

Ocean Wise Plastic Lab and Vancouver Aquarium Tour

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Host: Cotton Incorporated and Cotton Council International

Date: Friday, October 18

Location: West Vancouver and Vancouver, BC

COST: \$50 US

Maximum capacity: 45 attendees

Duration of tour: 6-8 hours

Pre-registration is required to attend. Sign-up in [Conference registration](#)

Description: The Texcursion begins with a visit to the [Ocean Wise's Plastics Lab](#) (normally closed to the public) where Dr. Peter Ross and the team will show how they are working with major brands (Patagonia, Arc'teryx, MEC, REI and others) to undertake a forensic cradle-to-grave analysis of microfibers in the natural environment. Learn about new research from Ocean Wise and Cotton Incorporated on microfiber shredding and biodegradability of different fiber types and garments and what happens to these microfibers in home laundry, wastewater treatment, and the ocean. Afterwards, head to the [Vancouver Aquarium](#) for a private lunch followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the aquarium. After the tour, explore other parts of aquarium at your leisure, then either walk the short distance back to your hotel, or arrange for alternative transportation. [Cotton Incorporated](#) and [Cotton Council International](#), with In Kind Sponsorship from [Ocean Wise](#), are partnering with this Texcursion to help increase awareness and facilitate understanding of textile microfiber shedding and its impact on the environment.

REVISED SCHEDULE

7:45 a.m.	Group meets in the lobby of the Vancouver Convention Center, East
8:00 a.m.	Depart via bus from the Vancouver Convention Centre, East to the Plastics Lab
8:40 a.m.	Arrive at the Plastics Lab
8:45 a.m.	Lectures and tour of the Plastics Lab
11:45 a.m.	Depart the Plastics Lab for the Vancouver Aquarium
12:15 p.m.	Arrive at the Aquarium for a private lunch
1:30 p.m.	A guided, behind-the-scenes tour of the Aquarium
2:15 p.m.	Free time for participants to explore the Aquarium*

*Guest return transportation to their hotel is on their own/no shuttle bus service

Attire: Closed toed shoes are a **must**. You will be unable to go into the lab if you have opened toed shoes.

Disclaimer:

Neither Textile Exchange nor Tour Host are responsible for the negligence of attendees. Out of courtesy for others attending, the tour will remain on schedule as per the agenda outlined by the Tour Host. No exceptions will be made for late pick-ups, early drop-offs or any variants to the schedule. It is the sole responsibility of the attendee to ensure his or her travel is planned in accordance with the guidelines indicated in this information sheet.