

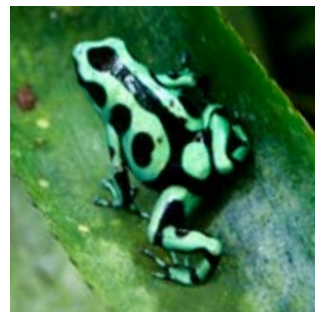
Welcome to the California Academy of Sciences, the only place on the planet where you can explore an aquarium, planetarium, and natural history museum under one living roof. Your visit supports the Academy's mission to explore, explain, and protect the natural world.



Planetarium

Entrance on Level 1

Fly to the farthest reaches of the Universe inside the world's largest all-digital planetarium. Witness the dramatic lives of stars and much more. Planetarium shows are recommended for ages 7 and over. Show passes are available at the Planetarium entrance on a first-come, first-served basis.



Andrew McCormick

Rainforests of the World

Entrance on Level 1

Step inside a living rainforest, where dripping water sets the beat for a symphony of frogs and birds. Peer into one of Borneo's bat caves, meet chameleons from Madagascar, and find free-flying butterflies in the treetops of Costa Rica. Wind up in the Flooded Amazon, where fish and turtles swim overhead.



Wendy Moore

Islands of Evolution

Level 1

Visit the remote islands of Madagascar and the Galapagos, and discover why islands function as laboratories for evolution. Examine Darwin's famous finches, learn how scientists search for new species, and put your new knowledge into practice by netting virtual insects.



Tim Griffith

Living Roof

Entrance on Level 3

Stop and smell the wildflowers during a visit to the Academy's living roof, a 2.5-acre expanse of native California plants that provides superior insulation, prevents storm water runoff, reduces the urban heat island effect, and creates a new habitat for bees, birds, butterflies, and other local wildlife.



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Extreme Mammals

Level 2

Featuring some of your most intriguing relatives, from the speedy to the sloth-like, the towering to the tiny, even the venomous and the armor-clad, this exhibit explores the often extraordinary world of extinct and living mammals. Timed entry passes are available at the exhibit entrance on Level 2.



Philippine Coral Reef

Lower Level

During your visit to the world's deepest living coral reef tank, find Nemo—and 2,000 other reef fish—darting through a brightly colored forest of coral, watch garden eels emerge from their underwater burrows, and get a whole new perspective on the most diverse aquatic ecosystem on the planet.



Ben DeCloux

Swamp

Level 1

Peer over the bronze railing of the American swamp tank if you dare—an albino alligator rules the water below. With his startling white skin, the gator may steal the lion's share of the attention, but keep an eye out for the alligator snapping turtles that share this fresh water tank.



Josh McDonald

African Hall

Level 1

Lions, cheetahs, and zebras, oh my! Take a virtual safari through Africa, and encounter dozens of the continent's most iconic animals inside intricately crafted dioramas. Don't be surprised if something moves—several dioramas feature live animals, including a colony of African penguins.

Hours

Monday-Saturday 9:30 AM–5:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM–5:00 PM

The Academy is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas. During holidays and peak seasons, the Academy may extend its hours. Check the website for details.

Shopping and Dining

The Academy Store and The Academy Cafe are open daily during standard museum hours.

The Moss Room, a full-service restaurant that features local, seasonal ingredients, serves lunch daily from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM and dinner on Wednesday through Sunday from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Academy Tours

Go behind the scenes for the ultimate Academy experience: take a guided Platinum Tour. Offered daily. Visit the ticket window or www.calacademy.org/visit/tours.

NightLife

Every Thursday night from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, visitors ages 21 and older can enjoy music, science, cocktails, and entertainment while experiencing the Academy's world-class exhibits and having fun with friends. Find details and purchase tickets at www.calacademy.org/nightlife.

