

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2021

All information is subject to change. Visit each organization's website for hours of operation and prices.

The safety and wellness of our park visitors, volunteers, and staff are of utmost importance. Please respect and adhere to each organization's requirements regarding mask wearing, vaccination status, staggered entry times, and social distancing.

MUSEUMS/CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Balboa Park Carousel (6) Families can take a spin on the park's historic and recently restored 1910 carousel, featuring a colorful menagerie of hand-painted animals and a brass ring game. The adjacent Butterfly Ride is perfect for younger children. **Hours: Sat.–Sun. and major school holidays, 11am–5:30pm. Tickets: \$3 per ride / 4 for \$10. 619 239-0512 x8 | foreverbalboapark.org**

Centro Cultural de la Raza (27) A multidisciplinary cultural arts center dedicated to creating, promoting, preserving and educating about Chicano, Mexican, Indigenous, and Latino art and culture. **Hours: Fri.–Sun., 12pm–4pm. Admission: suggested donation \$5. (619) 235-6135 centroculturaldelaraza.com**

Comic-Con Museum (24) Expected to open in late 2021, the Comic-Con Museum will be a participatory place where diverse audiences are connected to the magic of Comic-Con year-round. In addition to comics, film, and science fiction/fantasy genres, the museum will showcase TV shows, books, video games, anime, and more. **www.comic-con.org**

Fleet Science Center (3) The Fleet Science Center connects people of all ages to the possibilities and power of science to create a better future. In our exhibit galleries: ***Digital Me*** explores today's digital world through over a dozen larger-than-life exhibits in technology, art, play, and media, presented from a powerful new perspective. Explore small, surreal worlds through fantastical and amusing mechanical sculptures known as automata in ***Mechanics Alive!*** Permanent Fleet exhibitions include ***Illusions, Studio X, It's Electric, Kid City, Space Gallery, Pulseworks® VR Transporter*** and more. The Heikoff Giant Dome Theater is now open with a brand-new IMAX® with Laser digital projection system. Experience the latest IMAX movies like never before on the giant dome screen! Check out our website for current films and showtimes. Documentary films now playing: Step off the beaten path with ***Into America's Wild***, a visually stunning cross-country adventure into the hidden wonders of the natural world. Discover one of the rarest animals on earth, the fabled Spirit Bear, in the ***Great Bear Rainforest***. Follow the majestic, Australian green sea turtle Bunji as she swims thousands of miles across the open ocean and has wild encounters in ***Turtle Odyssey***. **Hours: Mon.–Thurs., 10am–5pm; Fri.–Sun., 10am–6pm. General admission (includes exhibit galleries and one documentary film): adults, \$21.95; seniors (65+), \$19.95; juniors 3–12, \$18.95; members and children 2 and under, free. (619) 238-1233 | fleetscience.org**

House of Pacific Relations (18) The International Cottages and the Hall of Nations represent 32 nations exhibiting culture, traditions, and history. **Lawn Programs, Sundays and select Saturdays, 2pm–3:15pm:**

Nov 6 House of Scotland Nov 7 House of Iran - Harvest Festival

Cottage hours: Sat.–Sun., 11am–5pm. (619) 234-0739 | www.sdhpr.org. Hall of Nations chairperson, Maury Lee: (619) 921-8976.

Japanese Friendship Garden (G) is a traditional Japanese garden that includes koi ponds, a Zen garden, and bonsai exhibit. Various water features and florae line the pathways of the 12-acre garden. JFG is an accredited museum that offers programming and cultural events and houses the largest and oldest bronze Kannon in the USA! **Hours: Mon.–Sun., 10am–6pm. Last admission at 5pm. General admission: adults, \$12; seniors (65+), students and military (with ID), \$10; children under 6, free. (619) 232-2721 | niwa.org**

Marston House & Gardens (28) Named one of the 25 most important Arts and Crafts-style homes in the country, the Marston House was constructed in 1905 by early progressives and community leaders, George Marston and his family. The 8,500-square-foot home is designed by renowned architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill and includes an impressive collection of art and furnishings of the era. The public is invited to enjoy the surrounding rolling lawns and gardens. ***The Marston Legacy: Progress and Preservation*** exhibition is included with home tour entry. **Hours: Sat.–Sun., 10am–5pm. Tours on the hour and half-hour. General admission, \$15; seniors (65+), students and active-duty military, \$12; children 6–12, \$7. 619-297-9327 | www.SOHOsandiego.org**

