

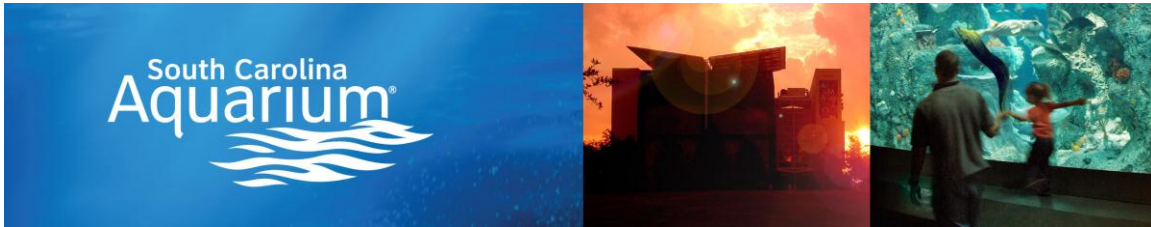
## Group Tours

Whether your group is a class of students, a military get-together, a super senior tour, a family reunion, special interest club, or members of your church, everyone is sure to have a memorable time at the South Carolina Aquarium. The Aquarium, Charleston's most-visited attraction, welcomes groups and makes them feel at-home through a number of special offers and programs from sleepovers to behind-the-scenes tours. We can customize an experience that your group won't forget.

- Groups gain express entry and avoid the wait, allowing them to make the most of their time at the Aquarium
- Groups receive a special orientation upon their arrival
- The Aquarium's self-guided tours average in length of 90 minutes, a perfect fit for a packed schedule. Of course, we also welcome groups with more time to spend
- Daily, on-site programs include our regularly scheduled Great Ocean Tank Dive Shows and various interpretive Animal Encounters that change throughout the year
- The Aquarium location is convenient to major highways and streets zoned for coach tours. Free motorcoach parking is available
- All groups must consist of a minimum of 15 paid guests. Special discounted rates are available to tour operators and school groups
- Complimentary admission is granted upon request for the Group Tour leader/escort

### There are a variety of options for Groups:

- Aquarium Behind-the-Scenes Tour: A view from the top that only someone from behind-the-scenes can see, discover the many secrets of the famous Great Ocean Tank. Learn how water makes it from the harbor to the tank, how over 5,000 animals get their daily nutrition each day, and just how many people it takes to run an Aquarium! Then, new to the tour, watch as over 500 fish (and one hungry loggerhead sea turtle) are fed at the top of the tallest tank in North America! Please call 843-579-8600 for rates and availability.
- Sea Turtle Hospital Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Take your group on a truly unique journey down to South Carolina's only Sea Turtle Hospital. An exclusive look behind-the-scenes, you will discover firsthand the extraordinary care that is provided to sick and injured sea turtles. Get up close to these endangered creatures, hear the stories of survival and learn how to help protect turtles every day. An ideal program for all ages, everyone will leave with unforgettable memories. Please call 843-579-8600 for rates and availability.
- Tuck in with the Turtles Sleepover: It's a slumber party like no other where everyone can sleep next to sharks, roam with reptiles then drift into dreamland with the enchanting glow of water. Tuck In With Turtles is fish-packed with fun and educational activities such as scavenger hunts, group games and unique dive shows. Nibble on evening snacks and wake with continental breakfast on the Terrace too. Please call 843-579-8600 for rates and availability.
- A+ Aquarium Program: Students and teachers alike will go flippers over the new A+ Program! Based on South Carolina Curriculum Standards, your students can dive deeper into concepts taught in your own classroom. Explore the Aquarium with your students, enjoy daily shows, then head over to our classroom for a hands-on lesson about habitats, communities or watersheds. Plus, we've already done your homework! The South Carolina Aquarium provides **FREE** pre-visit



and post-visit standards-based curriculum online. Simply visit [scaquarium.org/education](http://scaquarium.org/education) to access all the information you will need! Please call 843-579-8600 for rates and availability.

- **4-D Immersion Theater:** A one-of-a-kind adventure, the 4-D Theater combines 3-D imagery, interactive seating and waves of special effects such as gusts of wind, splashes of water and movement under your feet, all synchronized to your favorite family films. The 52-seat theater sits adjacent to the Aquarium and allows for handicap accessibility. The Aquarium's 4-D Theater is provided in partnership with **SimEx-lwerks**, the leading innovator of immersive 3-D and 4-D attractions and the exclusive distributor of the industry's best selling film titles. The new 4-D Immersion Theater is a permanent feature of the Aquarium experience.

You can also Host your group or meeting in a serene setting featuring full audio-visual capabilities, catering assistance and more in our Executive Suite and Rooftop Terrace.

**Book It:**

To learn more about group tour offerings, or to book a tour, contact Group Sales at 800-722-6455 or 843-579-8600 or email [groupsales@scaquarium.org](mailto:groupsales@scaquarium.org).