

Candlelight Tours

October 2016

Escorted by candlelight, guests travel back in time to the 1820s on a walking tour, moving from scene to scene enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of the evening at La Purisima Mission. Details of this magical event and instructions for purchasing tickets can be found at www.lapurisimamission.org or by calling (805) 733-3713.



Founding Day

December 8

Founding Day recognizes the day La Purisima Mission was founded on December 8, 1787 which is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Founding Day Mass

December 8 ~ 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In the historic main church of La Purisima Mission.

Founding Day Concert

December 8 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Luminaries lead the way to a magical musical evening by candlelight in the historic main church of the mission.

Details of the event and advance ticketing instructions are available at www.lapurisimamission.org or by calling (805) 733-3713



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Park Hours:

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Park Closed:

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Years Day

La Purisima Mission State Historic Park History

Misión la Purisima Concepción de María Santísima (Mission of the Immaculate Conception of Most Holy Mary) was founded by Father Presidente Fermín de Lasuén on December 8, 1787. It was the 11th of 21 Franciscan Missions established in Alta California. A major earthquake on December 21, 1812 destroyed many of the mission buildings. In 1813 the mission community was relocated four miles to the northeast in "La Cañada de los Berros."

1834 marked the end of the California mission era when the Mexican government took away control of the missions from the Catholic Church authorities and gave it to civil authorities. The Mexican government sold La Purisima Mission to John Temple in 1845. In 1934 the Civilian Conservation Corps began the restoration project that would last 10 years.

Today, La Purisima Mission State Historic Park is the most fully restored mission in all of California with ten of the original buildings, furnished rooms, mission gardens and livestock to represent life at the mission during the 1820's.

Visit our website for more information:
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2016 Program Guide

Let history
surround
you...



At La Purisima Mission
State Historic Park!





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Guided Tours

1:00 PM Daily

(no tours on living history days listed below)

**Discover La Purisima Mission
 with a 1.5 hour, 1 mile tour.**

**Groups larger than 10 visitors must
 make advanced tour reservations**

by calling (805) 735-2174



March 19 Traditional Mission Life Day

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join the costumed docents and staff to observe and participate in the craft activities that supplied the needs of the mission residents. Demonstrated crafts may include: tortilla making, candle making, soap making, spinning and weaving, carpentry, pottery, and blacksmithing.

April 23 Sheep Shear Mission Life Day

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

In addition to the activities listed above watch our sheep get their annual shear and learn about wool production during the mission times with engaging activities for the entire family.

July 23 Children's Mission Life

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

In addition to the activities listed above, Children's Mission Life Day will emphasize children's life at the mission, with kid friendly activities and dress up.

El Pastor Day May 28 and June 11

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Explore La Purisima Mission as costumed docents and staff provide craft demonstrations and conversation.

Las Posadas December 17

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join costumed docents as they lead the Las Posadas procession through the mission grounds with songs in Spanish and English. This tradition dates back over 400 years in Mexico and reenacts the biblical journey of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter in Bethlehem.

Purisima's People Days

March 5, May 7, July 9, September 10

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Step back in time to 1822. Costumed re-enactors portray the people who call La Purisima Mission home. Visitors may meet Padre Payeras, the Mayordomo, the blacksmith, and the women and children completing their daily chores.

Village Days

August 27 & November 5

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Tule Village comes to life as visitors experience the blending of traditional Chumash and Colonial Spanish life ways. Demonstrators help visitors learn a variety of skills such as grinding acorns, basket weaving, building a tule house, making soapstone beads or tule dolls, and playing Chumash games.

Mountain Men Encampment

April 9, August 26 & 27

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Buckskin clad members of the American Mountain Men share mountain men history and skills. Cooking, hide preparation and tanning, leather working, rope making, and blacksmithing are among the skills that visitors may experience. Equipment will be on display and tall tales will surround the campfire.