



# Monterey Bay Aquarium®



## Share the Wonder. Share the Love.

Get ready to be amazed. Nothing compares to the jaw-dropping experience that is the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where something new waits at every turn.

Located on historic Cannery Row on California's central coast, a visit to the world-renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium is a must for explorers of all ages. Over 200 award-winning exhibits and galleries are home to sleek sharks, adorable sea otters, mesmerizing jellies and so much more.

As a nonprofit organization, all proceeds support our exhibit, education and ocean conservation research programs. Thank you.



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[MontereyBayAquarium.org/TourOperators](https://www.MontereyBayAquarium.org/TourOperators)

## Monterey Bay Aquarium Tour Operator Information

### GENERAL INFO

We offer special admission pricing to qualified tour operators booking tour group series, ad hoc groups and FIT travel. Upon completed agreement and billing approval, we will accept your bookings at wholesale rates.

**Hours** Open daily except Christmas Day. Hours of operation vary by season. Visit [MontereyBayAquarium.org](http://MontereyBayAquarium.org) or call 831.648.4800 for daily schedules.

**Restaurant & Cafe** Onsite dining facilities serving locally sourced food items with a focus on sustainable culinary practices and elimination of single-use plastic. Email [touropsales@mbayaq.org](mailto:touropsales@mbayaq.org) for information about group dining options.

**Gift & Bookstores** Four gift and bookstores offer slightly different assortments of merchandise, art and gift items.

**Length of Visit** Self-guided tour—approximately two hours. Visitors can get a hand stamp for re-entry on the same day.

**International Visitors** Program guides translated into Chinese, Korean, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese & Spanish are available at the Welcome Kiosk.

**Marketing Aides** Brochures, images, video, press releases & other promotional materials available.

### GROUP POLICIES

**Reservations** Two weeks in advance; by email: [touropsales@mbayaq.org](mailto:touropsales@mbayaq.org) or 831.644.5620

**Payment** Cash, check or credit card upon arrival.

**Comp Policy** Tour leader and driver.

**Arrival** Groups arrive at the Group Entrance across from the Aquarium's Main Entrance. **Please call our Arrival Notification Hotline at 831.647.2350 at least 10 minutes prior to your arrival.**

**Bus Loading/Parking** A bus turnaround is available for loading and unloading. Extended bus parking is located within one block.

**Departure** Please establish beforehand when and where your group will meet at the end of the visit. Groups may board buses at the bus loading zone when the entire group is ready to board.

### FIT POLICIES

The Aquarium also accepts individual tour operator bookings with signed agreement and payment authorization. Please inquire for more details.

## Monterey Bay Aquarium Ticket Prices

For rates, contact [touropsales@mbayaq.org](mailto:touropsales@mbayaq.org)

For more information or questions about our Tour Operator Program, please contact the Travel Trade Sales Team at [touropsales@mbayaq.org](mailto:touropsales@mbayaq.org).

### HIGHLIGHTS



The Monterey Bay Aquarium overlooks the vast national marine sanctuary it explores. This jewel of California's scenic central coast showcases the diverse habitats and amazing animals of one of the world's richest marine regions—and beyond.

**Visit The Open Sea.** Meet amazing animals that make epic migrations across the Pacific. Experience a million-gallon indoor ocean, home to sharks, sea turtles, tunas and more. Live exhibits and multimedia experiences connect you with delicate jellies, seabirds and other ocean animals.

**Tentacles.** Secretive, short-lived masters of camouflage are cast in our one-of-kind special exhibition showcasing octopuses, squid and cuttlefishes.

**Visit Baja by way of Monterey.** ¡Viva Baja! Life on the Edge explores the unique community that thrives where coastal deserts meet sapphire seas. Discover the extraordinary creatures living in sun-scorched deserts, lush mangrove forests and vibrant coral reefs, and learn how we're protecting the future of this special place.

**See the Kelp Forest.** Immerse yourself in the first and largest living kelp forest created at any aquarium. It's a magical place of sunlight and sea life. The towering two-story Kelp Forest is filled with fishes, marine plants and invertebrates.

**Watch the sea otters frolic.** Our exhibit otters were all rescued as stranded pups and cannot return to the wild. You can see them above and below the water in a two-story exhibit.

**Meet our penguins.** You'll find them in Splash Zone, our family gallery. But the penguins aren't just for the younger set. They appeal to the kid in everyone.

**Cruise with our sharks.** The Monterey Bay Habitats exhibit gives you a close-up view of sevengill sharks and leopard sharks, as well as salmon, yellowtail and other fishes found in Monterey Bay.

While the animals and exhibits are center stage, other daily activities and programs add to the experience, too. Feeding shows, auditorium programs, "Discovery Carts" with interpreters on hand and a host of other activities are all part of an Aquarium visit.

**Please check [MontereyBayAquarium.org](http://MontereyBayAquarium.org) for the latest on exhibits and programs.**

