
SeaWorld Abu Dhabi: Comprehensive Visitor & Experience Guide

SeaWorld Abu Dhabi is the largest indoor marine-life theme park in the world. It is designed as an immersive and interactive experience where guests explore eight themed realms stretching from the polar regions to the tropics. With over 100 animal encounters, 35 rides and interactive exhibits, 17 dining venues, and 13 retail outlets, the park offers something extraordinary for every visitor. Opening hours are from 10am to 6pm.

1. Tickets and Offers

SeaWorld Abu Dhabi presents a variety of ticketing options tailored to suit a range of visitor needs. Children under 2 years old enter free without any pass. Every ticket purchased to SeaWorld Yas Island, Abu Dhabi supports the ongoing conservation efforts of the Yas SeaWorld Research and Rescue Center. You can buy tickets online at

<https://www.seaworldabudhabi.com/en/booking>

- **Single Day Ticket:**
Gain full-day access to all areas of the park. Enjoy unlimited access to exhibits, animal interactions, presentations, and rides during your visit.
- **Annual Pass:**
Ideal for frequent visitors, the annual pass offers unlimited access to the park throughout the year. Pass holders benefit from exclusive discounts on dining, merchandise, and special events.
- **Multi-Park Tickets:**
For visitors looking for a complete Yas Island experience, these bundled tickets allow entry to SeaWorld along with other popular attractions on the island, maximizing value and convenience.
- **SeaWorld Encounters:**
Specially designed experiences that provide intimate, up-close interactions with marine life—including penguin, dolphin, and ray encounters. These ticketed experiences often include guided sessions and behind-the-scenes looks.
- **At-Gate Offers:**
Occasional limited-time promotions available directly at park entrances. These deals are perfect for spontaneous visits and can include discounted rates or bundled packages.

General Admission Tickets

Ticket Type	Price	Description
Single Day Ticket - Adult	AED 375	Full-day access to all exhibits, 100,000+ animals, 75+ rides & experiences, free parking
Single Day Ticket - Junior*	AED 320	Same as adult ticket, for guests under 1.1 meters in height

Ticket Type	Price	Description
2 Park Ticket (6-day valid)	AED 475	Access to any 2 Yas theme parks within 6 days, free transport & parking, up to AED 245 savings
3 Park Ticket (6-day valid)	AED 575	Access to any 3 Yas theme parks within 6 days, up to AED 490 savings
4 Park Ticket (6-day valid)	AED 675	Access to all 4 Yas theme parks within 6 days, up to AED 685 savings

Offers and Promotions

Offer Type	Price (Adult)	Price (Junior)	Description
Emirates NBD Offer	AED 316	AED 268	20% off with Emirates NBD card, plus 10% off dining & shopping
Ticket + Meal Voucher	AED 425	AED 360	Includes AED 65 meal voucher (adult) / AED 55 (junior), full-day access
Ultimate Explorer Package 1	AED 480	N/A	1 Single Day Ticket, Sea Lion Feeding + 1 Encounter (Dolphin or Penguin)
Ultimate Explorer Package 2	AED 480	N/A	1 Single Day Ticket, Sea Lion Feeding + 2 Encounters (Dugong, Otter, Walrus, or Seal/Sea Lion)

Premium Experiences

Experience Type	Price	Description
VIP Shared Experience	AED 1,500	Includes valet parking, 5-hour guided tour, QuickPass, reserved seating, VIP dining, gifts
VIP Private Experience	AED 10,000	For up to 3 guests (AED 2,500 per additional). Includes all VIP benefits + lounge, photos, animal encounter

Extras

Extra	Price	Description
QuickPass + Premium Seating	From AED 150	Skip lines for rides and access reserved show seating

Extra	Price	Description
Unlimited Digital Photo Pass	AED 600	Unlimited digital photos + 25% off prints (annual pass holders only)
Yas Island 21 Game Offer	AED 230	21 plays on skill games (annual pass holders only), save AED 50
Yas Island 45 Game Super Saver	AED 480	45 plays on skill games (annual pass holders only), save AED 120

2. Park Events and Group Bookings

SeaWorld Abu Dhabi regularly hosts a variety of events that appeal to different audiences, including families, corporate groups, and educational tours.

