

Monterey Bay Aquarium

What if you only have an hour to see the world-class Monterey Bay Aquarium?

For a quick tour, here are a few suggestions from our experts. Take 5 minutes at each exhibit, finishing at the Aquarium's Gift & Bookstore. We hope these exhibits inspire you to come back for a longer visit.



1 Sea Otters

Our playful California sea otters are a whisker away in a two-story exhibit they share with coastal marine life.



2 Tentacles

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



3 ¡Viva Baja!

Our newest special exhibition showcases the unique community of animals and habitats that thrive where Baja's coastal deserts meet the Pacific's sapphire seas.



4 Jellies

Explore the colorful and fascinating world of jellies—their surreal beauty, mesmerizing grace, amazing diversity and deadly efficiency.



5 The Open Sea

The Aquarium's largest exhibit is a place where tunas and sharks speed past and sardines swarm in huge, glittering schools across the 90-foot window.



6 African Penguins

A colony of charismatic penguins lives in the Aquarium's family-friendly Splash Zone gallery.



7 Kelp Forest

This three-story exhibit is the first and largest living kelp forest community created at any aquarium. Don't miss the leopard sharks, wolf-eels and other fishes.



8 Monterey Bay Habitats

Explore the waters of Monterey Bay, where sharks and sturgeon glide through the deep reef and flatfish nestle in the sandy sea floor.



9 Aviary

Watch our birds forage for insects and other tasty treats in our aviary, just as they would in the wild.



10 Touch Pools

Get up close to bat rays, sea stars and other ocean animals at the touch pools.

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