

Selen: Celeste Streets

Celeste is an equatorial underwater city on the Arconan capital planet Selen and the chosen residence of many of the planet's cultural and business elites. The humming of the hydrostatic generators is cunningly masked, but still ubiquitous, as much a part of life beneath the waves as the all-permeating scent of subtle brine.

Gilded avenues curve gently between the domed hydrostatic bubbles, interconnecting the clustered city and its myriad districts. Fine opera houses, expensive galleries, and imposing residences line the main arterial plazas where the well-to-do meander in their life of leisure and stylish speeders ferry people to and fro. Despite the rather compact nature of the city, its sounds are muffled and muted by the surrounding barrier, and the hubbub of its busy streets far less than in harsher biomes.

Rows of statues depicting heroes of Selen's past dot the wide courtyards, flanked by well-groomed greenery against a backdrop of a turquoise ocean. All manner of aquatic beasts prowl along the edges of the domed bubbles, feeding off shoals of fish that inhabit the colorful reefs surrounding Celeste, with the largest of these predators often eliciting gasps of awe and delight from various visitors.

Only handfuls of guards are visible at any one time, often seen guiding tourists in their resplendent suits of polished gold, with tall fin-crested helmets. Being a controlled area as a whole, the city ordinances keep weaponry to a minimum and thus the guards will not need to contend with more than a snub-nosed blaster. Yet, if more serious threats to the tranquil peace were to arise, a sizable garrison of trained soldiers can swiftly be deployed to subdue any threat to the city and its exceedingly wealthy inhabitants.