

*Host
Your
Event*

BELOW THE BAY



AQUARIUM TUNNEL DINNERS • PROMS • BIRTHDAYS • WEDDINGS
COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS • CORPORATE EVENTS • MEETINGS & RETREATS
HOLIDAY PARTIES • PRODUCT LAUNCHES • TEAM BUILDING & WORKSHOPS

SAN FRANCISCO
PIER 39

The Embarcadero & Beach Street, San Francisco, CA 94133

UNIQUE VENUE FOR ANY OCCASION

Square Feet: 50,000 • Capacity: Up to 400 guests.



Located on the historic San Francisco waterfront, Aquarium of the Bay is the **ONLY Smithsonian Affiliated facility of its kind in California.**

With stunning exhibit and event space, the Aquarium's amenities can help host multifaceted events, while our impressive views and awe-inspiring wildlife have earned its place as one of the best venues of the San Francisco Bay.



EVENT IDEAS

- Birthdays
- Cocktail Receptions
- Corporate Events
- Strolling/Sit-down dinners
- Holiday Parties
- Meetings
- Product Launches
- Proms
- Team Building
- Weddings
- Workshops/Retreats



FLOORPLAN

This unique venue offers amazing spaces to fit your needs, including stunning 300 feet of tunnels home to more than 200 species of animals.

