WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL HOME OF THE CALIFORNIA DREAM

Official home of the California dream and the California Hall of Fame, the California Museum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) institution educating visitors on California’s rich history and unique contributions to the world through innovation, the arts and culture. Through interactive exhibits and engaging public programs, the Museum inspires visitors to make their own mark on history.

Created in partnership with California Secretary of State, the Museum opened in 1998 as the public showplace for the California State Archives. Today, the Museum emphasizes stories commonly overlooked, reflecting the state’s diverse population and the cultural contributions of all Californians.

The Museum launched the California Hall of Fame with former First Lady Maria Shriver and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to celebrate Californians who have changed the world in 2006. From 2011 to 2018, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and First Lady Anne Gust Brown served as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Museum and the California Hall of Fame. In 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom began collaborating with the Museum on programming that showcases the state’s history, arts and culture of diversity.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hours & Holidays
Tues.-Sat. 10:00 am–5:00 pm & Sun. 12:00–5:00 pm, last admission 4:45 pm. Closed Mon., New Year’s Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas. Visit CaliforniaMuseum.org for current dates.

Admission
Adults $9.00; College Students & Seniors 65+ $7.50; Youth 6-17 $6.50; kids 5 & under free. Museum, NARM & Time Traveler members free with current member card.

Field Trip & Group Tours
Groups of 10 or more eligible for discounted admission on tours booked a minimum of 7 days in advance. For more information, call (916) 654-1729 or visit CaliforniaMuseum.org/tours.

Visitor Etiquette
No food, drink, large bags, luggage or pets allowed except for service animals. Please do not touch any of the art or artifacts on display.

Photography
Photographs taken without flash may be taken for personal use only. No commercial-grade or video equipment, flash, tripods or selfie-sticks permitted.

Become a Member
Sign up today to get great benefits including members-only event invitations, exclusive discounts & much more! Visit Museum Store or CaliforniaMuseum.org/membership.

Volunteer
Volunteering is a great way to support the Museum, with perks including flexible hours, training & more. For more information, visit CaliforniaMuseum.org/volunteer.

Donate
As a 501(c)3 organization, the Museum relies on the generosity of the community to fund exhibits & programs. Contributions of any amount are welcome.

Facility Rentals
With over 30,000 sq. ft. of California-themed space, the Museum is a history-making venue for any party. For more information, visit CaliforniaMuseum.org/rentals.

Stay Connected
To sign up to receive monthly e-news updates on exhibits, events and more, scan QR code at right or text keyword CAMuseum to 22828.
FEATURED SIGNATURE EXHIBITS

1 California Hall of Fame
An exploration of the lives & legacies of Californians who have changed the world & made their mark on history, this exhibit features personal items on loan from the current class of California Hall of Fame inductees.

2 California Indians: The First People
Featuring artifacts, oral histories & more, this exhibit chronicles the stories and cultural legacies of over 150 tribes from across the state and was developed under a Native advisory council.

3 California Missions: A Journey Along the El Camino Real
Aligned with State Content Standards for 4th grade history-social science, this exhibit includes rare artifacts from missions across the state, a cape from the Portola expedition, El Camino Real bell & more.

4 Constitution Wall
Sacramento’s largest public sculpture, Constitution Wall is a six-story work of art featuring words taken from the state’s constitution chosen to inspire reflection on the rights guaranteed to all Californians.

5 Health Happens Here
An interactive journey through all the ways health happens in California, this exhibit explores key factors affecting health beyond traditional diet & exercise through a series of high-tech games.

6 Gold Mountain: Chinese Californian Stories
Discover the history and contributions of Chinese Americans to California from the Gold Rush to the present through personal stories of ingenuity and perseverance.

7 Unity Center at California Museum
The Museum’s signature installation celebrating California’s diverse people, customs and cultures and leaders in civil rights history through interactive exhibits inspiring visitors to stand up to hate, bigotry and intolerance as Unity Activists.

8 Toyo Miyatake: Behind the Glass Eye
Temporary exhibition chronicling the life and work of Los Angeles-based photographer Toyo Miyatake (1895-1979), who documented iconic images of life for Japanese Americans behind barbed wire during WWII. (1/11 – 4/5/20)

9 Women Inspire: California Women Changing Our World
Charting women’s struggle for equality from the 1700s to today through the stories of inspiring individuals, this all-new exhibit developed in collaboration with First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom opens in Spring 2020.

10 Small as a Giant
This temporary exhibition features the stories of California teens sentenced to life in prison before the age of 18 through original works by artist and activist Ise Lyfe, who spent two years developing this multimedia project. (1/20 – 3/15/20)

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

11 GOLD MOUNTAIN
This exhibit surveys the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII, as well as their successful fight for redress for the loss of constitutional rights.

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MUSEUM & GALLERY MAP

Elevators & Stairs
All 3 floors may be reached using stairs & elevator, see map.

Restrooms
Public restrooms located in Basement level & accessible by stairs or elevator.

Drinking Fountains
Fountains located by elevators on 1st & 2nd floors, see map for locations.

Accessibility
Complimentary Unity Center audio guides for sight-impaired visitors & wheelchair available in the Museum Store. For accessibility questions, call (916) 654-1729.

Museum Store & Admissions
Admissions, snacks, drinks and exhibit-related items available for purchase.

Visitor Storage
Lockers located in basement for visitor storage, Museum Store for key.

Lost & Found
Lost items are held in Museum Store for up to 30 days. For assistance or to locate an item, call (916) 653-0650.

Gold Rush Grille
Cafeteria serving breakfast & lunch Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 2:30 pm on 2nd floor of Secretary of State building. For menu, visit GoldRushGrille.com.