

# Galway Atlantaquaria

Ireland's largest native species aquarium

# BEACH SAFARI INFORMATION



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## Welcome to Galway Atlantaquaria, Ireland's largest native species aquarium

Is mian le Galway Atlantaquaria léargas cuimsitheach ar an saol faoi uisce a sholáthar i dtaispeántais atá soiléir agus suimiúil, le cúnamh foirne atá eolach cuiditheach agus beoléirithe spreagúla.

Galway Atlantaquaria, National Aquarium of Ireland seeks to present a comprehensive view of the world of water through clear and interesting displays, informed helpful staff and exciting live presentations and animal interaction sessions.

This is achieved through accurately displaying aquatic life in a manner that reflects their natural habitats, providing an enjoyable and educational environment to learn about the diverse marine ecosystem of Ireland.

As Ireland's largest aquarium we strive to ensure that a visit to the aquarium is original and full of wonder for visitors of all ages.



*“Ocean literacy education informs our ethos.”*

## **What is a Beach Safari?**

A beach safari is a guided introduction to life along the seashore, including investigation of rock pools and the tidal zones. Aquarium staff will guide you through the amazing biodiversity on the beach and talk about the ecology of the sea.

## **Who is it suitable for?**

Beach safaris are suitable for all ages, they are a fun activity to participate in, and everyone from younger to older people always learns something new about life on the beach!

## **What type of animals can you find on the beach safari?**

The list is almost endless, but here is a short list; a variety of crabs, squat lobsters, devil crabs, brown crabs, hermit crabs and decorator crabs. Fish species including; flatfish, gobies, butterfish, glass eels, scorpion fish, blennies and clingfish. You will also find a number of 'sponges', mussels and clams.

## **Are there any risks that we need to be aware of when on the beach?**

Yes, all activities on the beach have a level of risk. Typically slips and falls may happen. As we are handling live animals they may bite! However, there are measures you can take to limit risk;

1. The Aquarium staff will always give a health and safety talk, please listen to the talk
2. We recommend you wear wellies or strong boots, and prepare for weather changes
3. We NEVER go too deep into the tidal zone, and we ask that the group stay together at all times
4. We will provide nets and buckets, so this can eliminate bites and scratches
5. Sand in the eyes can be stopped by wearing glasses

## **Where and when does the beach safari happen?**

Our beach safaris always happen on Grattan beach and usually take place during the summer months, although we often run a number throughout the year. Our beach safaris are advertised through our social media and website.



A small selection of the animals on the beach or tidal zone



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