event spaces

DISCOVER THE BAY

32 Seated Dinner
40 Cocktail Reception

UNDER THE BAY

60 Seated Tunnel Dinner
70 Cocktail Reception

BAY LAB

50 Cocktail Reception

RIVER OTTERS

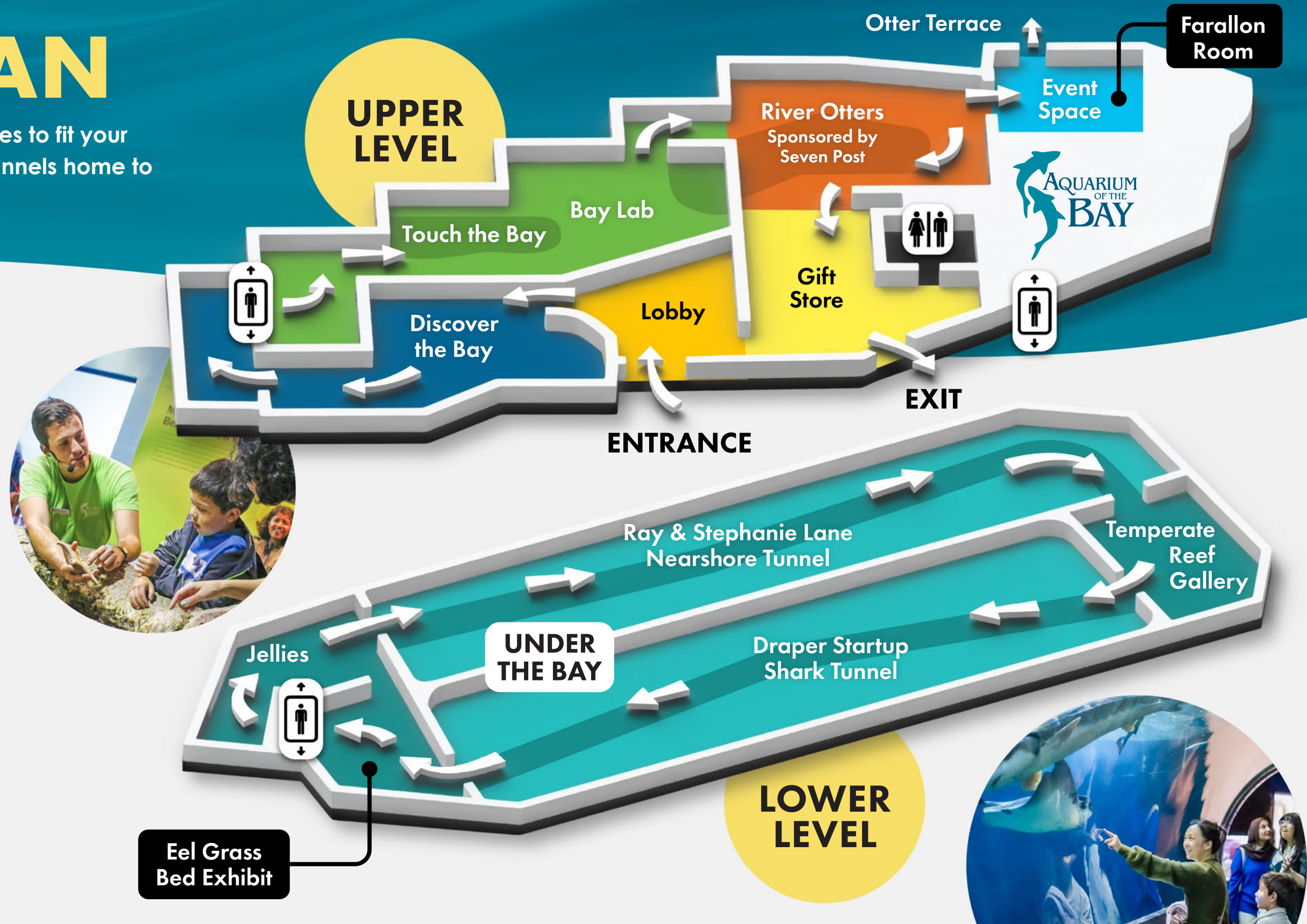
50 Cocktail Reception

FARALLON ROOM

48 Seated Dinner
60 Cocktail Reception

OTTER TERRACE

80 Seated Dinner
100 Cocktail Reception



EVENT SPACE

UNDER THE BAY

See what it's like to be fully immersed in an exciting marine world under the surface. Share a meal or enjoy a cocktail reception with friends as fish swim above and around you.

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CAPACITY

Seated..... 60 (30 per tunnel)
Standing70

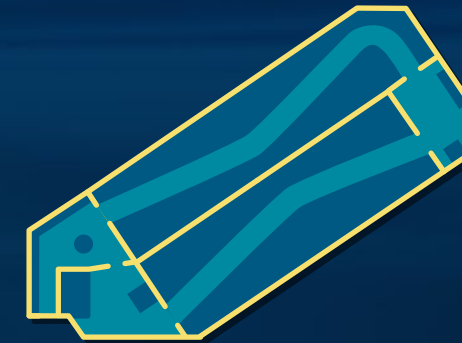
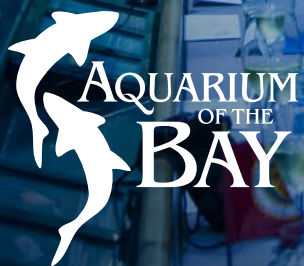


EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

Go with the Flow: Tranquil environment featuring mesmerizing jellies.

Ray & Stephanie Lane Nearshore Tunnel: Bay animals at 15-20 feet depth, such as the giant sea bass.

Draper Startup Sharks Tunnel: The Bay's deeper depths house bat rays, sturgeons, and sharks, such as the Bay's largest predator, the sevengill shark.



EVENT SPACE

RIVER OTTERS

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Meet our adorable and playful watershed ambassadors – the North American river otter in this exhibit made to mimic their natural habitat. For early risers, inquire about our Breakfast with Otter's package

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CAPACITY

Standing50



EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

This gallery houses four river otters: Shasta, who was saved from the Louisiana fur trade; Ryer, Baxter, and the youngest Tahoe.

River otters are considered a watershed ambassador as they are an indicator of a healthy water system; meaning if you see a river otter in the wild, you know that waterway is healthy.



EVENT SPACE

FARALLON ROOM

Great for any event - whether you are gathering for speeches, unveiling a new product, or simply dancing the night away, the room can be transformed into many ways to fit your event's needs.

CAPACITY

Seated.....48
Standing60

SERVICES & EQUIPMENT

- Fully equipped AV/ Media Console, Podium and projection facilities.
- Ante-room prep-space and a kitchenette.
- Tables, chairs, catering, AV support, clean-ups and security for events upon request for added services fees.



EVENT SPACE

DISCOVER THE BAY

This first space of the Aquarium doubles as a welcoming space for your guests where they can learn more about the habitats that live in the San Francisco Bay. Be sure to also keep an eye out for a replica of a great white shark.

