

# JANUARY

## 1 Rose Parade

This historic and traditional California celebration features majestic floral floats, high-stepping equestrian units, and spirited marching bands from across the nation.

WHEN: **January 1, 8:00 a.m.**  
SITE: Colorado Blvd., Pasadena  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: The City of Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee  
INFO: 626-449-ROSE, 626-449-4100, [www.tournamentofroses.com](http://www.tournamentofroses.com)

## 2 1st Thursday San Pedro ART Walk

On the first Thursday of each month, the artists, entertainers, and business people of San Pedro celebrate the arts with an evening of open galleries, studios, street vendors, and live entertainment in the downtown San Pedro Arts District. Downtown San Pedro is magically transformed into a village of creativity surrounded by historical architecture, including the magnificent Warner Grand Theatre, quaint restaurants and cafes, plus plenty of places to shop for unusual items and gifts. Bring the whole family for an enjoyable evening in this seaside village.

WHEN: **January 1, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Downtown San Pedro between 4th & 8th Sts.  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: The San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
INFO: [www.1stthursday.com](http://www.1stthursday.com)

## 3 10th Annual Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

Situated amid the downtown skyscrapers, the rink will be open for ice skating daily, including holidays. There will also be a variety of free activities, including concerts covering an array of genres, youth hockey clinics, a preview of Disney on Ice, and more.

WHEN: **Through January 21, Monday through Thursday, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m., Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., Downtown Los Angeles  
COST: \$8 per hour  
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
INFO: 1-888-LA PARKS (527-2757), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

## 4 African American Heritage Celebrations

African American Heritage Month is a citywide commemoration of African American heritage and history in Los Angeles. The celebration will acknowledge Southern California's African American contributions in the areas of education, religion, the arts, culture, and the humanities. Events include a community gathering hosted by Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, dance and music concerts, a Children's Village, and several gallery exhibitions.

WHEN: **Through January, February, and March**  
SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles  
COST: Varies  
SPONSORS: Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Our Authors Study Club, Inc.  
INFO: [www.AfricanAmericanLA.com](http://www.AfricanAmericanLA.com)

## 5 Undiscovered Chinatown Tour

Tours take visitors to a number of off-the-beaten-track points of cultural and historical interest, and will guide those interested in shopping to some of Chinatown's best bargains and trendiest shops.

WHEN: **January 3, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown  
COST: \$20  
SPONSOR: Chinatown Business Improvement District  
INFO: 213-680-0243, [www.chinatownla.com](http://www.chinatownla.com)

## 6 Oshogatsu Family Festival

Ring in the New Year with fun arts and crafts, whimsical tales, and exciting performances at the Japanese National Museum.

WHEN: **January 4, 11:00 a.m.**

SITE: Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Japanese American National Museum

INFO: 213-625-0414, [www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org)

## 7 Kotohajime: First Performance of the New Year

Both solemn and festive, the closing of an old year and beginning of a new one are viewed as a time of reflection as well as festivity. Kotohajime is the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's original annual celebration of traditional and contemporary performances in observance of the New Year.

WHEN: **January 4, 1:00 p.m.**

SITE: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Downtown Los Angeles, Little Tokyo

COST: \$20 General Admission, \$18 JACCC members, Students, and Seniors

SPONSOR: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center

INFO: 213-680-3700, [www.jaccc.org](http://www.jaccc.org)

## 8 4th Festival of the Wise Men in Los Angeles / Festival de los Reyes Magos en Los Angeles

A celebration of the Day of the Wise Men, a Hispanic tradition in which children receive free toys and books from the Wise Men (Melchor, Gaspar, and Baltazar). Considered the last day of Christmas.

WHEN: **January 6, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**

SITE: Mac Arthur Park, Whilshire Blvd & 7th St., Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Cervantes Center of Arts & Letters

INFO: 310-526-1480, [www.cervantescenter.org](http://www.cervantescenter.org)

## 9 Los Tres Reyes

A celebration of the Epiphany (visit of the Three Kings) with music and a colorful procession on Olvera Street. Complimentary refreshments are also served.

WHEN: **January 6, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument

INFO: 213-485-8372, [www.cityofla.org/ELP](http://www.cityofla.org/ELP)

## 10 New Year Art Exhibit

This annual exhibit serves as an official kick-off function for the New Year celebration. Renowned artists, using different media, will be commissioned to illustrate the characteristics and spirit of the upcoming zodiac. This year's theme will be "Four Festivals of China" capturing the origins, legends, and customs behind each particular festival.

WHEN: **January 7 through 30, call for times**

SITE: Alhambra City Hall, 111 South First Street, Alhambra

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Alhambra and San Gabriel Chambers of Commerce

INFO: 626-300-5933, [www.lunarnewyearparade.com](http://www.lunarnewyearparade.com)

## **11 Downtown Art Walk**

The Downtown Art Walk is a monthly, self-guided tour of the art exhibition venues in Downtown Los Angeles, which includes commercial art galleries, public museums, non-profit spaces, and grassroots arts venues.

