



New England
Aquarium

BUS PERMIT



GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank you for booking an IMAX film at the New England Aquarium. Amazing IMAX films will take your students where they've only dreamed of going—on incredible journeys to the bottom of the sea, outer space, and almost everywhere in between. IMAX films provide students of all ages with larger-than-life experiences, perfect for capturing the imagination and interest of young minds. A 50% non-refundable deposit is due 30 days prior to your arrival date and the remaining balance is due the day you arrive.

TEACHER GUIDES

Extensively researched Teacher Resource Guides are available free of charge for most IMAX films. The Teacher Resource Guides are typically consistent with the National Education Science Standards and meant to be a supplement to each grade level. These guides can be easily adapted to your curriculum and include discussion topics, exercises and hands-on group projects. IMAX films have a suggested targeted age group in the Teacher Guides, but the activities can be modified to fit your grade level.

IMAX EDUCATOR'S CONNECTION (IEC)

IMAX Educator's Connection is an informational service for educators. IEC members receive information on upcoming films, free invitations to educator-only film launches and private events. To become a member, please visit www.neaq.org/visit/imax/edu.form.html or call **617-973-6508**.

FILM LIBRARY

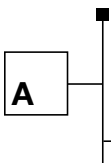
Screenings for films not on our schedule but in our film library are available at 9 a.m. for groups of 50 or more people. Please call **617-973-6508** to arrange a screening. Don't forget to add concession packs for your group! (See below.)

CONCESSION PACKS

Your students' cinematic experience just got better with the option to purchase one of our special value concession packs.

- Small Popcorn/Small Soda: \$3.50
- Small Popcorn/Small Soda/Candy: \$5

***Please remember** to place your concession order when scheduling the class field trip. Payment for concession packs will mirror the payment policy of the program you have chosen with the Aquarium. Minimum of 72 hours notice is required.*



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Thank you for booking an onsite program at the New England Aquarium. Explorer Classes, Guided Exhibit Tours and Behind-the-Scenes Tours are great supplements to any science program or learning experience. A 50% non-refundable deposit is due 30 days prior to your arrival date and the remaining balance is due the day you arrive.

EXPLORER CLASSES

Explorer Classes are classes that focus the learning on a particular subject of your choice. You may choose from a wide variety of topics, including marine mammals, sharks, tidepool animals or penguins.

- Each class lasts approximately 45 minutes.
- Minimum group size: 10 people; Maximum group size: 30 people
- Please arrive 5-10 minutes prior to the start of your program. This will ensure your group will have enough time to cover the program topic.
- All classes take place in the Harborside Learning Lab, located on the first floor of the Harbor Garage, adjacent to the Aquarium and IMAX Theatre.
- If you are going to be late, please call Central Reservations. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Please note: *In very rare cases, students have had skin reactions following exposure to seawater from our Edge of the Sea exhibit or tidepool program. While these reactions were generally limited to minor skin irritation, we recommend that visitors who have a history of acute allergies use caution.*

GUIDED EXHIBIT TOURS

Our customized Guided Exhibit Tours give your group an in-depth look at one of our exhibits, galleries, or subjects you choose. Educators answer your group's questions and will contact you ahead of time to customize your tour.

- Tours are offered twice a day at quieter times.
- Maximum group size is 30 people.
- Tours last approximately 1 hour.

Please note: *Tours must be booked in conjunction with Aquarium admission. Recommended for ages 15 and up.*

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS

Imagine what it takes to run the New England Aquarium. From making sure animals are healthy to inspecting tanks and introducing new animals into the exhibits, aquarists work hard every day to make sure the Aquarium runs efficiently. (After all, the animals still need to eat on the weekends and holidays.) Now it's your turn to get a sneak peek into the life behind the glass.

- Tours last between 30 and 45 minutes.
- Maximum group size is 10 people, including chaperones.
- Photos may be taken.
- The tour will focus on one of the exhibit galleries.

Please *make every attempt to arrive on time. Late arrivals of more than 10 minutes will be cancelled and no refund will be given.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank you for booking a Whale Watch at the New England Aquarium. *Voyager III* departs from the New England Aquarium’s dock, located to the left of our main building on Central Wharf. Depending on wind, waves and whales, the trip will last approximately 3.5-4 hours. **Remember:** you must check in a half hour before departure to claim your boarding passes, or your tickets may be subject to resale. A 50% non-refundable deposit is due 30 days prior to your arrival date, and the remaining balance is due the day you arrive.

