



ROUNDHOUSE AQUARIUM
TEACHING CENTER
MANAGED BY OCEANOGRAPHIC TEACHING STATIONS, INC.



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About the Roundhouse Aquarium

The **Roundhouse Aquarium** is a historical and educational landmark located in the heart of Manhattan Beach, California, and serves as a gateway to understanding and appreciating the marine life and habitats of Southern California. Managed by Oceanographic Teaching Stations, Inc. (OTS), a nonprofit dedicated to oceanic and environmental education, the aquarium inspires more than 300,000 visitors annually through immersive, hands-on experiences and science-based programs. The aquarium's renovation, made possible through a partnership with the Harrison Greenberg Foundation (HGF), the city of Manhattan Beach, and the community, ensures its legacy as a hub for environmental education and conservation.

Explore Our Exhibits

Step inside and immerse yourself in the diverse marine ecosystems of Southern California! Our exhibits feature a range of fascinating ocean life, including:

- **Tide Pool Tank:** Get hands-on and connect with tide pool creatures, including sea stars and urchins
- **Moon Jellies:** A beautiful display of these translucent animals, showcasing their graceful movement
- **Kelp Forest Exhibit:** Explore the dynamic edge of a kelp forest, where rocky terrain meets sandy shores, and discover the diverse life that thrives here

The aquarium's exhibits are designed to foster a deeper understanding of marine life while encouraging visitors to take action in protecting our oceans and coastal environments.

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Located at the end of the Manhattan Beach Pier

Phone: 310-379-8117

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Hours of Operation:

September through March

Monday-Friday: 2 PM – 5 PM

Saturday-Sunday: 10 AM – 5 PM

April through August

Monday-Friday: 2 PM – 7 PM

Saturday-Sunday: 10 AM – 7 PM





Our Impact: Inspiring Change

Through immersive hands-on programs and outreach, the Roundhouse Aquarium serves as a catalyst for change, sparking a passion for ocean protection that reaches far beyond our walls. We offer free educational programs to Title I schools, ensuring that students from underserved communities have access to ocean science and conservation education. We are committed to inspiring future generations of ocean stewards through the following initiatives:

- **On-Site Programs:** Engaging, hands-on field trips for all grade levels, where students explore marine habitats, interact with animals, and learn about human impacts on ecosystems through customizable lessons aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- **Field Trips/Outreach:** Interactive marine science and conservation education brought directly to classrooms, festivals, fairs, and public events, giving students the chance to connect with the ocean wherever they are
- **Virtual Programs:** Live, interactive K-12 virtual classes on marine science, allowing students to engage with educators and explore ocean topics from anywhere

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at the Roundhouse Aquarium is a rewarding way to contribute to ocean conservation and gain hands-on experience in marine science. Whether you're leading educational programs, helping with summer camps for children, or participating in our Service Learning Student Program, there are numerous ways to get involved. Volunteers engage with visitors of all ages, assist with exhibits, and help create memorable learning experiences while supporting our mission to inspire stewardship of the ocean.

[For more information, visit our Volunteer page.](#)

Community Events

The Roundhouse Aquarium hosts a variety of community events designed to engage and inspire people of all ages. From Earth Day celebrations and public lectures to beach clean-ups that unite volunteers in protecting our coastline, we offer exciting opportunities for community members to connect, learn, and make a difference. Join us for these fun, family-friendly events to get involved in conservation efforts and help protect our oceans. [Check out our Community Events page for more details.](#)

Support the Roundhouse Aquarium Teaching Center

As a nonprofit organization, we rely on the support of individuals like you to continue our mission of ocean education and conservation. Whether you're making a one-time donation or becoming a monthly supporter, your contribution helps us inspire more people to care for and protect the oceans.

[Click here to donate and support our work!](#)

Together, we can ensure that the Roundhouse Aquarium remains a beacon of hope for ocean conservation and a beloved landmark in the heart of Manhattan Beach.