

Visual story: Accessing the ‘Life in the Great Barrier Reef’ Experience

**A step-by-step visual and written
guide for visitors attending the "Life
in the Great Barrier Reef"
experience.**

What is a Visual Story?

Visual stories are simple and easy to follow. They help people get ready for new places or situations by making things more predictable.

This makes the process feel familiar and reduces anxiety and stress.

The Western Australian Maritime Museum is located at Victoria Quay in Fremantle.

The museum is open every day from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

To get there:

- There is plenty of parking outside of the Museum, if you wish to drive. This includes ACROD parking bays.
- It is an 11-minute walk from the Fremantle Train station.

The **Life in the Great Barrier Reef** experience is a ticketed event with scheduled session times.

You can purchase tickets at the museum counter or [book online from the Maritime Museum](#) before your visit. Ticket prices and session times are available on the website.

As sessions start at set times, you should arrive **15 minutes before** your booked session to allow time to check in.

Before booking, [please read the VR Health and Safety Document](#).



You can enter the museum through the revolving door. The door is large enough for wheelchairs and prams.



Or if you would prefer, to the right of the revolving door, there is an accessible door.



Once you walk into the museum, you can line up for tickets and admission. There is plenty of room for prams and wheelchairs.

The Maritime Museum is part of the Companion Card program. If you have a Companion Card, you can get free entry for your companion.



The 'Life in the Great Barrier Reef' experience runs from Saturday 27 June to Sunday 8 November.

Once you have your ticket, line up at the Temporary Exhibition Gallery. A friendly staff member or volunteer will scan your ticket before entering the exhibition.



You will walk through a dimly lit hallway to reach the viewing gallery. As you pass through, you will see coloured projections of coral reef on the floor to guide you.



You will enter a dimly lit room. Large, colourful images of the Great Barrier Reef are displayed on the walls. A museum staff member or volunteer will explain what to expect before the experience begins.



You will then enter the viewing room. You can choose any available seat. There is enough room to move through the viewing room with a wheelchair or pram.

If needed, a chair can be moved to make more space.

The staff member or volunteer will give a brief talk on what to expect and how to use the Virtual Reality (VR) headset found on your chair.



You can experience the documentary in virtual reality with a 360-degree view or watch it in 2D on

the surrounding screens. If you use the VR headset, you can remove it at any time and continue watching on the screens.

The chairs swivel, allowing you to turn and look around during the documentary while remaining seated.

The documentary runs for 35 minutes and takes you on a journey through the Great Barrier Reef.

You will see marine animals such as turtles, manta rays, sharks, whales and dolphins. You will also see colourful coral reefs and underwater habitats.

During the documentary, Traditional Owners, reef stewards and scientists share information about the Great Barrier Reef.

The documentary explains how climate change, coral bleaching and extreme weather affect the reef. It also shows the work being done to protect and restore this important environment.

Some scenes may include large marine animals, changing underwater environments and information about the impacts of climate change.



Once it has finished, leave the headset on your seat and leave through the exit.



When you have exited, there is a whole museum to explore. Or if you would like, browse through the gift shop or visit our cafe!



Thank you for visiting! See you next time!