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PENGUINS EXTEND THEIR STAY IN CHARLESTON

An extension to the penguin's stay, a new permanent weekly program and the 'Sea and Save' promotion happening at the South Carolina Aquarium

Charleston, S.C. — January 29, 2010 — In celebration of 2010, the South Carolina Aquarium announced today that the four Magellanic penguins, of the visiting exhibit *Penguin Planet*, will be extending their stay in Charleston by seven months through October 2010. In addition, the South Carolina Aquarium will be permanently adding the up-close Waddle Wagon program to its weekly program schedule, Thursdays through Sundays at 2 p.m. And for the month of February, South Carolina residents can receive a special 'child admission' discount to see the penguins and all their favorite exhibits with the 'Sea and Save' promotion.

Now staying through October 2010, the four Magellanic penguins live in *Penguin Planet*, a visiting exhibit located on the first floor. Included with general admission, guests can enjoy these aquatic flightless birds firsthand through the exhibit's ten-foot wide window allowing for underwater viewing. *Penguin Planet* includes children's interactive learning games, educational exhibits on the effects of climate change in South Carolina and daily feeding programs.

Now, enjoy these tuxedo-clad birds weekly, Thursdays through Sundays at 2 p.m., during the popular Waddle Wagon program. Join educators and staff as one of the Magellanic penguins is escorted through the Great Hall in a special custom-made wagon. See a penguin up-close and snap a picture of you and your favorite animal then head back to the exhibit to see the all penguins receive their afternoon snack. Watch a video of the Waddle Wagon experience at the South Carolina Aquarium video gallery by clicking [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgMOpcNal5k) (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgMOpcNal5k>).

South Carolina residents can see the penguins and all their other favorite exhibits during the entire month of February with the 'Sea and Save' promotion which allows South Carolina residents all the fun and excitement of the South Carolina Aquarium for the child's admission rate of \$10.95 – that's a savings of \$7 off adult admission! With tons of interactive fun, free daily shows and programs, up-

close animal encounters and new exhibits to explore, this is one value opportunity guests won't want to miss! Offer is only available to South Carolina residents with valid proof of residency and may not be combined with any other offer. Expires February 28, 2010. For more information, visit scaquarium.org or call (843) 577-3474 (FISH).

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About the South Carolina Aquarium:

The South Carolina Aquarium, Charleston's most visited attraction, features thousands of amazing aquatic animals from river otters and sharks to loggerhead turtles in more than 60 exhibits representing the rich biodiversity of South Carolina from the mountains to the sea. Dedicated to promoting education and conservation, the Aquarium also presents fabulous views of Charleston harbor and interactive exhibits and programs for visitors of all ages.

The South Carolina Aquarium, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m. The Aquarium is closed Thanksgiving Day, half day Dec. 24 (open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and Dec. 25. Admission prices are: Children 1 and under (free); Youth 2-11 (\$10.95); Adults (\$17.95); Seniors 62+ (\$16.95). Military, senior, AAA, college and group discounts are available. For more information call 843-720-1990 or visit scaquarium.org. Memberships are available by calling 843-577-FISH.

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