Contact the Academy

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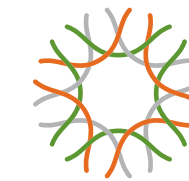
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Extreme Mammals is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (www.amnh.org), in collaboration with the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Canada; and Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

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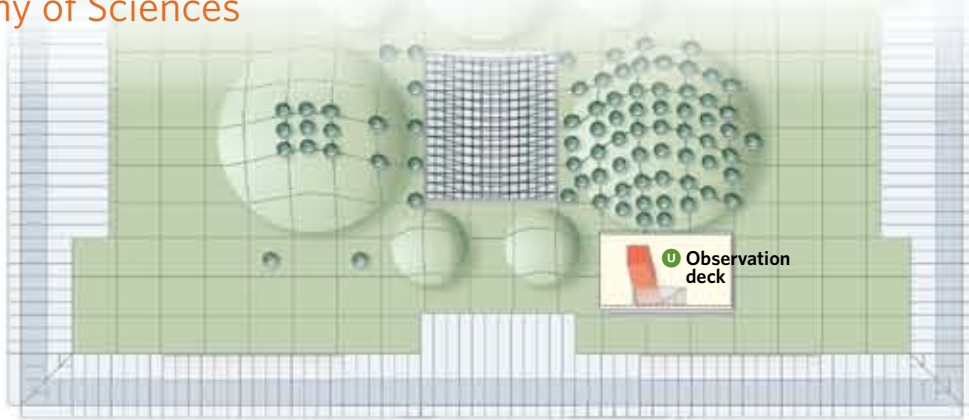
Extreme flotation!

The nautilus uses air-filled chambers within its shell to adjust its buoyancy. Discover examples of **Extreme Life** throughout the Academy.

