

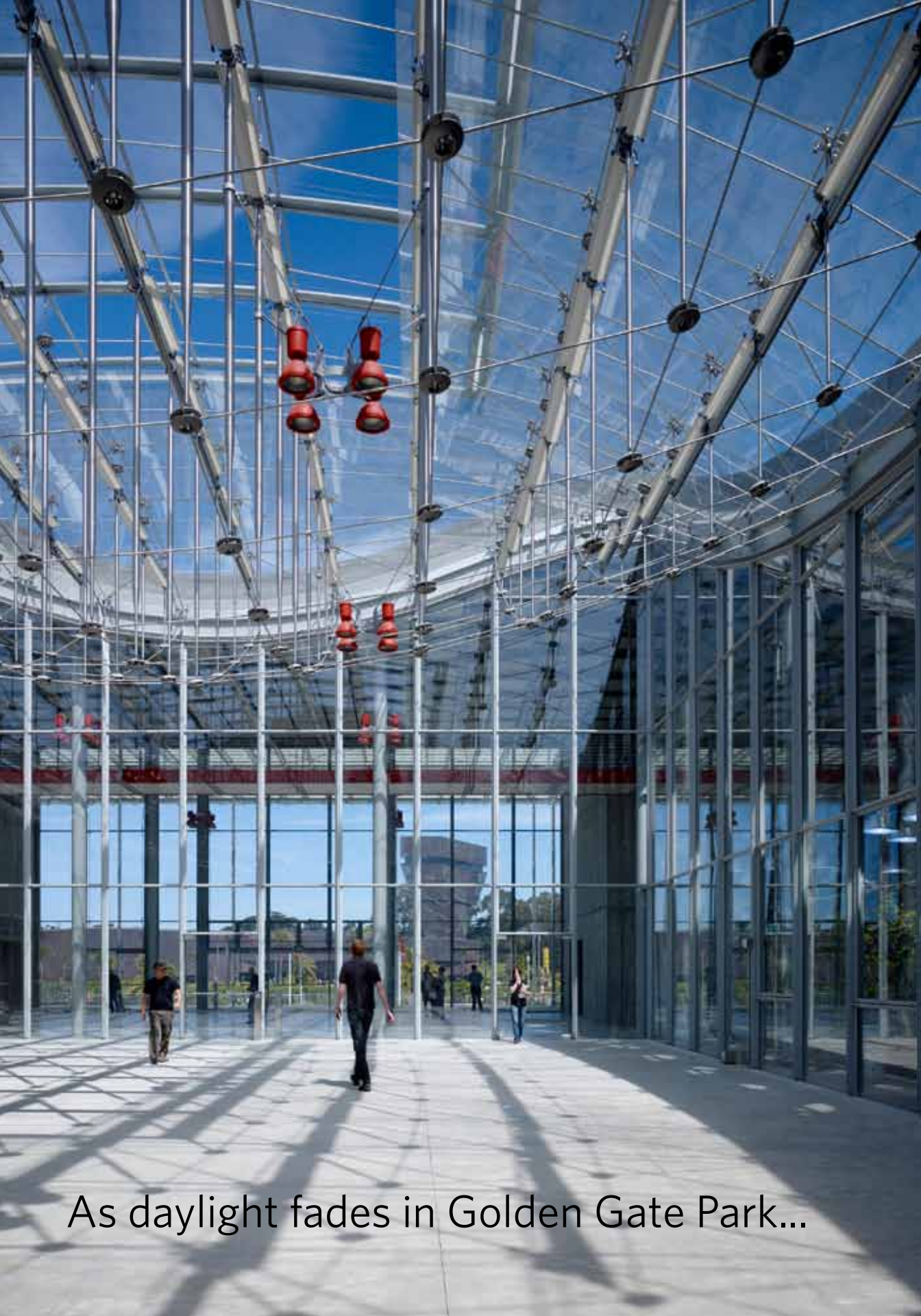
EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS UNFOLD

at the **CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**



The California Academy of Sciences is not your average venue. Home to an aquarium, planetarium, and natural history museum, it offers a universe of possibilities under one living roof. Host your event here, and you may find that the evening takes on a life of its own.





