

Mermaids, shipwrecks and water battles: SG Science Fest opens free this National Day weekend

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents enjoy FREE ENTRY to Science Centre Singapore from 8 to 10 August, with a robot hawker science show, Quby's first-ever festival appearance and scientists who turn handphones into microscopes



Singapore, 8 August 2026 – SG Science Fest 2026 officially opens today at Science Centre Singapore, bringing three days of ocean-inspired science experiences across the National Day weekend with free admission for Singaporeans and Permanent Residents.

Guests can solve a mysterious shipwreck, enjoy live science shows, cool off with outdoor waterplay, explore hands-on marine science activities and meet Quby as it celebrates its 10th anniversary.

Built around the theme of the ocean, this year's festival combines science, storytelling and play to encourage discovery while highlighting the important role science plays in understanding and protecting our natural world.

"SG Science Fest is about sparking curiosity by bringing science to life through experiences that are immersive, interactive and fun. We are especially excited to bring the public closer to

Singapore's scientific community through opportunities to meet scientists, explore new ideas and discover how science shapes our everyday lives. Together with our partners, we hope to inspire people of all ages to keep asking questions, exploring and discovering," said **Ms. Tham Mun See, Chief Executive, Science Centre Board.**

Science made possible through partnerships

SG Science Fest 2026 is made possible through the support of partners and sponsors including **Applied Materials, Singapore National Academy of Science (SNAS)** and **Yeo's**, whose contributions help make science engaging and accessible for all.

To mark SNAS' 50th anniversary, scientists from its constituent societies will host hands-on activities and talks at the *Meet a Scientist* zone, giving festival guests the opportunity to explore science alongside the scientific community. This zone will feature booths, demonstrations and daily workshops spanning regenerative medicine, marine science, physics, mathematics and clinician science disciplines.

By connecting researchers directly with the public, the programme reflects SNAS' longstanding commitment to advancing science and fostering greater public appreciation of STEM.

Together, these partnerships reflect a shared commitment to nurturing curiosity, encouraging lifelong learning and inspiring the next generation of scientists, innovators and changemakers.

Festival highlights

Shipwrecked: Uncover the Mystery



Guests examine evidence at a staged shipwreck site, using observation and scientific reasoning to work out what happened.

Robot's Bytes to Bites



A live show combines seasoned hawkers, a robot chef and dramatic science demonstrations. Shows run at The Annexe Hall 1 at 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Admission is included with festival ticket, with onsite reservations required due to limited capacity.

Meet Syrena, the Singapore Mermaid



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Using performance to illustrate science, Syrena, founder of the Singapore Mermaid School, will demonstrate the principles of buoyancy, hydrodynamics and human physiology through the art of professional mermaiding.

Splash Battle and What Time Is It, Mr. Shark?



Two outdoor water experiences run every 15 minutes from 10.15am to 4.30pm. Splash Battle pits teams against each other in a friendly water challenge, while What Time Is It, Mr Shark? gives a playground classic game an ocean-themed twist. Onsite reservations are required.

Explore Marine Science Stations

Across the Centre, activity stations are designed to showcase how ships stay afloat, investigate corrosion, discover how marine organisms colonise underwater surfaces and simulate coral restoration through interactive activities inspired by real-world marine science.



Participants can collect locally themed stickers to create a personalised acrylic keychain as a festival keepsake.

SG Science Fest Juniors at KidsSTOP™

KidsSTOP™ becomes three ocean-themed zones: Island Cove, Ocean Depths and Research Reef, covering Singapore's maritime heritage, marine biodiversity and ocean conservation. Suitable for children aged 18 months to 8 years, with parents joining in. Sessions run daily from 10am to 12pm, 12.30pm to 2.30pm and 3pm to 5pm.

Continue the adventure at the Omni-Theatre

Two immersive dome experiences are available with the S\$9 bundle ticket.

Ocean Paradise showcases the Pacific's remarkable marine ecosystems and the conservation efforts protecting ocean life.

Showtimes

- 8 August – 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm
- 9 & 10 August – 10am, 11am, 4pm and 5pm.

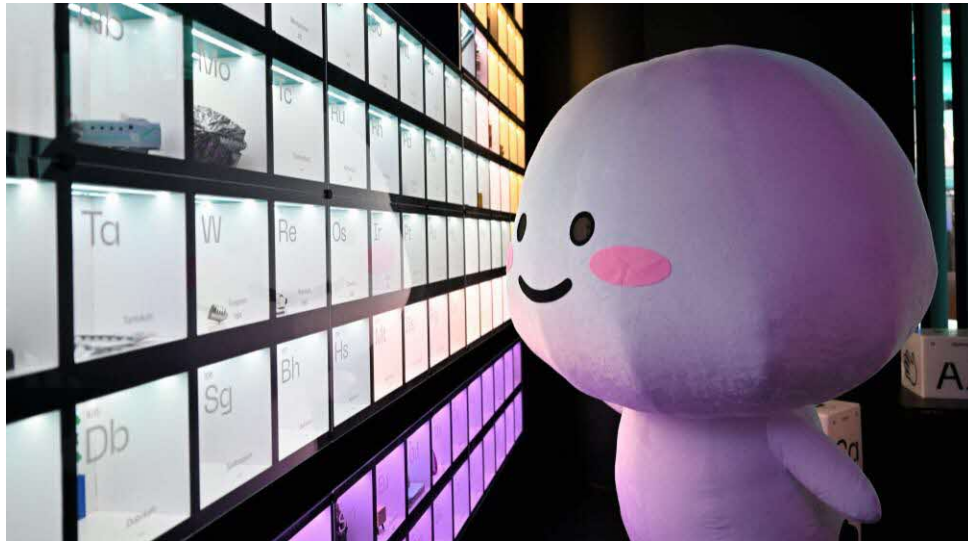


Earth: Our Only Home explores the human connection with the oceans, from early seafaring to the impacts of climate change. Selected screenings feature a live performance by 10-year-old musician Shayne Ko with narration by a Science Centre educator.

