



Mission San Juan to Offer Exclusive VIP Guided Tours

San Juan Capistrano, Calif., (February 1, 2023) — Mission San Juan Capistrano launched a new weekend VIP guided tour program where guests can experience and explore often unseen areas of the historic Mission grounds.

VIP tour guests will be led in small groups by an experienced guide and provided with an individual audio transmitter. The tours include exploration of the wine vat, the private Sacristy of the Ruins, and an opportunity to touch the historic Mission bells. Each guest will receive a special memento.

Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams said, “We are thrilled to bring back weekend guided tours after the program was curtailed by the impacts of the pandemic. We hope that guests will enjoy seeing the Mission up-close and more personally through this program, leaving with an even better perspective of the importance of this place.”

VIP tours are offered on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and at Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and are available through advance reservations at <https://www.missionsjc.com/onsite-tours/>. VIP tours are limited to 25 individuals and cost \$35 for adults and \$30 for children. For more information about Mission San Juan Capistrano, visit <https://www.missionsjc.com/>.

About Mission San Juan Capistrano

Known as the “Jewel of the Missions,” Mission San Juan Capistrano is a historic landmark and museum that features exhibits, five-language audio tour, festivals and public programming. As Orange County’s only mission, the site is home to Serra Chapel, the Ruins of The Great Stone Church (circa 1796) and original padres’ quarters.

Founded on November 1, 1776, by Saint Junipero Serra as the seventh of 21 California missions established by Spain, Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange and receives no church or state funding. The Mission Preservation Foundation, comprised of business and community leaders, is its fundraising entity committed to ensuring education, preservation and its long-term historic and religious significance.

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