



School Program Guide



INTRO

Students from the UAE will experience a one-of-a-kind guided tour through the **largest aquarium in the Middle East!**

This journey will allow them to reconnect with **UAE's heritage** and fascinating animals from distant corners of the planet. Our virtual guide - "**Khalid**" the Pearl Diver- will join the students in their aquarium journey to introduce several zones and explain what makes each region represented unique.

During the aquarium journey, the students will get:

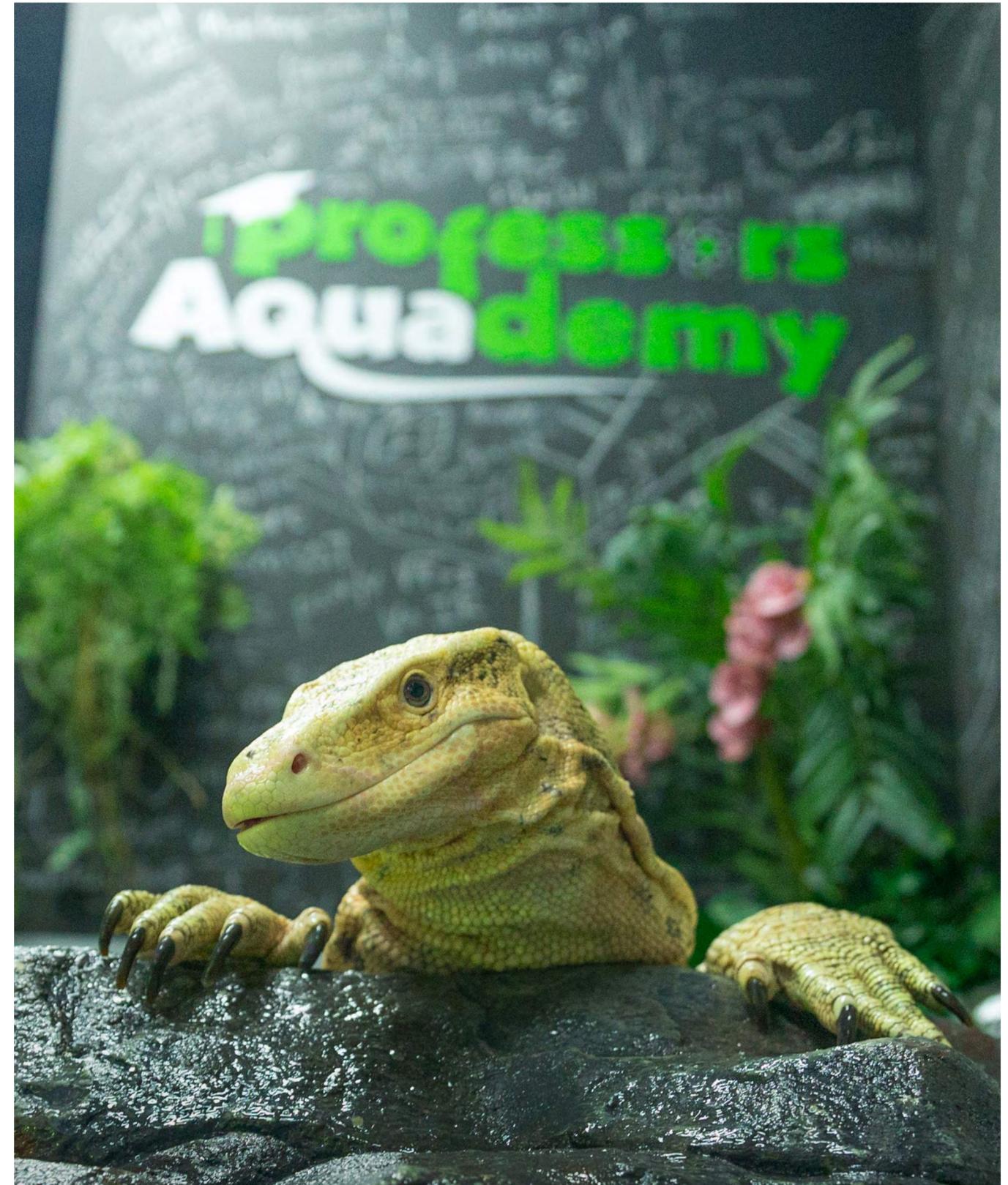
- An up-close and personal moment with creatures like "Professor" our charismatic monitor lizard.
- In-depth learning about the different habitats and the animals that inhabit them.

