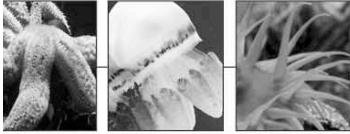


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AT A GLANCE

***"In the end, we will conserve only what we love,
We will love only what we understand,
We will understand only what we are taught."***

Baba Dioum, Senegalese Philosopher

Grand Opening

13 November 1995

Operating Basis

The Aquarium is self-supporting and does not receive any government subsidies.

Owners

The Aquarium is owned by Lexshell (Pty) Limited and Investec Bank Limited.

Vision

To foster love, respect and understanding of our oceans to inspire support for their future well-being.

Heritage Gold member status

The Two Oceans Aquarium was awarded Gold status by the Heritage Environmental Programme in September 2008 in recognition of its efforts to minimise the impact of its operations on the environment. As a leading conservation and education facility in South Africa and internationally, the Aquarium actively monitors and manages its operations including energy and water consumption, waste management, procurement and its impact on and support of local communities. See www.heritagesa.co.za for more information about the Heritage Environmental Programme.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Information

Call the Two Oceans Aquarium on telephone +27-21-418-3823.

Look up our website www.aquarium.co.za or contact us on e-mail: aquarium@aquarium.co.za.

Location

Dock Road, Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa

Hours

Open daily

09h30 to 18h00 (subject to change without notice)

Admission

Valid until 31 August 2010

Adults:	R94.00
Children (4-13 years):	R45.00
Children (14 – 17 years):	R73.00
Under 4 years	Free
*Pensioners:	R73.00
*Undergraduate students:	R73.00

** Only valid with South African pensioner or student card.*

Please note that these prices are valid until 31 August 2010 and subject to change without notice.

Visitors may have their hand stamped at the entrance turnstile in the foyer if they wish to return to the Aquarium during any one day.

Parties exceeding 10 receive a 10 % (ten percent) discount on the listed prices.

Feeding times *(subject to change without notice)*

Feeding time in the I&J Predator Exhibit (daily at 15h00) and the Kelp Forest Exhibit (Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12h00) is always a spectacular sight and visitors are able to see Aquarium divers hand-feeding the fishes, rays, turtle and sharks. The shark feed at 15h00 on Sundays is always a thrilling experience. The penguins in the AfriSam Children's Play Centre are fed at 11h30 while the African penguins in the Sappi River Meander Exhibit are fed at 14h30. For correct times, please contact Visitor Services on telephone +27-21- 418-3823.

Baby Care

Nappy changing facilities are available. The Aquarium has a limited number of baby carriers for your convenience.

Physically Challenged

A limited number of wheelchairs are available free of charge. All Aquarium exhibits are accessible to the physically challenged. Please ensure that you book a wheelchair prior to your visit. Please contact Visitor Services on telephone +27-21-418-3823 or e-mail info@aquarium.co.za.

The Aquarium Shop

Admire or acquire. Fine gifts, aquatic souvenirs and a selection of books, videos and posters. Opening hours 09h30 to 18h00. Telephone +27-21-418-1970.

The Aquarium Restaurant - Shoreline Café

Overlooking the V&A Marina, Shoreline Café offers exquisite views over the Marina towards Table Mountain. This facility, under Aquarium Management, is informal, wholesome and child-friendly and offers great value. The Café features a deli/self-service facility in which you get to pick and choose your own snacks and refreshments. Shoreline Café houses the first dedicated children's play centre in a restaurant within the V&A Waterfront. Trading hours are from 09h00 to 18h00.

Please contact Shoreline Café on telephone +27-21-418-8645/6 or e-mail manager@shorelinecafe.co.za for further information.

Let your school meet our school

The Aquarium's Education Centre offers classes and activities for all ages, including teacher training workshops and tour guide courses. Contact the Bookings Co-ordinator on telephone +27-21-418-3823 or on e-mail bookings@aquarium.co.za for more information.

Oceans of fun for children

The Aquarium offers a variety of activities for children. They are guaranteed loads of fun and special events whilst they learn about the wonders of the environment.

For younger children, the **AfriSam Children's Play Centre** presents a delightful world of puppet shows and arts and crafts and games.

For further details on children's activities, please contact the Education Centre on telephone +27-21-418-3823.

AQUARIUM EXHIBITS

Situated in Cape Town, at the southern tip of the Africa, the Two Oceans Aquarium is ideally positioned to showcase the incredible diversity of marine flora and fauna off the southern African coast. More than 3,000 live specimens representing approximately 300 species of fishes, invertebrates, mammals, reptiles and birds, and plants can be seen in the spectacular underwater world of the Aquarium.

