

It's your event.
Make waves.



South Carolina
Aquarium

The Perfect Waterfront Venue



Imagine walking down the aisle with the stunning Charleston Harbor as your backdrop. Step inside to an aquatic world that awaits you and your guests. Immerse yourself in our intimate galleries and mingle with thousands of animal attendees.

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South Carolina Aquarium Special Events Office



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Aquarium Galleries and Harbor Overlook



With expansive waterfront views and an exclusive downtown Charleston location, your wedding at the South Carolina Aquarium will stand out from the others. Our versatile space can transform from an intimate setting to a grand venue, accommodating up to 200 seated guests. Celebrate among more than 5,000 animals in the Aquarium Galleries and on the adjoining outdoor Harbor Overlook. Create an unforgettable night that's all your own at the Aquarium.

Venue Rental Rates



Spring and Fall

March, April, May, September, October, November

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	\$3,500
Thursday, Sunday	\$5,000
Friday	\$6,000
Saturday	\$7,000

Summer and Winter

June, July, August, December, January, February

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	\$3,500
Thursday, Sunday	\$4,500
Friday	\$5,500
Saturday	\$6,500

Please inquire about holiday weekend rates.

Venue Inclusions and Requirements



- Venue rentals include four hours of event time during evening hours, after the Aquarium closes to the public.
- Rentals include access to the Aquarium's indoor exhibits and the outdoor Harbor Overlook.
- All rentals require a 50% reservation deposit and a \$500 refundable security deposit.
- A licensed wedding planner or coordinator is required to support your special day.
- Event liability insurance is required.

Packages and Experiences



Say “I do” with the perfect personalized experience. Add additional time the day prior and day of. Impress your guests with an up-close animal encounter, photo booth, The Shallows touch tank opportunity or an interactive diver waving congratulations from underwater.

À la carte options available.

Packages



PACKAGE A – \$900

In addition to the base venue rental, you will receive:

- 30 minutes of additional event time
- 30 minutes of rehearsal time one day prior to your wedding
- A roaming animal encounter OR a dual level Aquarium membership

Packages



PACKAGE B – \$1,400

In addition to the base venue rental, you will receive:

- 60 minutes of additional event time
- 45 minutes of rehearsal time one day prior to your wedding
- A roaming animal encounter OR a dual level Aquarium membership
- A photo booth OR The Shallows experience

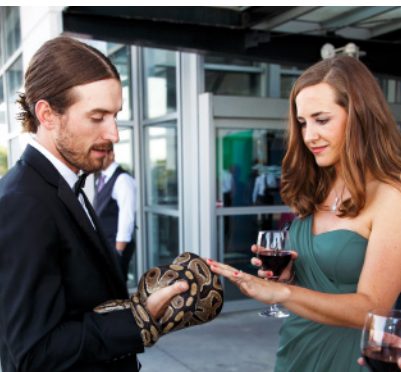
Packages



TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE – \$200

- A covered golf cart transports your guests from the parking garage to the Aquarium and back

Experiences



Roaming Animal Encounters **\$225**

A member of our education team greets your guests with special animal attendees

The Shallows Touch Tank **\$500**

Experience our outdoor exhibit featuring stingrays in a unique touch tank



Tank Diver with Custom Sign **\$900**

A diver will wave congratulations from inside the Great Ocean Tank or Carolina Seas exhibit
Restrictions may apply.



Celebrate Your Nuptials with a Named Legacy Fish



Leave a lasting impression on the Aquarium landscape and celebrate your marriage for years to come with the purchase of a legacy fish. With a gift starting at \$500, the couple's name will be beautifully and artistically displayed on a legacy fish on one of four pillars, prominently exhibited within the Aquarium's Great Hall.

Celebrate Your Nuptials with a Named Legacy Fish

\$2,500

Fish displaying couple's name favorably placed. Donors at this level will receive Watershed Society benefits for one year.



