



## OLD SACRAMENTO WALKING TOURS

### Underground Tours

101 I St., 95814 // 916-808-7059

<http://www.HistoricOldSac.org>

Hidden for 150 years, Old Sacramento's underground has long been the capital's best-kept secret. See excavated foundations and enclosed paths as you listen to the stories of devastation, perseverance and determination of early Californians. Prepare to walk on uneven surfaces and under low ceilings and risk exposure to dust and mold during the one-hour tour. Tours run Apr-Nov on Th-Su. Reservations required and special adult-only date night tours added Sept-Oct.



### Sacramento City: California's Gold Rush Legacy Tour

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Navigate original and reconstructed Gold Rush era buildings to relive the legacy of Sacramento as it was in the 19th century. Donning period attire, your guide will bring to life miners, merchants, politicians, Pony Express riders and railroad workers during the one-hour tour



### Architectural Tour: From Canvas to Brick

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Less interested in the people? More intrigued by the properties? Trace Sacramento's architectural history from the floods and fires to the Gold Rush, from the designation as state capital to the 1960s redevelopment. Bring your camera as the waterlogged tent city is transformed into the sturdy brick town you see today. Allow one hour.



### Ghost Tours

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Take an eerie journey back in time with the Old Sacramento Living History program and the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation. Ghost stories recount how folks lived – and died – in the Gold Rush era. One-hour tours may include visits with murder victim Mary Shaw, star-crossed lovers, railroad robbers as well as spookier, unsavory Sacramentans. Advance reservations are required. Ages 6 and older recommended.



### Private Themed Tours

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<http://www.HistoricOldSac.org>

The Historic Old Sacramento Foundation can arrange a special themed tour by request. Topics can include, but are not limited to, medicine, waterfront / Sacramento River history, political history, 1960s redevelopment, disaster and recovery. Minimum eight people per tour. Contact Janessa West ([jwest@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jwest@cityofsacramento.org)).



### Old Sacramento Hysterical History Tour

Starts at the Pony Express monument (Second and K streets), 95814 // 916-441-2527

<http://www.hystericalwalks.com>

Laugh yourself silly as you take a hilarious look at Sacramento history. Myrtle Handpickel guides your experience. Unforgettable mysteries, thrills and surprises are sure to stretch your traditional image of the old town. Fr-Sa only; reservations required. Private tours available any day or time for min. party of 15.



### Old Sacramento Hysterical Walk of the Dead

Starts at the Pony Express monument (Second and K streets.), 95814 // 916-441-2527  
<http://www.hystericalwalks.com>

This isn't your typical ghost tour. Hear spooktacular ghost stories and be captivated with lively music and entertaining ghoulish dances. Weave through shadowy alleys of Old Sacramento with guide Leopold Handpickel. Fun for all ages, Fr and Sa only. Reservations required. Private tours available any day or time for minimum party of 15.

### YOUTH/STUDENT TOURS

#### Educational Discovery Tours

PO Box 10200, Truckee, 96162 // 530-582-6030  
<http://www.educationaldiscoverytours.com>

EDT has been offering student travel opportunities for more than 40 years. Four Sacramento itineraries bring textbook readings to life. Choose from one-, two- or three-day adventures. One-day experiences cover California history and government, or the unique living history of the capital and Gold Country. Join the two-day history camp to study historic Sacramento and Gold Country. The three-day schedule features San Francisco on day three.



### DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO SEGWAY TOUR

#### Hysterical Sacramento Tour

916-441-2527  
<http://www.hystericalwalks.com>

Segway personal transporters enable you to float by Cesar Chavez Plaza or along Capitol Park as you hear hysterical, historical narration. Route includes attractions in Old Sacramento and beyond. Mark your place in Sacramento history as your guide photographs your group. Riders must be 14 or older and under 260 pounds (118 kgs). Reservations required; min. 12-hour adv. booking. Allow two hours to include a 30-min. Segway training to ensure safety and fun. Helmets are provided and required. Close-toed shoes suggested and high heels are prohibited.