Our Exhibits

The Aquarium presents South Africa's rich ocean and aquatic life in six galleries, which include the Oceans of Contrast – Indian Ocean Gallery; the Oceans of Contrast – Atlantic Ocean Gallery; the AfriSam Children's Play Centre; the Sappi River Meander; the Kelp Forest Exhibit (800,000 litres) and the I&J Predator Exhibit (2 million litres).

Oceans of Contrast – Indian Ocean Gallery – *vibrant tropical beauties*

The Oceans of Contrast – Indian Ocean Gallery features vibrant tropical beauties from the warm Indian Ocean. Exhibits include Western clownfish (alias Nemo!), honeycomb eels and a coral exhibit. This gallery also features a 3m-wide cylindrical exhibit showcases the dazzling colours of Indian Ocean fishes.

Oceans of Contrast – Atlantic Ocean Gallery - *a kaleidoscope of marine life*

The Oceans of Contrast – Atlantic Ocean Gallery introduces our visitors to a kaleidoscope of marine life. It is here that they can discover cryptic fishes playing hide and seek; translucent jellies and the shy, master of camouflage, the octopus. This gallery also features endangered Knysna seahorses and some overseas visitors, the alien-like giant spider crabs.

Our staff and volunteers at the Touch Pool and Microscope play a vital role in the Atlantic Ocean Gallery, providing visitors with fascinating snippets of ocean information, thereby enhancing the quality of their visit substantially.

The AfriSam Children's Play Centre – *a hive of excitement and energy*

The Play Centre is always buzzing with the excitement and energy of children. Their gleeful laughter filters through other areas of the Aquarium as they are entertained and informed through puppet shows featuring delightful shark, octopus, penguin, eel, turtle and sunfish hand-puppets. Children are also encouraged to create fishy art works from recycled materials to take home to their families. The Centre also features a small tuckshop and visitors can enjoy light refreshments here.

The Sappi River Meander – *The Story of a River*

The Sappi River Meander traces the journey of a pristine river from its mouth to its origin as a stream high up in the mountains. Over the years this exhibit has matured into one of our most inspiring exhibits and now boasts a ten year old milkwood forest; a breeding colony of African penguins from which we release juveniles into the wild; Rockhopper penguins; African black oystercatchers and a wide selection of freshwater fishes, both indigenous and alien, to our Western Cape rivers. A bird hide, overlooking the Rockhopper rookery, offers people a place to sit and relax in this peaceful riverine environment. As of October 2008, several species of frogs can also be seen in this exhibit. These exhibits form part of the *Frogs-Beyond the Pond* gallery.

Frogs Beyond the Pond – *Jump to it for frogs' sake*

Frogs-Beyond the Pond is a themed and highly interactive gallery which immerses visitors in the world of frogs and invites them to 'jump in' to find out more about these quirky yet extremely threatened creatures. The Aquarium joins a number of zoos and aquariums around the world which have committed to similar displays to raise awareness of the plight of frogs, inform visitors on what they can do to create frog-friendly environments and raise funds for the Amphibian Ark (an international frog breeding programme in zoos and aquariums).

The Kelp Forest Exhibit - *an enchanted forest*

Kelp forests are currently displayed in only three aquariums in the world - Monterey Bay Aquarium, Steinhart Aquarium and the Two Oceans Aquarium. In the Two Oceans Aquarium three species of giant kelp provide shelter for an array of local fishes, which drift in amongst the kelp fronds. Our visitors are mesmerised by the gentle hypnotic sway of the tall kelp plants and the play of dappled sunlight on silver fishes. Central to the 'two oceans' theme, this enchanting forest remains one of our biggest draw cards, and many visitors return time and time again to its beauty and tranquility.

I&J Predator Exhibit – a collection of predators

Without a doubt, the most popular animals in the Two Oceans Aquarium are the ragged-tooth sharks, which are housed in the I&J Predator Exhibit and visible through an enormous 11 metre wide by 4 metre high acrylic panel. This two million-litre exhibit also showcases an impressive collection of predatory fish from the South African south coast. These include shoals of yellowtail, garrick, dusky kob and black musselcracker. There are several spectacular viewing points such as the semi-tunnel which hugs the perimeter of the exhibit. This affords visitors close encounters with the sharks, rays, a loggerhead turtle and fishes.

AQUARIUM ACTIVITIES

Dive in the Aquarium – Take the Plunge

Diving in the Aquarium offers the unique opportunity to “get close” to ragged-tooth sharks and shoals of large predators such as yellowtail, dusky kob and black- and white musselcracker – a dive which one cannot experience in the natural environment. Advanced divers are also able to feed the multitude of fishes housed in the Kelp Forest Exhibit, one of the best displays of its kind in the world.

