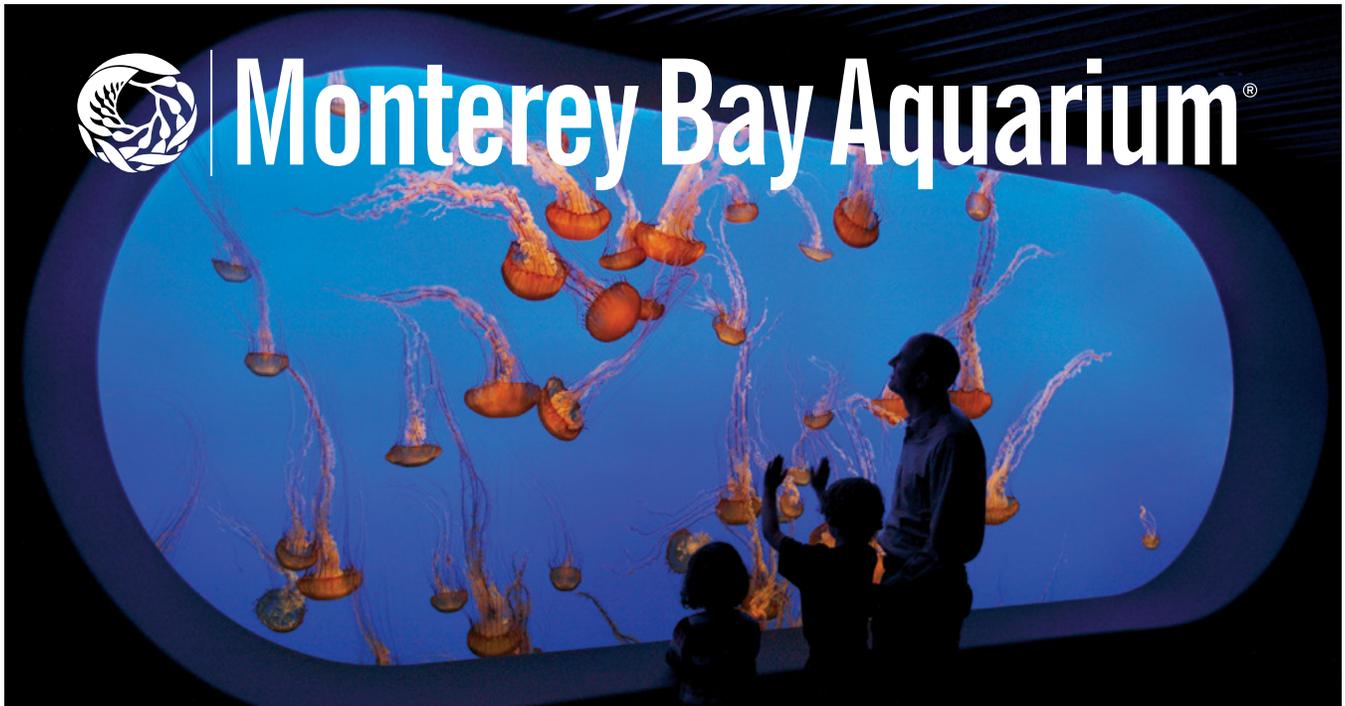




Monterey Bay Aquarium®



Monterey Bay Aquarium Notable Honors

2017 *The Daily Meal* names Aquarium Executive Director Julie Packard one of "America's 50 Most Powerful People in Food" for our Seafood Watch program

2016 **American Institute of Architects** honors Aquarium with Twenty-Five Year Award

2016 **Smart Meetings** honors Aquarium as a Platinum Choice Award Winner

2015 *Travel Channel* named the Aquarium "Best in the West"

2014 *Parenting* online places the Aquarium at No. 3 of the "Best Places to Take Kids"

2014 *USA Today's* food columnist recommended Cindy's Waterfront as a "must" for visitors to the Aquarium

2014 *Lonely Planet* included the Aquarium as No. 4 of their Top 10 Must Visit Destinations for 2014

2014 **TripAdvisor® Travelers' Choice™ awards** names Monterey Bay Aquarium Best Aquarium in the World

2014 **Noyce Foundation** presents a Bright Lights Community Engagement Award to Watsonville Area Teens Conserving Habitats program

2013 **American Zoo and Aquarium Association** awards its Significant Achievement Award to our Sea Otter Research and Conservation program

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2012 *Cooking Light* awards its 25th Anniversary Food Heroes Award to Aquarium Executive Director Julie Packard for leadership in the sustainable seafood movement through our Seafood Watch program

...and many more honors dating back to our grand opening in 1984.

What people are saying about the Monterey Bay Aquarium

"Amazing exhibits, fish large and small, fantastic corals, unbelievably beautiful jellyfish, sardines going around overhead. A thrill."

— *TripAdvisor™ Travelers' Choice® awards*

"One of the most enchanting aquariums in the world."

— *Forbes Traveler*

"Not only is it one of the premier organizations fighting to save our oceans from overfishing and pollution, it is also a haven for marine life lovers eager to gaze at playful otters, undulating jellyfish, waddling penguins, respect-inducing sharks—and faithful re-creations of local underwater habitats."

— *Los Angeles Times*

"For my money, the best aquarium in America."

— *Keith Bellows, editor, National Geographic Traveler*

"...arguably the greatest aquarium in the world."

— *The Guardian (United Kingdom)*

"Monterey Bay Aquarium is the most technically sophisticated—and perhaps the most esthetically successful—public aquarium yet built."

— *Newsweek*

"...set a new bar in the art of showing off sea creatures to the public."

— *USA Today*

"Coolest aquarium in the world."

— *Bill Nye, "The Science Guy"*

"As soon as you enter the aquarium, the cathedral aura of the Kelp Forest, with sunlight streaming down from above, turns your head and pulls you over, bidding you to slow down and meditate on the majesty that lies hidden just offshore."

— *National Geographic*

"Stunning seems too meager an adjective..."

— *Dallas Morning News*

"...knock-your-socks-off marine exhibits."

— *Boston Globe*

"A superstar...a perfect balance between education and entertainment."

— *Copley News Service*

"This aquarium routinely makes history."

— *National Geographic Traveler*

"One of the world's most impressive aquariums."

— *Financial Times of London*

"Making the ordinary extraordinary is business as usual at the (Monterey Bay) aquarium."

— *Chicago Sun-Times*

"Remarkable...As I watched the schools of fish slowly circling...I began to slip into the rhythm, the silence, of life under the surface of Monterey Bay, a deep and boundless home."

— *New York Times*

"It won't get you wet, but it will make your head swim."

— *Sacramento (Calif.) Bee*

"In my mind, the Monterey Bay Aquarium is the most beautiful and the most effective aquarium in the world."

— *Dr. Carl Safina, executive director, Blue Ocean Institute*

"We dare you not to be mesmerized and enriched by this eco-conscious aquarium."

— *www.lonelyplanet.com*

"As a habitual aquarium-goer, I've seen my share of these institutions...The Monterey Bay Aquarium is, for me, the clear winner...Like all great aquariums [it] offers not just an assemblage of fish but a passionate argument that the ocean is far more intricate and alive than you ever imagined it to be."

— *Travel/Holiday*



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