As daylight fades in Golden Gate Park...



...the evening ushers in new wonders.

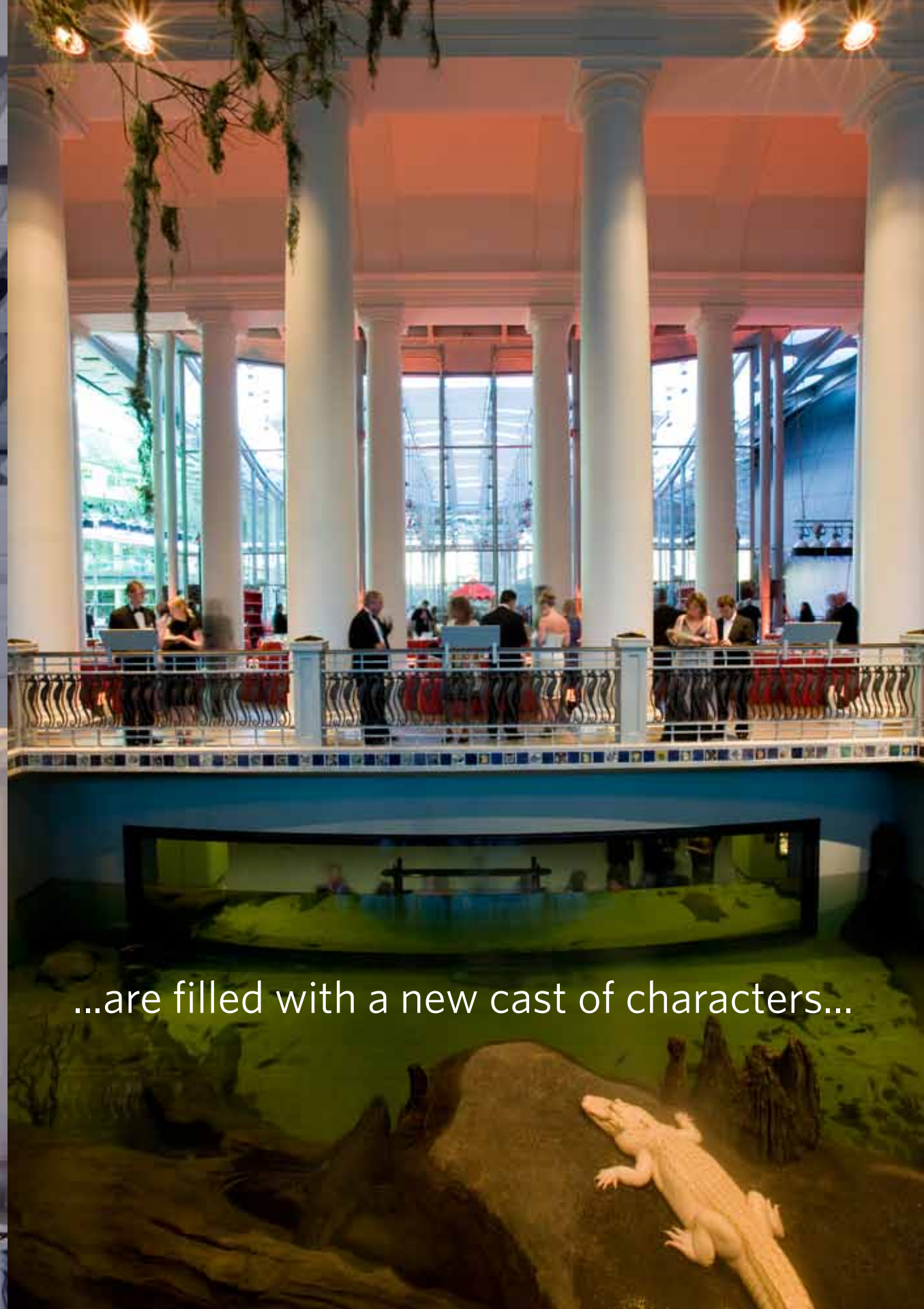


Public exhibits transform...

