



**¡Vámonos! Get Ready to Explore with Dora, Diego and Friends at  
Museum of Discovery and Science's  
Newest Traveling Exhibit, *Dora and Diego—Let's Explore!*  
Presented by JM Lexus, Nicklaus Children's Hospital and Wells Fargo  
Opening on Friday, September 17**

*Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, September 17 at 10:15 a.m. at MODS*

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (September 7, 2021) – *Dora and Diego—Let's Explore!***, the newest traveling exhibit at the **Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS)**, will swing into the Museum on **Friday, September 17, 2021**. The exhibit, presented by **JM Lexus, Nicklaus Children's Hospital and Wells Fargo**, will run from **September 17** through **January 17, 2022**. An official ribbon cutting is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on September 17, with **Joseph P. Cox**, president & CEO of MODS; **Julie Tullis**, marketing director of JM Lexus; and **Erick Strati**, senior vice president South Florida market executive with Wells Fargo.

The exhibit gives guests the opportunity to go into the worlds of Dora (beloved 7-year-old Latina heroine from Nickelodeon's hit series *Dora the Explorer*) and Diego (Dora's 8-year-old cousin and bilingual animal rescuer from the network's *Go, Diego, Go!* show) to engage in problem-solving and active play. *Dora and Diego - Let's Explore!* features iconic characters Dora and Diego along with their friends Boots, Map, Backpack, Isa, Tico, and of course Swiper, now in their own exhibit for your child to explore as they learn and play along.

"Children can play along as they join an adventure and learn how to solve problems, be a good friend, and care for animals and the environment, which are all important for our explorers' development as curious learners," said **Cox**. "Our mission is to connect people to inspiring science, and in this case, exploring new worlds through immersive, innovative and experiential discovery."

The Dora & Diego experience at MODS is free with Museum admission. Favorite friends and places from episodes of *Dora the Explorer* and *Go, Diego, Do!* are incorporated in the exhibit including:

- Space travel in the **Rocket Ship** - Dora's space creature friends need help to find their way back to the Purple Planet. Visitors will operate the rocket ship control panel to navigate through the Milky Way, look out the porthole to see planets fly by, connect stars to form a constellation and explore the Purple Planet in a space suit!
- A visit to the **Nutty Forest** - Little explorers can help Tico gather nuts to fuel his car before Swiper swipes them. If Swiper is spotted, tell him, "Swiper, no swiping!"
- A trip to **Isa's Garden** - Young botanists can help Isa care for her garden by planting and watering flowers and sorting flowers by their shapes. Make sure to stop and smell the posies!
- **Pirate Piggies' ship adventure**- Explorers will climb aboard the pirate ship in search of treasure. Help Dora and Boots get the crew ready to sail the seas by following the Pirate Piggy Rules: dress like a pirate, sing a pirate song, always be polite, and share.
- Caring for baby animals in the **Animal Rescue Center** - Veterinarians in training will learn how to care for red-eyed tree frogs, spider monkeys, jaguars and crocodiles by placing them in Scan the Scanner and then help Diego and Alicia examine, bandage, bathe and feed the baby animals.
- Exploring the **Rainforest Maze** - Visitors will run, jump, crawl and swing through the Rainforest Maze in search of baby animals hidden inside.

"At Nicklaus Children's, we are committed to healing and inspiring children," said **Matthew A. Love**, president and CEO of Nicklaus Children's Health System. "Through our sponsorship of *'Dora and Diego: Let's Explore!'* at the Museum of Science and Discovery, we seek to support enriching and captivating experiences for the region's children."

Other exciting events include:

- **Member Morning** - MODS members enjoy exclusive MEMBERS ONLY exhibit time before the Museum opens to the public! MODS Members are invited to the Museum on **Friday, September 17 at 9 a.m.** for a special exhibit preview. Members always receive free admission. Learn more about MODS membership at <https://mods.org/membership>.
- **Let's eat breakfast! ¡Vámonos a desayunar!** Families can enjoy a special character breakfast on Saturday, September 18 at 9 a.m. **Seating is limited and [advanced registration is required](#)**. The cost is \$17.50 per person (child or adult) for Museum members and \$37.50 per person (child or adult) for non-members. The event includes a breakfast buffet, meet & greet with Dora and Diego, special hands-on activities for all

ages, music and singalongs, Museum exploration and an IMAX documentary.

- **A Dora and Diego Character Meet & Greet will take place on** Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19. The 30-minute sessions are limited and [advanced registration is required](#). The Meet & Greet are free with Museum admission.

"Wells Fargo is incredibly proud that our lasting partnership with MODS gave us the opportunity to support the *Dora and Diego - Let's Explore!* exhibit. There are many reasons we partner with MODS, with one of the most important being our shared commitment to access and opportunity. Dora and Diego bring a sense of fun while learning to children and their families," said Strati.

Be sure to bring your little explorer to play along with Dora, Diego and their friends so they too can say "We did it!" Spanish vocabulary is incorporated throughout the exhibit to introduce Spanish-speaking skills to young learners.

"JM Lexus is proud to support the Museum of Discovery & Science's new *Dora & Diego - Let's Explore!* This exhibit will provide children an opportunity to explore tropical environments alongside beloved bi-lingual characters, all while using critical problem-solving ability and active play. JM Lexus is committed to helping our community partners, such as MODS, offer quality educational programs to engage young children in creative learning techniques," said **Mark Hoppe**, vice president and general manager with JM Lexus.

Admission to the exhibit is included with purchase of a ticket to MODS. For more information, please visit [mods.org](http://mods.org).

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The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is

located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit [mods.org](https://mods.org) or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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