

# OdySea Aquarium: Field Trip Information Guide



Welcome to OdySea Aquarium, where you and your students will meet sharks, otters, penguins, sea turtles, rays, and 30,000 other animals at the newest aquarium in the country. Spanning 200,000 square feet, this multi-level, state-of-the-art facility holds more than 2 million gallons of water and is the largest aquarium in the Southwest. Your visit will take you on the “Journey of a Drop of Water” as it falls from the sky into the lakes and rivers. The rivers wind their way to the shores and down into the vast ocean. At each stage of the drop’s journey, you’ll experience a distinctive environment teeming with animal and plant life. Your journey ends at the Living Sea Carousel, a one-of-a-kind rotating theater that takes you on a 20-minute ride where you’ll interact with a SeaTREK® diver and see breathtaking views of giant Hawaiian rays, rescued green sea turtles, sea lions and seals, and plenty of sharks!

## ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION

9500 E. Via De Ventura, Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Website: [www.OdySeaAquarium.com](http://www.OdySeaAquarium.com)  
Phone: 480-291-8245  
Email: [Education@OdySeaAquarium.com](mailto:Education@OdySeaAquarium.com)

## PRICES & PAYMENT

Students: \$14.95 plus 7.95% tax (\$16.14 total) each  
Adults: \$25.00 plus 7.95% tax (\$26.99 total) each

- Accepted forms of payment include cash, school provided check, credit card, or purchase order.
- If paying by purchase order, please have a hard copy on hand to submit with the School Check-In Sheet.

## RATIOS

Preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 1 chaperone for every 5 students  
3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade: 1 chaperone for every 10 students

For school groups, OdySea Aquarium grants complimentary admission for chaperones within the required ratio. Additional adults above the ratio must pay the discounted adult admission of \$25 plus tax.

## TIME FRAME

All field trips are self-guided. Most schools take approximately 2 ½ hours to go through the Aquarium.

A field trip schedule is available to download from the website. It is easy to print and distribute to chaperones.



## RULES/EXPECTATIONS

- **Students of ALL grade levels must stay with their assigned chaperone at ALL times.**
- Students and chaperones must be at the designated meeting areas at the agreed upon times.
- All guests are expected to use walking feet, quiet voices, and respectful behavior.
- Photos and videos are allowed, but flash and video light must be turned off.
- Be kind to the fish and animals. When touching animals, use a gentle two-finger touch.
- Use escalators, steps, and handrails appropriately.
- Make at least 3 quality observations at each exhibit.
- Learn as much as possible!

## LUNCH

- **Outside food is not permitted.**
- There is no lunch storage inside the Aquarium. Please arrange to leave lunches on the bus or in cars/vans. Alternately, chaperones and/or students may carry lunches in a backpack.
- The OdySea in the Desert Courtyard provides a shaded outdoor location for lunches either before or after visiting the Aquarium.

## PLACES TO PURCHASE LUNCH

Groups may eat at the Lighthouse Cafe inside OdySea Aquarium. Small groups may order from the menu. We encourage large groups to pre-order Sack Lunches for \$7.00 (including tax).

There are also many restaurants in the OdySea in the Desert complex where groups can eat before or after their field trip visit. [www.OdySeaInTheDesert.com](http://www.OdySeaInTheDesert.com)

## DIRECTIONS & DROP OFF LOCATION

Driving directions and drop off location information is provided on the OdySea Aquarium website.



## PARKING

OdySea in the Desert can accommodate parking for buses, cars, and vans. Parking is free. Bus drivers are admitted to the Aquarium at no charge.

## CHECK-IN

To insure an efficient check-in, please have a copy of the confirmation email, completed School Check-In Sheet, and a method of payment.

## WRISTBANDS

Wristbands are distributed after payment is made. All students and chaperones must wear a wristband during their visit.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- OdySea Aquarium is wheelchair accessible.
- OdySea Aquarium does not have lockers.
- OdySea Aquarium does have complimentary guest Wi-Fi.

## TO SCHEDULE A FIELD TRIP

Visit <http://www.odyseaaquarium.com/education/> to complete an online field trip request form.

For further questions, contact the Education Department at 480-291-8245

Email: [Education@OdySeaAquarium.com](mailto:Education@OdySeaAquarium.com)

