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# Many extraordinary species have developed unique "superpowers" to overcome the challenges threatening their survival.

Nature's Superheroes: Life at the Limits offers a fascinating lens on the world's most remarkable organisms. Witness bizarre mating serenades. Explore a mysterious cave inhabited by animals without eyes. Discover the giant mammals that can survive for hours without breathing. Meet nature's superheroes and discover the diverse strategies and adaptations that help them survive.

"There is something here for everyone."

— THE NEW YORK TIMES



See life-size and largerthan-life models such as gigantic tardigrades, a life-size elephant seal, and a magnified dragonfly.



**Optional live specimens** include axolotl, chambered nautilus, and mantis shrimp.



Hands-on and media interactives include a climbable Hercules beetle and a kinetic digital interactive game.



Multi-sensory
experiences invite
visitors to distinguish
cacophonous mating
calls, smell the pungent
odor of a carrion flower,
and touch the claws of a
harpy eagle.



Immersive environments and lifelike dioramas highlight a coral reef and a deep-ocean hydrothermal vent community.



# **Exhibition Themes:**

#### Start

Discover stories of extraordinary adaptations for reproduction and mating, including the bowerbird and synchronous coral spawning.

## **Breathe**

Most living things need oxygen to survive, but how much? Find out how elephant seals hold their breath for up to two hours as they dive nearly a mile in search of a meal.

#### Move

Investigate some of the remarkable ways in which animals move and get around. The Hercules beetle, known to lift up to 80-times its weight, is featured as a climbable model.

# Sense & Eat

Extraordinary senses are like the superpowers of the natural world. Discover the amazing ways that some species get food.

## **Endure**

In this section, we showcase examples of life lived at its limits. A diorama depicts an other-worldly deep sea hydrothermal vent community.

#### **Finish**

Encounter stories of incredibly short and incredibly long lifespans of creatures that seem to cheat death, such as jellyfish that return to polyp stage.

"Celebrates the wonder and awe of the will to survive and thrive."

— International Business Times

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SPECIFICATIONS:



venue gallery size: 6,000 – 7,000 ft²



VENUE CEILING HEIGHT:
11 ft recommended



conservation + security: Low



standard rental length: 14 – 16 weeks