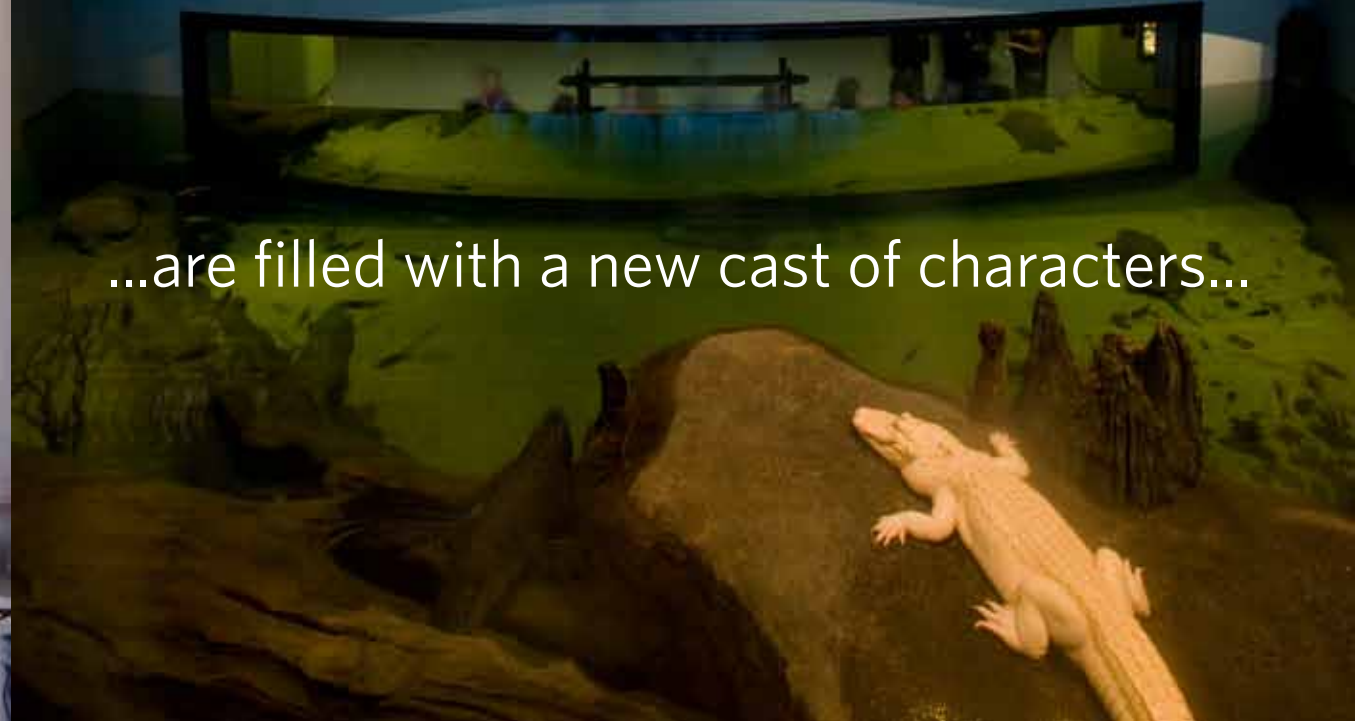
...into private retreats.



Stunning architectural spaces...



...are filled with a new cast of characters...





and the far-from-ordinary...



...becomes extraordinary.



ACADEMY EXHIBITS

Imagine dining with damselfish, mingling amidst butterflies, dancing beneath a blue whale, and—after a quick trip through the Milky Way—relaxing with a cocktail by the coral reef. At the California Academy of Sciences, finding the life of the party isn't just a metaphor—it's a daily occurrence.



Aquarium

Home to more than 38,000 live animals from around the world—including elegant moon jellies, expertly-camouflaged sea dragons, and a 165-pound giant sea bass—the aquarium offers a variety of scenic settings and countless conversation-starters.



Planetarium

Inside the world's largest all-digital planetarium, visitors can embark on a journey to the farthest reaches of the Universe—and gain an astronaut's view of our home planet. Each show is presented by an Academy expert and features the latest astronomical data and discoveries.



