

press release

Singapore Oceanarium launches the inaugural Ocean Kids Festival for ocean enthusiasts of all ages

This immersive ocean adventure brings together marine specialists, hands-on activities and engaging learning experiences for the whole family.



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SINGAPORE, 6 March 2026 – Singapore Oceanarium (新加坡海洋生态馆) invites families to dive into **Ocean Kids Festival**, a seasonal line-up of experiences that adds extra wonder to a visit during the March school holidays and beyond. Running from **13 March to 12 April 2026**, the programme blends marine discovery with engaging moments designed for shared family time — plus additional activities for young marine lovers.

Alongside exploring marine habitats and uncovering ocean facts, visitors can level up their day with Little Ocean Experts sign-up sessions, Animal Spotlight programmes, craft workshops, music, and storytelling. On selected days, the Research and Learning Centre comes alive with stories and crafts — celebrating little ones and big imaginations.

Anchored in Singapore Oceanarium’s commitment to marine education and conservation, Ocean Kids Festival brings learning to life through real-world encounters and hands-on experiences, sparking curiosity and encouraging families to discover new reasons to care for the ocean.

Ocean Zone highlights: Guided encounters and hands-on marine discovery



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The **Little Ocean Expert Series** is a 45-minute meet-the-expert experience designed for children aged 7 to 12, priced at \$15 per session and includes a free Axolotl Mini Plush Keychain (retail value of \$15). The programme offers young learners an opportunity to meet the people behind marine animal care, conservation, and research.

In each session, children will meet one of Singapore Oceanarium's specialists, such as a Diver, Marine Veterinarian, Marine Conservationist, Marine Researcher, Animal Care Specialist or Habitat Presenter. Participants will learn key aspects of their respective roles and get a guided introduction to selected tools used in day-to-day work. The experience concludes with a dress-up and photo moment, where children can don kid-sized Singapore Oceanarium uniforms, lab coats, or dive suits.

Pre-registration is required, and each session is capped at 20 child participants to maintain quality engagement. Each child must be accompanied by an adult guardian, who may sit in the session at no additional charge.

Badge-Making Activity by Pentel Singapore continues the hands-on fun from 14 – 22 March. This activity invites children to create a marine-themed badge to take home. Participants choose an ocean animal, use colourful Pentel materials to add colour and detail, then press their design into a polished keepsake.



PHOTO CREDIT: Singapore Youth Philharmonic Orchestra.

On the evenings of 14, 21 and 28 March, the **Singapore Youth Philharmonic Orchestra**, led by the esteemed youth conductor **Luo Wei**, brings classical music to the Open Ocean zone, adding a memorable performance moment to the programme.

Extending Ocean-inspired learning with free-to-public experiences

Beyond Singapore Oceanarium, the activities also spill into the Research and Learning Centre, inviting more to join in the fun. The centre comes alive with stories and crafts — celebrating little ones and big imaginations.

Stories for everyone

Families can sign up for storytelling of Singapore Oceanarium's published books — *Barry's Ocean Friends* and *Manja's Adventure with Sharks*, and *The Adventures of Bini the Horseshoe Crab*, presented in partnership with Republic Polytechnic. Little readers will also be happy to know that National Library Board's **Molly the Mobile Library** will roll in for a 4-day pop-up from 16 – 19 March 2026, from 9am – 5pm; inviting visitors to browse and borrow books, to take learning even further.

Hands-on fun continues with **Create Your Own Coral Reef**, where children shape air-dry clay corals and learn how reefs become vital habitats.

Enhancing the experience with curated retail and culinary offerings



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Complementing the festival experience is a curated suite of retail as well as food and beverage (F&B) offerings designed to extend learning through play and shared family moments.

Guests can explore an exclusive range of Axolotl-themed merchandise, including plush toys, keychains, apparel, jewellery, educational kits and collectibles, designed as keepsakes that extend marine appreciation beyond the visit. Additionally, across Singapore Oceanarium's F&B outlets, families can enjoy kid-friendly themed offerings such as animal-shaped nuggets, gourmet pizzas, cotton candy, popcorn and gelato, alongside a mobile food cart at the event space serving festive treats throughout the festival.

To add to the fun, guests get 3 chances to win a plushie at one of the claw machines located at Oceanarium Store, with a minimum spend of \$38 on retail products.

Deeper, personalised experiences: Add-on immersive programmes

For families seeking a deeper, multi-sensory encounter, there are additional programmes such as the Fossilist Workshop and Animal Spotlight: Seahorses, which will enhance the experience at the oceanarium.



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The **Fossilist Workshop** is a two-hour, hands-on session that runs daily at 2pm. It is available over an extended period for young explorers aged 7 and above to excavate their very own fossil and learn about the fascinating world of ancient marine life through guided fossil discovery. Led by trained facilitators, the workshop is a family friendly programme for deeper learning, introducing children to prehistoric ocean ecosystems and how fossils help scientists understand marine evolution, offering an enriching and tactile learning experience at \$88 per participant (excluding admission).



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For those drawn to live animal encounters, the **Animal Spotlight: Seahorses** programme offers a 45-minute interactive programme focused on one of the ocean's most captivating species. Conducted in small groups of up to 8 participants, the session explores seahorse biology, behaviour and conservation in an engaging and accessible format. Priced at \$28 per participant (excluding admission), the programme runs daily on weekdays. Other Animal Spotlight Series focusing on different marine animals are also available, such as **Animal Spotlight: Sea Jellies**, where guests can learn about sea jelly care, breeding and conservation first-hand.

Celebrating the holidays through meaningful engagements

Ocean Kids Festival reflects Singapore Oceanarium's broader vision to spark knowledge, love and action for our oceans. By integrating expert-led engagement, immersive storytelling and family-centric experiences, the festival transforms the March school holidays into a meaningful and memorable marine journey.

As families seek purposeful holiday activities that combine entertainment with enrichment, Singapore Oceanarium continues to deepen its role as a world-class marine institute, one that inspires today's young minds while shaping tomorrow's ocean stewards.

Tickets are available at www.singaporeoceanarium.com/ocean-kids-festival. Pre-registration is required for selected programmes and add-on experiences.

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ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

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ABOUT SINGAPORE OCEANARIUM

Located at Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore Oceanarium is a leading ocean institute with the purpose to inspire greater knowledge, love and action for the ocean and aquatic life. We are dedicated to advancing marine education, research, and supporting the conservation and preservation of threatened species.

With a unique blend of live habitats, oceanic stories, state-of-the-art digital innovation, and interactive technology, Singapore Oceanarium connects knowledge from meaningful marine education and encounters to real-world applications. Our long-term partnerships with institutes, accreditation by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), and membership in the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) and Southeast Asian Zoo and Aquarium Association (SEAZA) are a testament to our commitment to inspire generations of ocean stewards for greater action.

Singapore Oceanarium also encompasses a Research and Learning Centre – a dedicated space that offers advanced purpose-built spaces for research, conservation and community outreach. Certified by Singapore's Building and Construction Authority as a Green Mark Platinum Zero Energy building, the centre is designed with environmental sustainability at its core and its energy needs are powered entirely by solar energy.

For more information, please visit www.singaporeoceanarium.com.

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