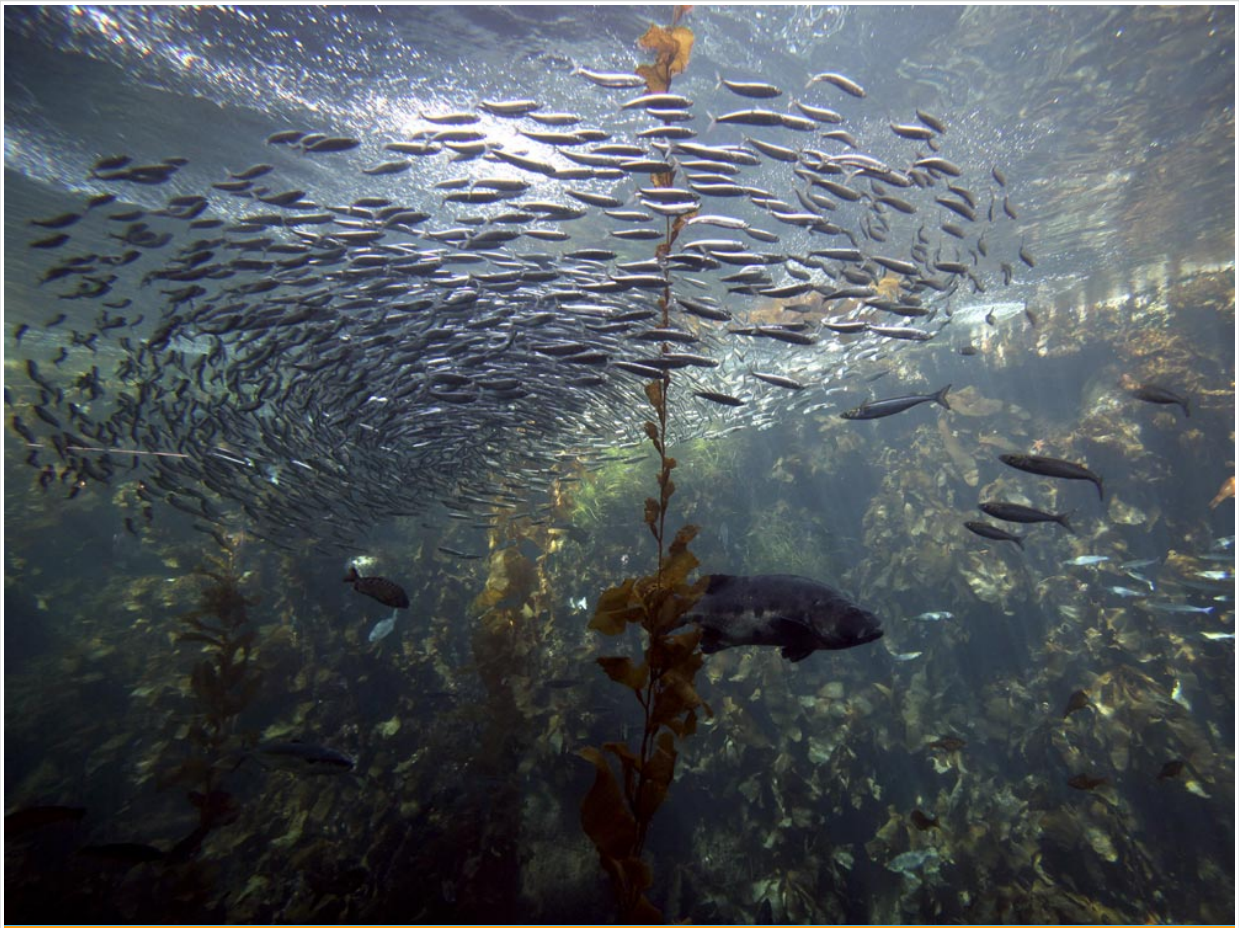


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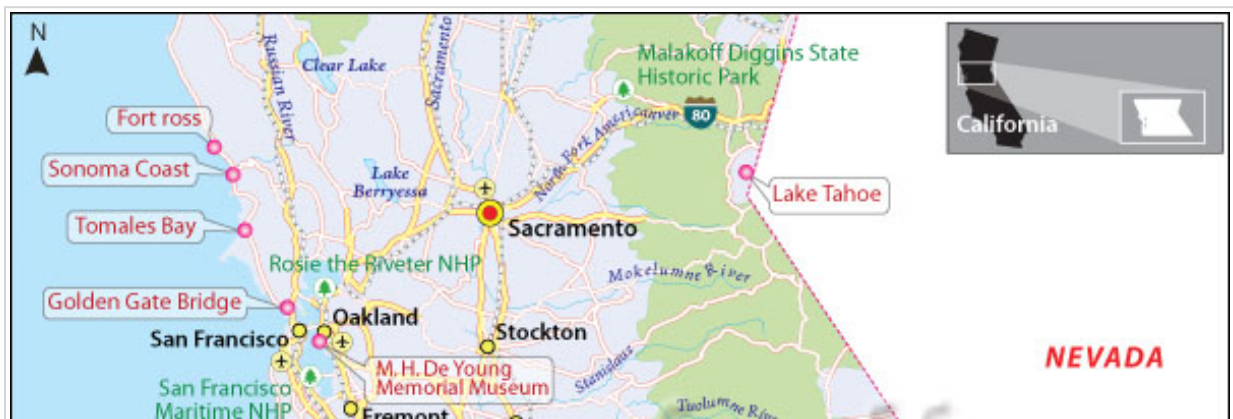


Explore the wonders of the ocean at Monterey Bay Aquarium in California

Get ready to be swayed by the moves of the ocean sunfish, as it makes waves behind its majestic tail. Examine the marvels of the yellowfin and bluefin tuna at one of the rarest aquariums in the world that houses them. The **Monterey Bay Aquarium** in California promises to be a maritime adventure of depth and ocean wonders.

Let your imagination run wild in the feet long forests of Giant Kelp, which the aquarium plants and maintains. This aquarium was the first in the world to exclusively grow real California Giant Kelp and now houses it in a 28-foot gallon tank that is replete with marine life that live in the jungles of wild kelp. It's a different kind of forest, one where animals run with fins and exhale bubbles. Chase fishes, sneak a peek from behind the giant foliage; just like hide and seek. If you are looking for a fun trip with your family or even just a first date, this is one sight you can't miss out on. This tank is the centrepiece of the Ocean's Edge Wing and visitors are able to view this from different levels of the building. The Open Sea galleries house the largest tank in the Aquarium: a 1,200,000-US-gallon tank that is also one of the few single-paned aquariums in the world. Other sea-life that you can see below as well as from above waterline includes numerous varieties of sea otters, jellyfish, sting rays, and other native species, although the jelly fish are kept in a Kreisel tank, that keeps a circular movement of water to facilitate the suspension of jelly fish. Special exhibits also house sea horses and penguins.

## Monterey Bay Aquarium Map



## Facts about Monterey Bay Aquarium

The Monterey Bay Aquarium was established in 1984 on the site of a previous sardine cannery.