Natural History Museum

When your guests have the opportunity to take a virtual safari through Africa, visit the remote islands of Madagascar and the Galápagos, or catch up on the latest scientific discoveries around the globe, the world really is their oyster.



Rainforest

A symphony of croaking frogs and chirping birds welcomes visitors to this four-story living rainforest. After climbing past geckos and chameleons to meet colorful butterflies in the forest canopy, guests board a glass elevator and descend into the watery world of the flooded Amazon.

ACADEMY EXPERIENCES

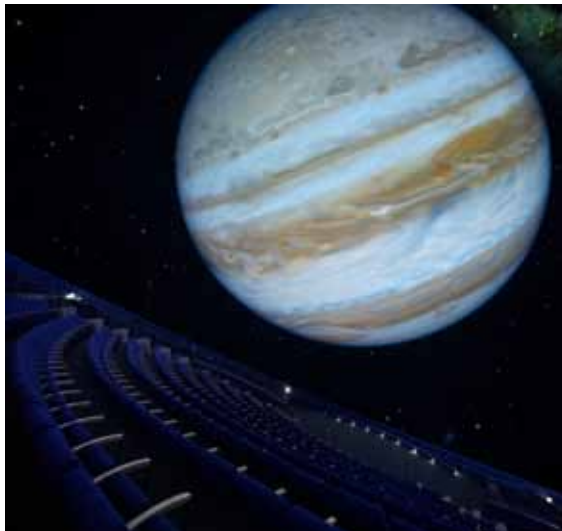


Dive into the world's deepest living coral reef display, where thousands of reef fish dart through a technicolor forest of coral.

Bask among the reptilian stars of the Swamp exhibit—a rare albino alligator and the alligator snapping turtles that keep him company.



Soar past the Milky Way to search for new planets, and gain new perspective on our own—the only planet currently known to support life.



Travel across a continent by exploring African Hall. A unique mix of traditional dioramas and living exhibits makes for an unforgettable experience.

Gaze up at the night sky from the deck of the Academy's iconic Living Roof. It's the perfect place to search for shooting stars.



Climb into the canopy of the four-story Rainforests of the World exhibit, and come nose-to-beak with dozens of colorful songbirds.

