



MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

**Location:** On California’s picturesque Monterey Bay Coast, 111 miles south of San Francisco; 320 miles north of Los Angeles; 4 miles to Pebble Beach; 7 miles to Carmel.

**Hours:** Open Daily except Christmas Day. Hours of operation vary by season. Visit [www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org) or call (831)648-4888 for daily schedules.

**Group policies**

**Reservations:** 48 hours in advance; by e-mail: [groupreservations@mbayaq.org](mailto:groupreservations@mbayaq.org)  
Within the U.S. and Canada call toll free: (866)963-9645  
Outside the U.S. dial: (831)647-6886

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

**Cancellation:** No penalty

**Comp policy:** Escort and driver

**Arrival:** We ask that you call our Arrival Notification Hotline at (831)647-2350 at least 10 minutes prior to your arrival. Our Guest Ambassador staff will then be ready and waiting to greet you and your group.

**Length of Visit:** Self-guided tour - suggest approximately two hours. Visitors can have hand stamped for re-entry on same day.

**Bus Loading/ Parking:** A bus turn-around is available for loading and unloading. Extended bus parking is located within one block of the Aquarium.

**Departure:** We suggest that you establish beforehand when and where your group is to meet at the end of the visit. Groups meeting buses may load at the bus loading zone. Buses may return to the loading zone only when the entire group is ready to board.

**Meal Services:** Group lunch rates, lunch vouchers and boxed lunches to go.

**Accommodations For Foreign Visitors:** Visitor maps translated into Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese & Spanish.

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

**New in 2012 :** Visitors will once again visit the wonderful world of jellyfish -- beautiful, ethereal creatures that are mesmerizing to watch -- in a new special exhibition opening in spring.

	General Admission	General Group	Tour Operator
Adult (18-64)	Call For Rate		
Senior (65+)	Call For Rate		
Student (13-17)	Call For Rate		
Child (3-12)	Call For Rate		

Rates are valid January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

The Monterey Bay Aquarium was named the **#1 Aquarium in the U. S.** and the 3rd top rated overall family attraction in the country, according to the first-ever Zagat Survey® U.S. Family Travel Guide released in May, 2004. USA Today names Monterey Bay Aquarium one of the top 10 places to see before you're 10.

**1. Visit "The Open Sea."** Out to sea and on the go – life's in constant motion in the open ocean. Visitors will see and hear tales of epic animal migrations across the Pacific through multimedia experiences connecting you with sharks, fishes, sea turtles, marine mammals and sea birds.

**2. The Secret Lives of Seahorses.** Just one look at a seahorse and it is easy to see why they fascinate people. With a head like a horse, a snout like an armadillo, a belly pouch like a kangaroo, a prehensile tail like a monkey and the ability to change colors like a chameleon, seahorses are not your average fishes. A new, multimedia special exhibition at the nation's No. 1 family aquarium will share the intriguing stories about seahorses, seahorse relatives and their habitats, as well as the major threats they face in the wild.

**3. Visit "The Ocean's Edge."** A dramatic transformation of the Aquarium's original exhibit galleries awaits visitors when they visit the Aquarium. **"Ocean's Edge: Coastal Habitats of Monterey Bay"** reintroduces visitors to the coastal habitats of California's central coast with a walk-through wave crash, improved touch pools and other experiences that incorporate hands-on approaches and important conservation themes in engaging and exciting .

**4. See the Kelp Forest.** It's the first and largest living kelp forest at any aquarium, a magical place on a sunny day. The Kelp Forest is filled with fish, marine plants and invertebrates.

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

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

## FEEDING TIMES

Sea Otter Feeding	10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
Kelp Forest Feeding	11:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m.
Penguin Feeding	10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m.
Open Seas Feeding	11:00 a.m. (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday)

**Please note:** Check out the Aquarium's on-line only exhibits: Jellies: Living Art, and Sharks: Myth & Mystery.

The mission of the non-profit Monterey Bay Aquarium is to inspire conservation of the oceans.