- **Seasonal Park Events:**
 - **Night Spectacles:** Experience breathtaking light shows and water displays that transform the park after dark.
 - **Themed Celebrations:** Seasonal festivals and cultural celebrations that include live music, dance performances, and interactive installations.
 - **Group Events:**
 - **Educational Tours and School Visits:** Tailored programs that combine learning with fun animal encounters and interactive sessions designed for students.
 - **Corporate Team-Building:** Customized packages that offer team activities, private functions, and interactive challenges within the park.
 - **Private Celebrations:** Birthday parties, family reunions, or special occasions can be hosted with personalized itineraries that include dedicated guides and special access to attractions.
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3. Immersive Experiences at SeaWorld Abu Dhabi

SeaWorld Abu Dhabi stands out for its extensive range of immersive experiences. The attractions are generally categorized into two large groups: animal experiences (with a focus on presentations, feeding, and habitat exploration) and interactive rides/activities. Each of these categories is designed to educate, entertain, and inspire.

3.1 Animal Experiences and Presentations

The park features a rich lineup of animal interactions, structured into three main segments:

3.1.1 Animal Feeding Experiences

- **Interactive Feeding Sessions:**

Guests may have the opportunity to feed select species under the supervision of trained animal care professionals. These sessions provide insights into animal diets and natural behaviors while letting visitors experience the joy of close interaction.

- **Behind-the-Scenes Feeding:**

Some feeding sessions offer a glimpse into the day-to-day care routines maintained by the park's animal care team, explaining how balanced nutrition is achieved for different species.

3.1.2 Habitat Exploration Experiences

- **Immersive Habitat Tours:**

The park recreates environments that mirror the natural habitats of its marine residents—from icy polar settings and temperate shores to tropical reefs. These areas are designed to educate visitors on the challenges of habitat conservation and the importance of ecological balance.

- **Interactive Habitat Displays:**

Guests can observe the settings where animals live, including the design considerations made for animal welfare. Detailed signage and interactive kiosks explain how each habitat supports the health and behavioral needs of its inhabitants.

3.1.3 Presentation Experiences

- **Educational Presentations:**

Scheduled throughout the day, these presentations feature trained marine experts and animal care professionals who share fascinating facts about animal behavior, conservation efforts, and the science behind marine life.

- **Live Demonstrations:**

Some presentations include live demonstrations—showcasing animal training, enrichment activities, and rescue operations. This provides a deeper insight into the complexities of caring for a diverse array of species.

The following are the available animal experiences at Seaworld:

Animal Experiences & Presentations

Animal Care Center (*Habitat*)

Observe and engage with veterinarians and animal care experts as they provide round-the-clock care in a fully visible and interactive environment.

Coconut Bay (*Habitat*)

A vibrant, tropical landscape where dolphins express their natural behaviors in a dynamic habitat shared with fish and invertebrates.

Dolphin Presentation (*Presentation*)

Celebrate the deep bond between dolphins and humans through a rhythmic and inspiring musical presentation.

Endless Ocean Aquarium (*Habitat*)

The region's largest multi-species marine life aquarium with over 20 immersive viewing areas, including a 20-meter-tall Endless Vista.

Feed the Sea Lions (*Feeding*)

Interact closely with charismatic sea lions as you get the chance to feed them in a supervised and fun experience.

Flamingo Point (*Habitat*)

Meet a flamboyance of Caribbean flamingos known for their pink plumage and lively behavior.

Juhani Village (*Habitat*)

Explore the icy environment of walruses from every angle—both above and underwater.

Macaw Habitat (*Habitat*)

Tropical Ocean's colorful aviary featuring long-tailed, vibrantly feathered New World parrots.

Ocean Surface Pod (*Habitat*)

Discover a small but mighty sargassum ecosystem with kelp, crabs, and small fish.

Puffin Habitat (*Habitat*)

Explore the Arctic realm and observe intelligent puffins diving and feeding beneath the water.

Ray Reef (*Habitat*)

See a range of majestic ray species gracefully glide through the water in a specially designed habitat.

Rocky Point (*Habitat*)

Watch California sea lions and harbor seals play and interact in choppy, rocky coastal environments.

Sea Lion Presentation (*Presentation*)

A fun and educational show at Rocky Point Amphitheater featuring sea lions and seals working together.

Sea Otter Habitat (*Habitat*)

View northern sea otters in their chilly, custom habitat designed for relaxation and play.

Stunning Viewing Areas (*Presentation*)

Experience the Endless Ocean through 20+ viewing zones, including a dramatic 20-meter-tall window into the marine ecosystem.

The Arabian Gulf (*Habitat*)

Home to native Gulf species, this exhibit offers close-up encounters with a rescued dugong and a sea turtle.

The Mangroves (*Habitat*)

Touch pools that allow hands-on exploration of sharks, rays, and invertebrates native to Gulf mangroves.

The Rainforest (*Habitat*)

An expansive aviary home to over 30 tropical bird species like toucans, spoonbills, and amazon parrots.

