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AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC OFFERS WILDLIFE AND WHALE CRUISE COMBO TICKET

Embark on daily boat excursions to see whales, explore whale conservation issues, partake in hands-on learning activities, and enjoy a day at the Aquarium

- WHAT:** The public is invited to embark on an educational whale watch adventure through the Aquarium of the Pacific's Whale Watch. Whales, dolphins, and birds all make incredible journeys along our coast, ranging from a few hundred miles to many thousands. Adventurers will explore the nearby seas aboard the specialized Harbor Breeze Cruises whale-watching boat, *the Christopher*, to seek out such travelers as gray, fin, blue, and Minke whales, various dolphin species, sea lions, and a host of migratory sea birds. Aquarium experts will be on board to answer questions and to talk about gray whale conservation issues and how to help these and other marine mammals.
- The ocean adventure will include educational interpretation by an Aquarium of the Pacific marine expert as well as various hands-on learning activities for children of all ages, including Marine Mammal Biofact Discovery. On board the boat, guests will have the opportunity to learn more about whales as they explore marine mammal artifacts, such as different types of whale bones and baleen. Included in the adventure is a visit to the Aquarium of the Pacific to meet over 12,500 ocean animals and to learn more about whales through the award-winning *Whales: Voices in the Sea* kiosk exhibit and the *Whales: A Journey with Giants* film. The public can join the adventure by purchasing the Whale Combo Ticket.
- WHEN:** **Starting December 26, 2008, Departing at 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily**
(Approximately three hours in duration / boat tours will run weather permitting)
- WHERE:** **Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802**
Boat leaves out of Rainbow Harbor, adjacent to the Aquarium.
- COST:** Whale Combo Ticket: \$42.95, per adult (12+); \$28.95 per child (3-11); \$39.95 per Senior (62+); and free for children under age three / all tickets include Aquarium admission
- INFO:** **(562) 590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org**
- AQUARIUM:** The Aquarium of the Pacific is home to more than 12,500 ocean animals and explores the waters of Southern California/Baja, Northern Pacific, and the Tropical Pacific. Located on Rainbow Harbor in Long Beach, the Aquarium of the Pacific is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (except on Dec. 25 and during the weekend of the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach in April). The nonprofit Aquarium of the Pacific is dedicated to instilling a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its

inhabitants, and ecosystems.

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