### DOWNTOWN VELOCAB TOURS

#### Sacramento Pedicab Tour

Serving Downtown and Midtown neighborhoods // 916-498-9980  
<http://www.ridevelocab.com>

Velocab brings together Sacramentans who love cycling and visitors who appreciate zero-emission travel. Think Rickshaw 2.0. Taxis can carry up to three guests. Cruise from Old Sacramento to Sutter's Fort. Call to schedule a one- to two-hour tour for a flat rate. Variable rate is \$2 first block + \$0.50 each additional block. Tu-Sa, 6pm-midnight.



### MIDTOWN TOURS

#### Second Saturday Art Walk

<http://Secondsaturdaysacramento.com/>

On the Second Saturday of every month, many local galleries feature new art exhibits. Some arrange drinks, hors d'oeuvres and live music – but the best is the opportunity to meet and speak with the artists. Galleries are concentrated in Midtown and Uptown (Del Paso Boulevard.); more throughout the city can be found on Sacramento365.com.





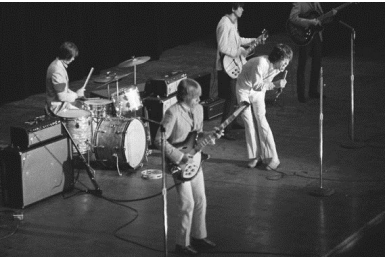
## DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS

### Rich History and Dirty Little Secrets (Speakeasy Tour)

Starts at River City Saloon (916 Second St.), 95814 // 916-442-8575

<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

The third Saturday evening of each month, Shawn Peter of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership (DSP) guides thirsty people through Old Sacramento's speakeasies and watering holes on a two-hour tour. Learn about fascinating people and events from the city's early history as one of the "wettest cities in the Union" regardless of Prohibition. Participants must be age 21+ and reservations are required.



### Locally Grown, Internationally Known (Rock and Roll History Tour)

Starts at Torch Club (904 15th St.), 95814 // 916-442-8575

<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Third Thursdays highlight Sacramento's contributions to contemporary popular music, beginning with the region's first FM radio station. Visit venues that launched careers of Tesla, Deftones, Cake, and connect you to the Stones, the Grateful Dead, even Nirvana. Pub crawl ends with live band karaoke at Marilyn's on K. Must be age 21+ and reservations are required.



### Tales of the Central City

Starts at Cesar Chavez Plaza (Ninth and J Sts.), 95814 // 916-442-8575

<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Forget tuition! Take a survey of early Sacramento history for less. Mike Munson guides you through one of California's oldest cities. Learn how Sacramento snagged the honor of state capital. Walk the original route of the famed, but short-lived Pony Express. See the influence of railroad's 'Big Four' on early urban planning. Tours run Fr-Su.



### Structural Stories (Architectural Tour)

Starts at Cesar Chavez Plaza (Ninth and J Sts.), 95814 // 916-442-8575

<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Grab your camera and practice your architectural photography skills. Shawn Peter leads a stroll through the ages. Downtown Sacramento is home to many styles: from Renaissance (Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament) to Art Deco (Crest Theatre) to Chicago School (Hotel Regis / Ambrosia Café). Tours run Tue-Th.



### Art is All Around Us (Art in Public Places Tour)

Starts at Indo Arch (Third and K Sts.), 95814 // 916-442-8575

<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Don't wait for Museum Day. Richard MacGill will point out the city's impressive collection of permanent works of art. See why open air galleries make the best exhibition spaces! Features art by notable local and regional artists. Developed in partnership with the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, tours run Tu-Th.

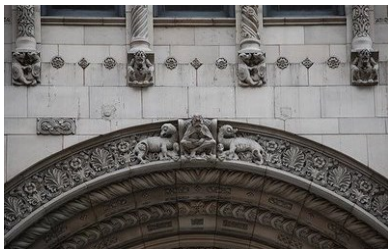


### Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow (K St. Commerce Tour)

Starts at Delta King docks (Front and K Sts.), 95814 // 916-442-8575

<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Starting in Old Sacramento and ending at the Tower Bridge, learn about Sacramento's rich history of development. From the early days of John Sutter establishing Sacramento as New Helvetia, to the Gold Rush boomtown history and how it evolved into the modern city with small town charm we see today. Tour lasts 60-90 minutes.