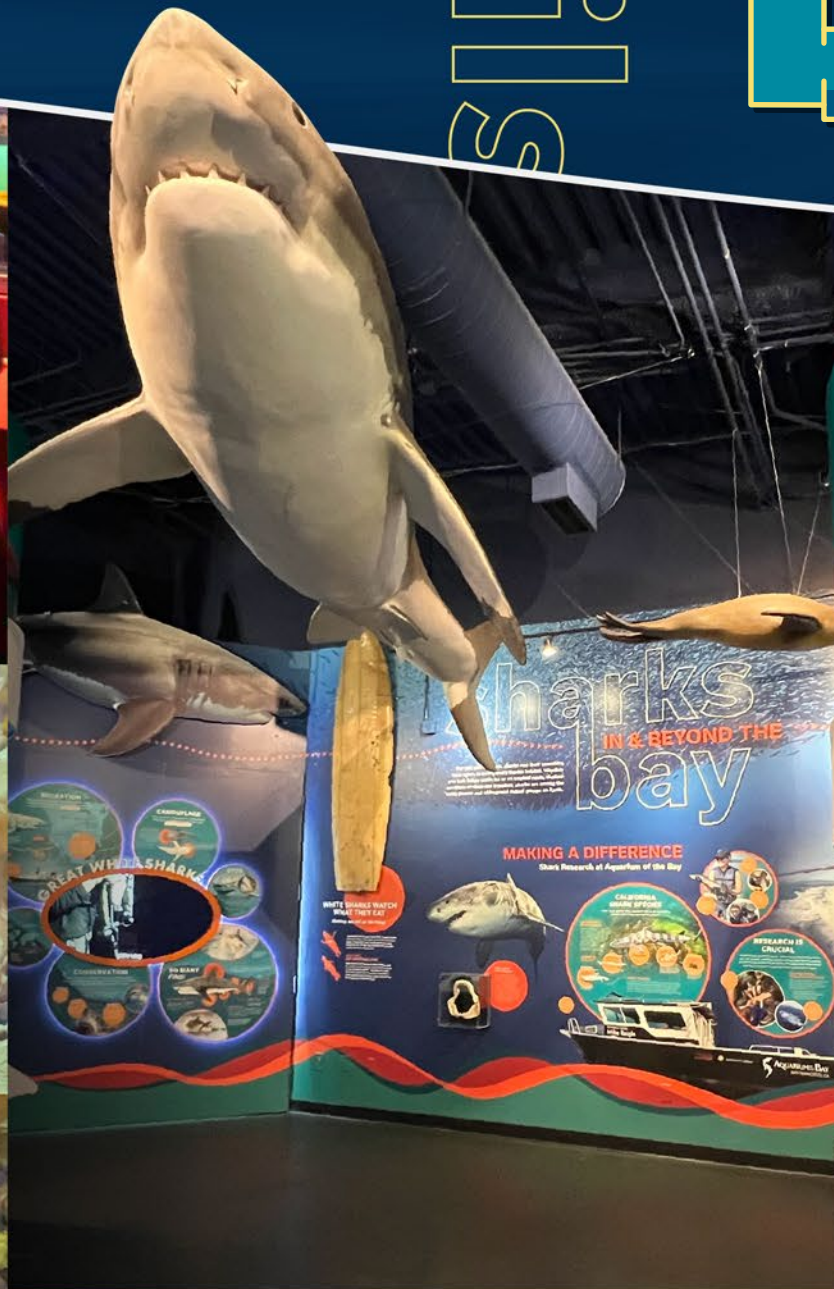
CAPACITY

Seated.....32
Standing40

EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

This gallery highlights animals that are commonly found closest to the shore and near San Francisco's docks where fish tend to be juvenile and smaller.

Find moray eels, and our school of fish and be sure to also spot a replica jaw of a megalodon—the largest shark to ever live.



EVENT SPACE

BAY LAB

Get up close and personal with bat rays and sea stars, watch a biologist give a lesson on marine biology, or learn about various land animals in the Bay Lab exhibit. The open space is perfect for large gatherings.

CAPACITY

Standing50

EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

Touchpools: Touch sea stars, sea cucumbers, a skate, and even juvenile bat rays, in the exhibit's touch pools.

