

press release

S.E.A. Aquarium Launches PADI-AWARE Dive Programmes in Conjunction with Shark Awareness Day

New diving programmes demonstrate RWS's commitment to raise awareness of the importance of sharks in the ecosystem, and conservation efforts



Divers in Shark Seas habitat at S.E.A. Aquarium. PHOTO CREDITS: RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA.

SINGAPORE, 14 July 2023 – In conjunction with Shark Awareness Day, premium lifestyle destination, Resorts World Sentosa (RWS, 圣淘沙名胜世界) adds two exciting new offerings to its range of scuba diving programmes at S.E.A. Aquarium (S.E.A. 海洋馆), allowing participants to learn about the oft-misunderstood sea creatures, and further connect with the wonders of the ocean. The new **AWARE Shark Conservation Specialty course** and **PADI Discover Scuba Diving programme** offer unique opportunities for marine life lovers to explore the captivating world below. These new offerings further demonstrate RWS' commitment to providing immersive experiences that deepen participants' appreciation for marine life and promote conservation efforts.

Certified Divers Not Only Swim Alongside, but Better Understand these “Apex Predators”

Designed for certified divers aged 12 years and above, participants will learn about the importance of shark conservation during the AWARE Shark Conservation Specialty course. They are rewarded with an unparalleled experience of swimming alongside over 100 sharks from 12 different species, including the endangered Scalloped Hammerhead shark, Silvertip shark, and Sandbar shark in the Shark Seas Habitat at S.E.A. Aquarium. Launched in conjunction with Shark Awareness Day, the programme will be available for booking from 14 July.

In addition to the exhilarating dive with the spectacular resident sharks, participants will learn the value of sharks to marine ecosystems and economies, causes of declining shark populations, and how one can become a proud shark defender. These “apex predators”, at an astounding rate, fall prey to commercial and recreational fishing, and the course aims to raise awareness of these threats among participants. The course adheres to comprehensive AWARE guidelines, including resources such as the AWARE Shark Conservation Study Guide, and AWARE Shark Conservation Lesson Guide to Impact on Sharks.

The AWARE Shark Conservation Specialty course is priced at S\$488 per head for an eight-hour session. Sessions are held Tuesdays to Fridays with each session accommodating up to four participants. To book, please go to: <https://www.rwsentosa.com/awaresharkconservation>.



First-time divers with S.E.A. Aquarium’s certified diving instructors. PHOTO CREDITS: RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA.

Non-Divers and PADI Beginners Can Now Take Their First Plunge at S.E.A. Aquarium

To encourage the curious yet uninitiated to take their first plunge into this breath-taking activity, S.E.A. Aquarium’s PADI Discover Scuba Diving is designed for non-divers aged 10 years and above. The session makes the perfect introduction to the world beneath the waves, aiming to eventually inspire in participants a love for the oceans and marine life. Under expert guidance of experienced PADI

(Professional Association of Diving Instructors®) professionals at RWS, participants will receive an overview of important diving concepts as well as essential skills, such as air monitoring, and equalisation techniques.

Following the theory introduction and knowledge review, they take their first-ever dive underwater in the Open Ocean Habitat, the largest habitat within S.E.A. Aquarium. Descending up to 12 meters, the first-time divers will be enthralled by the magnificent manta rays, groupers, and other mesmerising schools of fish, creating memories worth reliving over and over. Throughout the session, participants will have fun picking up and practising new scuba skills while getting to know and develop heartfelt appreciation for the underwater world. They will also be presented a certificate upon completion of the course.

The PADI Discover Scuba Diving programme is priced from S\$299 per head for a two-hour session. Sessions are held Tuesdays to Fridays with each session accommodating up to four participants. To book, please go to: <https://www.rwsentosa.com/discoverscubadiving>.

For more information on the programmes, visit: <https://www.rwsentosa.com/en/attractions/sea-aquarium>.

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ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Complementing the adventure and adrenaline of its theme parks and attractions are six unique luxury hotels, the world-class Resorts World Convention Centre and a casino. RWS offers award-winning dining experiences and exciting cuisines from around the world across its many renowned celebrity chef restaurants, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene and a leading gourmet destination in Asia for epicureans. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from concerts to public shows. RWS has been named "Best Integrated Resort" since 2011 for the 10th year in a row at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

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ABOUT S.E.A. AQUARIUM

Opened in November 2012, S.E.A. Aquarium at Resorts World Sentosa is one of the world's largest aquariums and is home to more than 100,000 marine animals across 1,000 species. Featuring more than 40 diverse habitats, S.E.A. Aquarium aspires to support and raise awareness of the conservation and preservation of threatened species such as hard corals, and sharks and rays. Through interactive programmes, up-close animal encounters and immersive learning journeys, S.E.A. Aquarium aims to inspire visitors to learn about the world's oceans and its diversity. S.E.A. Aquarium collaborates with local and regional partners in marine conservation projects and is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).



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