Special Events at the Aquarium of the Pacific

The Aquarium of the Pacific’s mission is to install a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems.

The Aquarium showcases various regions of the Pacific Ocean and offers a variety of event spaces to enjoy. We offer sustainable, chef-crafted, and locally sourced menu collections. Our chef, managers, and staff are dedicated to providing you and your guests with a unique atmosphere for your event. Our commitment to quality ensures a stellar customer experience.

The desire to connect over food is universal. We create the reality.
Picnic Venues

**Veranda - Seated** holds 50 guests, reception style holds up to 100 guests. Rental fee applies.
The rooftop Veranda provides one of the best views of our city, overlooking Rainbow Harbor and the Aquatic Park lighthouse. Your guests can enjoy the space at any time of the day, for breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, or dinner. The Veranda has built-in lounge seating, dining tables, and chairs. This lounge area is perfect to celebrate birthday parties, showers, graduations, or retirement parties.

**Front Plaza -** Holds up to 300 guests.
Located in front of the Aquarium by the water fountain, this unique space offers a view of the Rainbow Harbor. We can hold events in this location any time of the day and it is ideal to hold corporate picnics or family reunions.

**Pacific Visions Plaza -** Holds up to 500 guests. Rental fee applies.
Located in front of the Aquarium, the plaza features a beautiful lawn area and an elegant Earth-friendly garden with the spectacular backdrop of the new Pacific Visions biomorphic glass building. This event space is flexible to fit your needs, whether you are planning a picnic, cocktail hour, or dinner. For evening events, the building features stunning lighting effects.

**Shark Lagoon -** Reception style holds up to 500 guests. Rental fee applies.
Immerse your guests in Shark Lagoon and host an interactive event. This exhibit features over 150 sharks, some you can touch... and some that you can’t! This expansive outdoor exhibit lets you enjoy Southern California’s weather during an intimate cocktail hour or reception-style event.

**Shoreline Aquatic Park -** Holds 300-1000 guests. Rental fee applies.
Located a few steps away from the Aquarium, the Aquatic park has a breathtaking view of downtown Long Beach along with a lighthouse!
Picnic Collections

All concepts include:

- Personalized admission ticket with access to the entire Aquarium during public operating hours
- A visit from one of the Aquarium’s costumed characters
- Picnics are scheduled for a four-hour block of time with 90 minutes of meal service.
- Lemonade and ice water stations

Urban Ocean Collection
“Summer Fair Inspired Picnic”
$53 Adults / $44 Kids 3-11

- House-made onion dip and kettle chips
- Grilled summer squash, citrus-infused quinoa salad
- Tea sandwich variety (egg salad, cucumber cream cheese, and peanut butter and orange blossom honey)
- Mini bratwurst in pretzel bun
- Raspberry chipotle chicken skewers
- Watermelon wedges
- Chocolate chip brownies dusted with confectioners’ sugar
- Choose one of our flavored lemonades (strawberry, blueberry, mango, white peach, or sangria)

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Picnic Collections

SoCal Western Collection
“Traditional BBQ”
$56 Adults / $47 Kids 3-11

- Traditional deli mustard red potato salad with celery, hard cooked eggs, and chopped scallions
- Southern style macaroni and cheese topped with crispy herbed bread crumbs
- Brown sugar baked beans
- Citrus and herb brined slow roasted bone-in chicken
- Seasoned dry rub slow roasted beef brisket with BBQ mop sauce
- Mini cornbread muffins
- Freshly baked old fashioned chocolate chip cookies
- Choose one of our flavored lemonades (strawberry, blueberry, mango, white peach, or sangria)

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Picnic Collections

The Baja Collection
“Latin Inspired”
$51 Adults / $42 Kids 3-11

- Chips and salsa
- Honey-and-lime-tossed jicama with Tajin and cayenne pepper seasoning
- Elote salad cups with chipotle aioli, Cotija cheese, and fresh cilantro
- Spanish rice
- Drunken pinto beans slowly simmered with tequila and beer
- Cheese enchiladas suiza
- Chipotle braised pulled pork carnitas with flour tortillas
- Cinnamon-and-sugar-dusted mini churro bites
- Choose one of our variety of aguas frescas (strawberry, hibiscus, mango, white peach, or sangria)