Please note: Whale Watches are subject to cancellation due to weather or rough seas. Please call 617-226-2079 the morning of your visit to get the most up-to-date information regarding the status of your trip. Voyager III is a non-smoking vessel.

WHAT TO WEAR

Temperatures are generally 15 degrees cooler out on the water. You may be exposed to rapidly changing weather. It is a good idea to bring or wear:

- A waterproof poncho or raincoat and layered clothing
- Rubber soled shoes (absolutely no heels)
- Hat, gloves, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Camera

Please note: Life preservers are present on the boat, but not required to be worn throughout the trip.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

There is a galley onboard serving a variety of food and drinks. You may bring your own food, but alcohol is not permitted. Please be very careful about preventing trash from going over the side of the boat!

MOTION SICKNESS

If you or anyone in your group is prone to motion sickness, you should obtain medication and take it according to the directions. Motion sickness medications are also available onboard.

GROUPS

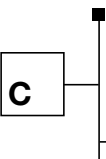
Please distribute copies of this guide to everyone before the trip. Have your entire group assemble on the plaza by the Whale Watch/Group Check-In booth while the head chaperone checks in. Chaperones must remain with their group at all times.

PARKING

BUS: Each group is allotted a 10-minute window for bus drop-off and pick-up in front of the Aquarium. Please coordinate appropriately with your driver and remember to give your driver the enclosed parking permit. Offsite parking is available. Please refer to this packet for bus parking locations.

CAR: Discounted parking is available for Aquarium members and Whale Watch passengers only at the Boston Harbor Garage.

Passengers assume all risks and responsibilities, and the New England Aquarium disclaims all liability. No refunds, cancellations or exchanges will be permitted unless the New England Aquarium cancels the trip for reasons of safety, as determined by the captain or if the Voyager III doesn't leave the dock. If the boat leaves the dock and subsequently is cancelled, a voucher for another trip within the Whale Watch season will be granted.



CONTRACT

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The New England Aquarium and Simons IMAX Theatre encourage our visitors to explore the aquatic wonders in all of our exhibits and films. Therefore, to make your visit as enjoyable and educational as possible, we ask that you review the following guidelines with your students and chaperones before you visit. Once you have done so, please sign the form and bring it with you upon your check-in.

Please note: If you do not bring this contract with you on the date of your visit, we will present one to you at the time of your check-in and ask that you read and sign it before you enter.

RESERVATION # _____

NAME OF HEAD CHAPERONE _____

The students and chaperones of _____ have read and agree to the following guidelines:

1. Groups are expected to be well behaved during their visit to the New England Aquarium and Simons IMAX Theatre. This includes: following directions, staying with assigned chaperones, respecting Aquarium property and staff, walking, not running through exhibits, and maintaining a modest level of noise. Disruptive behavior may result in your group being asked to leave the building.
2. School groups must have a minimum of a 1:10 student/chaperone ratio. Chaperones must monitor and remain with their students at all times.
3. It is important that groups arrive at their scheduled time. Arriving late could result in delayed Aquarium admission and missing a scheduled IMAX film.
4. Aquarium admission allows groups to enter and exit the main building throughout the day, whereas reserved IMAX films are a one-time entry only.
5. For the protection of our animals, we require that groups:
 - Do not bring food or drinks into the exhibit areas. Inquire upon check-in about available lunch storage.
 - Do not climb or sit on exhibits.
 - Do not tap on the glass.
 - Do not chew gum or use laser pointers inside the main building.
 - Do not wear Heelys or other shoes with wheels.
6. There is no bus parking available at the Aquarium. Please arrange for a drop-off and pick-up time with your bus driver before you arrive. Each group is allotted a 10-minute window for loading and unloading buses. Please have bus drivers use the bus permit found in your confirmation package so that we may recognize your group.
7. The New England Aquarium is not responsible for loss or damage of personal items.

By signing below, I verify that I have read the behavior contract with my group and chaperones and accept full responsibility for their actions during our visit to the New England Aquarium. I understand that my group may be asked to leave if the above contract is violated.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Failure to comply with any of these policies may result in your group being asked to leave.

