



TRAVEL WITH US!

Park your car and meet your guide and bus in the parking lot directly behind City Hall, 501/505 Poli St, unless noted otherwise. Our bus has air-conditioning and a wheelchair lift but no restroom. Please notify us when registering about any mobility or ADA concerns. A registered adult must accompany any registrant under 18 for trips open to them. All day trips include a meal stop, not included in the price unless so stated, so bring cash, credit card or BYO. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress in layers for indoors and out.

Register 8 am-5 pm weekdays (closed alternate Fridays)

- 805.658.4726
- City Hall, 501 Poli St, Rm 226
- www.cityofventura.net/register

ART VENTURES

Artists Maryanne Irving or Mary Neville, your in-the-know guides to SoCal cultural destinations, will prep you one the way and lead homebound bus discussions about your fascinating art encounters. Explore venues with them, with docents and (where permitted) on your own.

Ventura Supper Club

50 years & up

Enjoy informal group dining at local restaurants on third Thursdays 5-7 pm with transportation and cost of meal at your own expense. You must register in advance at www.cityofventura.net/register or 658-4726.

Beach House

7544 Th 5-7 pm 2/16

Ferraro's Italian

7545 Th 5-7 pm 3/16

Winchesters

7546 Th 5-7 pm 4/20

The Patio Restaurant

7547 Th 5-7 pm 5/18



The Broad Museum

teen-adult \$30

Maryanne Irving will ready you to explore the modern art collections of LA's most popular new museum with a stop for lunch.

7368 W 9 am-5 pm 1/11

8059 W 9 am-5 pm 5/3

Peking Acrobats

10 years-adult \$65

These masters of agility have astonished audiences with their juggling dexterity, balancing feats, trick-cycling, precision tumbling and gymnastics as they defy gravity. At Santa Barbara's Granada Theater with pre-show lunch on your own.

7555 Su 11:30 am-5:30 pm 1/15



Little Tokyo & Japanese American History

10 years-adult \$35

On our one-mile "Explore LA" walking tour, visit the Japanese American National Museum and the beautiful gardens in the Japanese American Cultural Center as well as the Space Shuttle Challenger Astronaut Ellison Onizuka Memorial and the Go for Broke Monument to Japanese American World War II veterans with a stop for lunch on your own.

7553 Tu 9 am-5 pm 1/17

MOCA

teen-adult \$35

Mary Neville is your guide to the ground-breaking, historically-significant contemporary masterworks found in the Museum of Contemporary Art.

8061 W 9 am-5 pm 1/25



"Rent" at the Pantages

teen-adult \$95

Puccini's opera "La Bohème" gets an update as a musical about impoverished young artists struggling in New York City's East Village and Alphabet City with music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson.

8060 Sa 11 am-5 pm 1/28

Canada Ballet BC

10 years-adult \$70

This company of unique dancers, each with exquisite classical and contemporary training, will perform a bold program of works by three acclaimed female choreographers. At Santa Barbara's Granada Theater with pre-show dinner on your own.

7557 F 5:30-11 pm 2/3

Romeos & Juliets at Disney Hall

teen-adult \$75

Maestro Dudamel, LA Phil and violinist Lisa Batiashvili capture the dramatic thunder and aching beauty of Tchaikovsky's famed Overture-Fantasy about the doomed lovers followed by Prokofiev's masterful ballet score.

8062 Su 11 am-5 pm 2/5

California Science Center

10 years-adult \$30

Enjoy an IMAX film experience, tour the ecosystems, creative world and air and space exhibits and relax for lunch at the Trimana Café on your own.

7642 Tu 8:30 am-4:30 pm 2/7

Getty Villa

teen-adult \$30

Join Mary Neville on a tour of the museum's stunning Roman peristyle gardens and architecture and view the antiquities collections by yourself or with her plus lunch on your own at the onsite café.

8063 W 9 am-5 pm 2/8

Solvang Art Tour

teen-adult \$50

Explore the "Little Denmark of the Central Coast" and its downtown district of historic murals and fountains on foot. Stop for lunch and peruse more than 150 unique shops, bakeries and art galleries on your own.

8197 W 9 am-5 pm 2/15



Casa del Herrero

10 years-adult \$45

Take a 90-minute docent-led tour of this legendary house, gardens and workshop designed by George Washington Smith located north of Montecito followed by lunch on your own in downtown Santa Barbara.

7566 Th 9 am-2:30 pm 2/16

Getty Center

teen-adult \$30

Maryanne Irving will prep you for the traveling Louvre exhibit of the Enlightenment's greatest sculptor; Edmé Bouchardon. Upon arrival we take a docent-led tour of the museum's unique architecture and gardens with lunch later onsite on your own.