**WHEN:** January 8, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Downtown Los Angeles  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** Bert Green Fine Art  
**INFO:** 213-624-6212, [www.downtownartwalk.com](http://www.downtownartwalk.com)

## **12 Photo LA 2009**

The 18th international Los Angeles photographic art exposition features the finest photographic art from the earliest 19th century photographic experiments to the most contemporary photography and photo-based art. More than 80 premiere galleries and private dealers present international and U.S. artists.

**WHEN:** January 9 through 11, Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave., Santa Monica  
**COST:** Day Pass \$20  
**SPONSOR:** ArtLA  
**INFO:** 323-937-5525, [www.artfairsinc.com](http://www.artfairsinc.com)

## **13 Pomona Art Walk**

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last Saturday of the month that brings big crowds to stroll the streets. Over a dozen galleries host receptions and open houses to showcase their latest exhibits and artists. Music, food, wine, and art from 6:00 p.m. on into the evening.

**WHEN:** January 10 & 31, 5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
**SITE:** Garey Park, 2nd & 3rd, Downtown Pomona  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** Pomona Arts Colony  
**INFO:** [www.metropomona.com](http://www.metropomona.com)

## **14 Australia Week 2009 / G'Day USA**

Australia Week is the largest foreign country promotion held annually in the United States showcasing all things Australian from food and wine, energy resources, film, arts, fashion, lifestyle, trade, and investment to indigenous culture and tourism. The week-long program of events highlights Australia's vitality as a place to visit and a place to do business in the 21st Century.

**WHEN:** January 13 - 19, Various times – Check website  
**SITE:** Various locations in West Los Angeles  
**COST:** Varies  
**SPONSOR:** Australian Consulate General  
**INFO:** 310-229-4867, [www.australia-week.com](http://www.australia-week.com)

## **15 4th Annual Steppin to King's Dream**

This is an annual dance convention held in Los Angeles that is centered around the African American dance known as "Chicago Steppin." The event plays tribute to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and draws over 33 cities to Los Angeles for instructional workshops, seminars, and dance celebrations.

**WHEN:** January 15 – 19, all day  
**SITE:** Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St., Downtown Los Angeles  
**COST:** Varies  
**SPONSOR:** Rebuilding the Village Foundation  
**INFO:** 310-327-3274, [www.stepping2kingsdream.com](http://www.stepping2kingsdream.com)

## 16 26th Annual King Day Celebration

This year's memorial will celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dr. King. The City of Inglewood will kick-off its King Day celebration with a rousing ecumenical service at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following the special service, over a thousand marchers will take to the streets to reenact, in a tribute to Dr. King, the symbolic marches of the 1960's. The City of Inglewood will continue its celebration with a commemorative festival on the grounds of Hollywood Park.

WHEN: **January 17, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Hollywood Park, 1050 S. Prairie Ave., Inglewood  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: City of Inglewood  
INFO: 310-412-8700

## 17 World City: Chen Kuai Le Puppet Theater

Celebrating its fifth season, World City is the Music Center's highly acclaimed free performance series reflecting the rich array of cultures making up the Los Angeles community. In addition to performances, free arts workshops for children are offered in the adjacent Blue Ribbon Garden.

WHEN: **January 17, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.**  
SITE: W. M. Keck Foundation Children's Amphitheatre,  
Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave.,  
Downtown Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Music Center of Los Angeles County  
INFO: 213-972-4394, [www.musiccenter.org/education](http://www.musiccenter.org/education)

## 18 Gone with the Film Festival

This is an annual family friendly festival held in a historic location compiling an impressive list of internationally competitive feature length and short films guaranteed to please every one!

WHEN: **January 17 through 25, Check website for times**  
SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles  
COST: \$15 - \$30  
SPONSOR: Iris International Film  
INFO: 818-833-4483, [www.irisfilmintl.com](http://www.irisfilmintl.com)

## 19 Miracle Mile 5k Run

This is the start of something special on the Miracle Mile. The Farmers Market and The Grove will host the inaugural Miracle Mile 5k Run/Walk. This scenic course travels throughout the Miracle Mile before a spectacular finish back at The Grove.

WHEN: **January 18, 8:00 a.m.**  
SITE: The Grove, 189 The Grove Dr., Los Angeles  
COST: \$25  
SPONSOR: Olympia & The Grove at the Farmers Market  
INFO: 310-821-7898, [www.miraclemile5k.com](http://www.miraclemile5k.com)

## 20 Los Angeles Art Show

The event features selected fine international and U.S. galleries exhibiting thousands of works, including historical, modern, and contemporary art. Come explore a world of exceptional paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, videos, and sculptures.

