



DOLPHIN CAY

Dolphin Cay is a new, 11-acre, state-of-the-art dolphin rescue and education center located at Atlantis, Paradise Island, the Bahamas. The habitat was created for 17 dolphins that previously resided at the Marine Life Oceanarium in Gulfport, Miss., which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The dolphins' new home is an interactive haven, where resort guests can swim and interact with dolphins in the 7-million-gallon artificial habitat.

When the swimmers emerge from their dolphin adventure, they enter a space Bada-Crema Design Consultants envisioned as a simulation of their experience. Two types of flat-screen interfaces form a key component of the welcome. First, a pair of wall-mounted 40-inch plasma screens at the left of the entrance present "teaser" footage of previous groups' visits. Bada-Crema specified a textured aqua blue solid surface for the counter top, incorporating several Caribbean water colors into glass panels along the front face. These shimmering shades and textures were echoed throughout the roughly circular shopping space, which repeats graceful curves that mirror the shapes of the dolphin sculptures suspended overhead.

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