### The Art of Terra Cotta (Architectural Tour)

Starts at Cesar Chavez Plaza (Ninth and J Sts.), 95814 // 916-442-8575

<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Mike Munson highlights the history of *terra cotta* as an architectural style, esp. at the turn of the 19th Century. The tour recognizes local clay artisans, Gladding McBean. Since 1874 the Lincoln-based firm, now one of the region's best cultural and artistic assets, has created and exported tiles, pipes and sculpture worldwide. Available on Su, M and W.



### City of Trees Food and Cultural Tour

Starts at Cesar Chavez Plaza (10th and J Sts.), 95814 // 530-863-3159

<http://www.LocalRootsFoodTours.com>

SAVOR Sacramento and join the stroll foods movement. The three-hour walking tour includes food and drink tastings from unique eateries and farm-to-fork restaurants. Indulge in the capital's history as you explore neighborhoods block by block, bite by bite. Route includes Midtown. Ages 8+. Advanced purchase required. Tours depart daily, rain or shine.

## LAND PARK TOURS



### Land Park Home Tour (Architectural / Design)

Start at any home on the tour in Land Park // [info@landparkhometour.com](mailto:info@landparkhometour.com)

<http://www.landparkhometour.com>

Third Sunday in September Benefits enrichment programs at area public schools and neighborhood beautification. The self-guided walking tour showcases seven renovated landmarks. Purchase tickets at Plaza Cervantes Park (Freeport Blvd. and 10th Ave.) or in advance.

## EAST SACRAMENTO TOURS



### Origins of Sacramento Food and Cultural (Walking) Tour

Starts at Café Bernardo (2726 Capitol Ave.), 95814 // 530-863-3159

<http://www.LocalRootsFoodTours.com>

Discover Sutter's *Nueva Helvecia* colony (now Midtown) to East Sacramento's Fab Forties. Learn how ethnic groups forged today's cosmopolitan capital and created its agricultural dominance. The three-hour, 2.5 hour walking tour includes ethnic food and drink tastings. Age 8+. Adv. purchase req. Tours limited to 16.

### Sacred Heart Home Tour (Architectural / Design)

Starting point varies each year, E. Sacramento, 95819 // 916-556-5050

<http://sacredhearthometour.com>

The first weekend of December, this home tour benefits the Catholic parish school, Sacred Heart. The tour features five elegantly decorated homes in the Fabulous Forties. Each year showcases elaborate renovation, historic preservation, custom interior design and décor. The school (856 39th St.) houses a temporary café and gift shop. Allow two hrs. Purchase tickets at the starting point or in advance.



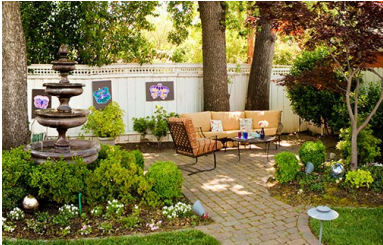


### East Sacramento Home Remodeling Tour

Organized by Friends of East Sacramento // 916-452-8011

[http://friendsofeastsacramento.org/?page\\_id=25](http://friendsofeastsacramento.org/?page_id=25)

Held the third Sunday in September the one-day event benefits area parks and neighborhood beautification. The self-guided walking tour debuts five or six finely renovated homes and outdoor entertaining spaces, ranging from traditional to contemporary to eclectic. Purchase tickets at the 1062 47th St. residence or in advance.



### East Sac Garden Tour (Landscaping / Architecture)

Starting point varies year to year, East Sacramento // 916-556-5050

<http://www.davidlubingardentour.com>

On Mother's Day weekend to fund enrichment programs at David Lubin Elementary School. The self-guided walking tour includes seven gardens in East Sacramento, a boutique of goodies and lunch at the Sutter Lawn Club Tea Garden. Purchase tickets at the info booth (40th and M Sts.) or in advance.

## TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED/SELF-GUIDED TOURS

### DiscoverGold.org Podcasts

<http://www.discovergold.org/tertiary/podcast.cfm>

The SCVB offers two podcast tours. "Getting to Know Sacramento" is an audio overview about ins and outs of the city. Before visiting the Capitol, listen to pertinent information to get around like a seasoned traveler. "Tour Old Sacramento" is flavored with stories about monumental people and events that have designated the historic area a National Landmark.



### Downtown Sacramento Scavenger Hunt App

<http://ilovedowntownsac.com>

Now trending: gamification. Downtown Sacramento Partnership and its member businesses are engaging consumers with a mash-up app; SCVNGR sends iPhone and Android users on a scavenger hunt that is on Facebook-Foursquare steroids. Players download the FREE app and visit participating businesses to complete activities, answer questions and collect points. Top three with most points win prizes!



### SacQR

<http://www.saclibrary.org/sacqr/>

SacQR is a historic tour of Sacramento's K Street mall for mobile devices. Those eager to see the old K Street alongside the new can walk the mall on a self-guided history tour using their smartphones or other mobile devices. QR codes at nearly two dozen businesses along K Street from 7th to 13th Streets link to historic photographs and postcards dating from 1900 to 1980. The images are from Sacramento Public Library's [Sacramento Room Digital Collections](#) and are accompanied by fascinating descriptions and audio narration. Participants can take the SacQR tour in any order, following the QR codes identified on the tour map.



### Sacramento's Historic Treasures (Architectural)

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

Sacramento Heritage promotes and preserves the city's architectural legacy from Gold Rush buildings to Craftsman bungalows. SHI is creating self-guided walking tours, complete with maps. The first focuses on the J-K commercial corridor within the central business district. Site includes Sacramento County Historical Society Tour of K Street., Seventh–13th Streets: <http://ow.ly/6K9eg>





### **Sacramento Old City Cemetery Walking and Self-Guided Tours**

1000 Broadway, 95818 // 916-448-0811

<http://www.oldcitycemetery.com>

California pioneers' resting place is adorned with beautiful statues, dramatic markers, and Victorian garden sensibilities. Est. in 1849 this outdoor museum illustrates the diversity of people from the Gold Rush, the 1850 cholera epidemic, the Civil War and beyond. Check website for upcoming guided tours or download your self-guided tour pamphlet. Ghost and Lantern tours in Oct. Open Fr-Tu, except holidays.



### **Sacramento Bungalow Walking Tour (Architectural)**

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

Download the tour from Sacramento Heritage: <http://ow.ly/6Kap1>. Published in 1998, the map cites several Midtown and East Sacramento houses. The Arts and Crafts Movement arrived in the capital in the late 19th century, but the bungalow and its casual style flourished between 1900 and 1920 in a variety: Craftsman, California and Prairie.



### **Boulevard Park Walking Tour (Architectural)**

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

Published in 1994, the map features homes and landmarks in this Midtown niche. This neighborhood was once the location of the California state fairgrounds. Today it's an eclectic mix of boutique businesses, from yoga studios to coffee shops and restaurants, not to mention the 'haunted house' at H and 22nd streets.



### **Curtis Park Walking Tour (Architectural)**

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

Sacramento Heritage, Inc. actually features three maps of what is traditionally one of the well-heeled neighborhoods in the capital: Curtis Oaks, South Curtis Oaks, and St. Francis Oaks. Most homes were built between 1910 and 1940. Architectural styles include Tudor, Spanish Colonial, American Foursquare and Italian Renaissance Revival. The South Curtis Neighborhood Association organizes a one-day annual home and garden tour in April.



### **Central Oak Park Walking Tour (Historical)**

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

California State University, Sacramento Professor Robin Datel led this walking tour in 2007. We recommend simply viewing the historical photographs that appear as a Flickr set, courtesy of the Center for Sacramento History: <http://ow.ly/6KaTx>.