Bay Lab: Land-dwelling animals serving as ambassadors for climates around the world. Through hands-on presentations and activities, the Bay Lab demonstrates the effects of climate change on these animals and their natural habitat.



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EVENT SPACE

OTTER TERRACE

Enjoy fresh air with incredible views of the Bay and the epic San Francisco skyline at the Otter Terrace. Perfect for events under the stars or a sunny daytime luncheon.

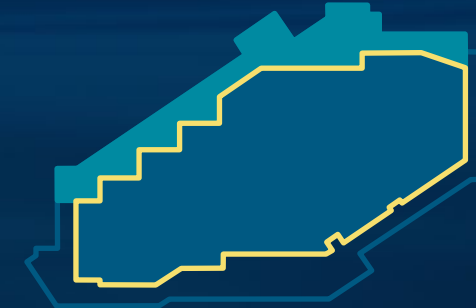
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CAPACITY

Seated.....80
Standing100

TERRACE HIGHLIGHTS

The patio on the top floor offering stunning views of San Francisco Bay, the Bay Bridge, Coit Tower, and more. A great place to watch as night descends on the bay.



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FAQ



Where are you located?

We are located next to world famous Pier 39 along the Embarcadero.

Our exact address is: The Embarcadero & Beach St., San Francisco, CA 94133

What kind of animals will I see?

There are over 24,000 animals at Aquarium of the Bay. This includes: North American river otters, giant sea bass, bat rays, sharks, our California state fish, the garibaldi and so much more throughout two floors of the building.

Where can I park?

There is a 5-story parking garage across the street from us at PIER 39. It costs \$10 per hour (weekdays), \$12 per hour (weekends and holidays). The garage is open 24/7. We do not validate parking.

Can I use my own caterer?

We have a list of preferred vendors that we work with that are sustainable businesses.

How early can I set up?

You may arrive up to 2 hours early to set up prior to your event. Please arrange with the events team when you would like to come in.

What is the earliest time we can have an evening event?

The earliest time that an evening event can start is after 6:00 pm. Caterers and vendors are more than welcome to arrive earlier than that to start setting up.

Can I bring decorations for the event?

Yes, you may bring decorations for the event. The only rules that we have is that we do not allow single use plastics such as balloons. All decorations must be reusable items or come from biodegradable sources.

How late can events last?

The latest that guests can stay in the aquarium is until 12 AM (Midnight). Caterers and vendors may stay later if needed to clean up.

Can alcohol be served at Aquarium of the Bay events?

Alcohol is permitted but requires a licensed bartender to serve it. Inquire with our events team for assistance.

Do you provide A/V equipment?

We have a variety of A/V equipment including projectors, speakers, microphones, and more. Please speak with the events team to learn more about what kind of A/V equipment you need for the event.

What happens if I need to cancel?

- Cancelled less than 21 days prior to event is subject to a 50% cancellation fee.
- Cancelled less than 14 days prior to event is subject to a 75% cancellation fee.
- Cancelled less than 7 days prior to event is subject to a 100% cancellation fee

How do I book?

We require a 50% deposit to secure your event booking. The final payment and headcount are due one (1) month prior to the event.

PLANNING MADE EASY

Whether you're envisioning an elegant dinner beneath our tunnels or a lively celebration with waterfront views, our team is here to help bring your event to life.

We offer a curated list of trusted, experienced vendors—including caterers, florists, and entertainment professionals—who know our space and how to make the most of it. From seamless coordination to creative touches, we're here to support you every step of the way.

Let us help make your planning process smooth, inspired, and stress-free.

EVENT SUPPORT:



Access to a trusted list of preferred caterers and vendors



Guidance on event layout, flow, and logistics



On-site coordination and setup support



Recommendations tailored to your event type and budget



READY TO GET STARTED?

Request our preferred vendor list or connect with our events team to start planning your unforgettable experience. Call 415.623.5326 or send an email to events@bay.org. We look forward to speaking with you!





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**START IMAGINING
YOUR EVENT TODAY**

If you are considering hosting an event at Aquarium of the Bay, get in touch with our events team to decide which unforgettable experience is best for your group's needs.

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