

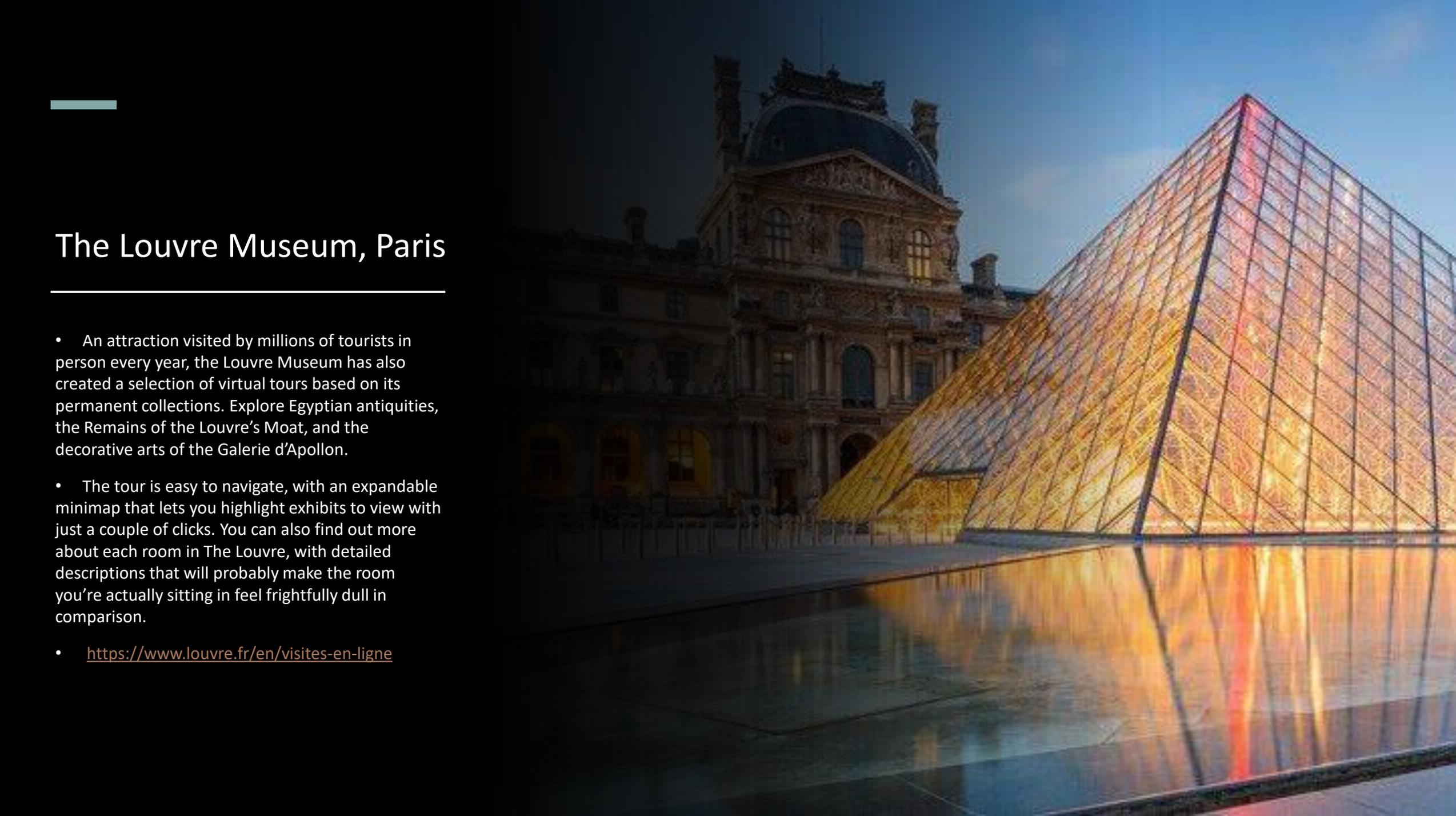


VIRTUAL
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An aerial photograph of the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu, showing its terraced stone buildings and agricultural terraces built on a high mountain ridge. The surrounding landscape is lush and green, with steep, forested mountains in the background under a clear blue sky.