The sardine cannery was dismantled in 1980. But the aquarium continues to commemorate it by blowing steam at the Hovden Cannery steam whistle at noon every day.

The aquarium has always had bad experience with sharks. The first shark was brought in September 2004 which was released after it bit two soupfin sharks in 2005. After four more sharks, the sixth one was captured in August 2011 and was released on November 2011 and died soon after.

## Where is Monterey Bay Aquarium ?

Located in Monterey at the end of west end of Cannery Row, and minutes from Carmel and Pebble Beach is Monterey Bay Aquarium. The Bay is approximately 360 miles (600 km) north of Los Angeles and 125 miles (208 km) south of San Francisco. There are a lot of parking options but the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) also provides buses to the area.

## Best time to visit Monterey Bay Aquarium

With a Mediterranean climate that consists of dry warm summers and wet mild winters, the average temperatures in Monterey range between 6°C and 21°C. Temperatures rarely go beyond 2°C.

### **Monterey Bay Aquarium Hours**

The Aquarium is open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm during summer days and till 5:00 pm on winter days. You can call (831) 648-4800 for more information.

### **Monterey Bay Aquarium Tickets**

General admission tickets are usually valid for one year from the date of purchase. Adult admission costs \$49.95 while child admission is for \$29.95. Senior and student admission tickets are priced at \$39.95. You can also opt for an Aquarium membership card.

### **More about Monterey Bay Aquarium**

**Nearby Attractions** : Cannery Row, Monterey Mirror Maze, Monterey Zoo, Museum of Monterey

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