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Must-see Places During Your Leisure Time in Pasadena

From mountains caressed by the sun, through gardens radiant with roses, to extraordinary turn-of-the-century architecture, there is nowhere else quite like Pasadena. And, at the heart of what may be the most beautiful place in Southern California are the spectacular features that make Pasadena so special.

The city offers many amenities for visitors. Excellent choices are available in the selection of accommodations, world-class museums and historical attractions, restaurants and shopping, entertainment and nightlife, and sporting activities. Coupled with Pasadena's convenient location, dry sunny climate and easy access to all other Southern California cities and theme parks, Pasadena is an enjoyable visitor destination any time of the year.

While you are attending the conference in Pasadena, take advantage of the opportunity to visit some internationally famous attractions that people travel from all over the world to see. Come early, or stay late!

Must-see attractions include:

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens is regarded as one of the world's foremost research and cultural centers. It is located on the 207-acre estate of the late Henry and Arabella Huntington.

The **Library** has a rich collection of rare books and manuscripts in the fields of British and American history and literature. Among the treasures for research and exhibition are the Ellesmere manuscript of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, a Gutenberg Bible on vellum, the double-elephant folio edition of Audubon's *Birds of America*, and an unsurpassed collection of the early editions of Shakespeare's works.

The new **Erburu Gallery** houses the Huntington's best known works, Gainsborough's *Blue Boy* and Lawrence's *Pinkie*, as well as other 17th and 18th century masterpieces. The **Virginia Steele Scott Gallery** specializes in American paintings from the 1730s to 1930s. The Arabella Huntington Collection features Renaissance paintings and 18th century French art, and the **Boone Gallery** provides 4,000 square feet of exhibit space dedicated to changing exhibitions.

The 150 acres of **Botanical Gardens** are an ever-changing exhibition of color. The 12 specialized gardens are arranged within a park-like setting, complete with rolling lawns. Most acclaimed is the Desert Garden, the largest mature cacti garden in the United States, the Japanese Garden, and the Rose Garden. The Japanese Garden features a drum bridge and furnished Japanese house, while the Rose Garden details the history of the rose over the last 2,000 years. The one-acre Helen and Peter Bing Children's Garden features a variety of kinetic sculptures, inviting hands-on exploration and discovery for children ages 2 to 7. The Huntington's Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory for Botanical Science features four distinct "environments" with hands-on botanical exhibits. It is designed to capture the imagination, engage the senses, and teach some of the fundamentals of botany, suitable for middle-school-age students. www.huntington.org

Norton Simon Museum houses one of the greatest collections of art in the Western United States. The museum showcases the masterpieces of artists such as Raphael, Botticelli, Rubens, Rembrandt and Goya. Particularly celebrated are the impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings by Renoir, Monet, Degas, Van Gogh, and Picasso. Sculptures from India and South Asia are displayed in the newly renovated galleries and sculpture garden. The museum was originally built in the 1920s and recently completed a \$6 million renovation. www.nortonsimon.org

The Gamble House, designed by architects Greene and Greene, was built for David and Mary Gamble of Proctor & Gamble in 1908. From the hand-shaped beams of hand-rubbed fine teak wood, projecting rafters, beautifully sculptured woodwork, built-in cabinetry, open sleeping porches, original furnishings, and multi-colored glass windows, the house is internationally recognized as a masterpiece of the American Arts & Crafts movement. Pasadena contains the finest collection of Craftsman-style houses and this is the best-known example of this unique form. www.gamblehouse.org

Pasadena Museum of California Art is dedicated to the exhibition of California art. Built in 2002, the 30,000-square-foot museum showcases California paintings, graphic design, photography, architecture and design from 1850 to the present. Adding to its uniqueness, the museum's founders, Bob and Arlene Oltman, have built a residence and vast rooftop terrace on the third floor. www.pmcaonline.org

Pasadena Museum of History is housed in the **Fenyés Mansion**, a Beaux Arts structure dating back to 1905. Once owned by the Finnish Consul, the home contains its original furnishings and artwork, offering a rare glimpse of the extravagant lifestyle that existed on Pasadena's "Millionaires' Row" in the early 1900s. www.pasadenahistory.org

Pacific Asia Museum is housed in the historic Grace Nicholson mansion, a Chinese Imperial courtyard-style building dedicated to preserving and displaying the art and culture of the Pacific and Asia. The museum features a contemporary Asian arts gallery, research library and one of only two authentic Chinese gardens in the United States, which includes a koi pond, zigzag bridge and beautiful plantings that reflect the changing seasons. www.pacasiamuseum.org

Tournament of Roses House and Wrigley Gardens. Purchased by William Wrigley, Jr., of Wrigley Chewing Gum fame in 1914, this beautiful white Italian Renaissance home is located on Orange Grove Boulevard, once known as "Millionaires' Row." Today, the house serves as the headquarters for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association. The house is open for tours on Thursdays from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. between the months of February and August. The gardens are open daily. www.tournamentofroses.com

The Rose Bowl Stadium was built in 1922 and seats 92,542. It is home to the annual Rose Bowl Game, and the UCLA Bruins football team. www.rosebowlstadium.com

Old Pasadena Historic District showcases 200 buildings dating back to the 1800s and 1890s. Once flourishing with 19th century commercial activity, Old Pasadena has been completely restored. Stroll down quaint alleyways or any one of the airy European-style piazzas and be surrounded by a dazzling selection of 120 specialty retail stores, art galleries and boutiques and more than 80 restaurants. Choices range from upscale bistros to casual dining in outdoor cafés. The streets of Old Pasadena bustle with cinemas, clubs and other live entertainment. A number of interesting gift and antique stores share the spotlight with designer retail shops and bookstores. www.oldpasadena.org

In addition to these Pasadena attractions, there are other nearby places that you should visit (approximately 20 minutes or less travel time). These include: Descanso Gardens, Mt. Wilson Observatory, The Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, Southwest Museum, Museum Village at Heritage Square, Los Angeles Zoo, Gene Autry Museum of Western Heritage, and the Mission San Gabriel Archangel.

Other museums and attractions less than one hour travel time from Pasadena include: Universal Studios Hollywood/Universal Citywalk, Beverly Hills/Rodeo Drive, Santa Monica and nearby beaches, Disneyland, Magic Mountain, Raging Waters, and Knott's Berry Farm. Museums include the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Rancho La Brea Tar Pits with the adjacent Page Museum of La Brea Discoveries, L.A. County Museum of Art, Peterson Automotive Museum, Getty Center, Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Birthplace, Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, California Museum of Science and Industry, Queen Mary, and the Aquarium of the Pacific.

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