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Ventura County Events

13th Annual Ventura County Farm Day

*April 11th 10am to 3pm
Map for participating farms
vcfarmday.org/map*

Short Dawgs Dog Racing Festival @Ventura Harbor

*April 18th 10am to 3pm
Ventura Harbor Village Grass*

Celebration of the Whales Festival

*April 19th 11am to 3pm
Channel Islands Harbor*

Earth Day Festival in Westlake Village

*April 25th 3pm to 5:30pm
Westlake Village Com Park*

Oxnard Collage Family Festival

*April 26th 12:30 to 4pm
Oxnard College*

Southern California Museums

Spring break is upon us or right around the corner for some. If you are looking for some inexpensive fun and interesting things to do, check out some of Southern California's many diverse museums. With over 800 museums and many in the Los Angeles area, there is truly something for everyone. From big to small, famous to local, you can learn about everything from the arts and sciences at The Getty Center or The California Science Center to the more unique museums such as The Museum of Death or The Museum of Make Believe. Whether you want to learn something new or enhance what you already know, visit one of So Cal's many interesting museums. Here are a few favorites to get you started.

The California Science Center - This isn't your dusty old science lab; it's a vibrant, interactive hub of discovery. Your eyes light up with every exhibit, from the kelp forest aquarium to the earthquake simulator. It's truly a hands-on learning experience. The undeniable star of the California Science Center is the Space Shuttle Endeavor. Seeing a real space shuttle up close is an incredibly humbling and inspiring experience. Its sheer size and the engineering marvel it represents are something you truly have to witness in person.

The Natural History Museum of LA County - the NHM is a treasure trove of scientific discovery. You will be fascinated by dinosaurs, and NHM's "Dinosaur Hall" will not disappoint. It's the largest dinosaur exhibit on the West Coast, and seeing those massive skeletons assembled is an experience that transports you back millions of years. NHM has an incredibly diverse collection that covers everything from ancient fossils to modern-day biodiversity, cultural artifacts, and the history of Los Angeles itself. You don't want to miss the Insect Zoo and Spider Pavilion where you can see live insect exhibits that will fascinate and educate.



Museum of Make Believe - Step into a realm of pure imagination at the Museum of Make Believe, an immersive fine art exhibit where every corner promises delightful surprises. Be transported to a charming, 1,000-square-foot storybook forest in the heart of Laguna Beach, adorned with mystical trees, twinkling fireflies, and captivating artwork. Lose yourself in this enchanted world and let a timeless kind of magic guide you on a unique adventure.

Springtime Reminders



- *Replace the filter in your HVAC system.*
- *Test your smoke/co2 detectors and change the batteries if necessary.*
- *Check your home fire extinguisher making sure it's full.*
- ***Need to buy or sell your home? Ask how we can save you thousands!***
- ***Know someone who needs help with property management. We can help!***

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Southern California Museums (cont.)

Museum of Death- The World-Famous Museum of Death was founded in 1995 to fill the void in death education in this country. It houses the world's largest collection of serial killer artwork, antique funeral ephemera, mortician and coroner's instruments, Manson Family memorabilia, pet death taxidermy, crime scene photographs and so much more. ***At the Museum of Death there is no age limit because death affects us all however, they strongly recommend the museum only for mature audiences.***

Museum of Jurassic Technology- "The term museum meant a spot dedicated to the muses -- a place where man's mind could attain a mood of aloofness above everyday affairs." This museum certainly is that spot. The displays evoke an 18th century cabinet of curiosities, ranging from micro-sculptures in the needle of an eye to "Garden of Eden on Wheels," a collection devoted to trailer park culture. Many exhibits are confusing, nonsensical, or simply made up, but don't expect to get answers. Just enjoy the sense of wonder.

Academy Museum of Motion Pictures - A relatively new but instantly iconic addition to the SoCal museum scene, the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, which opened in 2021, is a dream come true for film lovers. Also located on Museum Row, right next to LACMA, it's the largest museum in the United States devoted to the art, science, and cultural impact of movies. This museum isn't just about Hollywood glamour; it delves into the entire filmmaking process, from script to screen. It tackles complex themes like representation and the evolution of technology in cinema. The building itself, designed by Renzo Piano, is a star, with its striking "Sphere Building" that houses the David Geffen Theater. It offers an immersive and educational experience that celebrates the magic of movies while also critically examining the industry.

Autry Museum of the American West - Located in beautiful Griffith Park, the Autry features unique galleries filled with paintings, sculptures, film memorabilia, photographs, historic firearms and so much more, all related to the American West. The Autry's more than 600,000 pieces of art and cultural objects include one of the largest and most significant collections of Native American materials in the United States.

April Quote:

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.

St. Augustine

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