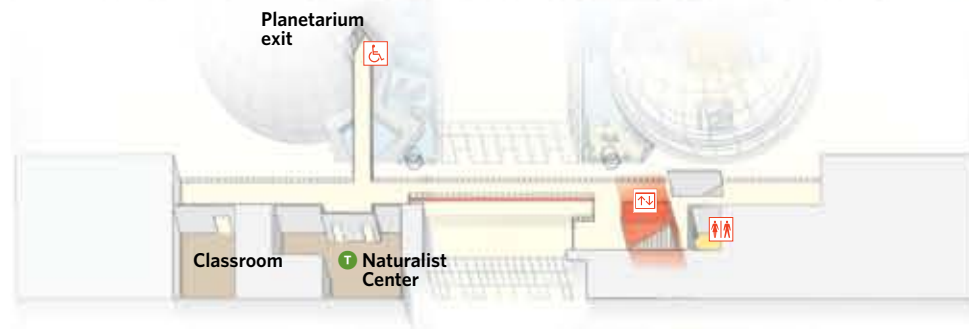


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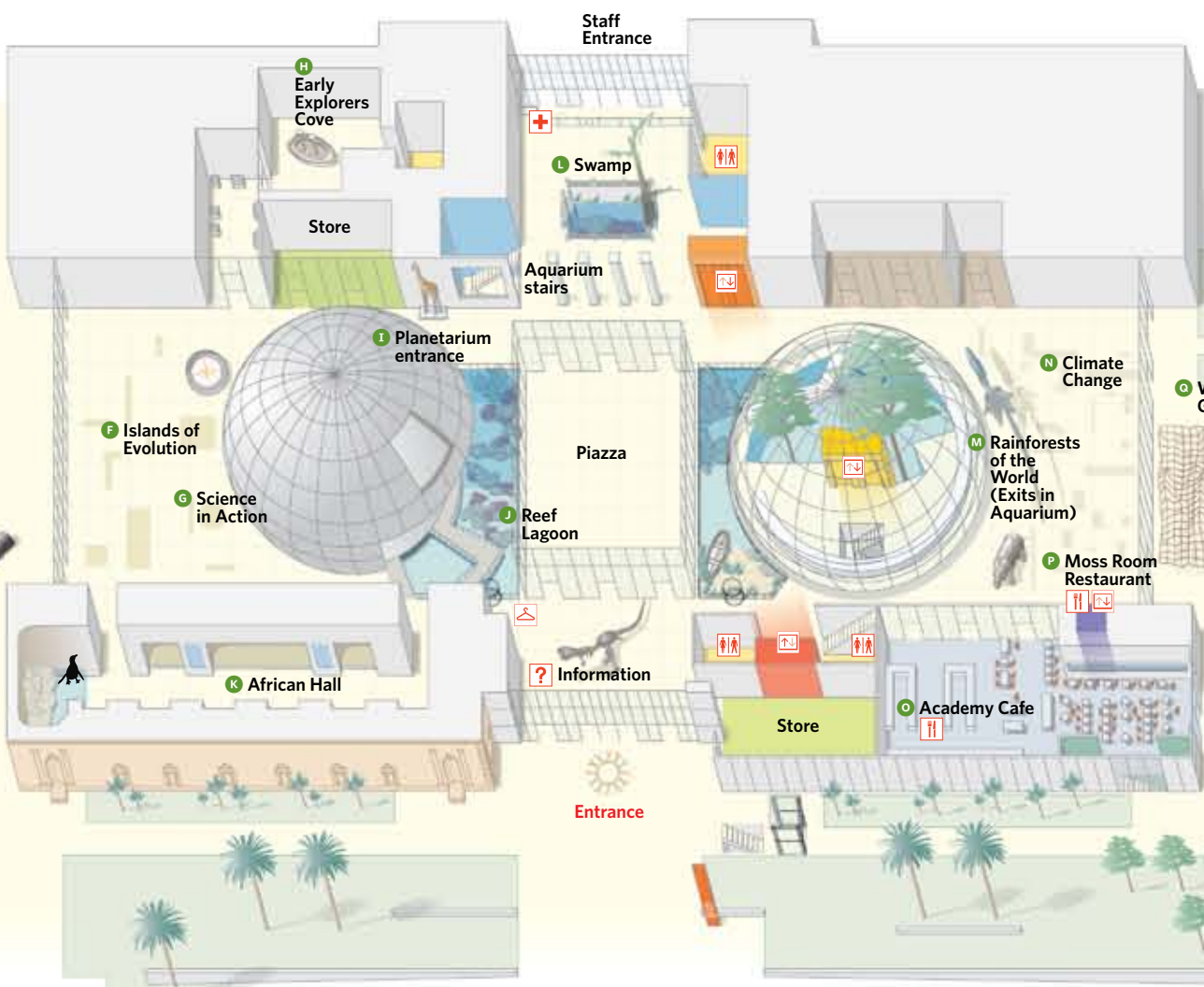


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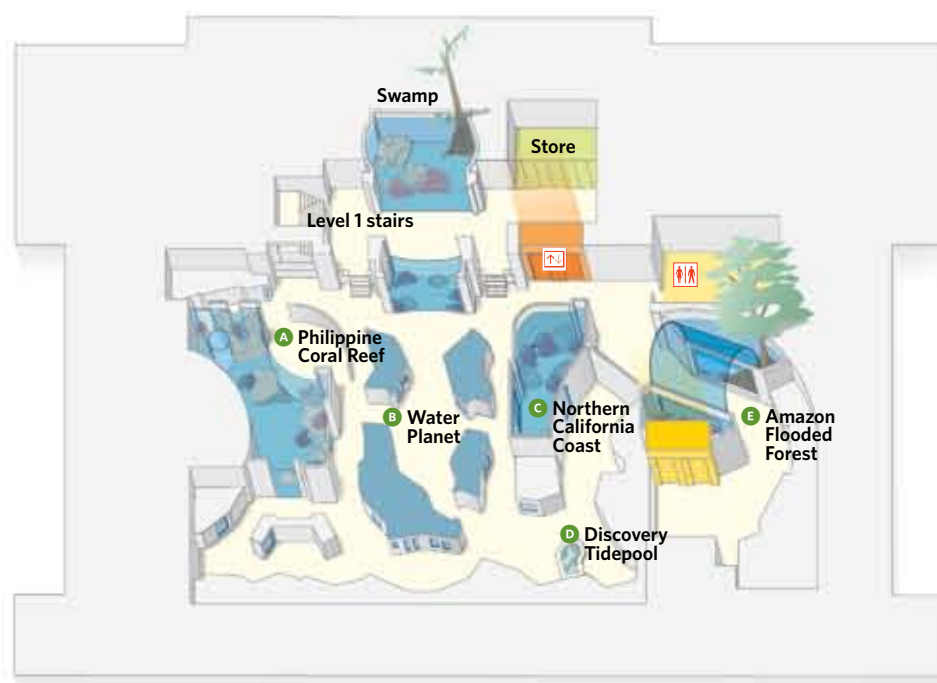
Level 2