Valid until 31 March 2011
Adult rate Student/child rate

Aquarium gear	R570.00	R490
Own gear	R445.00	R420.00

Prices subject to change without notice.

A cylinder is provided to all divers.

All divers must be in possession of a sport diver/scuba qualification. For more information on these thrilling dive adventures and bookings, please contact the Visitor Services at the Aquarium on telephone +27-21- 418-3823 or dive@aquarium.co.za

Become a Member

Become a Solemate of the Two Oceans Aquarium today and enjoy exclusive benefits such as unlimited admission all year round, special events at discounted prices and exclusive previews.

For more information regarding this exciting opportunity, please contact the Members’ Centre on telephone +27-21-418-3823 or on e-mail members@aquarium.co.za.

Valid until 31 August 2010

Adults:	R210.00
Pensioners:	R160.00*
Students:	R160.00*
Children (4-13 years):	R100.00
Au pairs/nannies:	R145.00**
Under 4 years	Free

*Valid with SA pensioner/student card /driver’s license

** Valid with letter of confirmation of employment from au pair’s/nanny’s employer

Prices subject to change without notice.

Adopt-a-School Programme - Educating our Children, Conserving our Oceans

Ensure our children's future by joining us in the Adopt-a-School Programme. This exciting programme aims to reach disadvantaged children who have not had the opportunity to enjoy the marvels of our marine world. This experience includes hands-on learning, classroom-based lessons on environmental conservation, and a visit to the Aquarium to discover the ocean's creatures. For more information please contact our Corporate Development Liaison on telephone +27-21-418-3823 or e-mail partners@aquarium.co.za.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers, from all walks of life, provide information to our visitors and assist in our Curatorial Department. They also occasionally assist with the collection of plants and animals for display in the Aquarium. For more information please contact the Visitor Services Manager on telephone +27-21-418-3823 or on e-mail nathalie.viljoen@aquarium.co.za.

Host your Function or Conference

The Two Oceans Aquarium is a unique venue to host receptions, promotions, product launches or conferences. There are four facilities, which can be adapted for specific needs:

The ***Metropolitan Health Group and Qalsa Auditorium*** is a professionally equipped conference or function venue, overlooking the 'New Basin' and affords a magnificent view of Table Mountain. The area is flexible enough to meet individual seating requirements and audio-visual equipment is available.

The ***I&J Predator Exhibit*** is a spectacular venue affording guests a view of those fishes found off the South African coastline. The venue is ideal for cocktail parties (250 people) or sit-down dinners (110 people) under the watchful eyes of the ragged-tooth sharks.

The ***Oceans of Contrast – Atlantic Ocean Gallery*** is the ideal venue for smaller cocktail or dinner parties with its kaleidoscope of exhibits.

Tranquility - The newest venue to be added to the Two Oceans Aquarium's already impressive repertoire is truly spectacular in scenery and furnishings. With a window that looks into the Kelp Forest display, it provides a truly magnificent backdrop against which to hold an intimate dinner or cocktail.

Private evening tours in the company of our knowledgeable guides can be arranged in addition to the use of the above venues.

For further information regarding functions and conferences, please contact our Functions Co-ordinator at the Aquarium on telephone +27-21-418-3823 or functions@aquarium.co.za.

Ticketing systems for Tour Operators, Hotels and Guest Houses

There are a variety of ways in which members of the Tourism Industry can access the Aquarium:

1. Pre-paid Gift Tickets

Pre-paid gift tickets are sold at the Ticket Office. Tour guides qualify for a 10% discount.

2. Voucher System

The voucher system is available to tour operators on application. A voucher must accompany the tour guide and to be handed to the Ticket Office on arrival. Tour operators are invoiced at the end of the month and a 10% discount will be granted. Registered tour guides are allowed free access to the Aquarium on proof of valid identification.

When registered as part of the voucher system, you can either make use of your own voucher (we will need a copy) or we can issue you with a pre-printed voucher booklet. The 10% discount still applies and invoicing happens, as normal, at the end of the month.

3. Cash

When guides pay cash for tickets, they automatically receive a 10% discount, irrespective of how many visitors they bring. However, they must present identification at the Ticket Office.

Pre-booking your group is advisable as this aids in the speedy processing of your group's admission to the Aquarium. Bookings can be made with our Tourism Co-ordinator on telephone +27-21-418-3823 or email tourism@aquarium.co.za.

Companies and organisations involved in the Tourism Industry can organise educational visits to the Aquarium. Please contact our Tourism Co-ordinator to arrange an educational.

For more information regarding these various systems, please contact the Tourism Co-ordinator on telephone +27-21-418-3823 or on e-mail tourism@aquarium.co.za.