

## Candlelight Tours

October 2017

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](http://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](http://www.lapurisimamission.org) or by calling (805) 733-3713



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## LA PURISIMA MISSION STATE HISTORIC PARK

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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 Maria 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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## 2017 Program Guide

Let history  
surround  
you...



At La Purisima Mission  
State Historic Park!







## ***Guided Tours***

**Wednesday - Sunday &  
holiday Mondays**

**At 1:00 p.m.**

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

**Groups larger than 10 must make  
advanced reservations  
by calling 805-735-5185**

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## ***Mission Life Days***

**March 18, April 22, May 27, July 22 & September 9**

**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

### ***March 18 Traditional Mission Life Day***

Join the costumed docents and staff for an opportunity 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 22 Sheep Shear Mission Life Day***

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

### ***May 27 Hide & Tallow Mission Life Day***

Come and trade with an American ship captain, observe and participate in traditional mission crafts along with other engaging activities for the entire family.

### ***July 22 Children's Mission Life Day***

Children's Mission Life in addition to activities mentioned will emphasize children's life at the mission, and other kid friendly activities.

### ***September 9 Harvest Mission Life Day***

Come stomp grapes and trash wheat at the end of season harvest along with traditional activities listed above.

## ***Village Days***

**August 26 & November 4**

**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***

**March 25, August 25 & 26**

**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.

## ***Natural History Day***

**April 8**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Celebrate Spring! Come explore the colorful nature surrounding La Purisima Mission. Learn about the wildlife of the area at our Mammal and Bird exhibit, explore the chaparral in bloom on the guided nature hike and check out our scales and tales reptile encounter.