8064 W 9 am-5 pm 2/22

Downtown Ventura Tasting Tour

21 years and up \$64

Explore our city's gourmet food bounty, converse with well-known local chefs and shop owners, and sample olive oil, cheese, wine, seafood, gelato, artisanal baked goods, Italian and Polynesian fare. This mostly on-your-feet walking tour covers 12 city blocks and meets at City Hall's front steps. www.venturafoodtours.com

7560 W 10 am-2 pm 2/22

Island Packers Whale Watching

10 years-adult \$50

All aboard! We hope to see migrating gray whales, seals, sea lions and several species of dolphins and perhaps even an orca whale pod. BYO or have lunch on your own on the boat. No bus (meet at Island Packers)

7640 Sa 8:30 am-4 pm 2/25

Reagan Library

10 years-adult \$35

Explore such permanent exhibits as the Oval Office, Berlin Wall and Air Force One plus rotating exhibits at Simi Valley's Presidential library with lunch on your own onsite.

7563 Tu 9 am-5 pm 3/7

Picasso, Rivera, Dürer & Cranach at LACMA

teen-adult \$45

Maryanne Irving is your guide to two Los Angeles County Museum of Art exhibits: "Picasso and Rivera: Conversations across Time" and "Renaissance and Reformation: German Art in the Age of Dürer and Cranach" with lunch onsite on your own.

8065 W 9 am-5 pm 3/8

Hansel and Gretel

10 years-adult \$40

The Grimm Brothers Band brings this Black Forest fairy tale to life with a rock 'n' roll score and set inspired by Lemony Snicket and Roald Dahl. At UCSB Campbell Hall with a pre-show stop for lunch on your own.

7558 Su 1-6:30 pm 3/12

Lotusland

10 years-adult \$55

After a docent-led tour of Ganna Walska's dramatic, unexpected and whimsical 37-acre landscape of spectacular exotic plants, have lunch in Summerland on your own

7564 Th 9 am-3 pm 3/16



Santa Barbara Zoo

10 years-adult \$45

Visit with flamingos, the African lion, western gorillas and more. Take part in a giraffe feeding and tour the zoo via train. BYO or enjoy lunch in one of the many eateries on site at the zoo.

7643 Tu 9 am-4 pm 3/21

Jimmie Durham at the Hammer

teen-adult \$35

Join Maryanne Irving for a docent-led tour of the museum's exhibit on this Native American activist whose work explores North American indigenous peoples' identity with lunch onsite on your own and a visit to the UCLA Sculpture Garden.

8066 W 9 am-5 pm 3/22

Behind the Scenes at Dodger Stadium

teen-adult \$50

With Mary Neville and a Dodger guide, take a private tour of "backstage" locations where players, owners and famous guests meet and mingle with lunch on your own.

8067 Sa 9 am-5 pm 3/25

LA Natural History Museum

10 years-adult \$45

Discover our world, past and present as you encounter dinosaurs, experience nature, explore dioramas and marvel at one of the world's great gem and mineral collections. BYO or have lunch onsite on your own.

7568 Tu 8:30 am-5 pm 4/4

"Into the Woods" at Ahmanson Theater

teen-adult \$85

Stephen Sondheim's classic musical features your favorite Brothers Grimm storybook characters including a childless couple who set out to end a curse placed on them by a vengeful witch. Lunch stop on the way.

8068 Sa 11 am-5 pm 4/8

Maritime Museum Channel Islands

10 years-adult \$50

Visit this Port Hueneme museum's treasure trove of maritime paintings, ship models and artifacts that rival some European and U.S. collections, including intricate bone models carved by French soldiers held captive during the early 19th century Napoleonic wars with a lunch stop after the museum visit.

7567 Tu 10 am-3 pm 4/11

Huntington Library, Gallery & Gardens

teen-adult \$55

Maryanne Irving plus a docent will guide you through the library, art collections and estate gardens or explore it by yourself with lunch on your own at an on-site café.

8069 W 9 am-5 pm 4/12

Ostrichland and Los Olivos

10 years-adult \$35

Tour this Solvang working ranch and feed its ostriches and emus; then explore, have lunch at and wine taste in charming Los Olivos on your own.

7562 Tu 8:30 am-4:30 4/18



The Funk Zone Art Tour

teen-adult \$45

Join artist Mary Neville for a coffee and pastry at Lucky Penny before setting off for an Arts Fund gallery tour of local artist studios and public art murals in Santa Barbara's south-of-the-freeway art-zone with a break for lunch.

