

# GROUP OPTIONS

AT THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER



The Marine  
Mammal Center™

We all share a connection with marine mammals and the ocean. We hope that during your visit to our hospital for ill and injured seals and sea lions, you'll become inspired by these magnificent creatures and learn how to conserve their ocean environment. Enjoy a private guided tour or an interactive classroom program that will inspire your group to be ocean stewards.



Photo by Sandra Cannon

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Adult and family groups that have more than 10 people are welcome to visit, but we ask that you make a reservation in advance. The Marine Mammal Center is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is free, and donations are welcome. Our facility is ADA accessible. Parking is limited and carpooling is recommended. Classroom Programs take place indoors and do not include a tour; please book that separately. Tours and Self-Guided Visits occur outside with some protection from the weather.

**Please Note: This is a hospital; the number and species of patients varies from season to season. Not all animal patients are in public view.**

## RESERVATION INFORMATION FOR THE PRIVATE TOUR AND CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

Private tours and classroom programs are led by an educator through the public areas of the Center's hospital facility.

### Group Size:

- Up to 20 people, including chaperones

### Rates\* / Length:

- General Public: \$160 per group / 1 hour
- Senior Citizen: \$110 per group / 1 hour

### Days and Times Available:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and some Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:45 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.
- Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

\*All prices subject to change without notice, Rev. 1/20/2011

To make a Reservation Request or for more information please go to [MarineMammalCenter.org](http://MarineMammalCenter.org) or call 415.289.7330 or email [edu@tmcc.org](mailto:edu@tmcc.org)

To ensure availability, please make your reservation several months in advance.

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## PRIVATE TOUR

Enjoy a 'private' guided tour of our unique outdoor animal rehabilitation hospital. Our educator will answer your group's questions and share current patients' stories. View seal and sea lion patients and learn how our hospital functions. Look into key areas such as the Fish Kitchen, Chart Room, Laboratory and Post-Mortem (optional). Depending on patient care activities, you may be able to watch animal care crews in action preparing food, feeding patients and updating medical charts, and see technicians doing laboratory analyses. Touching pelts and a demonstration with rescue equipment enhance the tour by highlighting the characteristics, behavior and adaptations of our seal and sea lion patients.



## CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

### 3R's for Marine Mammals

Enter our marine science classroom and be surrounded by exciting marine mammal specimens. Learn about the tools and techniques used by veterinarians and volunteers to care for our patients - from **R**escue and **R**ehabilitation to **R**elease. Video clips of an actual rescue, animal care, feeding, surgery and a release allow you to experience aspects of our work that you do not see on a tour. Touch pelts and skulls to explore the differences between seals, sea lions and otters. Learn how human impacts on the ocean, such as trash, affect marine mammals. Our goal is that by sharing the amazing stories of our patients, your group will be more informed ocean stewards.

### Marine Mammals of California

Learn about the most common marine mammals that frequent the California coast, including seals, sea lions, sea otters and whales. Using a PowerPoint presentation, we will teach your group about the natural history and behaviors of selected marine mammals. Recent patients will be highlighted. Touch pelts, skulls and whale baleen, as well as participate in an activity that demonstrates the various sizes of marine mammals. See trash that was removed from former patients to better understand how connected our lives are to these intelligent ocean mammals.

## SELF-GUIDED VISIT

Reservations are required for a Self-Guided Visit for groups of 10 to 20 people. Although there is no charge for a Self-Guided Visit, we need to limit the overall number of people visiting the Center at one time. Please call at least two weeks in advance to reserve a one hour block of time for your group's Self-Guided Visit.

### RESERVATION INFORMATION FOR SELF-GUIDED VISIT ONLY:

#### Group size and Length:

- 10 to 20 people | Length is one hour

#### Rates:

- Although there is no charge for a Self-Guided Visit, a suggested donation of \$5 per person is appreciated.

#### Days and Times for Self-Guided Visits:

- Sunday and Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday Through Saturday: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Weekday mornings may be available if requested less than two weeks in advance.



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