

2019 Aquarium of the Pacific Festival Calendar

The Aquarium isn't just swimming with animals. We also have loads of fun for the whole family. See below for our upcoming events! And remember: all Aquarium festivals are included with general admission.

Saturday & Sunday, January 26-27, 2019

Festival of Human Abilities

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for its sixteenth annual Festival of Human Abilities, a celebration highlighting the creative talents and abilities of people with disabilities. The event will feature wheelchair dance, live music, sign language choirs, art demonstrations, and accessible SCUBA diving demonstrations. Participate in free classes led by people who have disabilities. Sign language interpreters will be present at all major shows, and an audio tour and a visitor guide in Braille are available for those who are blind.

Saturday & Sunday, February 23-24, 2019

African-American Festival

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific as it hosts its seventeenth annual African-American Festival, celebrating the rich diversity of African-American and African cultures. The weekend will feature live entertainment and arts and crafts. Festival performers include Mardi Gras second line dancers, hip hop and break dancers, jazz musicians, interactive drum circles, West African dancers, and storytellers.

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Divers Day

Learn all about recent advancements in diving at the Aquarium of the Pacific's eighteenth annual Divers Day. There will be educational presentations and live dive demonstrations. The Aquarium will also host several organizations that are related to the sport and science of diving. The diving community is invited to find out about volunteer diving and other opportunities for involvement with dive-related organizations in Southern California. Divers who present valid proof of certification with their photo I.D. will receive free admission.

Saturday & Sunday, March 16-17, 2019

International Children's Festival

The Aquarium of the Pacific's fourteenth annual International Children's Festival is a special festival for kids. Celebrating the amazing talents of children of numerous cultures, this festival features West African, Mexican, Pacific Islander, Cambodian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Persian, Irish, Slovak, and Czech dance performances. Enjoy performances by a children's choir and martial arts demonstrations. Kids of all ages can partake in an international percussion circle and Native American and Pacific Islander traditional children's crafts and games. The Aquarium will also honor a local youth with its annual Young Hero Award in recognition of his or her efforts to make our planet a better place.

Saturday & Sunday, March 30-31, 2019

Urban Ocean Festival

Explore and celebrate Southern California's coast during the Aquarium's tenth annual Urban Ocean Festival. The event will include art exhibitions, a fashion show and contest for designs using recycled materials, mural painting, poetry readings, booths, and educational activities. There will also be Urban Ocean boat cruises exploring the local coast and port complex available during the weekend at an additional cost.

Saturday & Sunday, April 27-28, 2019

Earth Day Celebration

Learn what you can do to help our ocean planet at the Aquarium of the Pacific's nineteenth annual Earth Day Celebration. Join the Aquarium for a weekend of family fun celebrating Earth Day while learning simple, everyday tips to protect our environment. Visit booths from various Earth-friendly organizations, and participate in hands-on learning demonstrations for people of all ages.

Saturday & Sunday, May 4-5, 2019

Pacific Islander Festival

Discover the rich and diverse cultures of the Pacific Islands through traditional craft demonstrations, educational programs, and an ocean of entertainment, including music and dance performances. Watch hula, listen to Tahitian drumming, try out ancient Hawaiian games, and admire artisans as they create traditional weavings. The sixteenth annual Pacific Islander Festival will feature various cultures, including Hawaiian, Marshallese, Chamoru, Tahitian, Samoan, Tongan, Kiribati, Fijian, and Maori.

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

First Responders Day

Police officers, sheriff's deputies, firefighters, and EMS employees receive free admission on September 11. Contact your union or association to purchase discounted tickets for friends and family members before coming to the Aquarium. Active personnel should present their employee ID or professional organization membership card at the Aquarium.

Saturday & Sunday, September 21-22, 2019

Moompetam: Native American Festival

In celebration of the local Native American cultures, the Aquarium of the Pacific will host its fifteenth annual Moompetam Festival. This weekend celebration will feature traditional cultural crafts, storytelling, educational programs, live demonstrations, music, and dance celebrating the indigenous California maritime cultures, including Tongva,

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Saturday & Sunday, September 28-29, 2019

Baja Splash Cultural Festival

In celebration of National Latino Heritage Month and Mexican Independence Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific will host its eighteenth annual Baja Splash Cultural Festival featuring live entertainment, crafts, educational programs, and special activities. This Aquarium weekend festival celebrates the beauty and diversity of Latino cultures through song, dance, art and cultural displays. Mariachi music, Mexican folkloric and Aztec dance troupes, interactive mural painting, Salvadoran dance, Guatemalan performances, and other special programs are featured. Guests can also learn more about the amazing animals of Baja, Mexico, and how to help protect them.



Saturday, October 5, 2019

Southeast Asia Day

The Aquarium of the Pacific will celebrate its fifteenth annual Southeast Asia Day. The festival's program will highlight the beauty and diversity of the cultures of Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, and Indonesia. Guests will enjoy live performances, including music, dance, and cultural craft demonstrations. Children will have the opportunity to partake in arts and crafts.

Saturday & Sunday, October 26-27, 2019

Scarium of the Pacific

Discover the creatures lurking in the depths at the Aquarium of the Pacific's twentieth annual Scarium of the Pacific - a spectacular educational Halloween event for the whole family. Enjoy special Halloween programs, including the annual children's costume contest, creepy coloring contest, magic shows, underwater pumpkin carving, spooky storytelling, kooky crafts, and eerie animals in the Great Hall.

Saturday, November 2, 2019

NOAA and Our Planet Day

Find out what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) does for you, our nation, and our world at this annual event. The event will feature interactive booths where you can learn more about a variety of NOAA programs, the ocean, and weather. Learn how NOAA, a government agency, works to understand and predict changes in Earth's environment to help protect people and property and to conserve and manage coastal and marine resources.

Monday, November 11, 2019

Veterans Day

In celebration of Veterans Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific honors veterans and military personnel. These men and women are invited to enjoy the Aquarium with free admission on Veterans Day.

Saturday & Sunday, November 16-17, 2019

Autumn Festival

Delve into the arts, cuisines, cultures, and marine environments of Asia during the Aquarium of the Pacific's eighteenth annual Autumn Festival. The Autumn Festival highlights the traditions and cultures of Japan, China, Korea, and the Philippines through a weekend of learning opportunities and family entertainment celebrating the rich diversity of Asian and Asian-American cultures. The festival will feature traditional crafts, music, dance, cultural arts exhibits, and storytelling.



Saturday & Sunday, December 7-8, 2019

Holiday Treats for the Animals

In celebration of the holiday season, Santa Diver will be delivering an ocean of gifts to the Aquarium of the Pacific for its animals, including penguins, sea otters, seals, sea lions, lorikeets, and fish.

December 7-23, 2019

Aquarium Holidays

Holiday Treats for the Animals festival kicks off Aquarium Holidays, which runs December 7 through 23, featuring festive décor, a display of gingerbread houses, daily Penguin Parades at 10 a.m., shopping, snowfall in the Great Hall, a special holiday menu in Café Scuba, and daily appearances by Santa Diver and Aquarium characters in their holiday outfits. A toy drive runs daily December 7 through 23 and supports the Long Beach Fire Department Spark of Love Toy Drive. On weekends December 7 through 22, including Holiday Treats for the Animals festival, the Aquarium will have a snow play area, children's crafts, photo opportunities with Santa, and Hanukkah storytelling with opportunities to play dreidel.



For more information on any Aquarium festival, visit aquariumofpacific.org. The Aquarium is closed on Christmas Day. All programs subject to change and are weather dependent.

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