The Swirl (*Habitat*)

Watch as thousands of sardines swim in mesmerizing patterns, while predators like sharks glide nearby.

3.2 Interactive Experiences and Rides

The park offers an assortment of rides and interactive exhibits designed to engage both the young and the young-at-heart. These attractions are creatively themed and include the following:

Eel Racer (*Ride*)

A fast-paced ride through the vivid MicroOcean, mimicking the movement of a giant eel.

Height Restrictions: 0.9m (with adult), 1.2m (alone), max 1.95m

Explorers' Sea Base (*Kids Play*)

A multi-level play zone with climbing, crawling, and sliding challenges, simulating underwater adventures.

Height Restrictions: Vary by zone (0.75m–1.1m+), closed shoes required

Gallery Games (*Interactive*)

Midway-style underwater-themed games set among coral-covered shipwrecks for all ages.

Hypersphere 360° (*Ride*)

A 360-degree immersive journey beneath the ocean featuring stunning visuals and storytelling.

Height Restrictions: 1.2m–1.95m

Jelly Plunge (*Ride*)

A vertical thrill ride that pulses and propels riders like a jellyfish.

Height Restrictions: 0.9m (with adult), 1.2m (alone), max 1.95m

Kelp Climb (*Kids Play*)

Scale massive kelp stalks in this vertical climbing challenge.

Height Restrictions: 0.75m–1.1m+, closed shoes required

Launch Bay (*Interactive*)

Play and explore inside an ocean exploration-themed interactive zone, featuring tech-based activities and climbing structures.

Height Restrictions: 1.1m+, closed shoes required

Manta Coaster (*Ride*)

A high-speed roller coaster featuring 17 airtime moments, bioluminescent tunnels, and zero gravity flip-outs.

Height Restrictions: 1.3m–1.95m

Octozoom! (*Ride*)

Family ride simulating octopus-like propulsion through water—smooth, fun, and swirling.
Height Restrictions: 1.05m (with adult), 1.2m (alone), max 1.95m

Penguin Play (*Kids Play*)

Elevated net and slide structure with soft play, themed around penguins.
Height Restrictions: 0.9m–1.1m+, closed shoes required

Shipwreck Cove (*Kids Play*)

A climbing structure themed around Arabian shipwrecks and coastal trade.
Height Restrictions: 1.1m+, closed shoes required

Turtle Twist (*Ride*)

Riders glide like sea turtles, controlling their own motion through MicroOcean.
Height Restrictions: 1.05m (with adult), 1.2m (alone), max 1.95m

3.3 SeaWorld Encounters

- Scheduled Animal Encounters:**
These sessions are designed for smaller groups, allowing an intimate setting where visitors can interact with marine animals such as dolphins, seals, and penguins. These encounters typically include guided explanations about the animals' natural histories.

Encounter Type	Price (AED)	Description
Dugong Encounter	75	Meet Malquot, a rescued dugong, and learn his story while sharing a snack.
Sea Otter Encounter	95	Play, feed, and interact with curious and spirited northern sea otters.
Walrus Encounter	95	Come face-to-face with a gentle giant of the Arctic world.
Seal & Sea Lion Encounter	95	Get up close with harbor seals or California sea lions. Ideal for photos and interaction.
Dolphin Encounter	195	Engage with Atlantic bottlenose dolphins in a guided, educational session.
Penguin Encounter	195	Interact with penguins in their habitat, observing their quirky, endearing behavior.
SeaVenture	345	An underwater walking tour through marine habitats. No

Encounter Type	Price (AED)	Description
Underwater Tour		diving experience needed.
Kayak on Tropical Lagoon	245	Paddle through clear water with views of dolphins in a relaxing lagoon.
SeaDive	595	Swim among fish after suiting up on a floating dock for a guided diving experience.
Discover Scuba Diving	795	Try scuba diving in a controlled setting without certification. Dive into the Endless Ocean.
SeaSub	1,295	Ride in the world's first submersible designed for aquarium environments.

3.4 Live Characters and Performances

- **Live Characters and Stage Shows:**
Beyond animal encounters, the park stages live performances with costumed characters, interactive storytelling, and choreographed shows. These events, interwoven with music and dance, aim to entertain while educating guests about conservation and the magic of the ocean.

