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History

- Planning
- The idea for OdySea Aquarium came about in 2006 when Amram Knishinsky, the aquarium's creator, identified the potential to attract visitors to the Phoenix area. Knishinsky's interest in marine life began during his time as a U.S. Navy Seal and his family's visits to the Monterey Bay Aquarium.
- Construction
- Construction on the aquarium began in March 2015 and was completed in September 2016. The aquarium was built on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and incorporates Native American culture into its design.
- Opening
- The first phase of OdySea in the Desert opened in 2013 with the opening of Butterfly Wonderland and OdySea Mirror Maze.
- Name change
- In 2020, the entire complex was rebranded as Arizona Boardwalk to help visitors differentiate between the complex and the aquarium. The name change was intended to convey the idea of a fun place with many things to do.
- OdySea Aquarium is the largest aquarium in the Southwest, with over 2,000,000 gallons of water, more than 6,000 animals, and over 50 exhibits. Some of the aquarium's features include:
- SeaTREK: A helmet diving experience that allows visitors to descend into the aquarium and be surrounded by sea life
- Behind-the-scenes tours: Visitors can learn about the inner workings of the aquarium
- Penguin encounters: Visitors can get up close to African penguins

About the sea creatures

- Scylla and Charybdis
- Two immortal monsters that Odysseus encounters while traveling through the Strait of Messina. Scylla is a six-headed monster that lives in a cave on a cliff, while Charybdis is a giant whirlpool that destroys everything in its path three times a day. Odysseus chooses to sail closer to Scylla, sacrificing six men, rather than risk his entire ship to Charybdis.
- Sirens
- Winged, part-bird, part-human monsters that live on a coastal island in the straits between Italy and Sicily. Their goal is to lure sailors off course and to their deaths.
- Proteus, the Old Man of the Sea
- A shifty and slippery figure who can change his shape at will, into animals and even into water itself. Proteus knows whether Odysseus is still alive and where he's been.
- The sea is a symbol of the complex relationship between humanity and water in ancient Greek civilization. It separates Odysseus from his home in Ithaca, but it's also the means by which he can return home.

Where it got it's name

- The word "odyssey" means a long and difficult journey or undertaking, often with many obstacles. It can also refer to dealing with trials and tribulations to achieve a goal.
- The name Odysseus comes from the Greek word odyssesthai, which means "to be angry". In Homer's Odyssey, Odysseus is a cunning, determined, and fierce character who is often driven by anger. The name Odysseus has become a symbol of resilience and strategic thinking, and is sometimes used as a given name.

Fun facts

- Size
- OdySea Aquarium is the largest aquarium in the Southwest, with over 2 million gallons of water and 200,000 square feet of space.
- Animals
- OdySea Aquarium is home to over 6,000 animals, including sharks, sea turtles, penguins, otters, rays, sloths, and a Giant Pacific Octopus.
- Features
- OdySea Aquarium has many unique features, including:
- SeaTREK: Guests at least 8 years old can walk underwater in a wetsuit and helmet.
- Voyager: The world's only revolving aquarium, with a stadium-style theater and 46-foot viewing windows.
- Touch exhibits: There are multiple touch exhibits, including the world's only Russian Sturgeon touch exhibit and two stingray touch
 exhibits.
- Submerged escalator: A giant escalator descends into the deep ocean.
- Shark Bathrooms: Sharks swim past the bathroom window.
- Ceiling lights: The aquarium ceiling lights transform into mini aquatic wonders.



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