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
Phone: 480-291-8245
Email: Education@OdySeaAquarium.com

PRICES & PAYMENT
Minimum Group Size: 20
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-2nd grade: 1 chaperone for every 5 students
3rd-12th 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.

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!

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.
**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

**DIRECTIONS & DROP OFF LOCATION**

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

**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.odyseaquarium.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

**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.

**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.