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New Aquarium displays bring *Voyage to the Deep* to life at the Horniman

The Horniman's latest family exhibition *Voyage to the Deep – Underwater Adventures* has an added attraction – six new tanks of living sea creatures.

From lionfish and lobsters to fluorescent corals and feather duster worms, there's lots to see in the custom displays designed to resemble the portholes of a submarine. Other species on show include puffer fish, sea stars and the ever-popular clownfish, bred behind the scenes at the Horniman.

Voyage to the Deep – Underwater Adventures blends science, storytelling and adventure into an unforgettable experience, inviting visitors to discover the marvels of the deep. From piloting the giant *Nautilus* submarine to exploring ocean mysteries through hands-on activities, this engaging, interactive exhibition, inspired by Jules Verne's classic novel *20,000 Leagues Under the Seas*, is on display in Europe for the first time.

It's also the first time that living marine creatures have featured in the exhibition. The new tanks installed by the Horniman Aquarium team feature 'Creature Reports' from CBeebies favourites the Octonauts, adding to the fun for young visitors to the exhibition. A free Octonauts trail across the rest of the Museum is also available.

Hartley George, Senior Aquarium Curator at the Horniman Museum and Gardens, says: 'Each of our six new displays showcases a different amazing sea creature. Most of these species are not on display in our Aquarium, making this a rare chance to see them up close! Come along, check out their creature reports and discover all about these incredible ocean animals and what makes them unique.'

***Voyage to the Deep – Underwater Adventures* is open at the Horniman from 13 February 2026 to Sunday 1 November 2026.** Advance booking recommended. Book online at [horniman.ac.uk](https://www.horniman.ac.uk). Prices – child £7, adult £9.80, family of three (1 adult) £20.20, family of four (up to two adults) £27. Under 3s, Horniman Members and Benefactors enjoy free, unlimited entry to the exhibition.

Voyage to the Deep – Underwater Adventures is a travelling exhibition produced by the [Australian National Maritime Museum](#) and toured internationally by [Flying Fish](#).

Ends

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Images: A selection of images of the tanks in *Voyage to the Deep* is available to [download here](#). Exhibition images are also available [here](#).

Notes to Editors:

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- **About the Australian National Maritime Museum** -The Australian National Maritime Museum is Australia's national center for maritime collections, exhibitions, research, and archaeology. The museum presents a changing program of stimulating exhibitions and events to share Australia's maritime history and connect the stories, objects, people, and places that are part of our country's narrative. We welcome over 850,000 visitors annually, including families, interstate and international tourists. Connecting with audiences outside of Sydney, interstate, and across regional Australia is a big part of what we do. Our diverse touring exhibitions give regional communities the chance to view and learn more about the fascinating stories behind the National Maritime Collection. sea.museum
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** opened in 1901 as a gift to the people in perpetuity from tea trader and philanthropist Frederick John Horniman, to 'bring the world to Forest Hill'. Today the Horniman has a collection of 350,000 objects, specimens and artefacts from around the world. Its galleries include a World Gallery of anthropology, music, an acclaimed aquarium, The Studio – a flexible arts and exhibition space, and a natural history gallery (closed until early 2027 for redevelopment as part of [Nature + Love](#)). Indoor exhibits link to the award-winning display gardens – from medicinal and dye gardens to an interactive sound garden, Butterfly House and an animal walk – set among 16 acres of beautiful, green space offering spectacular views across London.horniman.ac.uk
- The Natural History Gallery closed for redevelopment from Monday 4 March 2024 as part of our [Nature + Love](#) project. The gallery will reopen in early 2027.
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** was [Art Fund Museum of the Year 2022](#), the world's largest museum prize.
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** relies on income from ticket sales, memberships, the shop and the Café to help care for the Gardens, animals and Aquarium residents, to run events and to look after the collections. The support of our visitors and donors is hugely appreciated. horniman.ac.uk/support-us
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** is core-funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and since 1990 has been governed by an independent charitable trust, registered charity no. 802725.
- On 29 July 2019 the **Horniman Museum and Gardens declared an ecological and climate emergency**, pledging to place carbon reduction and environmental issues at the heart of its work. The declaration – and the subsequent **Climate and Ecological Manifesto**, published in January 2020 – is a consolidation of existing work and a commitment to renewed ambitions to reduce the Horniman's environmental and pollution footprint, increase biodiversity, and inspire others to do so. Find out more about the Horniman's manifesto commitments and progress so far at horniman.ac.uk/climate.