

CHILDREN AND TEENS ARE INVITED TO DIVE INTO ATLANTIS, THE PALM'S EXCITING NEW MARINE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES THIS HALF-TERM

The ocean-themed resort's engaging educational experiences about marine life, animal welfare and ocean conservation are for all ages

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (7th February 2021) – With yet another school holiday around the corner the AZA-accredited resort has come up with the perfect way to keep Dubai's younger generation entertained this half term with a series of programmes that are both fun and informative. The newly launched programmes are in line with Atlantis, The Palm's commitment to drive education across the resort. Not only are they offering informative and impactful education experiences, Atlantis also prides itself on its high welfare standards, its gold standard Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation, as well as its efforts in supporting field conservation.

While some programmes have been designed for children only, others are perfect for the whole family, enabling families to create meaningful experiences. Marine Biologist Programmes for minis (ages 3-6) and masters (12-16) will equip budding biologists with knowledge about life forms' and the habitats in the world's oceans, while behind the scenes tours will allow them to get up close and personal with Atlantis's marine residents. For those that dare, there is also a Marine Animal Adventure offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the depths of a shark-filled lagoon.

MARINE BIOLOGIST PROGRAMMES

Mini Marine Biologist

Younger children can be part of Atlantis' specialist Aquarist team as they join them in the shallow water to get an up-close look at starfish, sea cucumbers and baby sharks. During this fun-filled adventure, they'll learn all about marine life with incredible facts that they will be able to expertly pass onto their family and friends.

- Ages: 3-6
- Price: AED 175 for resort guests/ AED 275 for non-resort guests (includes FREE same-day access to Aquaventure Waterpark)
- Duration: 1 hour (30 minutes in shallow water)
- Group Size: Maximum 5 participants
- Location: The Shark Lagoon inside Aquaventure Waterpark



Master Marine Biologist

A behind the scenes experience of the resort's world-class facilities will educate teens on the basics of animal care, feeding and maintenance, as well as the on-site breeding programmes. By shadowing one of the Marine Mammal Specialists, participants will discover what it takes to care for dolphins and sea lions and also get the opportunity to meet the Aquarists to experience first-hand how to prepare food and feed animals including our jellyfish, corals and tropical fish.

- Ages: 12-16
- Price: AED 895 per child
- Duration: 5.5 hours
- Group Size: Maximum 5 participants
- Location: Dolphin Bay, Sea Lion Point and The Lost Chambers Aquarium
- Includes: Lunch, certificate and complimentary photo

BEHIND THE SCENES

Dolphin and Sea Lion Behind the Scenes Tour

Guests can embark on an educational journey with marine experts and learn how the marine team care for and enrich all of the marine life at Atlantis, The Palm. A visit to the medical laboratory will reveal how the highest level of animal care is provided by expert veterinarians and technicians. Developed for inquisitive minds, knowledgeable trainers will answer everything anyone ever wanted to know about dolphins and sea lions – as well as the specialist care which they receive.

- Age: for all ages
- Price: AED 145 for resort guests/ AED 350 for non-resort guests (includes FREE same-day access to Aquaventure Waterpark)
- Duration: 45 minutes
- Group Size: Maximum 5 participants
- Location: Dolphin Bay and Sea Loin Point (inside Aquaventure Waterpark)

Fish Tales Tour

This is the chance to join an exclusive behind the scenes tour of The Lost Chambers Aquarium where participants will discover what it takes to care for 65,000 marine animals. Visitors will follow the water's path to our filtration systems, visit the state-of-the-art Fish Hospital, see how 400 kilos of food per day is prepared and learn more about our breeding programmes.



- Age: for all ages
- Price: AED 45 for resort guests/ AED 45 for non-resort guests (excluding admission to The Lost Chambers Aquarium)
- Duration: 45 minutes
- Group Size: Maximum 5 participants
- Location: The Lost Chambers Aquarium

MARINE ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Shark Safari

This thrilling adventure will help children and adults alike to learn all about marine life with amazing facts that will change the way they see the world. Intrepid explorers descend a ladder seven metres to the bottom of the Shark Lagoon whilst wearing a state-of-the-art helmet. This helmet receives a continuous supply of air (three times more than what you normally breathe), so that the entire head remains dry, including hair, glasses or prescription contacts. Once explorers have reached the bottom, they will embark on a guided underwater walking tour, coming face-to-face with sharks, rays, and schools of multi-coloured fish.

- Age: for 10 years and above
- Price: AED 360 for resort guests/ AED 580 for non-resort guests (includes FREE same-day access to Aquaventure Waterpark)
- Duration: 45 minutes
- Group Size: Maximum 4 participants
- Location: Shark Lagoon inside Aquaventure Waterpark

For more information and bookings please visit <u>https://www.atlantis.com/dubai/atlantis-aquaventure</u>

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About Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai

Atlantis, The Palm is the first entertainment resort destination in the region and located at the centre of the crescent of The Palm in Dubai. Opened in September 2008, the unique ocean-themed resort features a variety of marine and entertainment attractions, as well as 17 hectares of waterpark amusement at Atlantis Aquaventure, all within a 46-hectare site. It is home to one of the largest open-air marine habitats in the world, with over 65,000 marine animals in lagoons and displays including The Lost Chambers Aquarium, a maze of underwater corridors and passageways providing a journey through ancient Atlantis. Atlantis Aquaventure waterpark features 18 million litres of fresh water used to power thrilling waterslides, a 2.3-kilometre river ride with tidal waves and pools, water rapids and white-water chargers. Dolphin Bay, the unparalleled dolphin conservation and education habitat, and Sea Lion Point were created to provide guests a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn more about one of nature's most friendly mammals. The resort boasts an impressive collection of luxury boutiques and shops as well as extensive meeting and convention facilities. Atlantis, The Palm is also known as the culinary destination in the region where guests can take their pick from a collection of 31 world-renowned restaurants including Bread Street Kitchen & Bar, Hakkasan, Nobu, Ronda Locatelli, Seafire Steakhouse & Bar, and award-winning underwater restaurant, Ossiano. The nightlife scene at Atlantis is lively, too, with the fun-filled Wavehouse offering something for everyone, and WHITE Beach & Restaurant the perfect place to unwind with a drink as the sun slips into the Arabian Sea.