

# California Missions Tour

October 13-20, 2012 (8 Days & 7 Nights)  
\$2,100.00 per person, double occupancy

Includes roundtrip air fare from Louisville or Indianapolis.

Single occupancy - \$550. premium      Land only - \$1600.

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## Tour Price Includes:

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation / Luggage Handling
- Professional Tour Guide    7 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners
- 2 Nights Stay each: San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, 1 Night Monterey
- Visits to Prince of Peace Abbey, 11 California Missions minimum and Wineries



Altar in San Buenaventura



San Francisco Solano

**Missions**  
*San Diego, San Luis Rey,  
San Juan Capistrano, San Buenaventura,  
Santa Barbara, Santa Ines,  
La Purisima Concepcion, San Luis Obispo,  
San Carlos Borromeo,  
San Francisco Solano, Mission Dolores*

The story of the California Missions is inspirational with much insight into California history. The vision to build this chain of churches along the length of California, had to balance the interests of the missionaries, the Spanish monarchy, the native Indians, the local governors and military presence. Add to that mixture, the geographical challenges with devastating earthquakes, fires, and floods, and the story becomes even more interesting. Churches were built only to be destroyed, loyalties and support were fleeting, there was a need to constantly rebuild and the resiliency of those who believed in the missions have left their mark. Visiting these sites brings an appreciation for the rich history of early California and the courage of those who persevered through trials and tribulations. Hear the mission bells ring out in celebration of their history.

**Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Flying into San Diego, the warm sunshine welcomes you to the city of the very first California mission founded by Fr. Junipero Serra. A glistening white structure on a hillside sits Mission San Diego de Alcala, known as the Mother of the Missions, what a glorious start to your Pilgrimage! An authentic Mexican dinner in Old Town is planned for your enjoyment with lodging for the next 2 nights in town.



Mission San Diego



Mission San Luis Rey

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** - A special highlight of this week comes early as we visit the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, sister abbey to St. Meinrad. Today we enjoy the grandeur of the San Luis Rey Mission, the “King of the Missions”. Get ready for the city sights of San Diego with a trip to Coronado Island to see the world famous Hotel del, driving through Little Italy, the historic Gaslamp district, and other points of interest.



**San Juan Capistrano**



**San Buenaventura**

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** – Today we journey north along El Camino Real, “The Royal Highway” along which the 21 missions were built. Our first stop is the San Juan Capistrano Mission, known for its mysterious arrival of the swallows on March 19<sup>th</sup>. every year. Special indeed! Enjoy the peaceful serenity of this holy place. Venturing north (pun intended), we will enter the historic doors of the San Buenaventura Mission. In its time, this was a very prosperous mission with exotic crops such as bananas, sugar cane and coconuts. If time, weather and traffic cooperate we will do our best to include stops at the San Gabriel and/or San Fernando Missions in the greater Los Angeles area as well on this day. Our accommodations for the next two nights are in Santa Barbara



**Santa Barbara Mission**

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Have your cameras ready as we approach the majestic Santa Barbara Mission, the Queen of the Missions. Noted for its Roman temple façade and magnificent views, her history is fascinating and will keep you spell bound. Then relax on a scenic drive around Cachuma Lake, heading to Solvang a jewel of a town with a Danish heritage, known for its delicious pastries. There will be time for browsing and shopping. We’ll visit the Santa Inez Mission, a pleasant mix of charming simplicity and wandering hillsides. Let the quiet peace permeate you as you stroll along the walkways and grounds

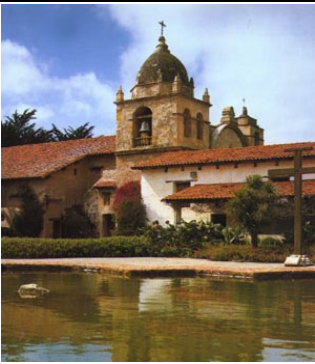


**Santa Inez Mission**

**Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** –Our journey this morning, takes us past some majestic horse breeding farms enroute to the La Purisima Concepcion Mission. As a 966 acre State Historic Park, La Purisima has been restored to present a genuine look at a “working mission”, complete with animals, tallow works, weavery, and even an olive crusher. Our next destination is the San Luis Obispo Mission. This was the first mission to make fire resistant red clay roof tiles, now a common sight all over California and is the halfway point in the entire chain of missions. Comfortable lodging in Monterey promises a restful evening.



**La Purisima Concepcion**



**San Carlos Borromeo Mission**

**Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Today’s special highlight is the San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission, believed by many to be the most beautiful of all missions, and noted as the most authentic restoration. You will have time to shop and browse in the quaint city of Monterey and Clint Eastwood’s hometown of Carmel. We head on to San Francisco for our accommodations over the next two nights.



**Mission Dolores**

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** – We’ll start our day at the San Francisco de Asis Mission, also known as Mission Dolores, in the heart of the city. It is the oldest surviving building in San Francisco. Adding to our reverence and respect for the missions, today we enhance the experience with a visit to California’s Napa Valley wine country, seeing God’s handiwork in the beauty of the vineyards. We’ll visit a winery, include a wine tasting and see the San Francisco Solano Mission in Sonoma.

**Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Possibly a few last sights of the city as we head to the airport for our flights home. Reflecting upon all we have seen this week, we are grateful for this inspiring tour.

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Name of Tour : California Missions Tour      Date of Tour Oct 13- 20, 2012

Group Name: St. Meinrad Archabbey Pilgrimage      Br. Maurus Phone # 812-357-6674

When Br. Maurus sends you the final billing about August 1, 2012- the final billing will include Tips for guide, bus driver, all meals at the hotel and porters. Lunches and tips for lunches will be on your own. (Br. Maurus email: [MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu))

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