

PORT OF LOS ANGELES SCHOOL BOAT TOUR PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is my Port of Los Angeles School Boat Tour contact?

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How can I find information about the School Boat Tour Program?

Schools interested in participating in the Port of Los Angeles School Boat Tour Program should go to www.portoflosangeles.org and click "Education," then "School Boat Tour Program" for information.

How can I check date availability and make reservations?

All reservations must be made online through the Port of Los Angeles School Boat Tour Program Reservation Site. Go to www.portoflosangeles.org; click "Education," then "School Boat Tour Program."

Can I call to reserve a date before registering online?

No. All reservations must be made online through the Port of Los Angeles School Boat Tour Program Reservation Site. Go to www.portoflosangeles.org; click "Education," then "School Boat Tour Program." Tours are booked online on a first-come, first-served basis.

Is the Port of Los Angeles School Boat Tour a LAUSD approved field trip?

Yes, the Port of Los Angeles School Boat Program is listed among the approved school field trips for LAUSD schools.

Why is the school boat tour program only extended to fifth and sixth grade students?

The Port of Los Angeles tour complements the local history curriculum.

What if I have a blended class of fourth, fifth and/or sixth graders, may all of the students take the tour?

Yes. We will be more than happy to set up a tour for your blended classroom.

We are a Charter School, can we still participate?

Yes, we would be delighted to have you and your fifth and sixth grade classes join us for a tour.

We are a private school, can we still participate?

Yes, we would be delighted to have you and your fifth and sixth grade classes join us for a tour.

THE TOUR:

How long is the tour?

The tour is approximately one hour. Arriving late will shorten your scheduled tour. For example, if you are 10-15 minutes late, your tour time will be approximately 40 minutes in length.

What if we arrive late? Will we still be granted a tour?

The best answer is to allow plenty of time for traffic and other time challenges. We advise arriving 15 minutes before your departure time. A timely arrival ensures every school has a full tour with minimal waiting and lag time.

If you believe you are going to be late, call the Port of Los Angeles Public Relations Division main line at (310) 732-3508 so we may alert the tour boat company.

What type of tour vessel?

In most cases, your group will be touring aboard a 90-foot motor yacht chartered by the Port of Los Angeles.

How many passengers?

The vessel's maximum availability is 149 passengers.

Is Dramamine or other sea sick preventatives necessary for the tour?

It is generally not necessary to take preventative measures. The boat tour takes place within the breakwater where the waters are relatively calm. Please note, these remedies are not provided by the Port.

What type of clothing is suggested for the tour?

The temperature in the harbor area can be approx. 5-10 degrees cooler than inland locales. Light jackets, sunscreen and hats are suggested.

What happens if it rains?

Tours are conducted rain or shine. The only time a tour will be cancelled is due to bad visibility in heavy fog. The lower deck offers a cabin-like atmosphere with plenty of windows and seats for everyone to enjoy the tour.

How many chaperones are required per student?

You are the real experts here. Be realistic when thinking about the number of students participating in the tour. Remember, this is a moving vessel with two decks to view the Port. You'll want to make sure you have adequate and appropriate staff to provide supervision for your entire group. We recommend at least 1 adult per 10 students.

Are students with physical challenges able to participate?

We may be able to accommodate students with physical challenges. Please contact a School Boat Tour Coordinator at (310) 732-3508 to arrange for accommodations.

After the tour is completed, is there any place to eat or have a picnic lunch?

If your group is picnicking, you'll find a grassy area which is an ideal spot for eating lunch and watching the working harbor in action at the south end of Berth 84, south of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum. There are several restaurants and other businesses inside Ports O' Call Village on Nagoya Way (south of Berth 84).

Are supplemental materials available to enhance our tour?

Pictorial check-off sheets are available online and in your tour confirmation packet to engage students in the narrated material.

TRANSPORTATION:

Does every school receive a bus subsidy?

Limited bus subsidies are available. When completing the online reservation, it must be stated that you will be applying for a bus subsidy.

