

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE SEVEN SEAS

AGES

Adults

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In this armchair travel program, participants travel to seven beautiful, unusual, or exotic underwater sites around the world. Create a fun and festive atmosphere, as if you were hosting a *bon voyage* party by offering themed drinks and/or snacks, and playing music representative of the places that you will “travel” to. Create a PowerPoint slideshow or two for each location, highlighting history, geography, culture, or fascinating details. Easily adapted to a virtual program by utilizing screen sharing capabilities. Suggested runtime: 60–90 min.

MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

Materials:

- Laptop/projector and projection screen
- Audience chairs
- Music playlist
- “Passport” booklets and a stamp (optional)
- Snacks and drinks (optional)

To prepare:

- Create a PowerPoint presentation covering your seven selected underwater sites. Include videos or photos of each place and a few interesting and unique facts about each one.
- Decorate with a large map of the world (or handout) with the locations of each site marked.
- Play music for atmosphere (examples include steel drums, didgeridoo, “Beyond the Sea” by Bobby Darin).
- Festive tropical mocktails could be served, along with themed snacks.

ADAPTATION:

This program can be adapted for outreach to Senior Centers as long as there is access to a screen and DVD player or internet access.

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For a passive program, create weekly social media posts or displays to intersperse throughout the library. Patrons stamp their passport booklets when they visit each display, or you can include a trivia question they have to answer before getting a stamp from a staff member.

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For children, simply modify your fact and resource choices. Have children create a travel brochure or travel video for their favorite place!

TIP:

For fun, create an itinerary with flight times/ costs to each place. Be sure to include pictures of restaurants and places to stay (try [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com) or [tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com) for inspiration).

UNIQUE SPACE AND/OR PERSONNEL NEEDS

Volunteers to stamp “passports” and/or serve mocktails.

RESOURCES

Web

Printable world map from Wikimedia Commons: <https://bit.ly/3upcfbt>

Jellyfish Lake in Palau from *Amazing Planet*: <https://bit.ly/3wGaB6P>

Thingvellir National Park Iceland from *Waterlust*: <https://bit.ly/3hXK691>

Great Blue Hole from *Belize Diving Services*: <https://bit.ly/3hXK7d5>

Ithaa undersea restaurant in the Maldives from *Elite Life*:
<https://bit.ly/3yDcKCp>

The Grotto of Bruce Peninsula from Jesse St Louis: <https://bit.ly/3wzZYTd>

Titanic Wreckage off the coast of Nova Scotia from *OceanExplorerGov*:
<https://bit.ly/34qtz5o>

The Great Barrier Reef in Australia from *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park*:
<https://bit.ly/3vuBLNX>

Underwater post office in Japan from *Great Big Story*:
<https://bit.ly/3fPRxfN>

Vanuatu underwater post office from *Bruce Harmse*: <https://bit.ly/3iaJg9d>

A Mariana Trench journey from *BBC News*: <https://youtu.be/LKXvdyNz6L8>

Non-fiction

The Bucket List Wild: 1000 Adventures Big and Small: Animals, Birds, Fish, Nature (2018) by Kath Stathers

Dive Atlas of the World: An Illustrated Reference to the Best Sites (2016) ed. Jack Jackson

The Last Night on the Titanic: Unsinkable Drinking, Dining, & Style (2019) by Veronica Hinkle

1,000 Places to See Before You Die (2019) by Patricia Schultz

Printables

Sample Travel Itinerary by Marcia Literati of Tenafly Public Library, Tenafly, NJ

TIP:

Have library staff members and/or volunteers dress up as airline or cruise ship employees to stamp “passports.” At the end, attendees can vote for the number one place they wish to visit.

TIP:

Don't forget recent travel guides to the places you wish to highlight.

7 Wonders of the 7 Seas



Travel Itinerary:

