

DISCOVER EARLY CALIFORNIA



1 Mission San Juan Capistrano
"Jewel of the Missions", considered by many to be the most beautiful of the California Missions. Known around the world as the home of The Swallows of Capistrano who return from Argentina every spring and stay until autumn.



2 Mission Capistrano Depot
This red brick, dome topped railroad station, now a popular restaurant was built in 1894 by the Santa Fe Railroad and is the oldest Mission Revival style railroad station in Southern California. At the time of its completion it was called "the finest depot on the Santa Fe system."



3 Los Rios District
The Los Rios District includes 31 historic structures, is one of the oldest neighborhoods in California and includes three adobe homes built in 1794 as housing for families with ties to the Mission. Cottage shops, several restaurants and galleries line Los Rios Street intermingled with private residences as well as the beautiful botanical gardens of Ito Nursery. Located within Los Rios District are the following three discoveries.



4 Montanez Adobe
This adobe was the home of Polonia Montanez who was in charge of religious instruction of the village children from 1886-1910. Polonia once led the children on a spiritual trek as they journeyed in prayer and song to break a long drought. On the third day while praying on Capistrano Beach, the rain poured and three wagons were sent for Polonia and the Children.



5 The O'Neill Museum-Pryor House
built by Saloonkeeper Dolores Garcia in the 1870's, This Victorian beauty is now home to the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society and O'Neill Museum.



Cross Creek Cowboys and other rustlers frequent the Old Capistrano jail cell.

6 Jones Family Mini Farm
a favorite destination for families, where children can ride ponies, a mini-train and enjoy petting and feeding little critters. This completely restored three-acre mini-farm is typical of life in Old Capistrano near the turn of the century.



7 Egan House
This terra cotta brick building was built in 1883 by Judge Richard Egan, a local farmer turned judge who became known as the "King of Capistrano". It was here that Judge Egan entertained his friends including many influential and famous people of the day including actress Helena Modjeska.



8 Historic Town Center Park
the community gathering place for many events including the popular San Juan Summer Nights Concert Series, the year round Farmer's Market (both on Wednesdays) and The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.



9 Blas Aguilar Adobe
Dating back to 1794, Blas Aguilar Adobe is associated with Don Blas Aguilar, the last Alcalde governor of the Mexican/Rancho era. The adobe was once the focal point for area political and governmental activities and now houses a collection of artifacts from a nearby Native American excavation site and burial ground.



10 Camino Real Playhouse
World Class Theatrical Productions, in a Small Town Intimate Setting.



11 San Juan Capistrano Regional Library
designed by renowned architect Michael Graves, this intriguing structure has received numerous awards by architectural societies from around the world.

12 Mission Basilica Church
This magnificent church is a larger copy of the Great Stone Church. The church bell tower, whose bells can be heard throughout town, makes it the tallest building in Old Capistrano. The interior features decorative painting using motifs and colors found in the original stone church.



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