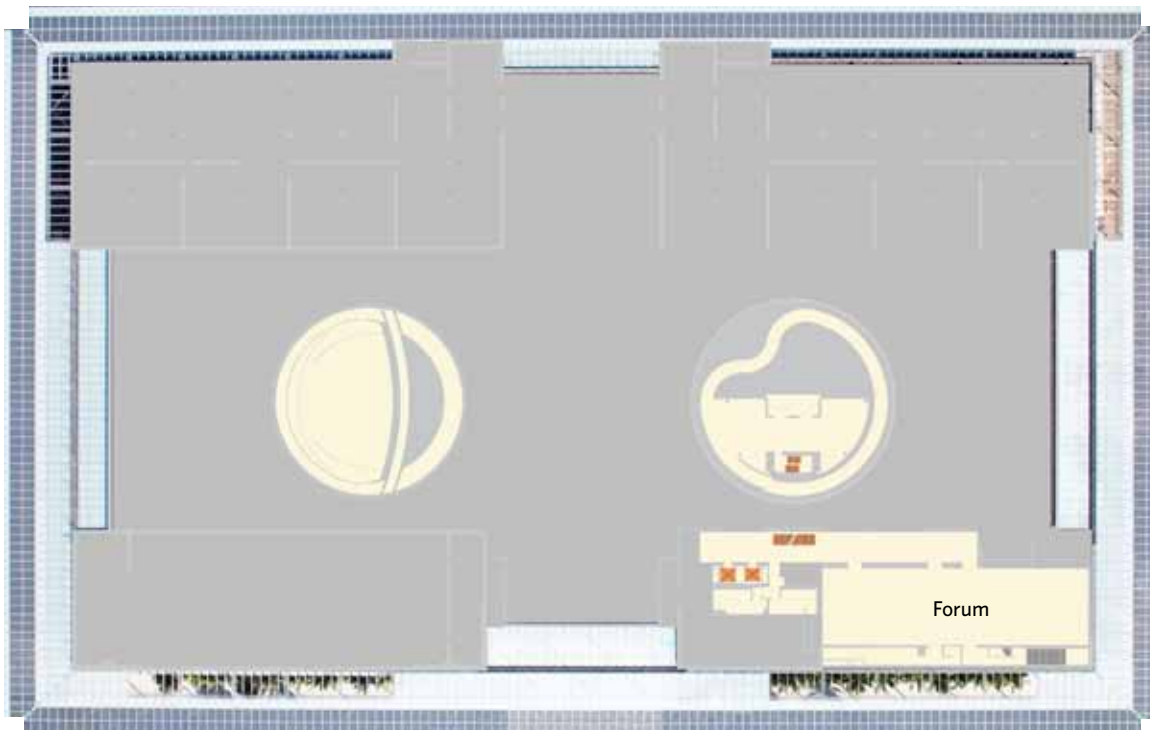


ACADEMY SPACES

LIVING ROOF



LEVEL 2 (FORUM)



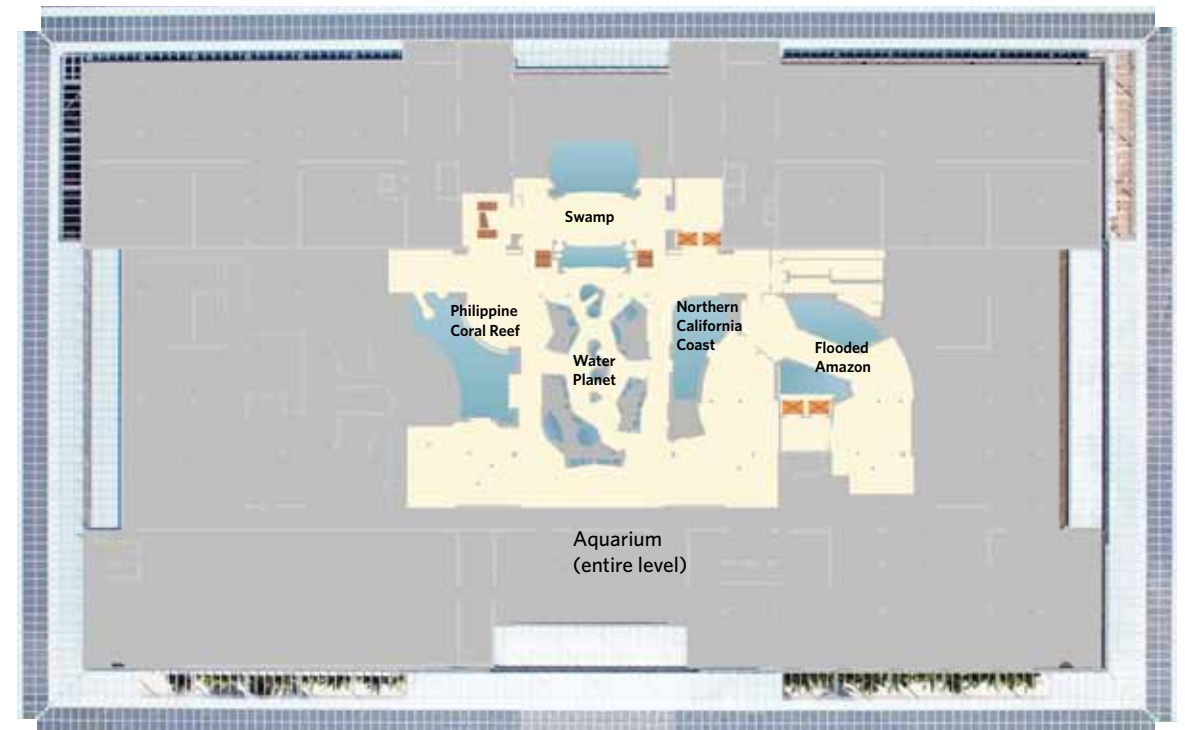
The California Academy of Sciences has twelve unique spaces available for private events: the Forum on Level 2, the Aquarium on the Lower Level, and

ten spaces on the ground floor. Choose the space that's right for you, or book the entire building and let your guests explore.