Live Shows

- **A Pearl Diver's Life**
An interactive live performance that brings the heritage of pearl diving in the Arabian Gulf to life. Guests experience the traditional techniques and stories of pearl divers, celebrating the region's rich maritime culture.
- **The Fisherman & The Mermaid**
Join Rashid, a young fisherman, as he encounters the unexpected in his first dive. This live show blends storytelling, theater, and marine mythology in a touching tale of wonder and discovery.
- **The Seafarer Jugglers**
Brothers Oskar and Laszlo deliver a high-energy act full of comedy and skill, performing juggling, knife throwing, and spectacular acrobatics to entertain guests of all ages.
- **Canopy Climbers**
A vibrant jungle-themed performance showcasing athletic feats and playful acrobatics as costumed "animals" leap and climb among trees in a dynamic stage setting.
- **The S•E•A Maintenance Crew**
What begins as a simple visit to the mechanical room turns into a surprise musical performance, as the maintenance crew bursts into song and dance in this upbeat, unexpected show.

Media Shows

- **Armillary Show**
A visual storytelling experience inside a 360-degree dome. Guests are taken on journeys to the poles through short, immersive narratives with stunning arctic and antarctic visuals.
 - **One Epic Ocean Show**
An epic 360-degree multimedia journey following a young woman's global adventure through Earth's diverse and awe-inspiring ocean environments.
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Live Characters

- **Costume Characters**
Meet and greet your favorite SeaWorld mascots and themed characters throughout the park. Includes Sakina the dugong and the lively Sea Star, both of whom roam the realms to surprise and delight guests.
 - **Krill Dude**
A lovable puppet character from the MicroOcean reef. Krill Dude stars in a musical performance for kids and also hosts fun meet-and-greet moments.
 - **Lost Explorers**
Sven and Oorni, a pair of comedic, wandering explorers, engage with visitors as they humorously attempt to find their way to the poles, often getting sidetracked along the way.
 - **Stilt Walkers**
Encounter towering stilt performers dressed as colorful creatures—tree frogs, butterflies, and praying mantises—who roam the Tropical Ocean realm and pose for unforgettable photo ops.
 - **The Camel and Heron Puppets**
Lifelike puppets representing a camel and heron wander the Abu Dhabi Ocean realm, interacting with visitors in realistic and entertaining ways.
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4. Immersive Realms

SeaWorld Abu Dhabi is divided into eight immersive realms, each transporting visitors into a different aquatic narrative. Some key aspects include:

- **Polar Realm:**
Experience the icy majesty of the polar regions, complete with simulated snow, glacial landscapes, and encounters with arctic marine life.
- **Temperate Shores:**
Explore environments that mimic the natural coastal zones, highlighting the interplay between land and sea.
- **Tropical and Coral Reefs:**
Dive into vibrant underwater worlds teeming with colorful fish, intricate coral structures, and interactive reef exhibits.

- **Innovative Realms:**

Other specially themed realms offer fantasy meets reality, where technology and natural beauty converge through interactive digital exhibits and cutting-edge multimedia installations.

Each realm is carefully designed to be both visually stunning and educational, with detailed signage, interactive kiosks, and guided tours that explain the natural phenomena and conservation challenges unique to each environment.

5. Animal Care Center

The **Animal Care Center** at SeaWorld Abu Dhabi is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to the well-being of all animal residents.

- **Medical and Veterinary Facilities:**

Equipped with modern diagnostic and treatment tools, the center ensures that every animal receives high-quality, round-the-clock care.

- **Rehabilitation and Enrichment Programs:**

Beyond routine care, the center focuses on rehabilitating injured or rescued animals. It also implements enrichment programs designed to mimic natural habitats and stimulate the animals mentally and physically.

- **Educational Outreach:**

Visitors have the opportunity to learn about the complex processes involved in animal care. Interactive displays explain medical procedures, dietary planning, and the overall philosophy behind animal conservation at SeaWorld Abu Dhabi.

6. Dining Options at SeaWorld Abu Dhabi

Dining at SeaWorld Abu Dhabi is as diverse as the park's attractions. With 17 different venues, guests can experience a mix of global cuisines and local flavors:

- **Bamboo Bites**

- Grab yourself a popcorn or cookie while you stroll around the park.

- **Bay View Café**

- Enjoy sandwiches, salads, desserts, and pastries with a beautiful view of the tropical realm. A deli-meets-ice-cream-parlor perfect for a relaxing stop.

- **Bitsy Bites**

- A colorful family-friendly restaurant featuring a kids' menu with nachos, pizzas, and chicken tenders.

- **Cenote Café**

- Satisfy your burger cravings with delicious options served in a tropical setting with underwater views of Coconut Bay and the macaw habitat.

- **Dallat Al Bahar**

- A cozy coffee shop offering sandwiches, desserts, pastries, and a selection of hot and cold beverages.