Mingei International Museum (14) Experience folk art, craft, and design at the transformed Mingei. Recently reopened following a three-year renovation, Mingei's exhibitions include ***GLOBAL SPIRIT—Folk Art from the Ted Cohen Collection, HUMBLE SPIRIT / PRICELESS ART, and COLORFUL CULTURE—African Beads***, all drawn from the Museum's notable collection of everyday art objects from around the world. The Commons level (main floor) of the Museum is open and free to the public and includes a significant art installation of permanent collection objects, ***Shop Mingei***, a full-service restaurant ***ARTIFACT at Mingei*** (opening mid-November), ***CRAFT CAFÉ***, and outdoor courtyard. **Hours: Sat.–Wed., 10am–5pm; Thurs.–Fri., 10am–8pm. Admission: adults, \$14; seniors, students w ID, military, \$10; 17 and under, free. (619) 239-0003 www.mingei.org**

Museum of Photographic Arts (2) is a unique center for visual learning devoted to photography, film, and video, offering exhibits, workshops,

and films in our spectacular theater. On view through spring 2022, the Museum's 15th Annual Juried Youth Exhibition ***Darkest Nights, Brightest Stars*** presents images made by K–12 artists in San Diego and Tijuana. Also on view, ***Aaron Siskind: Mid-Century Modern*** focuses on photographs made by Aaron Siskind during the late 1940s and 1950s while he was interacting with the major figures of mid-20th-century painting. Lastly, ***Beyond the Boundaries: Photographs by Norman Seeff*** brings the celebrity photographer's works to our galleries. **Hours: Fri.–Sun., 11am–4pm. General admission (including members and children): Pay What You Wish. (619) 238-7559 | MOPA.org**

Museum of Us (13) San Diego's only cultural anthropology museum has a new name! Formerly known as the San Diego Museum of Man, the Museum of Us explores the human experience through immersive exhibits for all ages. ***California Tower Tours***. See San Diego from new heights on a guided tour of one of the city's most iconic historic landmarks. Enjoy stunning 360-degree views while learning the history of San Diego's diverse communities. ***Cannibals: Myth & Reality***. You'll discover that cannibals aren't who you think they are in this unique exhibit. ***PostSecret*** explores the power secrets have to connect us all...you won't leave a stranger. Opening Nov. 12, ***Hostile Terrain 94*** helps visitors humanize the statistics of undocumented migration with an interactive map composed of over 3,200 handwritten toe tags identifying migrants who died crossing the Sonoran Desert. **Hours: Wed.–Sun., 10am–5pm. Closed Nov. 24–25; Dec. 8, 25–26. General admission: adults, \$19.95; seniors (62+), students (with ID), military (with ID), youth (6–17), \$16.95; members and children (5 and under), free. California Tower Tours admission +\$10. (619) 239-2001 | museumofus.org**

San Diego Air & Space Museum (22) Experience the real-life story of flight and space exploration. Begin with the Wright Brothers and continue through Charles Lindbergh and a flight-worthy replica of the ***Spirit of St. Louis***. Witness the actual Apollo 9 Command Module and a rare Moon rock. Only ***3D/4D Theater*** in Balboa Park (free with admission). Now showing: ***SPACE: Our Greatest Adventure***, a spectacular exhibit exploring mankind's travel into space. **Hours: Mon.–Sun., 10am–5pm. General admission: adults (12+), \$22.50; seniors (65+), \$18; students (with ID), \$18; military (with ID), free; youth 3–11, \$12; members and children 2 & under, free. (619) 234-8291 | sandiegoairandspace.org**