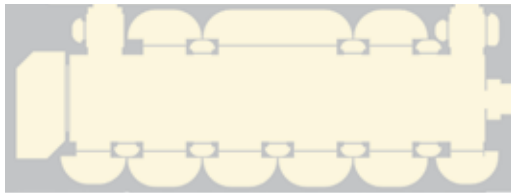
LEVEL 1



LOWER LEVEL



African Hall



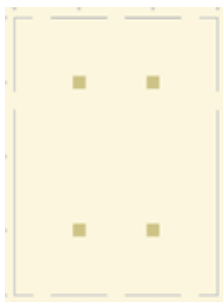
Square footage: 4,800
Reception capacity: 400
Seated capacity: 280
African Hall is a self-contained, carpeted space surrounded by traditional and living dioramas representing regions throughout the African continent. At the far end, the African Penguins are the star attraction. Perfect for seated dinners, dancing, and events with elements that encourage guests to move through the space.

Aquarium



Square footage: N/A
Reception capacity: 350
Seated capacity: 100
Ideal for cocktail receptions, smaller seated dinners, wedding ceremonies and more, the Aquarium is a dramatically-lit space filled with thousands of diverse and fantastic animals. The Aquarium is exhibit-rich and encourages social interaction and networking. Touchable Discovery Tide Pool available.

Piazza



Square footage: 5,900
Reception capacity: 500
Seated capacity: 350
Used for larger seated dinners, live entertainment, presentations, DJs, and proms, the Piazza is an open-air space for fair-weather events. Glass walls and ceilings allow for views of the evening sky and surrounding exhibits. Four large palms feature prominently in the space, which is well-suited to creative décor.

Main Lobby



Square footage: 4,100
Reception capacity: details upon request
Seated capacity: details upon request
The Main Lobby is an ideal space for registration, gift bag distribution, and other introductory affairs. A T-rex skeleton provides a dramatic welcome for your guests. Must be booked in conjunction with another space.

East Pavilion Exhibit Hall



Square footage: 10,000
Reception capacity: 400
Seated capacity: 200
Let your guests explore engaging interactive exhibits throughout the evening in this versatile space. The East Pavilion is great for smaller seated meals, dancing, and DJs, and also works well as a setup area for buffets or music. Combines well with the adjacent African Hall space. Garden terrace included.

Swamp



Square footage: 5,000
Reception capacity: 300
Seated capacity: 200
Featuring tall columns and other impressive architectural elements, the Swamp space is ideal for seated dinners and presentations. During the event, guests can wander over to visit with Claude—the Academy's albino alligator—and his reptilian tankmates. DJs and dancing also work well in this space. Extended seating can be arranged.

West Pavilion Exhibit Hall



Square footage: 10,000
Reception capacity: 400
Seated capacity: 200
The West Pavilion is ideal for group seated dinners, presentations, receptions, and wedding ceremonies. The space features immersive natural history exhibits and views into the Rainforest and the West Garden. Garden terrace included.

Forum



Square footage: 4,000
Reception capacity: 400
Seated capacity: 280
The Forum contains both a Gallery and a Theater, separated by a moveable wall. Use the Theater's retractable seating, projector, and screen for a presentation or 3D film, and the Gallery for refreshments—or open the space up, bring in a live band, and dance the night away. Availability is limited and based on exhibit schedule.

Planetarium



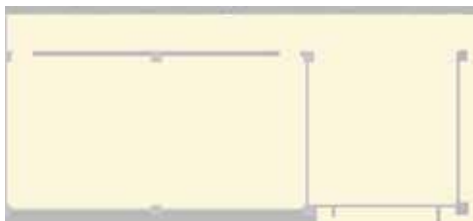
Square footage: 1,300 (Dark Adapt area only)
 Reception capacity: 70 (Dark Adapt area only)
 Seated capacity: 50 (Dark Adapt area only)
 In the world's largest all-digital planetarium, take a trip to faraway galaxies, or host your own lecture or ceremony. The Dark Adapt area is a unique location for small dinners or receptions. The Planetarium can be booked independently or as part of a larger event. Theater capacity is 296. Includes an HD projector with Blu-Ray capabilities. No food or drink permitted in the theater.