"Baba Dioum - In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."

An exclusive visit to our version of the protected area in Abu Dhabi; "**Bu Tinah Island**", which is also the region's largest and first UNESCO-designated marine biosphere reserve.

The adventure continues with a "**Behind the Scenes**" tour. The students will learn how human engineering is applied to ensure animals are given the best possible environment and receive specialized care.

The doors of the first marine rehabilitation facilities in the UAE - **Wildlife Rescue** - are open for students to learn about the work done in partnership with the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi, which has successfully rescued, rehabilitated, and released over **250 sea turtles** back into the wild.



EDUCATIONAL VALUE

The National Aquarium offers programs catered to achieve a large spectrum of learning outcomes in natural sciences while keeping different age groups in mind. Students from kindergarten to grade 9 have dedicated programs that come in different levels.

Advanced programs and workshops for grades 10 to 12 can be created upon request. Our learning philosophy is based on observation and experimentation, we encourage students to be actively curious and explore the natural world outside of the traditional classroom setups. We aim to provide a unique experience that will create a long-lasting impact in the mind of the newly formed global citizens.

With a unique combination of animals and technology that facilitate the learning experience, The National Aquarium is a perfect playground where young minds are encouraged to seek answers to questions they never imagined before.



THE GUIDED TOURS

Dedicated educators will take the students on a guided tour through the aquarium while delivering detailed explanations with the highlights and specifics for the animals and habitats represented. The aquarium is home to 300+ species from UAE's marine environment, the Red Sea, underwater caves, deep sea, coral reefs, kelp forests, arctic ocean, and the world's rainforests.

The tour continues through Behind the Scenes to give the students a learning opportunity about the facilities and processes that provide animals with the right environmental conditions that imitate their natural habitats. They will also visit the Animal Hospital and the Marine & Terrestrial Rehabilitation rooms where rescued animals from the Wildlife Program are hosted during their recovery period.