- **Fathom 11**

- An upscale dining experience with premium steak, seafood, and all the trimmings. Dine with floor-to-ceiling views into the world's largest aquarium or inside a working hydroponics lab.
- **Frozen Treats**
- Offers indulgent desserts including ice cream, cookies, popsicles, and popcorn. Located with a scenic view of the One Ocean realm.
- **Lost Cove Treats**
- A refreshment kiosk serving soft ice cream, juices, and cold beverages.
- **Lugaima**
- A local favorite offering traditional Arabic sweets including Lugaima, a deep-fried pastry topped with syrup.
- **Matbakh Ummi**
- A modern Arabic restaurant serving favorites such as shawarma, kebabs, salads, and kunafa, with views of the Abu Dhabi ocean realm.
- **Pretzel Point**
- Features hand-rolled pretzels in a variety of sweet and savory flavors, freshly baked on site.
- **Spice Island**
- Enjoy a wide range of Asian cuisine with live cooking stations offering fresh stir-fries, noodles, and flavorful curries.
- **S•E•A Snacks**
- Known for its waffles with traditional toppings. Also serves crêpes, ice creams, and cookies.
- **The Catch**
- A seafood spot offering classic battered fish and chips alongside other tasty dishes. Dine with underwater views of the penguin habitat.
- **Umberto's**
- Authentic Italian cuisine with a refined touch. Enjoy pizzas, pastas, and more with above and underwater views of the penguin exhibit.
- **Wasi's Market**
- Satisfy your sweet tooth with a variety of donuts and enjoy savory sandwiches at this vibrant market-style café.
- **Waterside Café**
- Serves authentic Mexican dishes, including tacos and burritos, with a rich, flavorful flair.

7. Shopping at SeaWorld

Retail at SeaWorld Abu Dhabi comprises 13 diverse outlets, each offering a wide range of merchandise that caters to different tastes:

Themed Apparel and Toys

Store Name	Description
Hamad's Hideaway	A dolphin-lover's dream! Find dolphin-themed apparel, accessories, and plush toys.

Store Name	Description
Flamingo Point	Focused on pink and tropical themes—offering ladies' and girls' fashion and accessories.
Jellies	A colorful toy and apparel store for kids, packed with fun options and cool clothes.
Sunken Treasures	A treasure trove of ocean-themed souvenirs including Manta plush toys.
Polar Pier	Pick up penguin plush toys and South Pole-themed apparel—perfect post-Antarctic adventure.
Arctic Trading Post	Stay warm or take home an Arctic animal plush. Great for those who love the polar regions.

Kewely, Souvenrirs and Collectibles

Store Name	Description
Dukkan Al-Tawash	Specializes in pearls and locally inspired jewelry. Also offers photo souvenirs.
The Armillary Collection	High-end collectibles including fine jewelry, home décor, glassware, and figurines.
Souk Al-Seef	The main exit store featuring a wide selection of SeaWorld Abu Dhabi merchandise and memorabilia.

Sweets and Treats

Store Name	Description
Halawiyat Fatema	A candy paradise with gourmet popcorn, cotton candy, chocolates, and other sweets.

Photo Services

Location	Description
Dolphin Memories Photo	Capture and collect your unforgettable Dolphin Encounter memories.
Sea Pixels Photo Services	Print and pick up park-wide photo souvenirs and experiences.

Interactive & Futuristic

Store Name	Description
Launch Bay Supplies & Co.	A futuristic shop featuring marine exploration gear, S·E·A Guardian Game portals, and interactive ROV tables.

8. Park Overview and Visitor Information

Park Overview

SeaWorld Abu Dhabi is designed as a multi-sensory adventure combining interactive entertainment, immersive storytelling, and dynamic educational experiences. Covering eight immersive realms, the park is a destination where wildlife, technology, and innovative design merge.

Getting There

- Free Shuttle Service:**
On Yas Island, complimentary shuttle services (such as the Yas Express) connect major hotels and attractions directly to SeaWorld, making it easy for visitors to travel without hassle.
- Driving:**
For those driving, ample parking facilities are available at the park entrance. Clear signage and dedicated drop-off zones help streamline the arrival process.
- Public Transport:**
For visitors relying on public transit, SeaWorld Abu Dhabi is well-connected to major bus routes and regional transit systems.

Operating Hours and Accessibility

- Operating Hours:**
The park generally opens at 10:00 AM and runs until 10:00 PM, providing ample time for visitors to explore all attractions.
- Accessibility for People of Determination:**
SeaWorld is fully accessible, offering wheelchair access, companion passes, designated quiet zones, and additional support services to ensure an inclusive and comfortable experience for every guest.
- Visitor Guidelines:**
Prior to arrival, guests are encouraged to review safety protocols, health guidelines, and accessibility options available on the park’s official website.