



Connecting a wide audience with nature



Two Oceans AQUARIUM
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Two Oceans Aquarium Environmental Education Centre Booking Pack

DISCOVERY CENTRE LESSONS

Our activities guide students to discover and learn about freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems through hands-on learning.

Should you wish your activity to relate to a different topic, we would be happy to discuss your requirements and structure an activity accordingly. Please discuss this with our Bookings Coordinator.



Underwater wonders

Recommended for touring groups and groups visiting the Aquarium for the first time.

This exciting hands-on investigation of a selection of live rock pool animals enables multi-sensory exploratory learning about various adaptations for survival.

For more senior grades we include food chains, food sustainability and marine environmental issues.



Shark lesson

An investigation using live shysharks to discover more about cartilaginous fishes and how they are related to bony fishes.

We discuss the importance of sharks and their endangered status and debate whether they really deserve the negative reputation they currently have.



Fish mathematics

This lesson looks at declining fish numbers around our coastline and ways to manage the problem.

Pupils get to identify and measure fish to determine whether they comply with minimum size limits. They will also look at how recreational fishermen can manage their daily bag limits.

This is a hands-on fishing simulation requiring pupils to 'catch' fish and generate useful data to record. By the end of the lesson, pupils should be able to use a tape measure, keep tally sheets and record data. They will also understand the need for the regulation of recreational fishing. Pupils should bring pens.



Rocky shore ecology

This lesson activity introduces students to animals and plants found in rocky shore ecosystems. It also investigates the factors that influence their distribution. This activity can be in preparation of a rocky shore visit before you take your class to the seashore...

You can also book one of our teachers to do a follow-up lesson at a rocky shore near you.



Fish lesson

An activity aimed at investigating how fish have adapted to living in water as well as providing an introduction to a few unique fish species.

In the past a fish dissection was done as part of this lesson. This is no longer done as sardines have been categorised a red-listed sustainable seafood product.



Water conservation

A presentation on the importance of water and why we need to conserve it. Among other activities, this includes a hands-on investigation into how leaking taps waste water.

An understanding of percentages and the calculation of averages are essential for this activity.

Pupils are required to bring calculators and pens for this lesson.



Exploring under our oceans

Learn more about wrecks around the Cape coast and how they have become fantastic homes for all sorts of plants and animals. Each lesson also includes a hands-on introduction to some of the highlighted animals. (i.e. brittle stars, sea cucumbers and shy sharks.) After the lesson, the exploration can continue in the Aquarium, which showcases a multitude of habitats and organisms from our own offshore environments.

SCHOOL GROUP BOOKINGS

Accompanying adult supervision

- For Grades 1 – 12, we require 1 adult to every 10 children, but can accommodate two adults within the same price range.
- For Grades 0 – R, we require 1 adult to every 5 children, but can accommodate two adults within the same price range.

Adults need to supervise their assigned group at **ALL TIMES**.

Booking

- Book your Aquarium visits a minimum of two weeks in advance.
- Select topics that are applicable to your classroom and your children.
- Select more than one date, as your first choice might not be available.
- Bookings for multiple days need to be completed on separate booking forms.

Confirmation of visit

Once your booking form has been received by the Aquarium, an invoice will be sent as confirmation of the booking. If you have not received an invoice within 24 hours, please contact the Booking Coordinator on tel: +27 (0)21 814 4559.

Payments

- Bus payments are to be made one week prior to the visit. We will only book the bus once payment has been received.
- Payments for the visit can be made beforehand, or at the Aquarium on the day of your visit.
- Please send pre-payment proof to fax: 086 6794078 or email: schools@aquarium.co.za
- **Please bring proof of payment with you on the day of your visit.**
- No group will be allowed access into the Aquarium without payment.

Account details

Please arrange an EFT payment into the following account:

Bank:	Nedbank	Account Number:	108 329 0614
Branch:	Foreshore	Branch Code:	108 309

Cancellations

One week notice is required.

