



A walk through the New York Aquarium



Today I am going to visit the New York Aquarium.



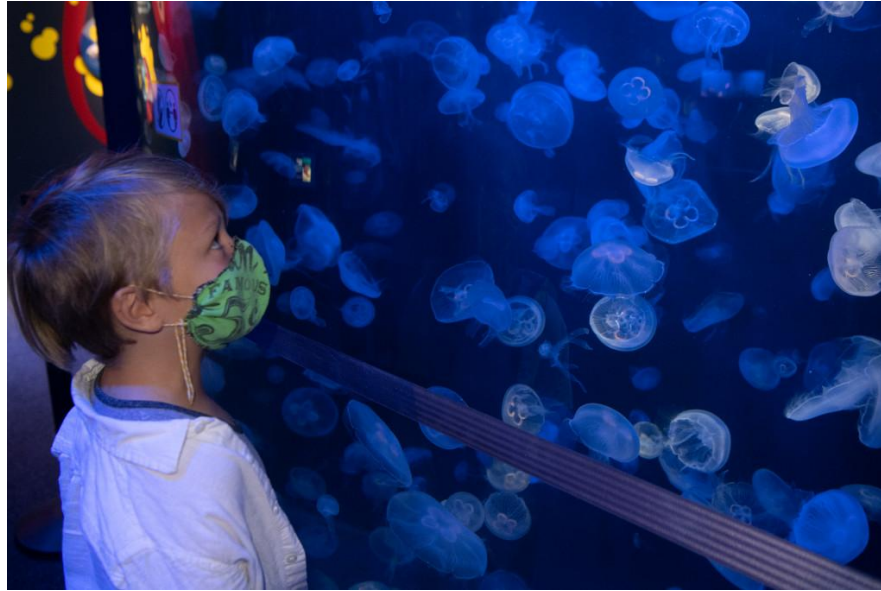
To get to the New York Aquarium, we may take a bus, subway, car, or even walk or bike!



At the entrance, we may have to wait in line before entering.
The admissions staff are very friendly. We can say “hello!”



When we arrive at the aquarium we might already have our tickets. The Admissions area at the Lobby is the place I can ask to borrow a Sensory Bag if I need it for my visit.



During the global coronavirus pandemic, if I am 3 years old or older, I must wear a mask indoors and at the Aquatheater during my Zoo visit. My mask should cover my nose and mouth. A mask helps keep me and others safe.



The aquarium has outdoor exhibits.



The aquarium has indoor exhibits.



When I first enter some buildings at the aquarium, the space may be dark. I will take my time and walk slowly to let my eyes adjust. It will be important that I stay close to my group in these spaces.



When I enter the aquarium, the first exhibit is called Conservation Hall. I will see a tank with many types of fish swimming around. This area can sometimes be busy with many guests.



When I exit Conservation Hall, I will see the Sea Cliffs exhibit outside. I may see sea lions, seals, sea otters, and penguins. Sometimes I will see an animal keeper feeding the animals here.



Past the Sea Cliffs exhibit there are picnic tables in the Plaza.
I can sit here to eat or rest if I want. There are bathrooms nearby.



If someone in my group has a stroller, we may park it in the stroller parking area while we visit the Ocean Wonders: Sharks! and Spineless exhibits.



Inside the *Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* exhibit building I can see sharks, many fish, rays, and a sea turtle.



When I enter the exhibit, the first room is dark. Then I will go through doors to the Coral Tunnel. Here I will be surrounded by fish on both sides and above me. It can be loud in here if there is a crowd. Many voices will echo. As I move forward, I can make space for others and feel less crowded.



The main room inside Ocean Wonders building is call Canyon's Edge. It is a giant ceiling-to-floor view of animals that live in the ocean habitat just off the coast of New York. There are many larger sharks to see here.



Next, I can visit the Spineless exhibit across the Plaza. This exhibit has jellyfish, crabs, anemones, cuttlefish, and other invertebrates (animals without backbones). This exhibit can also be dark.



When I leave this area, I will walk back past the Sea Cliffs exhibit on my way.



In the Aquatheater I can watch the sea lion show. The show is about 15 minutes long. I may have to wait on a line to enter. If I sit down early, I may have to be patient and wait before the show begins. Before and during the show there is music playing. The Aquatheater is outside and a show can sometimes be cancelled because of rain or bad weather.



Before I leave I might stop at the gift shop. This shop sells books, stuffed animals, pencils, t-shirts, and other items.



The aquarium also has a 4-D Theater. But I will talk to my grown-up to find out if it's a place we will go. During a 4-D movie it would be very dark and there would be a lot of loud noises, flashing lights and smells that I might not like. It is okay if we don't go to this theater today.



I'm glad we visited the New York Aquarium!
We might come back again soon.