# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# CORAL QUEST DESCRIPTION

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#### **Character Descriptions:**

Reef Ranger Ray: A spirited and animated coral character who perfectly blends intellect with humor, designed to entertain and enlighten Guests in the most delightful way. As the reef's self-declared guardian and comedian, Reef Ranger Ray embarks with Guests on an entertaining expedition through coral life, enriching their understanding of the ecosystem's marvels through clever quips, witty puns, and amusing antics. His mission is to champion conservation efforts while ensuring a joyful and light-hearted atmosphere. With Ray, every moment is an opportunity to chuckle and gain insights, making him the ideal escort for a memorable and insightful aquatic adventure.

**Dr. Marina Ripple:** A human researcher who complements Ray's animated explanations with her scientific expertise and passionate dedication to coral conservation. Dr. Ripple aids Guests during their interactive moments with the coral specimens, offering guidance, answering questions, and providing practical demonstrations of coral care and propagation techniques. Her character brings a human touch to the adventure, embodying the bridge between scientific knowledge and everyday action in conservation.

# **Digital Exploration Room:**

As Guests gather for the "Coral Quest: A Journey of Reef Conservation," the initial scene acts as an engaging prelude designed to fill the space with eager learners without leaving anyone idle or bored while waiting for the whole experience to commence. The area comes alive with interactive touchscreen displays and sweeping large-scale projections that create an allencompassing underwater realm. The touchscreens and 360-degree displays offer a treasure trove of mini-games and puzzles that "edutain" the Guests. Guests might find themselves tasked with matching various coral species to their correct habitat, navigating a fish through the reef to learn about the food chain, or solving puzzles that reveal the impact of climate change on coral bleaching. Each game is designed to be intuitive and engaging, encouraging players of all ages to delve deeper into the intricacies of coral ecosystems.

As Guests swipe, tap, and drag, they're rewarded with vibrant animations and factual tidbits, turning each interaction into a learning opportunity. This gamified learning approach not only keeps Guests entertained as they wait but also deepens their understanding of the reef's delicate balance and the importance of conservation efforts, making every moment of play a step towards greater environmental awareness. This time of exploration allows for Guests to meet and collaborate in the games with other Guests who are visiting the experience. They will collaborate throughout the experience, so this time aids in the Guests feeling more comfortable working with others.

As the room fills, the blend of tactile and auditory experiences ensures that waiting becomes a part of the adventure. Touchscreens offer a cool, smooth surface for Guests to navigate through the reef, their interactions rewarded with gentle vibrations that mimic the ocean's touch, while the distant sounds of marine life and moving water play in the background. Scents subtly enhance the oceanic ambiance with hints of saltwater and tropical flora, engaging the sense of smell and deepening the immersive experience. This multi-sensory approach not only

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entertains but educates, as Guests can engage with the touchscreens and displays that reveal fascinating facts about coral ecosystems, the challenges they face, and the science behind their conservation.

# **Hands-on Coral Fragmentation and Propagation Workshop:**

In the workshop phase of "Coral Quest," Guests evolve from mere observers to dynamic participants in the coral propagation process, donning the mantle of marine biologists. As the lights dim, voiceover from Ray sends Guests into the workshop, a collection of simulation tools and lifelike coral models await, ready to provide an immersive, hands-on experience in coral care and propagation. At this juncture, the lively Reef Ranger Ray, with his cache of humor and wit, alongside the knowledgeable Dr. Marina Ripple, with her deep scientific insight, become the guiding lights. Ever the animated educator, Ray injects fun into the learning process with his quips and playful challenges. At the same time, Dr. Ripple offers a steadying hand with practical demonstrations and expert advice, ensuring Guests not only engage but also understand each step deeply.

Together, they guide the Guests through the intricacies of coral fragmentation—a critical method in reef restoration. Dr. Ripple explains the science behind selecting corals for health and species diversity, while Ray encourages Guests to wield the simulation tools with a sense of adventure. He emphasizes the joy in every precise cut or careful choice made for propagation. This blend of scientific rigor and light-hearted learning underscores the delicate balance required in handling corals and selecting the right specimens for growth.

As the workshop delves deeper into the essentials for coral growth—such as water temperature, light, and seabed composition—Dr. Ripple and Reef Ranger Ray lead an exploratory mission through simulated environments. Guests are given the opportunity to place the model corals that they have been carefully working with into a simulated "aquarium." This innovative feature is not your ordinary aquarium; it is an interactive display that animates their coral in a vibrant, lifelike form, dynamically reacting as Guests adjust the aquarium's parameters. Under Dr. Ripple's expert guidance, Guests fine-tune elements like light intensity and water chemistry, witnessing in real-time how these adjustments impact their animated corals' appearance and vitality.

Reef Ranger Ray offers amusing yet insightful commentary on how each environmental factor influences coral ecosystems in the wild. This interactive segment transforms from mere hands-on practice to an immersive educational journey into coral ecosystem science. Enhanced by engaging storytelling and expert advice, it vividly illustrates the complex interplay between various environmental factors and coral health. Guests not only see their efforts come to life in the simulated aquariums but also gain a deeper understanding of how delicate the balance in coral ecosystems truly is, all while being guided by Ray's playful expertise and Dr. Ripple's scientific acumen.

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# **Collaborative Reef Building and Environmental Stewardship Activity:**

As Guests move from the hands-on workshop to the climactic phase of their "Coral Quest" journey, they are met with a dramatic transition. A wall, which had previously separated the workshop area from the next stage of the experience, slowly rises to reveal an expansive and detailed model of a coral reef in a state of distress. This barren reef landscape serves as a poignant reminder of the challenges facing these ecosystems and the canvas upon which Guests will leave their mark. The space is thoughtfully designed, with projection mapping technology ready to bring their efforts to life in real time, creating a vivid backdrop that showcases the potential transformation of this damaged reef.

In this interactive show space, Guests can apply their newfound knowledge and skills by placing their propagated coral models onto the structured reef base. As they position each model, the projection mapping technology springs into action, illustrating the growth of the corals over time and their blossoming impact on the marine ecosystem. This immersive display allows Guests to witness the virtual rejuvenation of the reef, transforming the barren landscape into a vibrant underwater world teeming with life. Dr. Marina Ripple and Reef Ranger Ray are there every step of the way, offering encouragement and highlighting the significance of each Guest's contribution.

Together, participants learn the value of teamwork and environmental stewardship, watching as their collective efforts lead to a flourishing reef. The experience is not only a lesson in coral conservation but also a powerful demonstration of how individual actions can contribute to more significant environmental recovery, emphasizing the importance of continued conservation work in the face of challenges like pollution and climate change. Through this engaging and collaborative project, Guests leave with a deepened understanding of coral ecosystems and the critical role they play in our planet's health, armed with the inspiration and knowledge to support reef conservation in their own communities.

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