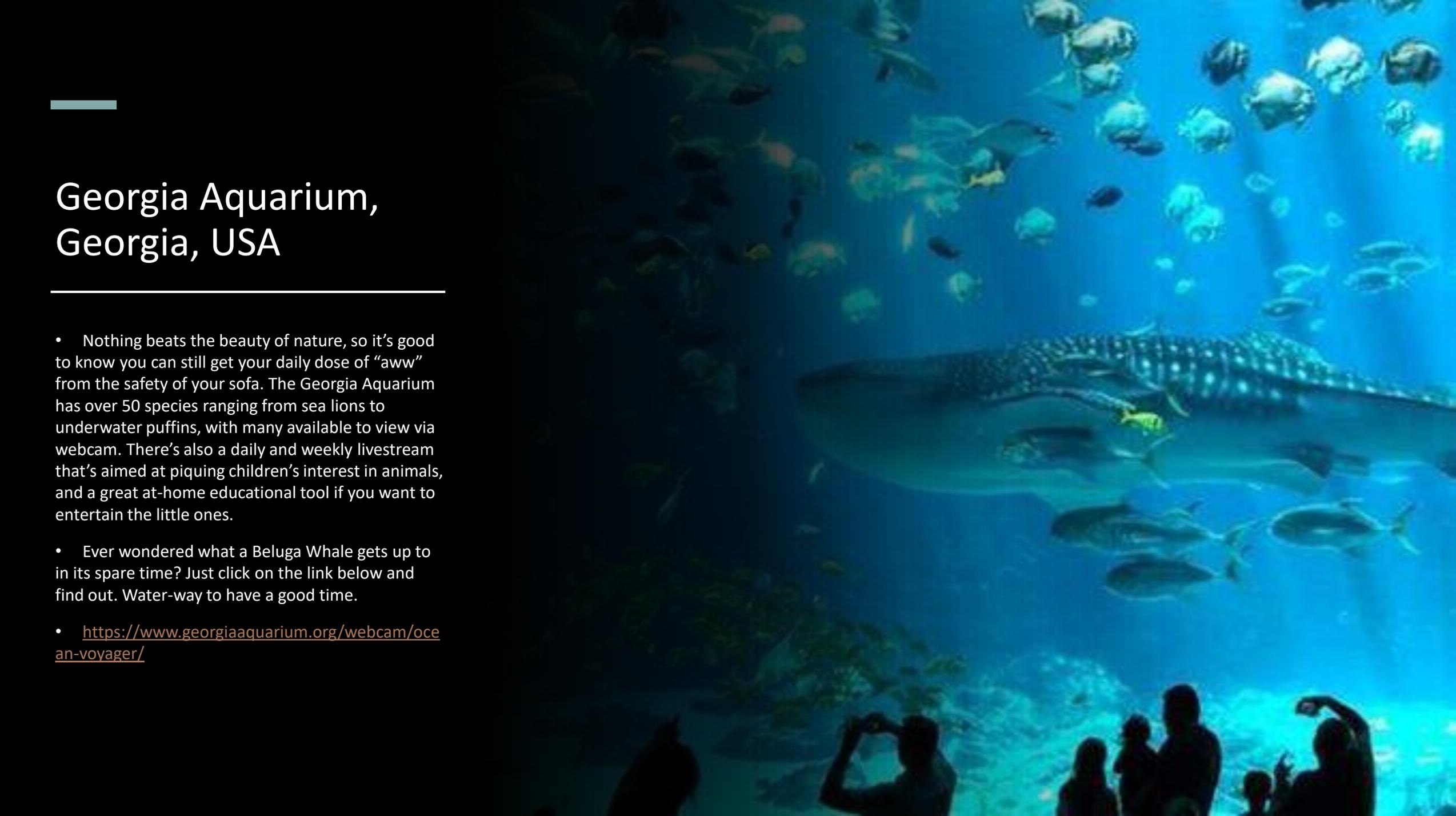
Machu Picchu, Andes Mountains, Peru

- A simply stunning UNESCO World Heritage site, Machu Picchu is a visual wonder that just has to be seen. You no longer need to fly all the way to Peru to see it in all its glory, however, as the virtual tour is comprehensive, immersive, and filled with fascinating insights.
- With 360-degree views of the ruins of Inca settlements and lush green landscapes, you can visit every popular vantage point and learn more about the history of the famous site thanks to a helpful voice narrator. OK, you can't feel the warm breeze around you, but if you turn on the heat and have a handy desk fan set to low, it's almost as good as the real thing. Almost.
- <https://www.youvisit.com/tour/machupicchu>