San Diego Automotive Museum (21) tells the story of the social and technological past, present, and future of motorized vehicles throughout our collections. Come see our classic 1931 Cadillac V-16 Roadster, 1977 Lamborghini Countach, 1924 Indian Chief motorcycle, and much more! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. **Hours: Tues.– Fri., 11am–5pm. Sat.–Sun., 10am–5pm. Closing at 3pm on Nov. 24, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31. Closed Nov. 25 and Dec. 25. Open Monday, Dec. 27, regular hours. General admission: adults, \$14; seniors (65+), students (with ID), military (with ID), \$10; youth 6–17, \$7; members and children 5 and under, free. (619) 231-2886 sdautomuseum.org**

San Diego History Center (2) Celebrating over 90 years of preserving, promoting, and revealing San Diego's rich history. Now open virtually and onsite: ***Nate Harrison: Born Enslaved, Died a San Diego Legend***. Learn about a legendary San Diego pioneer using spectacular artifacts excavated from his cabin. ***Celebrate San Diego: Black History & Heritage***. Experience stories of Black life in San Diego through archival photographs and documents from the museum's collection. Also in the galleries, ***Be Here Now*** invites visitors to slow down and look deeper into the artworks on display by asking purposeful questions about what it means to live here. The 30-minute film ***Balboa Park: The Jewel of San Diego*** explores the park from the heights of the California Tower to underground museum collections. **Hours: Fri.–Sun., 11am–4pm. Bonus Holiday Hours: Dec. 27–Dec. 31, 11am–4pm. General admission: Donation based. Suggested minimum donation: \$5. (619) 232-6203 | www.sandiegohistory.org**

San Diego Model Railroad Museum (2) The museum spans over 27,000 square feet of trains, trestles, and tracks in the lower level of the Casa de Balboa building. Our exhibits present an eagle-eye view of railroads of the Southwest and encourage little engineers to build and transform something from nothing. There are exhibits in G, O, HO, and N scales, including a Toy Train Gallery. **Hours: Thurs.–Sun., 11am–4pm. Closed Nov. 25 and Dec. 25. Closes at 3pm on Dec. 24 and 31. General admission: adults, \$13.50; seniors (65+), students (12–17, 18+ with current school ID), military (active-duty, vets, spouses, with ID), \$9; children 4–11, \$6; members and children 3 and under, free. (619) 696-0199 | sdmrm.org**

San Diego Natural History Museum (The Nat) (4) The real world: it sure can be real interesting. Explore the natural history of Southern California and Baja California—from past to present. The newest photography exhibition, ***California Blooming***, features more than 35 stunning images of wildflower from diverse habitats throughout the state. Meet more than 20 of your not-so-cuddly animal neighbors in ***Living Lab. Hidden Gems*** showcases spectacular selections from the gem and mineral collection in this unique vertical exhibition. ***The Backyard*** invites children 5 and under to explore the natural world through play. ***Unshelved: Cool Stuff from Storage*** gives visitors a rare "backstage" glimpse of the museum's storage areas. ***Extraordinary Ideas from Ordinary People: A History of Citizen Science*** features rare books, art, photographs, and historical documents from the museum's Research Library. Discover the rich biodiversity of the region by taking a journey through the region's various habitats in ***Coast to Cactus in Southern California***. From dinosaurs to mastodons, dig into the rich fossil history of the region in ***Fossil Mysteries***. Giant-screen theater with daily showings of natural history films. **Hours: Fri.–Tue., 10am–4pm. General admission: adults, \$19.95; seniors (62+), students (with ID), military**

(with ID), \$16.95; youth 3–17, \$11.95; members and children 2 and under, free. (877) 946-7797 | www.sdnat.org

San Diego Zoo (8) is home to over 12,000 rare and endangered animals, including koalas, lemurs, cheetahs, tigers, and orangutans. The Zoo also is an accredited botanical garden, featuring many spectacular and endangered plants. Attractions include the all-new Kenneth C. Griffin Komodo Kingdom and the William E. Cole Family Hummingbird Habitat. Other attractions include ***Africa Rocks, Australian Outback***, and ***Polar Bear Plunge***. See website for current hours and pricing information. (619) 718-3000 or (619) 231-1515 | sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org

Spanish Village Art Center (5) Watch artists work, and browse through dozens of working studios representing over 250 local artists. Artist demonstrations can be seen daily. Rotating exhibits in Gallery 21. **(619) 233-9050 www.spanishvillageart.com**

