



MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO KICKS OFF SUMMER WITH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SHOWCASING HISTORY, CREATIVITY AND INCLUSIVITY FOR ALL

Summer Brings Affordable and Family-Friendly Activities and Events to the Mission;
Plus “Worth the Visit” Exhibit and Storytelling Shows, New for 2018



SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (June 21, 2018) -- It's summer in South Orange County and [Mission San Juan Capistrano](#) - the historic chapel, landmark and museum - is lining up unique, engaging and family-oriented summer programming and special events to entice families to visit Monday Through Friday for as little as \$7 admission for kids.

Located next-door to the oldest neighborhood in California known as the Los Rios Historic District, the Mission is one of the oldest and most progressive landmarks in the state of California, offering innovative, inclusive and interactive events for the local community; as well as welcoming travelers from all backgrounds.

Summertime also marks the return of the beloved San Juan Capistrano Trolley - a free, convenient and fun way to get around town from June 8-Sept 3, Fri-Sun.

[Click here for schedule and stops.](#)

The following programs are offered for Summer 2018:

Summer Crafts and Activities, June 25 through August 17

Weekdays, 11am-1pm: Adobe Bricks, Arrowhead necklaces, and an alternating craft

Weekends, 11am - 3pm: Adobe Bricks, Arrowhead necklaces, and Panning for Gold

Cost: \$5 per craft/activity in addition to admission, \$3 for Mission Members; Bundles for all 3 crafts/activities \$10 per child in addition to admission, \$5 for Mission Members

Music Under the Stars 2018 Summer Concert Series

This popular concert series is a fundraising event in support of preservation and sustainability of Mission San Juan Capistrano, historic California landmark #200 and museum. Music Under the Stars features a primarily tribute band lineup, celebrating a variety of timeless and nostalgic classics in popular music at the beautiful and historic setting of the Mission.

Native American Storytelling: "Journeys to the Past" with Jacque Tahuka Nunez

1st Sundays; 1pm -2pm - July 1, August 5, September 2,

2nd Saturdays (includes activity); 11am-12pm - June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8

Join Jacque Tahuka Nunez, an Acjachemen descendent and educator on the 1st Sundays and 2nd Saturdays of each month. Jacque will lead a dynamic cultural presentation describing the lifestyle of the Acjachemen Nation, Orange County's first people. Journeys to the Past includes storytelling, games, songs, and dance. Adults and children of all ages are welcome.

Free for Mission Members or with paid admission

New Exhibit: Worth The Visit

Open Daily 9am-5pm

This new exhibit highlights rarely seen vintage photos from Mission San Juan Capistrano's museum and archival photo collection dating to the late 19th and early 20th century; plus the new digital archival photo album kiosk that showcases even more rare and never-before-seen historical images.

Garden Tours: Explore the Gardens in Full Bloom

Every Wednesday, 10am and 10:30am

Free for Mission Members or with paid admission

Koi Fish Feeding

Offered daily, available at the Gate House at 12:45pm

Free for Mission Members and \$1 for non-members

Mission Clubhouse,

Kids play place, open daily 9am-5pm

New Audio Tour

Experience Mission San Juan Capistrano's new audio tour - now available free with paid admission. The tour is available in English, Spanish, French and German. This state-of-the-art audio tour mixes music, storytelling and history revealing interesting stories, facts and trivia for kids and adults alike.

Shop, Dine, Stay in historic Downtown San Juan Capistrano

Discover historic downtown San Juan Capistrano this summer. Explore historic buildings, dine on delicious dishes, shop for unique souvenirs, and sightsee around the Los Rios Historic District, California's oldest neighborhood - all within a short walk from the Mission's entrance.

[Download the 2018 Map Here.](#)

Discounts and Promotions

[Sign up for immediate coupons today.](#) The Mission is proud to offer these valuable promotions offered all year long:

- Resident Appreciation Day - Every Wednesday for San Juan Capistrano residents. Free admission to Mission San Juan Capistrano when a \$10 purchase is made in the Mission Store.
- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Destination Program Offer - Show your bus pass, Metrolink ticket, or 91 transponder statement and save. One free child admission with each paid adult admission. [More information on San Juan Capistrano Station.](#)
- Military Discount - Show your U.S. Military I.D. and save \$1 on admission for you and your family. Military and Veterans receive FREE admission on the following holiday weekends: Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.
- Free Mission Map - Free map for students when you visit the Mission on a Saturday or Sunday. [Click here](#) to download this coupon.

ABOUT MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Located in San Juan Capistrano's Historic Downtown just four miles from the stunning coastal cliffs of Dana Point, Mission San Juan Capistrano is a remarkable historic landmark and museum that is unique both in its picturesque beauty and its role in connecting visitors with California's cultural past, present and future. The Mission's stunning grounds and impressive architecture are a compelling setting in which visitors can learn about the region's cultural roots, take inspiration from its spiritual significance, engage with local traditions, or explore both permanent and traveling exhibits of original artifacts that bring its history into the present.

Founded on November 1, 1776 by Padre Junípero Serra, who was canonized as a saint in 2015, Mission San Juan Capistrano is known as the "Jewel of the Missions" because of its Great Stone Church, which was completed in 1806 after nine years of construction and was considered an architectural gem that no other church compared with in size or beauty on the West Coast of California. The seventh of nine missions founded by Serra (of a total 21 California missions established by Spain), it is Orange County's only mission and is considered the birthplace of the region.

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