was time for my orientation before my group snorkeling session.

We learned that the whale shark isn't actually a whale or a shark, but a fish, along with many other fascinating facts about the marine life in the aquarium. Then it was time to suit up and swim. Floating and swimming around the tank with whale sharks and manta rays gliding beside me and schools of fish swimming below me was an amazing experience. Time seemed to stand still and I felt I had become part of another world.

After a hot bath that night I slept like a baby at the Sheraton.

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