Showtimes

- 8 August – 3pm, 4pm and 5pm
- 9 & 10 August – 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.

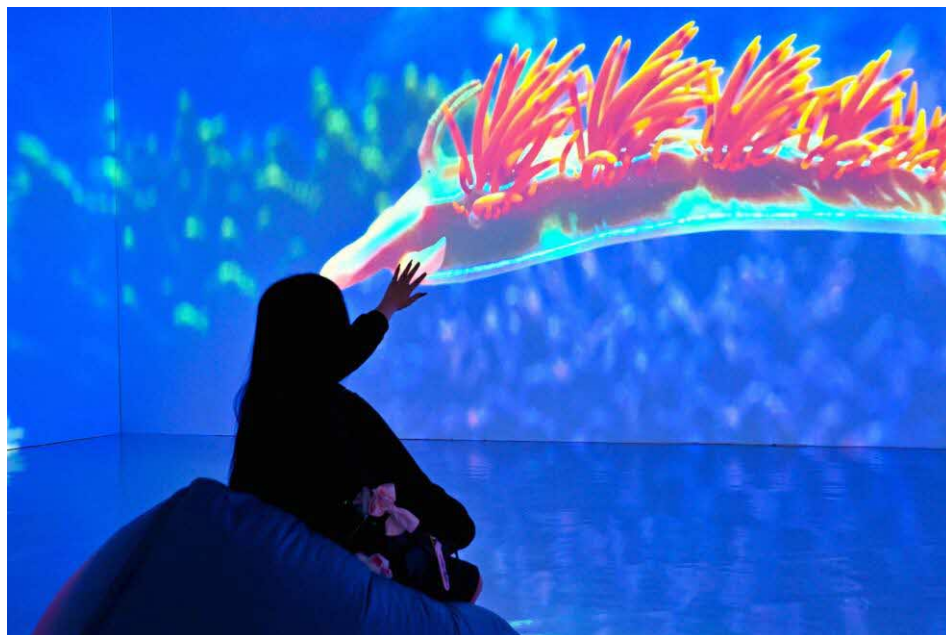
Meet Quby



The Science Centre is proud to collaborate with Quby, a lovable online character, bringing a playful dimension to innovative science communication and making science more accessible to the public.

Plan your visit

SG Science Fest 2026 runs from 8 to 10 August, 10am to 6pm daily. Admission is free for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents with special bundle tickets available for selected experiences. Standard admission rates apply for other guests.



Special bundled tickets pairing the festival with ONE Ocean exhibition are available to Singapore Citizens and PRs at just \$9, priced up to 50% off usual price, including the VR experience at ONE Ocean, subject to availability. The SG Science Fest Junior bundle at KidsSTOP™ is \$5 per adult and \$10 per child for Singapore Citizens and PRs.

Shower and changing room facilities are available on-site but those joining the Splash Battle are advised to bring a change of clothes. Public transport is highly recommended due to limited parking at the Centre. Alternative parking and a complimentary shuttle service is available at Jurong Town Hall. Find out more [here](#) and purchase your tickets [here](#).

SG Science Fest 2026 Tickets and Bundles at a Glance

	Offerings to Enjoy	Cost
Event Name	SG Science Fest 2026	Free Entry (SG/PR)
Key Highlights	Live Science Shows, Waterplay Experiences, Immersive Mystery Experience	Included in Free Admission
Kids & Family Event	<u>SG Science Fest Juniors @ KidsSTOP™ (Ages 18 months – 8 yrs)</u>	\$5 - \$23
Special Bundle 1	<u>+ Omni-Theatre shows ONE Ocean: Every Action Ripples</u>	\$12
Special Bundle 2	<u>+ ONE Ocean: Every Action Ripples (inclusive of VR experience, subject to availability)</u>	\$9

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About Science Centre Singapore

Science Centre Singapore, a non-formal educational institution and leading regional Science Centre, along with its group of attractions, brings out the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through its unique blend of exhibitions, educational programmes, and events. A role model of creativity and innovation, Science Centre Singapore has captured the evolution of scientific developments for nearly five decades.

The Centre and its partners have played a pivotal role in transforming the way students and the public interact with and learn about STEM. Since 1977, the Centre has welcomed over 30 million visitors and inspired them with more than 1,000 exhibits spread across 14 exhibition galleries and outdoor exhibition spaces.

The Centre's group of attractions include Omni-Theatre and KidsSTOP™. The Omni Theatre is an immersive dual-technology edutainment destination fitted with Southeast Asia's largest seamless dome screen featuring the latest and brightest 8K digital full-dome system in the world. KidsSTOP™ – Where every child gets to Imagine, Experience, Discover and Dream – is Singapore's first children's science centre offering an enriching experience through purposeful play for children aged 18 months to 8 years old. For more information, please visit www.science.edu.sg.