The Institute of Contemporary Art, San Diego (14) is a dynamic platform for contemporary art and artists, a living laboratory of art and ideas, formed from the merger of Lux Art Institute (Encinitas) and the San Diego Art Institute (Balboa Park). Through Feb. 27, 2022, ***Gabriel Rico: Unity in Variety*** presents the first-ever solo exhibition in California of Mexican conceptual artist, Gabriel Rico. His socially concerned art considers the relationship between humans and the natural world. Prepare to live an immersive Augmented Reality experience! **Hours: Thur.–Sun., 12pm–5pm. General admission: Pay As You Wish. (619) 236-0011 | icasandiego.org**

The San Diego Museum of Art (11) The county's largest and most visited art museum. The permanent collection features European Old Masters, Asian art, American art, Modern and Contemporary painting and sculpture, and the world-famous Edwin Binney 3rd Collection of Indian and South Asian paintings. ***Masters of Photography*** (opening Nov. 20) showcases images by some of the most famous photographers from the 20th century to present. A new installation of ***Art of the Americas*** shares works by American artists now grouped to explore themes of health and social awareness, identities and migrations, and spirituality. **Panama 66**, a restaurant and bar in the May S. Marcy Sculpture Garden, serves outdoor dining and hosts live local jazz every Wednesday, 8pm–10:30pm. **Hours: Mon.–Tues., 10am–5pm; Wed., closed; Thurs.–Sat., 10am–5pm; Sun., noon–5pm. General admission: adults, \$20; seniors (65+), \$15; military (with ID), \$10; students (with ID), \$8; members and youth 17 and under, free. (619) 232-7931 | www.SDMArt.org**

The Veterans Museum at Balboa Park (25) A comprehensive military museum, housed in the historic Naval Hospital Chapel, honoring the men and women of the US Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Displays of artifacts, documents, memorabilia, artwork, murals, and veterans' own stories. **Hours: Wed.–Sat., 11am–4pm. Admission: adults, \$5; veterans and seniors, \$4; students (with ID), \$2; children under 12, free; active-duty military and museum members, free. (619) 239-2300 www.veteranmuseum.org**

Timken Museum of Art (10) Permanent collection features masterworks that cover over 700 years of history by tour-de-force artists, ranging from Rembrandt to Jacques-Louis David, Petrus Christus to John Singleton Copley. Reopening early 2022. (619) 239-5548 | www.timkenmuseum.org

United Nations Building (17) Houses the United Nations Association of San Diego (UNA-SD) and International Gift Shop, which offers unique world handicrafts, including jewelry, books, toys, and gifts as well as world music. See website for current hours. (619) 233-5044 | www.unasd.org

WorldBeat Center (26) Dedicated to promoting, presenting, and preserving the indigenous cultures of the world through music, art, dance, education, culture, and technology. The vegan-friendly **One WorldBeat Café** is open for takeout, Fri.–Sun., 11am–6pm. See website for current hours and pricing information. (619) 230-1190 | www.worldbeatcenter.org

THEATER, MUSIC & DANCE

Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater (20) Performances by members of the Balboa Park Puppet Guild, who work with marionettes as well as hand, rod, and shadow puppets. See website for current shows. **Showtimes: Fri.–Sun., 11am, 1pm, 3pm. Tickets: general admission, \$5; seniors/military, \$4; children under 2, free. (619) 544-9203 | www.balboaparkpuppets.com**

The Old Globe (12) is one of the country's leading regional theaters and California's oldest professional theater organization. This Tony Award-winning institution is currently presenting the Globe-commissioned world-premiere family drama ***Shutter Sisters*** (through Nov. 7). The in-person holiday cheer returns to the Globe with the beloved ***Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*** (Nov. 10–Dec. 31), now in its 24th year, and with the heartwarming comedy ***Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG San Diego Christmas Show*** (Nov. 19–Dec. 26). A rotating slate of virtual programs are available on the website, including the free digital sharing of ***Krapp's Last Tape***, through Nov. 23. The free AXIS performing arts series continues to offer family-friendly events on the outdoor plaza with the ***Grinch Sensory-Friendly*** event (Dec. 11). Visit the website for more information and updates. **www.theoldglobe.org | (619) 23-GLOBE**

San Diego Civic Youth Ballet (9) The resident classical ballet school in Balboa Park for over 75 years provides affordable, high-quality, year-round classical ballet instruction to students ages 4 to adult. SDCYB will next present the beloved annual holiday tradition ***The Nutcracker*** at the Casa del Prado Theater, Dec. 10–19. For more information and tickets, visit **www.sdcyb.org**, call the office at **(619) 233-3060**.