The Louvre Museum, Paris

- An attraction visited by millions of tourists in person every year, the Louvre Museum has also created a selection of virtual tours based on its permanent collections. Explore Egyptian antiquities, the Remains of the Louvre's Moat, and the decorative arts of the Galerie d'Apollon.
- The tour is easy to navigate, with an expandable minimap that lets you highlight exhibits to view with just a couple of clicks. You can also find out more about each room in The Louvre, with detailed descriptions that will probably make the room you're actually sitting in feel frightfully dull in comparison.
- <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>

A large, vibrant underwater scene from the Georgia Aquarium. The water is a deep, clear blue. In the center, a large, spotted shark swims horizontally. Above it, a school of smaller fish swims in a similar direction. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several people are visible, looking up at the marine life. The lighting is bright and even, highlighting the textures of the shark's skin and the movement of the fish.

Georgia Aquarium, Georgia, USA

- Nothing beats the beauty of nature, so it's good to know you can still get your daily dose of "aww" from the safety of your sofa. The Georgia Aquarium has over 50 species ranging from sea lions to underwater puffins, with many available to view via webcam. There's also a daily and weekly livestream that's aimed at piquing children's interest in animals, and a great at-home educational tool if you want to entertain the little ones.
- Ever wondered what a Beluga Whale gets up to in its spare time? Just click on the link below and find out. Water-way to have a good time.
- <https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/webcam/ocean-voyager/>

