About Penguins: Backstage Pass

The *Penguins: Backstage Pass* is a fun and educational 30-minute Behind the Scenes experience where guests get the opportunity to interact with penguins in an up-close and personal setting.

Led by an experienced penguin biologist, a typical visit may include a chance to touch the penguins, see them waddle, swim, shake their tails and jump in and out of their interaction pool. While there, our biologist will describe and answer any questions guests might have about these remarkable birds and their specialized care.

Guests may also catch a glimpse of penguin feeding habits as our biologists feed them their favorite foods.

These South African Birds live in a temperate environment in the "Penguin Suite" so no coats are needed.

Time - approximately 30 minutes, **two times per day at 12:30 & 2:00 p.m.**
We will buy tickets to the Florida Aquarium...

...then we will buy extra tickets for the Penguins: Backstage Pass
We will wear a sticker on our clothes that looks like this.

The sticker stays on our clothes until the penguin show is all done. Then we can take the sticker off.
After we go inside the Aquarium, we will go through these doors...

...walk down a long hall...
We will wait here until it is time to go with the group to see the penguins!

When the penguin biologist comes, we will walk outside through these doors...
This is the door to the penguins

We will wipe our feet on this wet mat to clean our shoes...

We will not take any food or drinks with us. Maybe we can have something to eat or drink later.
What’s that smell?! Penguins have a strong odor. I will be ready to smell fish and other things in the penguin area!

We will see the penguins! Careful, the floor might be very wet.
The penguins might start making noise. They are VERY loud, and sound almost like donkeys.

We can look but we can’t reach over the fence!
We might see some penguin toys in a bucket under the benches. The toys are not for us to play with, or throw, they are special toys for the penguins.
We will listen quietly to 10 minutes of talking about these special penguins.

Then we will sit on the benches.
The biologist will show us how to touch their feathers gently.

The penguin biologist will bring out penguins so we can see them closer. We will stay on the benches.
It will be OK. They will not bite. We can gently touch their feathers the way the biologist showed us before.

One or two penguins will walk around. Maybe one or two will walk near us.
Next, we will gather around the little pool to watch the penguins swim. Penguins love to eat fish and other things!

Maybe we will see them being fed today. Maybe they are not hungry today. Maybe we can see them eat lunch another day!
We can have our picture taken with a penguin after the show!

Cliff says, “Thank you for coming to visit. See you next time!”
When it is time to go, we will clean our hands carefully.
We can walk outside and go home, or we can go back to the Florida Aquarium to see more exhibits or do other activities. Bye penguins, see you next time!