



2020 SCHEDULE OF FREE EVENTS

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



LOS TRES REYES – Monday, January 6, 2020 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT - Friday, January 24, 2020 through February 29, 2020

An exhibit featuring National Parks and U.S. Forest Service historic sites which are connected to the African American history and experience.

FIESTA DE LA CANDELARIA – Sunday, February 2, 2020 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

LANGSTON HUGHES CELEBRATION – Saturday, February 22, 2020 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.

As part of African American History Month enjoy an exciting day of music and spoken word and discussions celebrating poet and novelist Langston Hughes, a central literary figure of the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – Sunday, March 1, 2020 through March 29, 2020.

An interpretive exhibit featuring the stories of women working in non-traditional careers including archaeology, ecology and public land management.

LANTERN FESTIVAL – Saturday, March 7, 2020 12:00 noon – 5:00 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.

EARTH MONTH ART EXHIBIT – April 1-30, 2020 Thursday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

An exhibition during Earth Month highlighting our beautiful open public lands, the environment and nature.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Saturday, April 11, 2020 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 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 – Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

El Pueblo Historical Monument presents a special entertainment program celebrating Mexico's surprise victory over French forces in Puebla, Mexico in 1862. Enjoy popular and traditional music, cultural dancing and plenty of shopping and dining at the world famous Olvera Street Mexican marketplace.

LA OPERA: "VIVA LA ZARZUELA" – Saturday, May 16, 2020 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 10, 2020 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 29, 2020 6:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

239th 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.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY – Saturday & Sunday, September 12-13, 2020 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 3, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

More than 30 artisans from the greater Los Angeles community will showcase their original artwork, jewelry, accessories, clothing and face painting skills at this annual *Día de Los Muertos* themed event. Find that perfect treasure and enjoy free family entertainment throughout the day.

SACRED MEMORIES ART EXHIBIT – October 17 - November 22, 2020. (Saturdays & Sundays) 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 – Sunday & Monday, November 1-2, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Colorful, ancient Mexican ceremony in remembrance of departed loved ones with beautifully decorated altars, art exhibits, theatrical performances and other entertainment. Pre-Columbian Novenario procession and blessings each night at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sunday, October 25th through Monday, November 2nd.

VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE – Friday, December 11, 2020 6:00 p.m. to Saturday, December 12, 2020 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 – Wednesday, December 16 through Thursday, December 24, 2020 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.