San Diego Junior Theatre (9) is the oldest continuously running youth theater in the country. In-person performances resume Oct. 29 with ***A Year with Frog and Toad***. See website for tickets and details. **(619) 239-8355 www.juniorthetheatre.com**

San Diego Youth Symphony (9) Celebrating 75 years of music education, SDYS is Balboa Park's resident youth music program and San Diego's most comprehensive cradle-to-college music education provider. A national leader in innovative music education community outreach, SDYS serves hundreds of young musicians and their families every year. **sdys.org**

Spreckels Organ Pavilion (15) Year-round organ concerts on the world's largest outdoor pipe organ, **Sundays, 2pm–3pm** (rain or shine). Live concerts available on website. **All organ concerts free. (619) 702-8138 www.SpreckelsOrgan.org**

HORTICULTURE

Botanical Building (B) One of the world's largest wood lath structures. Built in 1915, it contains more than 2,100 permanent tropical plants along with seasonal floral and plant displays, a carnivorous plant bog, and a "touch and smell" garden. The annual ***Poinsettia Holiday Display*** returns Dec. 10. **Hours: Fri.–Wed., 10am–4pm. Always free. (619) 235-1100**

Gardens. Visit beautiful gardens, including an award-winning rose garden. See map on reverse side and ask for details in the Visitors Center. **(619) 239-0512 x8**

Moreton Bay Fig Tree Platform (C) The Moreton Bay fig tree is one of the oldest trees in the park and among the largest of its kind in California. A new viewing platform allows visitors closer access to the tree canopy and complex root structure where they can learn about the tree's amazing history. **Always open and free. (619) 239-0512 x8**

San Diego Botanical Garden Assoc. Horticulture Shows and Sales (9) Weekend shows and sales in the Casa del Prado building courtyard feature a wide variety of plant types year-round, from orchids and plumeria to bonsai and succulents. **sdbgf.org**

TOURS

Most tours meet at the Visitors Center (1)

Audio Tour A fascinating one-hour tour of Balboa Park available for adults and children features architecture, horticulture, and cultural attractions. Presented in an enjoyable and light-hearted format. **Balboa Park Visitors Center. Hours: 9:30am–last tour available at 2:00pm.**

Free Park Tours Historical, architectural, and botanical treasures of Balboa Park are discussed on these one-hour tours led by Visitors Center volunteers on **Tuesday, 11am. Meet at Visitors Center. Call (619) 239-0512 or email tours@balboapark.org for info.** Group custom tours also available. Contact Visitors Center for schedule and pricing info.

Committee of One Hundred Tours Explore the Prado's Spanish Colonial architecture. **Hours: 11am first and third Friday of the month. Free.** School tours for 4th graders also available. **tours@C100.org**

RESIDENTS FREE DAYS

Select park museums offer free general admission on a rotating basis to **San Diego County residents, active military and their dependents**. Museums may still charge admission to special exhibitions or films. The schedule below is subject to change. (Visit **www.balboapark.org/residents-free** for more information or contact the museum directly.)

First Tuesday: Fleet Science Center*, San Diego Natural History Museum*
Second Tuesday: San Diego Air & Space Museum*
Third Tuesday: Japanese Friendship Garden, The San Diego Museum of Art, Mingei International Museum
Fourth Tuesday: San Diego Automotive Museum

**Does not include admission to special exhibitions or films at these museums.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

December Nights, December 3–5, 11am–10pm. Enjoy food trucks and entertainment in a festive drive-through setting at the Inspiration Point parking lot.

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