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Picnic Collections

Pan Pacific Collection
“Pacific Island Inspired”
$52 Adults / $43 Kids 3-11

- Serrano chili, papaya, and mango slaw
- Macaroni salad of ditalini pasta with celery, sweet red peppers, scallions, and sliced black olives tossed in deli mustard aioli
- Hawaiian sweet rolls
- Ginger scallion white rice with toasted black and white sesame seeds
- Citrus infused slow roasted pineapple pulled pork
- Teriyaki glazed chicken skewers
- Fresh cut market watermelon wedges and pineapple slices
- Almond cookies
- Choose one of our flavored lemonades (strawberry, hibiscus, mango, white peach, or sangria)

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Picnic Collections

Collection add-on and novelty items are priced per person, not designed as substitutions for collection packages. Please consult your sales representative for details. Items listed on collection packages are available as an add-on to your selected collection.

- Bavarian pretzels $4.00
- Churros $4.00
- Popcorn $5.00
- Novelty ice cream $4.50
- Chips and dip $4.00
- Roasted corn cobbettes $1.50
- All beef hot dogs $7.00
- Sliders (Please consult sales manager for price)
- Skewers (Please consult sales manager for price)
- Sliced brisket $10.00
- Roasted chicken legs and thighs $5.00
- Seasonal whole fruit or stone fruit $2.00
- Seasonal grilled vegetables $5.00

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Booking Guidelines

Parking
The city-owned parking structure adjacent to the Aquarium accommodates up to 1,200 cars. The parking fee is $8.00 per car and will be required for those attending a special event.

Availability
The Aquarium of the Pacific is generally available for private use seven days per week between 7:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. (specific areas have varying start times). Private events cannot be held in public areas during regular Aquarium hours (9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.). All private events are contingent upon the Aquarium’s own schedule of events and activities.

Certificate of insurance
All clients must provide the Aquarium of the Pacific with a Certificate of Insurance indicating liability coverage. The Aquarium of the Pacific must be named as “additionally insured.” If not received one (1) week prior to the event date, insurance coverage will automatically be issued for the event and the Licensee will be billed an insurance premium based on the final attendance count according to the event classification.

The following rates apply:

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Staffing
The Aquarium provides, as a part of the regular fee, custodial and facility personnel. Volunteers are available to attend the event to provide educational interpretation of the exhibits at no additional cost to you. The Aquarium of the Pacific cannot guarantee a minimum number of volunteers attending.

Catering
PREMIER is the exclusive in-house caterer for the Aquarium of the Pacific. No outside food or beverages are allowed for special events; all food and beverages will be provided by PREMIER.
Booking Guidelines

Decorating
All décor items must be flame proofed and are subject to Aquarium approval. All decorations must be free standing. No item may be leaned against any wall or affixed to the interior or exterior portions of the building in any manner. The following are prohibited at the Aquarium of the Pacific: Live fish, dried previously living animals (i.e. coral), shells, candles, pyrotechnics, balloons, confetti, rice, sand, and neon glow sticks and necklaces. Live trees or shrubs must be approved by the Aquarium of the Pacific special events staff.

Exhibit lighting
At approximately 8:30 p.m. some of the exhibits begin a slow dimming process, which is similar to the inhabitants’ natural environment.

Entertainment
Musical performances and other entertainment may take place only in certain areas of the Aquarium at approved sound levels, which will be deemed appropriate at the sole discretion of the Aquarium of the Pacific. It is important to the success of the event and to the professionalism of all parties involved that all entertainment be set up before guests arrive and that no sound equipment is faulty or substandard. Set-up cannot begin prior to 6:00 p.m. Audio-visual equipment is available for rent from the Aquarium. Audio-visual equipment from an outside vendor is subject to approval, as electrical circuits are limited in common areas of event production. All special lighting or décor fixtures are subject to approval by the Aquarium of the Pacific. Cords must be secured to the floor by runners only. Taping cords to tile floors is not allowed.

Deliveries / Removals
Delivery of props, equipment, and rental items are arranged through the Aquarium of the Pacific and must be scheduled with the Aquarium at least one (1) week prior to the event. All props, entertainment, and rentals will be admitted into the Aquarium only on the day of the event and after all day visitors have left the facility. Immediately following the event, the Licensee and/or delivery company must remove all decorations, props, equipment, and rentals.

Event enhancements
Shark Lagoon, Upper Level Galleries, Veranda, or California Terrace may be added to your event space. Audio-visual packages are also available, including our eight-screen projection system. Ask about our dive shows and available animal experiences to add to your event.

Contact us at 562.951.1663 or AOPCatering@longbeachcc.com