8231 Sa 9 am-5 pm 4/22

Santa Barbara Blueberries

10 years-adult \$25

Enjoy the drive north to Santa Barbara's Restoration Oaks Ranch for blueberry picking and a tour of the ranch followed by a lunch on your own in Carpinteria.

7565 Th 9:30 am-2:30 pm 4/27

Yo-Yo Ma, Edgar Meyer & Chris Thile

10 years-adult \$90

The virtuoso cellist, double bassist and mandolinist—all MacArthur Fellows—follow up on their sold-out 2011 Goat Rodeo Sessions with another bluegrass-jazz-classical collaboration to explore an all-Bach program at Santa Barbara's Granada Theater with a pre-show dinner on your own.

7559 Tu 4:30-10:30 pm 5/2

Tujunga Village and Studio City's Woodbridge Park

10 years-adult \$25

The "village" hosts a main street of charming shops and restaurants that recall a simpler time. The "park" is an idyllic neighborhood of manicured lawns and cottages, including "The Brady Bunch" house. Our level 1 1/2 mile "Explore LA" walking tour includes a stop for lunch on your own.

7554 Th 9 am-5 pm 5/11

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels & Olvera Street

teen-adult \$35

Visit the largest U.S. collection of hanging tapestries in a Catholic place of worship created by Ojai artist John Nava plus historic Olvera Street with a lunch stop, all guided by Maryanne Irving.

8070 W 9 am-5 pm 5/17

Ojai Tasting Tour

21 years and up \$64

Explore Ojai's great dining destinations in six stops! Talk with local chefs and shop owners; sample family recipes, tamales and infused olive oils; and enjoy wine in a tasting room and fare from an artisanal bakery. Meet the bus at City Hall back parking lot.

www.venturafoodtours.com

7561 W 10 am-2 pm 5/24

Bartók, Janáček & Stravinsky at Disney Hall

teen-adult \$75

A powerhouse program! Dudamel and LA Phil partner with the astonishing Yuja Wang in Bartók's Piano Concerto No. 1; and join with the LA Master Chorale and soloists for two arresting choral works: Stravinsky's Requiem Canticles and Janáček's Glagolitic Mass. Lunch stop on the way.

8071 Su 11 am-5 pm 5/28

HISTORY & MYSTERY TOURS WITH RICHARD SENATE

Ventura's premier paranormal historian is back—with his uniquely compelling stories and walking tours. Meet onsite, dress warmly and bring a flashlight, recorder and camera as he guides you to document possible spectral encounters.

Ghost Echoes in Ventura City Hall

teen-adult \$20

Meet on this former courthouse's front steps for admission to a special "night court" covering such sensational trials as convicted murderer "Ma" Duncan, the Leo-Rocca Mafia hit and cases that inspired lawyer Erle Stanley Gardner to create his Perry Mason novels, plus possible sightings of the building's afterlife figures.

8072 F 8-10 pm 1/27

Haunted Streets of Old Ventura

teen-adult \$20

Meet on City Hall's front steps for a tour of Ventura's 150-year-old past from this former courthouse down California and Main Streets to restaurants, hotels and historic sites such as El Jardin and the Zander Building—all documented ghost sightings sites.

8073 Sa 8-10 pm 2/11

Ghost Hunt at Olivas Adobe

teen-adult \$25

Psychic Debbie Senate joins her husband for this special evening tour; paranormal survey and attempt to communicate with the previously sighted "Lady in Black" and adobe owner Raymundo Olivas himself!

8088 F 9-11 pm 2/24

Erle Stanley Gardner's Ventura

teen-adult \$20

Meet at City Hall's front steps for admission to the former courtroom where the crusading lawyer and author of 84 Perry Mason books held audiences spellbound during such cases as "Fairchild vs Burnet."

8089 Sa 1-3 pm 3/18

Mysterious Main Street Tour

teen-adult \$20

Meet at City Hall's front steps for a "night walk" through Ventura's historic district with stories (some ghostly) about its lost treasures, gunfighters, battles and visits by a famed battleship and a President soon to be assassinated.

8090 Sa 8-10 pm 3/25

Ghosts of Cemetery Park

teen-adult \$20

Meet in the parking lot (Poli @ Crimea Sts) for an evening foray to the gravesites, stories and sightings of Ventura's pioneers --including Latino veterans of the American and Mexican Civil Wars and the first Native American California Cavalry.

8091 Sa 9-11 pm 4/1

Olivas Adobe Mysteries & Hauntings

teen-adult \$25

Meet at this historic site to explore its nighttime mysteries--a lost tunnel, buried treasure and old cemetery--and hunt for previously sighted phantoms such as a bride still dressed in white.