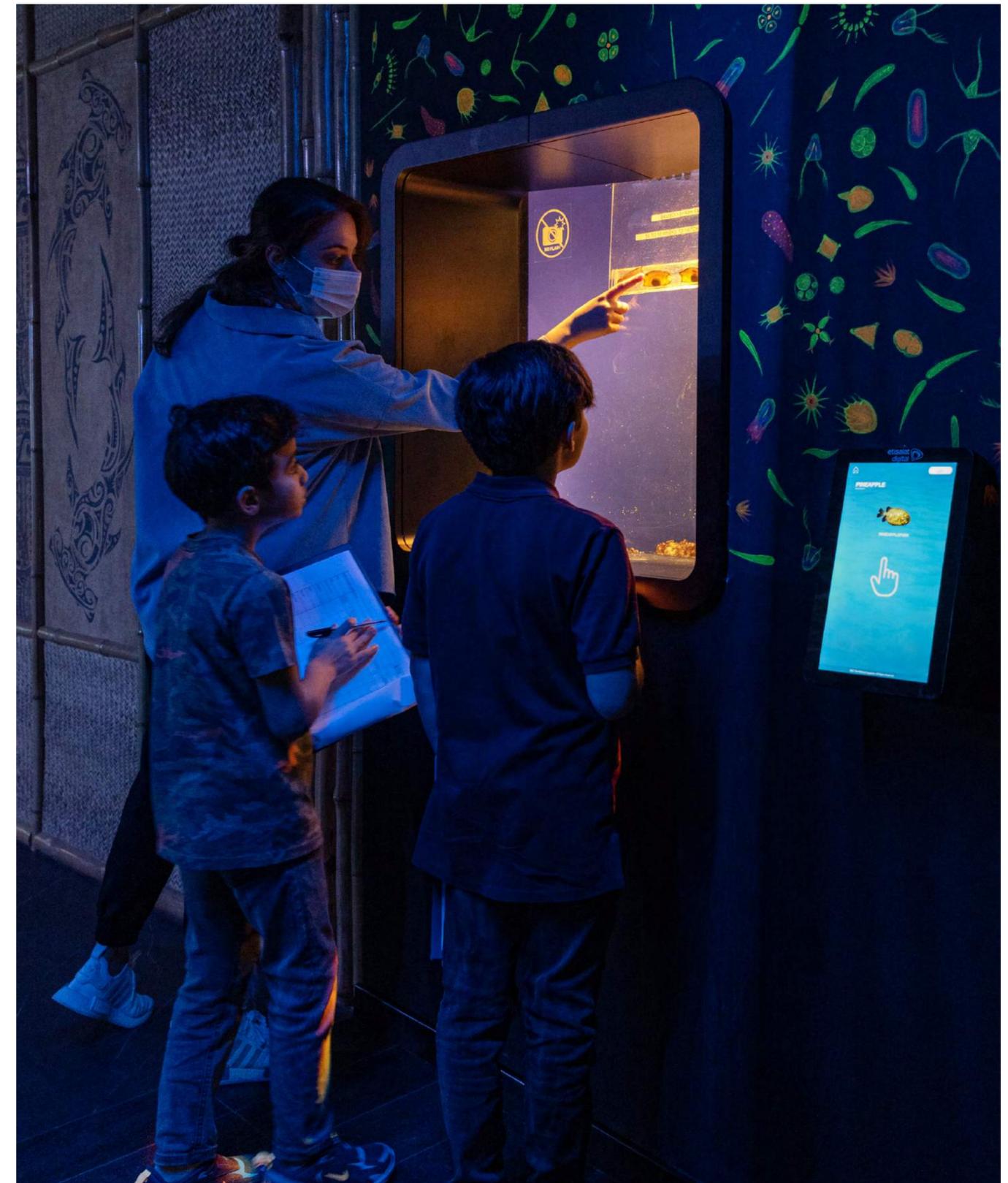
In addition, we have two classrooms equipped with interactive screens, games, and other educational tools to run activities that will further reinforce the lessons learned during the visit.

The programs run from Monday to Friday in two sessions:

Duration of guided tour: 90 minutes

- Schedule: Monday to Friday :
A - 8:30 am – 10:00 am
B - 10:15 am – 11:45 am
- Learning materials and goodies vary with the program.
- Free return tickets are given to students for their next visit. T&Cs apply.

Price per student	Minimum booking	Complimentary Teachers Ratio
*AED 45 <i>*This special rate is dedicated to the students coming in for the school field trip</i>	30 students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KG1 to 2nd Grade: 1 complimentary teacher for every 5 students. ● 3rd Grade to 12th Grade: 1 complimentary teacher for every 10 students.



MEET "PROFESSOR"

Ever had the opportunity to get up close to some of the world's most fascinating wildlife?

At The National Aquarium, we make it possible! The students will have the opportunity to meet the ambassador of the program - Professor - a charismatic monitor lizard that is a living link across various aquatic environments from the river to the coast.



OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Our school programs will focus on four different educational segments, each of them presented in three levels, with each one being more advanced than the previous.

This model will allow teachers to choose the most suitable program for their students. During the booking process, our education team will provide further guidance upon request.



