

SWIMMING WITH DOLPHINS DISCLAIMER

PLEASE READ ALL THE TEXT IN THIS DOCUMENT AS A CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO THE CONDITIONS.

You will have a unique opportunity to meet at close quarters and interact within a small group, with bottlenose dolphins under the supervision of specialized professionals, while participating in sequences of aquatic behaviours. This will be an excellent opportunity to expand your knowledge about these extraordinary ambassadors of the oceans. In accordance with (CITES), the international regulating body governing the human handling of endangered species of wildlife, flora and fauna, we wish you to know exactly the content of this activity you are going to participate in, which is purely informative and which is in your interest, the marine mammals, the park's personnel and animal carers, attending the session.

CONTENT AND ITINERARY OF THE SWIMMING WITH THE DOLPHINS PROGRAMME – WHAT IS INCLUDED.

This will firstly take form of an introduction including an explanation of the Dolphin's anatomy, physiology and natural history, explained by the Animal Carer. You will learn how dolphins respond to hand signals and positive reinforcement and discover their fantastic ability to communicate over and under water. Delight in an unforgettable hands-on interaction as you are invited to glide your hand over the dolphin's soft skin. The first part of the programme takes place in shallow water; the second part is in deeper water. The appointed animal carer will observe guests at all times while in the water. The park will supply you with Lifejackets (in summer) and Wet suits (in winter) this is mandatory and these must be worn all the time during the Swim session.

It is imperative to take note that Dolphins are sea mammals and their behaviour cannot be a forced encounter but a collaborative one between it and its Animal Carer. The park, in accordance with international CITES regulations does not allow or permit fin pulling, tow rides or dragging.

You will have time to be in the water with the dolphin(s) and you will be able to use a swimming mask (provided) to watch their movement underneath the water surface whilst you are in the water.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST :

- Be at least 8 years old.
- Know how to swim.
- Be able to understand instructions clearly and move comfortably in the water in order as to ensure their enjoyment of the activity whilst safeguarding their own safety, the safety of the animals as well as that of the animal carers and other participants.
- Remove all loose items, such as earrings, necklaces, watches, bracelets, contact lenses, glasses, spectacles, still and video cameras, hair bands or any other object that may cause harm to the Dolphins.
- Be at the SWIM programme meeting point 10 minutes prior to the start of the session (delays are not refundable).
- Take a shower prior to entering the dolphinarium (ladies to remove make-up)
- Underneath the wet suit or life jackets (provided) you must wear your bathing suits.
- Fully respect and follow all instructions given to you by the animal carer and park personnel prior and during the SWIM.
- Treat all Dolphins with respect and care, avoiding any attitude or behaviour which may cause them stress or injury, keeping quiet and calm.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mediterraneo Marine Park endorses an inclusive policy and does its best to accommodate all guests visiting the park. All participants (or their parents, guardians, companions, helpers) must ensure and are responsible that their physical and mental condition does not severely limit their ability to clearly understand and follow instructions in a way that does not compromise their safety and wellbeing, that of the animals, the Animal carers or park personnel and also of fellow guests. Participants are obliged to inform the park personnel when in doubt about this.

FOR SAFETY REASONS, THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SWIM WITH THE DOLPHINS PROGRAMME:

Children under (eight) 8 years of age, pregnant women, persons with heart conditions, persons with skin disorders, persons under the influence of drugs or alcohol, persons with hydrophobia and persons whose ability to understand and follow instructions is impaired (as mentioned above).

NOTES

- You will also have time to view the photos taken purposely by our park personnel during your interaction of your swim and can purchase these from our souvenir shop.
- Mediterraneo Marine Park hereby reserves the right to use the participant's images taken during the SWIM programme with the Dolphins for Marketing and Media purpose.
- The SWIM price includes the viewing of the park presentations of: the Sea Lions, The Parrots and the Dolphins.
- Should the management of the Mediterraneo Marine Park be obliged to terminate the swim session due to climate, technical or biological reasons, it hereby reserves the right to postpone the session or transfer this to another date. If participants are unable to attend the new date and time, he/she will be refunded.
- Mediterraneo management reserves the right at its sole discretion to terminate the swim programme should any participant fail to follow the terms and conditions described herein or behave in a manner detrimental to the animals and other guests. In this event no refunds will be given.
- No refunds are available should participants arrive late or terminate the programme sooner than completion of the session.
- If Pre-booked, cancellations are only accepted if they are notified 3(three) full days prior to the date of the SWIM programme session booked.

AGREEMENT:

By Booking through www.marineparkmalta.com, you acknowledge, agree and accept to abide by all the above and the terms and conditions published on this website.