8092 F 9-11 pm 4/14

Ortega Adobe Ghostly Tour

teen-adult \$20

Meet at the working class adobe home of Ortega Foods (215 W Main St) for a tour and ghost hunt. The building became a Chinese laundry, cantina, speakeasy and boys club before restoration as a museum rumored to be haunted.

8093 Sa 7-9 pm 4/22

WALKING TOURS WITH GLENDA JACKSON

Meet your guide, a local historian and author, at City Hall's front steps.

Ma Duncan Ventura's Trial of the Century

teen-adult \$15

Tour this former courthouse and the very courtroom where this infamous 1959 murder-for-hire trial was held, replete with actual audio recordings and memorabilia from the case.

8220 Sa 12-2 pm 2/4

History and Homes

teen-adult \$15

Wear comfortable shoes for this downtown walkabout through Ventura's storied history; view the exteriors of its finest vintage homes including a Painted Lady said to be haunted.

8219 Sa 12-2 pm 5/6

**What do you give the person
who has everything?
An experience.**

Whether it's a fitness class, a bus tour to an event or museum, or an art class, an experience makes a great gift for someone who already has plenty of stuff. It won't take up any space on their shelves, but it may provide some pretty great memories.



Join them on the
experience
for even
more fun!

Ventura Travel

Programs

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Special needs can be met by calling (805) 658-4726 or the California Relay Service.

CURB TO CURB



Our door-to-door service for people with physical limitations takes you to a different place for lunch every month! Reserve a spot in advance at www.cityofventura.net/register or 658-4726 M-F 8-5. A lift is available, but please mention any wheelchair or ADA requirements. Note there are no refunds for cancellations and this program is available only for City of Ventura residents.

Lazy Dog–Oxnard
7569 Sa 10 am-3:30 pm 1/14 \$15

Ottavio's–Camarillo
7570 Sa 10 am-3:30 pm 2/11 \$15

Brendan's Irish Pub–Camarillo
7571 Sa 10 am-3:30 pm 3/11 \$15

Ojai Café Emporium–Ojai
7572 Sa 10 am-3:30 pm 4/1 \$15

The Landing Grill–Westlake Village
7639 Sa 10 am-3:30 pm 5/13 \$15

HIKING WITH LARS YAHR

Meet your guide and outdoors expert at the Arroyo Verde Park Nature Center.

Diabetes Wellness & Motivation Hike

all ages \$15

Learn about the health benefits of hiking while exploring the park's easier trails.

8211 Sa 10 am-12 pm 2/11

Outdoors Survival Skills Adventure

8 years-adult \$20

Discover "ten backpacking essentials" for hiking and outdoor survival tips while hiking some of Arroyo Verde Park's many trails.

8210 Sa 10 am-12 pm 3/18

DISCOVER VENTURA SPRING CALENDAR

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- 14 – Curb to Curb: Lazy Dog-Oxnard
- 15 – Peking Acrobats
- 17 – Little Tokyo & Japanese American History
- 25 – MOCA
- 27 – Ghost Echoes in Ventura City Hall
- 28 – "Rent" at the Pantages

February

- 3 – Canada Ballet BC
- 4 – Ma Duncan Ventura's Trial of the Century
- 5 – Romeos & Juliets at Disney Hall
- 7 – California Science Center
- 8 – Getty Villa
- 11 – Curb to Curb: Ottavio's–Camarillo
- 11 – Diabetes Wellness & Motivation Hike
- 11 – Haunted Streets of Old Ventura
- 15 – Solvang Art Tour
- 16 – Ventura Supper Club: Beach House
- 16 – Casa del Herrero
- 22 – Getty Center
- 22 – Downtown Ventura Tasting Tour
- 24 – Ghost Hunt at Olivas Adobe
- 25 – Island Packers Whale Watching

March

- 7 – Reagan Library
- 8 – Picasso, Rivera, Dürer & Cranach at LACMA
- 11 – Curb to Curb: Brendan's Irish Pub–Camarillo
- 12 – Hansel and Gretel
- 16 – Lotusland
- 16 – Ventura Supper Club: Ferraro's Italian
- 18 – Outdoors Survival Skills Adventure
- 18 – Erle Stanley Gardner's Ventura
- 21 – Santa Barbara Zoo

- 22 – Jimmie Durham at the Hammer
- 25 – Behind the Scenes at Dodger Stadium
- 25 – Mysterious Main Street Tour

April

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- 1 – Ghosts of Cemetery Park
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Olivas Adobe Historical Interpreters (OAH)

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