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Oceans at Night Tickets Now Available

Birch Aquarium's new monthly event for 21+ kicks off January 26.



La Jolla, CA (December 2, 2022) — Tickets for [Oceans at Night](#) — a new, monthly 21+ event that celebrates the wonders and mysteries of the ocean after dark — are now on sale at Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego.

Oceans at Night features interactive experiences highlighting ocean phenomena that occur at night including bioluminescence and biofluorescence, while creating a fun, adults-only atmosphere with live music, a glow lounge with life-size games and nighttime dives. Glowing cocktails and food by The French Gourmet will also be available for purchase.

“We’re thrilled to be launching this new signature event, giving locals an opportunity to unwind and experience the aquarium like never before,” said Executive Director Harry Helling. “We often think of the ocean as silent, colorless and uninteresting at night. But there is a secret language of light in the deep ocean that we are just beginning to understand. I hope our guests are just as excited by the ocean at night as we are.”

Each event is designed to connect guests with the aquarium's current exhibits and the scientists who study these ocean phenomena. With the aid of specialized lighting and glasses, guests will explore the aquarium in a new light, seeing how some animals — including Crystal Jellies, Pacific Spiny Lumpsuckers, Strawberry Anemones and corals — transform in the dark.

Oceans at Night kicks off on Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Events will be held on select Thursdays throughout the year. Tickets are \$27 for members, and \$30 for the general public.

For those wanting to take a deeper dive into the event, an upgraded experience will be available. During this immersive 45-minute offering, guests will get a rare glimpse of the elaborate glowing patterns on Weedy Seadragons and see corals fluorescing in a rainbow of colors. They will also interact with a Scripps bioluminescence expert and take home a small bag of glowing ocean. The cost for the upgraded package is \$67.50 for members and \$75 for nonmembers. It includes one complimentary beverage and all of the other Oceans at Night activities.

Limited capacity is available. Advanced purchase is recommended and upgrades cannot be guaranteed at the gate. Visit aquarium.ucsd.edu for a full schedule, additional information and to buy tickets.

About Birch Aquarium at Scripps

Birch Aquarium at Scripps is the public exploration center for Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Birch Aquarium features the groundbreaking work of Scripps Oceanography and UC San Diego

scientists as well as conservation breeding programs, and interactive exhibits. Birch Aquarium's mission is to connect understanding to protecting our ocean planet, which the aquarium achieves by engaging, hands-on learning opportunities for nearly 500,000 guests as well as more than 50,000 pre-K-12 students each year. Visit aquarium.ucsd.edu for more information.

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