The world's greenest museum
Designed by award-winning architect Renzo Piano, the California Academy of Sciences sets a new standard for sustainable architecture. Supported by recycled steel, insulated with recycled blue jeans, powered in part by solar panels, and topped with a living roof, the building is the epitome of energy-efficient design. Learn more by visiting the rooftop observation deck.



Level 1

All restrooms, water fountains and exhibit areas in the California Academy of Sciences are wheelchair accessible, and a limited number of wheelchairs are available upon request. Attendants are available to arrange wheelchair access to the Planetarium. For more information and additional services, please visit the Information desk in the lobby.



Lower Level (Aquarium)

Daily Programming
The Academy offers a number of presentations and demonstrations by trained naturalists to bring our exhibits and mission to life. Highlights include Penguin Feedings, Swamp Penguin Talks, and Coral Reef Dives. Check the information kiosks in the lobby for a daily schedule.

Lower Level

- A Philippine Coral Reef**
Thousands of colorful reef fish and corals populate the world's deepest living coral display.
- B Water Planet**
More than 100 tanks filled with fish, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates from habitats around the world demonstrate the necessity of water to all life on the Earth.
- C Northern California Coast**
Discover the amazing diversity of life in the waters off the California Coast, including rockfish, leopard sharks, eels and a giant sea bass.

- D Discovery Tidepool**
Touch sea stars, hermit crabs, and other residents of the rocky coast while learning all about them from Academy docents.
- E Amazon Flooded Forest**
Walk through this tunnel into the flooded Amazon Basin, where hundreds of fish cruise overhead, including catfish, arowanas, and spotted peacock bass.

Level 1

- F Islands of Evolution**
Visit the remote islands of Madagascar and the Galapagos, and discover why islands function as laboratories for evolution.
- G Science in Action**
A multimedia experience that showcases the latest science breakthroughs, featuring the work of Academy scientists.
- H Early Explorers Cove**
A special exhibit for preschoolers and their caregivers that includes nature-themed play spaces, costumes, and games.
- I Planetarium**
Fly through the Universe in the world's largest all-digital planetarium. **Pick up show passes at the Planetarium entrance.** Recommended for ages 7+.
- J Reef Lagoon**
Follow a boardwalk through a mangrove lagoon, where sharks and stingrays cruise beneath your feet.
- K African Hall**
Journey across the African continent. Several of the dioramas include live animals—don't miss the colony of African penguins at the end of the hall.
- L Swamp**
An albino alligator, alligator snapping turtles, snakes and amphibians simulate a swamp habitat of the southeastern United States.
- M Rainforests of the World**
The rainforest habitats of Borneo, Madagascar, Costa Rica and the flooded Amazon fill this 90-foot-diameter dome.
- N Climate Change**
Track the potential impacts of climate change in California and around the world, and learn what you can do to help.
- O Academy Cafe**
Run by renowned chef Charles Phan, the Academy Café offers healthy, kid-friendly, multicultural food.
- P Moss Room Restaurant**
A full-service restaurant led by chef Loretta Keller, The Moss Room serves dishes inspired by the bounty of the Bay Area.
- Q Academy Gardens**
Planted with native species, the gardens include two art installations by Maya Lin, Bufano sculptures, and tables for outdoor dining.
- R Aviary**
Home to rescued birds of prey unable to survive in the wild, including hawks, owls and vultures.

Level 2

- S Extreme Mammals**
This special exhibit explores the surprising and often extraordinary world of extinct and living mammals. **Pick up timed entry passes at the exhibit entrance.**

Level 3

- T Naturalist Center**
Learn about the natural world from the Academy's expert staff through books, interactive activities, and specimens.

Roof

- U Living Roof: Observation deck**
An observation deck provides views of the Academy's 2.5-acre expanse of native California plants.