\$1,000

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\$500

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Catering



The South Carolina Aquarium has partnered with Charleston's top catering vendors, providing you with options ranging from a traditional Lowcountry boil to an elegant plated meal. When you choose to host your wedding and festivities at the Aquarium, our catering partners will ensure a flawless evening and deliver the ideal culinary accompaniment to complete your perfect day.

Catering Partners

Rosemary & Rye Catering

(843) 834-4845

rosemaryandryecatering.com

Cru Catering

(843) 534-2433

cru catering.com

Duval Catering & Event Design

(843) 763-9222

duvallevents.com

Hamby Catering & Events

(843) 571-3103

hambycatering.com

Salthouse Catering

(843) 577-7847

salthousecatering.com

Bar Partner

Spike Bar Service

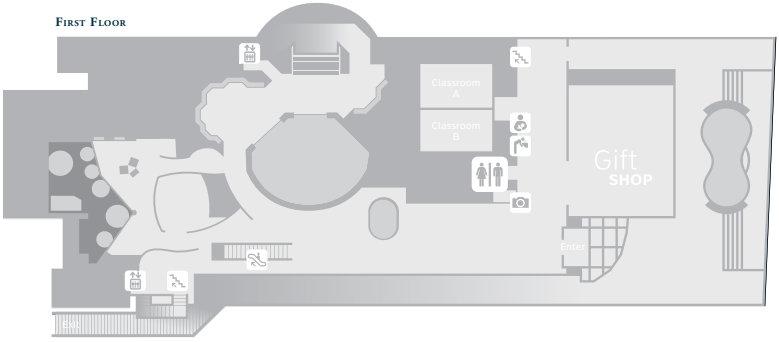
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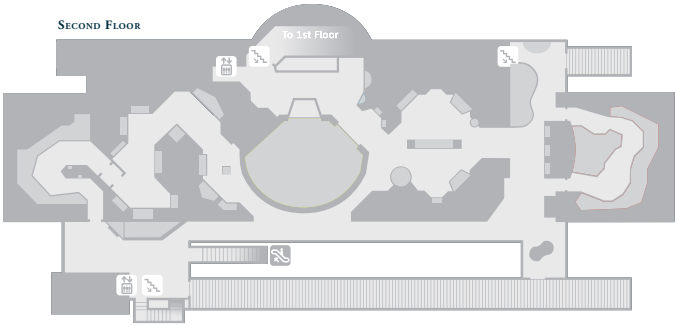
Catering partners may charge a 15% commission to support the South Carolina Aquarium, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. These proceeds enable us to further our conservation and education efforts.

Floor Plan

FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



Aquarium Galleries Specs



SPECS

Square Feet	6,985 (first floor) 6,570 (second floor)
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Ceiling Height	13 feet to 30 feet
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Seated Capacity	200
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Standing Capacity	800
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Harbor Overlook Specs



SPECS

Square Feet 1,925 square feet

Dimensions 55 feet by 35 feet

Ceremony Capacity 200

Standing Capacity 200



Rehearsal Dinners



Interested in hosting your rehearsal dinner at the Aquarium?

Rental rates and packages still apply.
Please inquire for booking details.

Small ceremony,
major waves.



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Rental Rates



Elopement –

Indoor and Outdoor Spaces for Vows and Photos
Our elopement package is perfect for the couple who truly want an intimate and private ceremony!

Number of Guests: Up to six, including the couple, officiant and photographer

Dates: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

Availability: Book up to three months in advance

Pricing: \$500 - \$1,000

No reception, food or beverage is permitted during elopements

Rental Rates



Small Ceremony –

Indoor and Outdoor Spaces for Vows and Photos
Perfect for the couple who want their closest family and friends to witness their exchange of vows!

Number of Guests: Up to 20, including the couple, officiant, photographer and acoustic musician(s)

Dates: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

Availability: Book up to three months in advance

Pricing: \$750 - \$1,500

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