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### **Aquatica Opens the All-New Tikitapu Splash – The Ultimate Water Playground Perfect for Kids**

- *Tikitapu Splash features a multi-level water playground encompassing various elements including water slides, giant dumping buckets, four unique slides, spray jets, water curtains, and more.*
- *The expansive 15,000-square-foot play area provides guests with the ultimate water playground to indulge in water-soaked adventures to beat the Texas heat*
- *For a limited time, guests can save up to 45% on Tickets and Passes to SeaWorld and Aquatica as part of our Spring Spectacular Sale.*

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**SAN ANTONIO, TX., (April 6, 2024)** – On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Aquatica, Texas' Best Waterpark, announced the grand opening of Tikitapu Splash, a 15,000 square-foot multi-level water playground. With over 100 brand-new spray-and-play elements, four exhilarating slides, and three colossal water-dumping buckets, this attraction is set to redefine aquatic fun in 2024.

The park held a grand opening ceremony that included Aquatica Park President Jodi Davenport and Vice President David Skelton taking the 'first splash' down one of Tikitapu's water slides... while clothed in their business attire! Bubbles filled the air as children from the community joined in on the fun by dumping buckets of water on the Aquatica executives as they passed under the play area's second story.

"We are thrilled about the grand opening of Tikitapu Splash and are happy to share this all-new play area with our guests," said David Skelton, Vice President of Aquatica. "We are always thinking of exciting ways to enhance our guests' experience and Tikitapu Splash will provide new and even more fun, interactive, and creative ways to beat the Texas heat."

Keeping in line with Aquatica's tropical oasis theme inspired by the Māori culture of New Zealand, Tikitapu Splash takes its name from Lake Tikitapu - also known as Blue Lake - one of four lakes found in the Bay of Plenty Region of New Zealand's North Island. The name Tikitapu finds its origins in Māori history, being a sacred necklace believed to have been lost in the lake by the daughter of a high-ranking chief.

Located adjacent to Whanau Waters, a series of shallow water pools, Tikitapu Splash is the perfect new addition for children, allowing them cool relief from the hot sun, dozens of kid-friendly play elements, and gently introduces them to their first water slide experience. Covering over 15,000 square feet with its whimsical theming and a seemingly endless sea of fun, Tikitapu Splash is a towering rain fortress bursting with color, excitement, and adventures. The multi-level play area features:

- Three giant buckets, each dumping over 1325 gallons of water, creating refreshing moments for those below.
- Four exciting water slides designed for thrill-seekers of all ages.
- A spectacular array of over 100 new spray and play elements, including geysers, colorful water cannons, and gushing waterspouts.

Aquatica offers everything from the serene to the extreme with places to relax and soak in the sun, thrilling waterslides and rides, and one-of-a-kind opportunities to experience incredible animal interactions. Known for its resort-like atmosphere, Aquatica has relaxing pools scattered throughout the park and plenty of shaded cabanas and loungers for guests to decompress and unwind. Thrill seekers can enjoy intense waterslides including Riptide Race, a dueling racer where guests can compete against each other to the finish line; Ihu's Breakaway Falls, the tallest drop slide in Texas; and Tonga Twister, a colorful 400-foot exciting water slide in which guests can experience a light show and music. Those looking for animal encounters can take a ride on the park's signature attraction, Stingray Falls, a family raft ride that sends riders through an underwater grotto where thrill seekers go face-to-fin with stingrays and tropical fish. Those wanting to dive even deeper into these fascinating animals can get in the water with them during the one-of-a-kind Stingray Encounter in Ke-Re Reef. With its diverse array of attractions, Aquatica San Antonio promises an unforgettable waterpark experience for friends and family.

### **Best way to play**

For a limited time, guests can take advantage of the Spring Spectacular Sale and save up to 45% on tickets and Passes. Guests who purchase a Dual-Park Annual Pass will enjoy unlimited admission to both Aquatica and SeaWorld for 12 months of visits and special benefits like free parking, free guest tickets, access to special VIP events, savings on merchandise, and more, all starting at only \$8.99 a month! Annual and Season Passes can be purchased at [www.aquaticasanantonio.com](http://www.aquaticasanantonio.com).

### **About Aquatica**

From high-speed water slides and exhilarating wave pools to tranquil beaches, Aquatica San Antonio, delights all ages and interests. This one-of-a-kind waterpark is home to some of the world's most thrilling water rides, featuring high-speed slides, relaxing rivers and lagoons, private cabanas, and 42,000 square feet of relaxing beaches. The park's signature ride, "Stingray Falls," takes four-seat rafts down twists and turns to an underwater grotto, where guests come face-to-fin with stingrays and tropical fish. Aquatica's stingray attraction, otherwise known as "Ke-Re Reef," features 120,000 gallons of saltwater and will include cownose and Southern stingrays. Aquatica offers exclusive attractions that promise unlimited

fun, sending guests on amazing undersea adventures. For more information on Aquatica, go to [www.AquaticaSanAntonio.com](http://www.AquaticaSanAntonio.com).

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