GRADES 1 TO 9

PROGRAM	CONTENT FOCUS	SUITABLE GRADE LEVEL	TAKE HOME MATERIALS
AQUA EXPLORER	The program comprises a well-rounded tour through the aquarium that offers students the opportunity to discover distant ecological regions of the world and ones closer to home while learning about the animals that live in them and the ecosystems that shelter them.	Aqua Explorer 1 Grades 1-3 Aqua Explorer 2 Grades 4-6 Aqua Explorer 3 Grades 7-9	Aqua Explorer Booklet
ARABIAN NATURE	The students will visit the aquarium with a particular focus on UAE's unique key habitats and the native animals and plants. Additionally, the students will learn about the available natural resources and how they have played a role in the Emirati Culture.	Arabian Nature 1 Grades 1-3 Arabian Nature 2 Grades 4-6 Arabian Nature 3 Grades 7-9	Arabian Nature Booklet
ECO-LOGIC	The students will directly observe the application of ecological concepts that will help them develop a holistic understanding of the planet as a natural system. The program aims to plant a seed in the young minds on conservation and scientific-based solutions to achieve a sustainable future.	Eco-logic 1 Grades 1-3 Eco-logic 2 Grades 4-6 Eco-logic 3 Grades 7-9	Eco-logic Booklet
SUPER ADAPTATIONS	This program will focus on exploring the aquarium through the eyes of a biologist. With real-life examples, the students will learn about different types of adaptations that animals must have to survive in the widely diverse environments of the planet. These will include fun and remarkable examples for morphology, symbiosis, and general adaptation.	Super Adaptations 1 Grades 1-3 Super Adaptations 2 Grades 4-6 Super Adaptations 3 Grades 7-9	Super Adaptations Booklet

EARLY LEARNERS

PROGRAM	CONTENT FOCUS	SUITABLE GRADE LEVEL	SOUVENIR
Aqua Discovery	The young explorers are taken on a journey through the aquarium to get up-close and familiar with animals of distant corners of the planet! The early learners will be encouraged to discover the ocean's layers and the animals that live in each one.	KG 1 – KG2	Paper Crown
My Home UAE	Turtles have a naturally built-in navigation system that helps them always find their way back to the shores where they were born. Students get a hands-on experience in mimicking this behaviour through our classroom activity.	KG 1 – KG2	Pop-up Card
Eco-Champions	Plant the seed for future ecology scientists! The eco-champions will learn easy practical concepts that will lead to a holistic understanding of our planet and put into practice actions to achieve a sustainable future.	KG 1 – KG2	Aquarium Stickers
Shark Patrol	This program is for Shark lovers! But did you know that rays and guitarfishes are also related to sharks? Students will have an exclusive guided tour focused on one of the earth's oldest animals.	KG 1 – KG2	Shark Origami

Grade 10th to 12th

PROGRAM	CONTENT FOCUS	SUITABLE GRADE LEVEL	SOUVENIR
EXPERT-LED AQUARIUM TOUR	The students will enjoy a guided tour led by a Senior Marine Biologist that will give them insights about the species and the habitats represented in the aquarium. Students will be required to take notes and will also have the opportunity to ask advanced questions about Biology, Ecology, Chemistry and Engineering	Grades 10 - 12	Free Return Voucher (T&Cs apply)



BOOKINGS

- All bookings need to be made 1 week prior to the date of your school visit.
- Payments are to be made in the aquarium on the day of the school visit .
- Rescheduling and cancellations must be done at least 48 hours prior to the date of your school visit.

For more information or for bookings, please contact: **02 418 7731**

Monday - Friday: **8:30 AM - 5:30 PM**



YOUR SAFETY IS OUR MAIN PRIORITY

At The National Aquarium, the safety of all our guests and staff will always be a priority. Therefore, we have commissioned a mobile clinic in coordination with an Abu Dhabi local hospital to be on-site during the hours of operation seven days a week. You can be rest assured that medical assistance is available throughout your visit should it be needed in any situation.

A designated parking spot is available for school buses to load and offload students on our premises. Students will be welcomed by our team of educators in the parking lot and escorted into the aquarium building through a pedestrian overpass safe from any vehicle traffic.





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