Eating areas

There are benches outside the Aquarium where the children are more than welcome to sit and eat. If it rains, an alternative plan can be made on the morning of your visit. There are no holding areas for lunch bags / packs.

Be on time

Allow time for parking, restroom visits, etc.

Please contact the Bookings Coordinator if you are running late.

GET INVOLVED

Sponsor a Child's Visit / Adopt a School

Many children in the Western Cape have never been to the Aquarium. Many have never even seen the sea. The Two Oceans Aquarium's "Sponsor a Child's Visit and Adopt a School" programmes enable visitors and other interested parties to sponsor a child's visit to the Aquarium. Sponsored children will be treated to a hands-on discovery activity presented by one of our highly trained and skilled education staff.

Visit www.aquarium.co.za to learn more and to make a contribution.

Rethink the Bag

The Two Oceans Aquarium supports the Rethink the Bag campaign. This campaign aims at having single-use plastic bags banned in South Africa. To this end, the Two Oceans Aquarium, in 2011, banned all staff and volunteers from bringing single-use plastic bags onto the premises.

Visit www.rethinkthebag.org to learn how your class can make a difference to the environment by supporting this campaign and saying NO! to plastic bags.

Penguin Promises

The Two Oceans Aquarium is proud to be associated with the Penguin Promises campaign and encourages everyone to join the movement. This is not a fund-raising campaign, but rather an awareness campaign that urges people to make a change in their lives that will have a positive impact on the environment.

Visit www.penguinpromises.com to make a promise and a difference!

SCHOOL GROUP BOOKING FORM 2018

Complete and return to schools@aquarium.co.za or fax to 086 679 4078.
Applicable to groups of 10 or more.



Contact information

School name:

School telephone number:

Fax number:

School district:

Outing Coordinator's name:

Outing Coordinator's cell number:

E-mail address:

Grade (s):

Language preference: English ☐ Afrikaans ☐ Xhosa ☐

Date option 1: Date option 2:

Lesson activity (± 45 minutes) and self guided tour (± 60 to 90 minutes)

Preferred timeslot (please tick) 09h00 ☐ 10h45 ☐ 12h00 ☐ 14h00 ☐

Activity:

If for self guided tour only, please indicate a time:

Transport

We are able to provide Golden Arrow Bus Services at a special sponsored rate.

- Available for 10h45 and 12h00 group bookings slots only.
- **Payment must be made at least one week in advance.**

Physical address:

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Pick up time from school (from 09h00 only):

Pick up time from Aquarium (until 14h00 only):

Pricing structure

- * Please note these prices do not apply during school holidays or on weekends.
- * Prices are subject to change without notice.
- * Prices applicable to RSA schools only.

19 February to 31 July and 1 November to 12 December Indicate number

Children / learners R 55.00 each

Accompanying adults (Grade 1 to 12: 2 adults per 10 learners) R 55.00 each

Additional adults (*Discounted rate applies)

1 August to 31 October

Children / learners R 70.00 each

Accompanying adults (Grade 1 to 12: 2 adults per 10 learners) R 70.00 each

Additional adults (*Discounted rate applies)

Back to School Special 17 January to 16 February

Children / learners R 38.00 each

Accompanying adults (Grade 1 to 12: 2 adults per 10 learners) R 38.00 each

Additional adults (*Discounted rate applies)

Our rules

The Aquarium is open to the public and students are expected to be considerate to other visitors.

- Running, shouting and general misbehaviour are not permitted.
- Food, beverages and chewing gum may not be consumed / chewed inside the Aquarium.
- Accompanying adults are to assist with guiding learners through the Aquarium.
- The Aquarium retains the right to ask any groups contravening these rules to leave the premises.
- Please be reminded no discount is given if the adult-child ratios are incorrect.
- No food storage facilities are available.

* Adults outside of the ratio qualify for a discounted rate: Subject to quote.

Agreement and signature

Outing Coordinator

Principal

Name

Signature



GET IN TOUCH

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Environmental Education Centre**

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