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Speaking of cavorting, be certain to bring a camera for unique and memorable family photo opportunities – such as your kids climbing on the sea lion sculpture.

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Formation of these marvelous caves began over 25 million years ago. The interior now soars to the height of a 12-story building and stretches the full length of a football field. Great care is taken to avoid disturbing these magnificent creatures or their habitat.

The Stellar Sea Lion is a warm-blooded mammal which gives birth, nurses its young, and must breathe air. Sea Lion bulls, when fully grown, can weigh up to a ton. Since these sea lions are wild, they are unpredictable. They frequently make their home in the cave and/or the rock ledge just outside the cave. The tour starts at the main building and gift shop. It includes some stairs and an inclined pathway which leads to the elevator. The elevator carries you down 208 feet into the “world’s largest sea cave.”

This is truly one of the most remarkable nature experiences you are likely to encounter anywhere. Here you are seeing these amazing creatures in their natural home. You are experiencing them where they have chosen to live. You share their world, and it’s a “must see” for nature lovers of all ages.