

Special Events

Introduction

When the South Carolina Aquarium closes for the day, a unique event site opens. Your guests will experience Charleston from an entirely different perspective the moment they arrive on our Riverside Terrace. Our waterfront property incorporates great use of our outdoor terrace boasting the best views of the Ravenel Bridge. When your guests enter the aquarium they are welcomed by our beautiful Great Hall under the illumination of our Carolina Seas Tank. During the event guests are able to view both exhibit floors of the aquarium which will create a truly memorable evening for you and your guests.

Features

The Aquarium offers event planners a wide range of special spaces, ranging from intimate dinners in galleries with mesmerizing aquatic creatures, to the Great Hall – a light-filled, soaring space framed by views of the Charleston Harbor.

The South Carolina Aquarium's events staff coordinates wedding receptions, cocktail parties, fund-raising galas, corporate retreats, business meetings and much more.

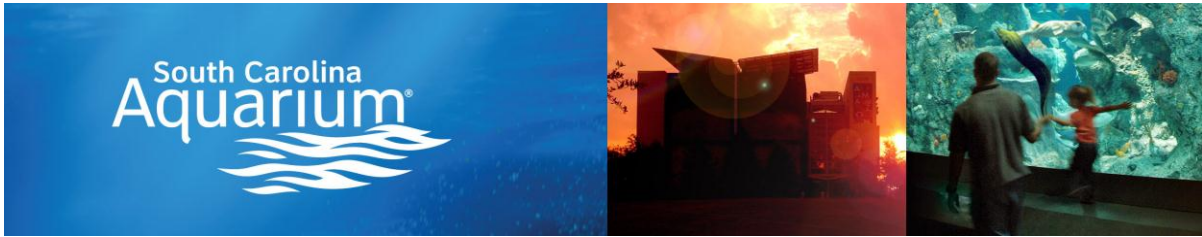
Guests will be entertained and educated while they're here. You can incorporate educational and fun aquarium messages in your event by having access to our live animals, exhibit interpreters and a select number of our programs may be offered in a special 'presentation' style.

Catering and Bartending Service The South Carolina Aquarium is proud to partner with *Duvall Catering & Events* and a handful of Charleston's other fine caterers.

To contact Duvall Catering & Events, or one of our other preferred vendors, please follow the links on our website at www.scaquarium.org/events.

Interactive Programs

Planners can make an event even much more unique with the Aquarium's several interactive programs. Our Behind the Scenes Tour will allow your guests' access to employee only areas like the top of our Great Ocean Tank, or choose the Sea Turtle Hospital Tour and see a real life working hospital located within the aquarium. For maximum entertainment we can offer private showings of our 4D movie experience.



Main Galleries Events

The Aquarium is perfectly suited for groups of 15 to 1,500 people. When you host an event at the Aquarium, you and your guests have private access for the entire evening to the main gallery spaces.

Fees

Your event rental fee includes private use of the South Carolina Aquarium, event coordination, basic custodial services, and on-site event staff. An event host will greet you and assist with any details during the course of the event.

Sunday – Thursday Evening Events	\$2750*
Friday & Saturday Evening Events	\$4000*

*Because we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, all rental fees paid over \$1000 are tax-deductible. There will be an additional \$10.00 per person fee for each additional guest over 500. In some circumstances, additional charges may apply.

Executive Board Room Events

As your guests enter our Executive Boardroom and Terrace, they will experience Charleston from an entirely different perspective. The Executive Boardroom is a 600 square foot, light-filled space with an attached 1,200 square foot terrace that looks toward Fort Sumter and the USS Yorktown. Whether you are planning a corporate meeting inside or a cocktail reception in the open breeze, we will help you create a truly memorable function. We can keep you organized in your planning stages and provide assistance for your meeting or event.

Fees

Your admission fee includes private use of the South Carolina Aquarium Executive Boardroom and Harbor Terrace. The Executive Boardroom is available for meetings during the week from 9am until 5pm and daily for dinners and cocktail receptions from 6:00pm until 10:00pm.

Daytime Meeting Rental (9a-5p)	\$450
Evening Rental (Sunday-Thursday)	\$750
Evening Rental (Friday and Saturday)	\$1000

Booking an Event

To schedule a site visit or to consider dates for an event, contact the Special Events office at 843.579.8656 or specialevents@scaquarium.org.