



# 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument  
Home of World Famous Olvera Street



**LOS TRES REYES** – Sunday, January 6, 2019 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

A celebration of the Epiphany of the Magi (visit of the Three Kings) on the 12<sup>th</sup> day following Christmas with music, a lively theatrical procession on Olvera Street and the serving of traditional *rosca de reyes*.

**FIESTA DE LA CANDELARIA** – Saturday, February 2, 2019 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Traditional blessing of elaborately dressed dolls depicting the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple.

**LANTERN FESTIVAL** – Saturday, March 2, 2019 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

The Chinese American Museum marks the end of the Chinese New Year festivities with this annual festival which includes lantern making workshops, crafts, entertainment, artisans, children's activities and cultural exhibits.

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION** – Saturday, March 30, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The United States Forest Service presents a special event which includes educational programs for families to learn about planting and caring for trees as well as interactive workshops about the importance of caring for our environment.

**EARTH MONTH ART EXHIBIT** – April 1-30, 2019 Thursday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A spectacular photography exhibition during Earth Month highlighting our beautiful state and national parks, the environment and nature.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** – Saturday, April 20, 2019 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This centuries-old tradition of blessing the animals, for all the benefits they provide mankind, is celebrated with a colorful procession on Olvera Street led by the Archbishop of Los Angeles. All pets are welcome to join!

**CINCO DE MAYO** – Saturday & Sunday, May 4-5, 2019 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., daily.

Weekend celebration of Mexico's surprise victory over French forces in Puebla, Mexico in 1862. The festive weekend festival features popular and traditional music, exhibitor booths, cultural dancing and plenty of delicious Mexican food.

**LA OPERA: "VIVA LA ZARZUELA"** – Saturday, May 18, 2019 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LA Opera's Zarzuela Project partners with the Mariachi Conservatory offering an afternoon of free public performances highlighting the beautiful and melodic musical theater tradition popular throughout Spain and Latin America.

**ECUADOR INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL**- Sunday, August 4, 2019 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Ecuadorian community of Los Angeles invites you to celebrate the independence of their homeland with a parade, traditional music, lively dancing and tasty cuisine from this beautiful South American country.

**LOS ANGELES CITY BIRTHDAY** – Saturday, August 24, 2019 6:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Los Angeles with *Los Pobladores* historic re-enactments, a civic ceremony, artisan demonstrations, entertainment and free birthday cake! Bike or walk to El Pueblo from Mission San Gabriel following the historic route of our first settlers.

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**MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY** – Saturday & Sunday, September 14-15, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., daily.  
Celebration of Mexican Independence from Spain with popular and traditional entertainment, cultural activities, historic displays, food, artisan exhibits and more. ¡Viva México!

**MUERTOS ART WALK** – Saturday, October 5, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Unique arts and crafts and other *Día de Los Muertos* themed handiwork from local L.A. artisans are featured at this seasonal marketplace in the Plaza. Find that perfect treasure and enjoy free family entertainment throughout the day.

**SACRED MEMORIES ART EXHIBIT** – October 15 - November 17, 2019. Thursday - Sunday 10:00 a. m. – 3:00 p.m.  
This annual exhibition examines the celebration of *Día de Los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead, and features a collection of artwork reflecting contemporary and cross-cultural rituals which pay tribute to our departed ancestors.

**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS** – Friday & Saturday, November 1-2, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Colorful, ancient Mexican ceremony in remembrance of departed loved ones with beautifully decorated altars, art exhibits and entertainment. Pre-Columbian Novenario procession and blessings each night at 7:00 p.m. beginning Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**EL PUEBLO TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY** – Friday, December 6, 2019 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Kick off the festive holiday season with the official lighting of the Plaza Christmas Tree! The evening includes an exciting entertainment program with folklorico dancers and mariachi singers. There will also be vintage cars on display, face painting, children's workshops, free pan dulce, champurrado and much more.

**VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE** – Wednesday, December 11, 2019 6:00 p.m. to Thursday, December 12, 2019 6:00 a.m.  
Experience the overnight vigil commemorating that day in 1531 when a native Mexican peasant named Juan Diego first saw a vision of the Virgin Mary on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City. The Virgin of Guadalupe is considered the Patroness of Mexico. Enjoy live banda performances, food and craft booths and other cultural activities throughout the night.

**LAS POSADAS** – Monday, December 16 through Tuesday, December 24, 2019 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., nightly  
The nine-night presentation of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem portrayed with singing, a candlelight procession on Olvera Street and a children's piñata breaking. Enjoy a free theatrical performance of the classic Mexican comedy *La Pastorela* following each evening procession.

***For additional information please call (213) 485-8372 . All events are free to the public.***

***All listed events, dates and times are subject to change.***

***Additional events not listed on this schedule may be added at a later date.***