Does the Port of Los Angeles make the arrangements for bus transportation?

No. Each school is responsible for making its own bus arrangements. As a friendly reminder, make your bus arrangements as early as possible. From past experience, May and June fill up very quickly.

What is the process to get reimbursed for bus transportation?

When using LAUSD Transportation Services, complete *Form 78 20R* entitled *Authorization for Payments of Student Body and/or Reimbursable Trips*. By completing this form, LAUSD will invoice the Port directly for up to \$300 towards your transportation costs. This option is available only to LAUSD schools.

Your school representative completes the top portion of *Form 78 20R* then faxes it to School Boat Tour Coordinator at 310-547-4611. The bottom portion of the form will then be completed, signed and returned to your school representative/ teacher for you to submit to LAUSD Transportation Division. Please make a copy for your records.

Will you reimburse us for the bus if we make arrangements through a private/charter bus company?

LAUSD schools must make their arrangements through the LAUSD Transportation Services Division.

Private and charter schools must make arrangements and pay for their busses prior to the School Boat Tour and the Port of Los Angeles will reimburse the school.

Is the (up to) \$300 reimbursement for bus transportation per school or per class?

The Port will reimburse (up to) \$300 *per school*.

What if our transportation cost amounts to more than \$300?

Your school will be responsible for any difference over the \$300 allotment per school for transportation.

Is it possible to get more funding for additional buses?

No. In order for the Port to extend this tour opportunity to as many schools in the southland as possible, we have a maximum of \$300 per school budgeted.

ADDRESS AND DIRECTIONS:

What information should we give the bus driver regarding our field trip destination?

Your bus drivers should be directed to the Public Landing located at Berth 84 South, just south of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, San Pedro, CA 90732, at 6th Street and Sampson Way.

Directions:

Take the 110 Freeway South toward San Pedro.

Exit at Harbor Boulevard (just before the entrance of the Vincent Thomas Bridge).

Make a RIGHT onto Harbor Boulevard.

At 6th Street, make a LEFT (you should be facing the Los Angeles Maritime Museum at Berth 84).

Make a RIGHT on Sampson Way.

Buses can then turn around at a safe, legal location and drop-off in front of the Museum.

The Public Landing is located just south of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum.

Parking:

The buses may then drive SOUTH on Sampson Way.

Make a RIGHT on Nagoya Way.

Free parking is located in that lot on Sampson and Nagoya Ways.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA:

Waterfront Red Cars

The Waterfront Red Car Line is a vintage trolley system that extends the length of the Port of Los Angeles Main Channel.

Days of operation:

PLEASE NOTE, THE RED CARS ARE OUT OF SERVICE IN MAY AND JUNE 2012. Regular schedule is every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Red Cars leave from Miner Street approximately every 40 minutes, beginning at noon. All Red Cars run until 9:30 p.m.

Contact the Public Relations Division at (310) 732-3508 or edtours@portla.org for group arrangements.

Los Angeles Waterfront Promenade

Take a stroll along the promenade to enjoy the working waterfront and the Gateway Plaza Fanfare Fountain, read the Port's historical story rope embedded in the walkway and watch history unfold through the interactive portholes along the Cruise Ship Promenade.

Banning Residence Museum

401 E. "M" Street
Wilmington, CA
www.banningmuseum.org
(310) 548-7777

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

3720 Stephen M. White Drive
San Pedro, California USA 90731
www@cabrilloaq.org
(310) 548-7562

Drum Barracks Civil War Museum

1052 Banning Boulevard
Wilmington, CA 90744
www.drumbarracks.org
(310) 548-7508

Los Angeles Maritime Museum

ALSO LOCATED AT BERTH 84. CALL FOR TOURS.
Berth 84, Los Angeles Harbor
San Pedro, CA 90703
www.lamaritimemuseum.org
(310) 548-7618

S.S. Lane Victory, a fully restored WWII cargo ship.
Berth 46, Los Angeles Harbor
San Pedro, CA 90733
www.lanevictory.org
(310) 519-9545