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### **The Sant Ocean Hall—Section by Section**

- **Open Ocean**—This breathtaking gallery will bring visitors eye to eye with a spectacular selection of marine creatures, and communicate the importance of good ocean stewardship for preserving the health of the ocean.
- **Living on an Ocean Planet**—The exhibit underscores the importance of the ocean to all life on the plants, humans included.
- **Shores to Shallows**—This area highlights different kinds of coastal ecosystems around the world and how they are affected by humans.
- **The Coral Reef**—A 1,500-gallon aquarium features an Indo-Pacific coral reef with up to 74 live species.
- **The Poles**—The exhibit demonstrates the differences between the North and South poles and how life thrives at both through extreme adaptations.
- **Ocean Systems**—The Science on a Sphere is a high-tech experience that shows why the ocean’s constant motion and interaction with land and the atmosphere make it a complex global system.
- **Journey through Time**—This gallery gives visitors the opportunity to compare fossils of a large number of ancient animals; some are more than 500 million years old.
- **Deep Ocean Exploration**—The Ocean Hall’s theater shows a 13-minute film featuring scientists as they uncover some of the planets deepest mysteries.
- **Ocean in the News**—“Ocean Today Kiosks” provide interactive ocean news—giving regular updates on ocean-related topics around the world.
- **Collections**—A special wall showcase displays the world’s largest and most diverse collection of marine specimens and explains how this collection helps scientists make sense of ocean life.
- **Changing Exhibit**—Ocean-focused exhibits will change approximately every 18 months. The first, “Going to Sea,” highlights the many reasons people have gone out in the ocean over history.

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