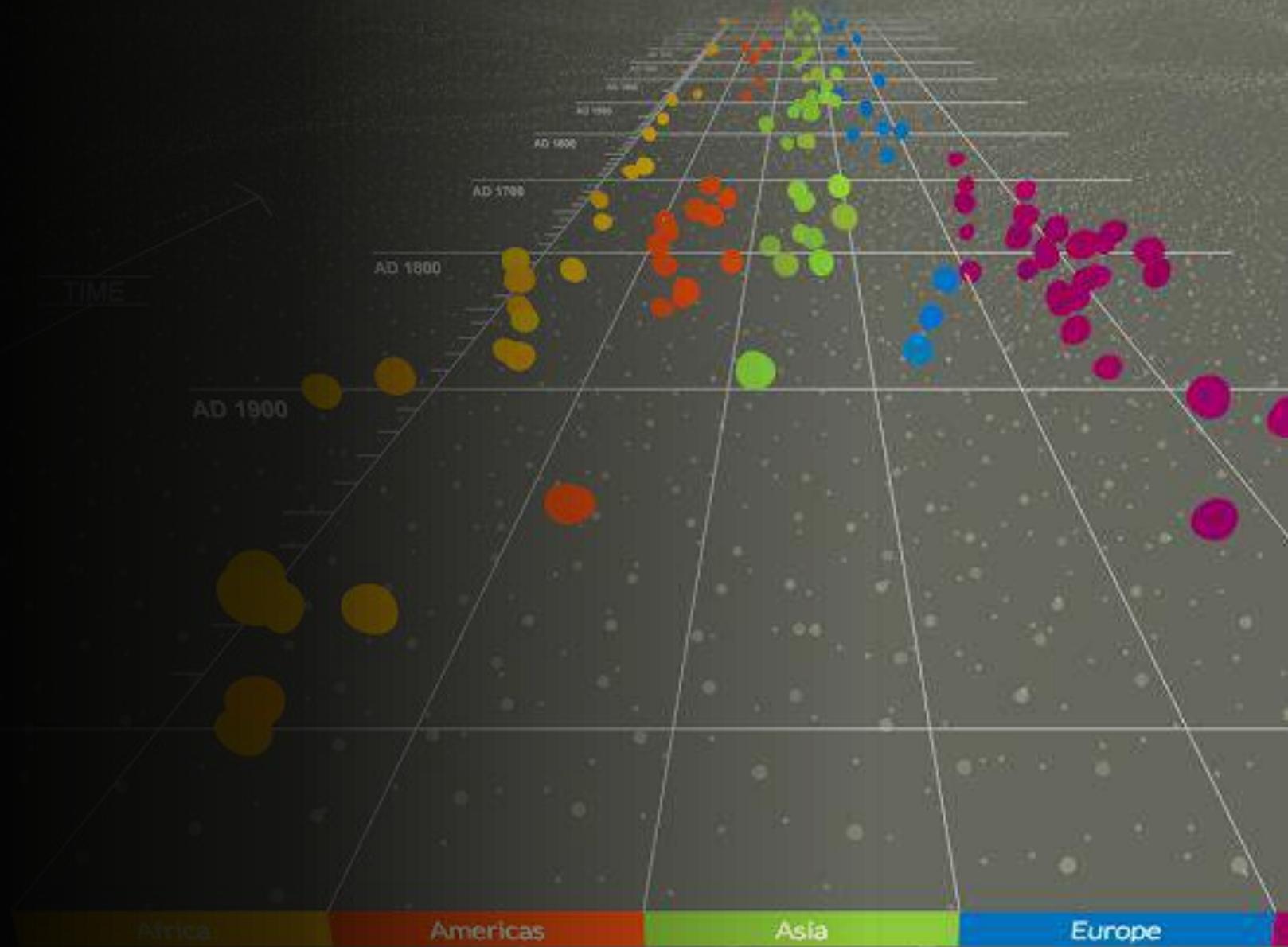
3-Minute Tour, Tokyo

- What if we told you that you could ride in a Tuk Tuk, walk across the famous Shibuya crossing, win a Pikachu from a claw machine, and make friends with a robot... all in under three minutes. That might be physically impossible, but with VR it's a breeze.
- If you've ever wanted to take a whistle-stop tour of Japan, the Japan National Tourism Organization has created a 360-degree virtual reality video that lets you do all of the above, and lots more.
- Simply put on a VR headset or use a phone or computer to experience a surreal thrill ride, where you'll go from feeding a deer to facing off against a sumo wrestler in a matter of seconds. The video is also viewable in 2D, and well worth a look.
- https://youtu.be/OR_Y7vj66PU



The Museum of the World

- You can browse through a large selection of exhibits that are dated by century, continent and category – such as trade and conflict or art and design. Each exhibit offers a detailed description as well as accompanying audio, which helps provide a fascinating backstory to each piece.
- <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>





The Vatican, Rome

- Filled with spectacular architecture and historic monuments, The Vatican is within your virtual reach, with a host of museums providing online tours. Step into the Sistine Chapel and Raphael's Rooms, which are adorned with simply sensational artwork.
- The tour is compatible with WebVR, so you can pop on a VR headset to get an even closer look at some of mankind's most memorable creations. It's truly breathtaking, even when viewed through a screen.
- <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>

Musée d'Orsay, Paris

- Located in the center of Paris, this historic museum was installed in the former Orsay railway station. It was originally built for the Universal Exhibition of 1900, and displays collections of art from the period 1848 to 1914.
- Take a leisurely virtual stroll through the opulent hallways and witness works from dozens of famous French artists, including Monet, Gauguin and Van Gogh. With no other visitors to contend with, you can soak up all the culture on display to your heart's content – and there's a lot to soak up.
- <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/musee-dorsay-paris>



Athens Acropolis, Athens

- A must-visit destination for history buffs, the Athens Acropolis includes the world-famous Parthenon, and is a cultural hotspot for tourists. Choose between popular sites such as the Theatre of Dionysus and enjoy in-depth videos that provide a fascinating and educational insight into ancient Greece.
- There are plenty of photographs to view and engrossing facts to learn, so don't be surprised if you become an armchair expert in no time. Now, where'd you put that amphora of wine?
- <http://www.yougoculture.com/virtual-tour/athens/myth/acropolis>



The Royal Academy of Arts, London

- If you're amazed by architecture, the Royal Academy of Arts has a virtual tour that will make you go "ooo" and "ahh" for hours. The Sensing Spaces exhibition uses high-quality 360-degree photography to give visitors a taste of its structures and remarkable exhibitions – it really does feel as if you're actually there.
- Each exhibition is complemented by further information for users to read through, but you're encouraged to come to your own conclusions, and think about what each space means to you.
- <https://www.eyerevolution.co.uk/virtual-tours/art-gallery-virtual-tour-royal-academy/>