Rainforest



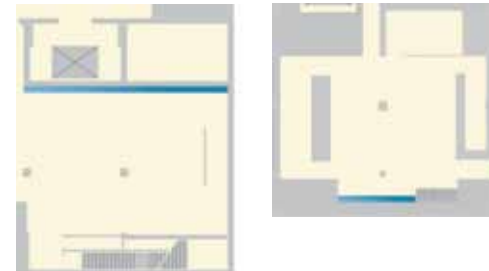
Square footage: N/A
 Reception capacity: 275
 Seated capacity: N/A
 An exciting addition to any event, the Rainforests of the World dome offers four stories of exhibits filled with hundreds of live animals. Appropriate live music is permitted. Must be rented in conjunction with another space. No food or drink permitted. The Rainforest closes at 8:00 PM.

Board Room



Square footage: 1,250
 Reception capacity: 120
 Seated capacity: 70
 The Academy Board Room is an intimate space well-suited for lectures, presentations, and seated or buffet lunches. Tables and chairs included, along with state-of-the-art AV capabilities and an adjacent reception area.

Academy Cafe & Moss Room Restaurant



Square footage: N/A
 Reception capacity: 100
 Seated capacity: 79
 Featuring a 44-foot-long fish tank along the north wall, the Academy Café is an ideal location for pre-dinner receptions. Downstairs, the elegant Moss Room restaurant's private dining room is perfect for a small gathering—or buy out the entire venue for a truly lavish affair.

ACADEMY HOSTS

A successful event requires expert staff, and you'll meet only the best at the California Academy of Sciences. Find them setting up the museum, assisting your guests, and working behind the scenes to keep your event running seamlessly.



Event Coordinators

Academy event staff are a phone call away, and will assist you through the planning and scheduling of your event, as well as the night itself. Your coordinator will walk you through every step of the process, help you select the perfect location, provide recommendations for entertainment, catering, and extras, and will be on hand throughout the event to keep everything on track.



Guest Services

From the moment your first guest arrives on the scene, guest services staff are on hand to make the evening a success. They greet visitors at the door, provide general information, and ensure the safety of the animals. You'll see them acting as guides in the exhibits, as ushers in the planetarium, and much more. They're the friendly face of the Academy, and they're ready to help.



Audio/Visual

Whether you need music for your event, digital signage to welcome your crowd, or a cutting edge digital projection with surround sound, the AV team has the resources and know-how to bring your vision to life. Work with them in advance to plan your technical needs, or schedule an in-person walkthrough to take in the space. For audio/visual needs both simple and complex, the AV team is your go-to team. *Extra fee applies.*



Facilities and Operations

The Academy's skilled custodial, electrical, and security staff are on site to assist you. Offering a wide range of support including venue setup, maintenance, first aid, and emergency services, they play a critical role and offer you peace of mind. Security staff are a friendly presence at your event, providing information, crowd control, and more.



Biologists

The thousands of animals living full-time at the Academy require round-the-clock care from expert aquarium biologists, whose work behind the scenes ensures a vibrant community of critters to greet (and amaze) your guests. From caring for barn owls to bromeliads, a giant octopus to an albino alligator, rainforest orchids to wildflowers on the roof, biologists keep the Academy alive and healthy.



Docents

Academy docents are resident science experts, and as your guests will tell you afterwards, their presence on the floor during your event makes for a truly unique experience. Docents roam the floor as exhibit guides, and man the Discovery Tidepool and interactive science stations, providing one-on-one interactions that your guests will remember for years. *Extra fee applies.*

Let the wonder begin.
Imagine an event
where the live music
includes a chorus
of songbirds, the
acrobats perform
underwater, and a
handful of the hosts
were born wearing
tuxedos. Call today
to start planning your
sensational event.

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