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HAVE A WHALE OF A LOVE STORY?
TELL SHEDD AQUARIUM FOR A CHANCE TO PROPOSE
AMONG THE BELUGAS

Extraordinary Experience Provides a Once-in-a-Lifetime Setting for Sweethearts to Pop the Big Question

CHICAGO – Sweethearts searching for the perfect way to pop the question around Valentine’s Day need not look further! Love is in the water at [Shedd Aquarium](#) as a new experience launches to help make your special moment unforgettable - just in time for Valentine’s Day.

Right now, one lucky couple will receive the proposal opportunity of a lifetime to experience this unique proposal setting for **FREE** with the help of NBC 5 Chicago and Shedd! Simply submit your love story to make Shedd judges swoon with your own sonnet of how you and yours met and fell in love; and why you deserve to propose in Shedd’s own version of a fairy tale among beluga tails. Love stories must be submitted by **Monday, Feb. 6**. Shedd Aquarium will select the top story and notify the winner. Visit www.sheddaquarium.org/lovestory to enter.

The winning couple will be the first to experience the rare opportunity of a Beluga Encounter Proposal Experience for two; a private poolside moment that’s perfect for popping the question. Afterward, the couple will celebrate with a private lunch, sipping champagne and sampling strawberries in a very romantic setting. The couple will also be featured on a segment on NBC 5's morning show.

Beginning **Feb. 10**, the new Beluga Encounter Proposal Experience will be available for all others! The unique encounter features a beluga experience for two, complete with a private poolside moment that is perfect for popping the question. Afterward, upgrade for a private lunch complete with champagne and strawberries to create the ultimate romantic setting.

The beluga encounter is one of the aquarium’s most exciting extraordinary experiences, inviting guests to go nose-to-nose with some of Shedd’s most charismatic (and loving!) marine mammals. Guided by a Shedd trainer, the couples will learn all about the smiling gentle giants as they wade into the waters of the Grainger Habitat. After some up-close-and-personal time with beluga whales, the couple will be given the opportunity to experience the only way to propose at Shedd Aquarium!

Professional photographers will be on-site to capture the once-in-a lifetime setting and moment – one that the couple will surely share with family and friends for years to come.

Beluga Encounter Proposal Packages are \$450 (\$400 for members) for two people, with an option to upgrade for the strawberries, champagne and private dining experience for \$50. Beluga Encounter Proposal Experiences are scheduled on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m.

To book your Beluga Encounter Proposal Package, [inquire online](#) or call 312-692-2730. For more information about Shedd Aquarium, please call 312-939-2438 or visit www.sheddaquarium.org.

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