WHEN: **January 21 through 29, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St.,  
Downtown Los Angeles  
COST: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Tickets purchased in advance  
online  
SPONSOR: The Fine Art Dealers Association  
INFO: 310-822-9145, [www.laartshow.com](http://www.laartshow.com)

## 21 Art LA 2009

The only major contemporary art fair to be held in Los Angeles returns for a fourth year. Works in all media, including painting, sculpture, installation, video, and new media will be exhibited and for sale. ART LA 2009 will feature the best of contemporary art in the avant-garde tradition from around the globe. Lectures and seminars will be announced.

WHEN: **January 23 through 25, Friday and Saturday 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.**

SITE: Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica

COST: Day Pass \$15, Three-day Pass \$25

SPONSOR: ArtLA

INFO: 323-937-4652, [www.artfairsinc.com](http://www.artfairsinc.com)

## 22 Pillow Theatre – The Art of Puppets and Marionettes

This free performance series is designed specifically for families with children ages 3 through 6. Pillow Theatre features world-class artists in interactive performances, followed by a hands-on arts workshop. This enchanting production of Hansel & Gretel features hand-crafted string puppets on a full proscenium stage.

WHEN: **January 24, 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

SITE: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Grand Hall, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: The Music Center

INFO: 213-972-8000, [www.musiccenter.org/education](http://www.musiccenter.org/education)

## 23 Living History Day

The event includes activities for children, guided tour of the park and the historic adobe home of Pio Pico, as well as adobe and bread making demonstrations.

WHEN: **January 24, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

SITE: Pio Pico State Historic Park, 6003 Pioneer Blvd., Whittier

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Friends of Pio Pico, Inc.

INFO: 626-695-1217 x102, [www.piopico.org](http://www.piopico.org)

## 24 Festival of Human Abilities

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for its annual Festival of Human Abilities, a celebration highlighting the creative spirit and abilities of people with disabilities. Dance, music, art, storytelling, and other entertainment by talented people with disabilities will also be featured. Sign language interpreters will be present and audio tours will be available for people who are blind.



Aquarium of the Pacific

WHEN: **January 24 & 25, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

SITE: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach

COST: Free with Aquarium Admission. Admission Cost: \$20.95 Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members

SPONSOR: The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation

INFO: 562-590-3100, [www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org)

## 25 Dinofaire at Star Eco Station

Discover your inner paleontologist with real artifacts, fossils, and an archeology dig for kids! Live performances by Dinoman and his life size dinosaurs! Reservations required.

WHEN: **January 25, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

SITE: Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City

COST: To Be Announced

SPONSOR: Star Eco Station

INFO: 310-842-8060, [www.ecostation.org](http://www.ecostation.org)

## 26 Whale Fiesta

In celebration of marine mammals and the annual several-thousand-mile migration of Pacific Gray whales, enjoy arts and crafts, puppet shows, crawl through an inflatable whale, make a life-sized one out of sand, or participate in creating a living whale using people. There will also be food and gift vendors, music, and more.

WHEN: **January 25, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
SITE: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
INFO: 310-548-7562, [www.cabrilloaq.org](http://www.cabrilloaq.org), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

## 27 1st Annual Hollywood Brazilian Film Festival

The event will include four days of fun, happiness, and film where guests, filmmakers, film lovers, and celebrities from all over the world will be part of this unique Hollywood Brazilian film festival. This is a Hollywood-based film festival dedicated to addressing the cultural-creative and commercial exchange between Hollywood, the international film industry, and the Latin American-Brazilian Film Community.

WHEN: **January 28 - 31, Various times**  
SITE: Grauman's Chinese Theatre, 6801 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood  
COST: Various  
SPONSOR: Hollywood Brazilian Film Festival  
INFO: 323-317-6365, [www.hbrfest.com](http://www.hbrfest.com)

## 28 Bones and Blues

Bones and Blues is a monthly concert series featuring live blues and jazz music, domino tournaments, and a hearty barbecue dinner.

WHEN: **January 30, 8:00 p.m.**  
SITE: The Center, 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles  
COST: \$15 presale, \$25 at the door  
SPONSOR: Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)  
INFO: 323-563-5639, [www.wlcac.org](http://www.wlcac.org)

## 29 110th Annual Golden Dragon Parade

The Year of the Ox celebration features a parade with beautifully decorated cultural floats, colorful dance troupes, and the magical lion and dragon dancers. Watch the parade go through Chinatown and then visit the Chinese New Year Festival for an all-day family event!

WHEN: **January 31, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce  
INFO: 213-617-0396, [www.lachinesechamber.org](http://www.lachinesechamber.org)

## 30 Lunar New Year Festival

Bring your family! Los Angeles Chinatown celebrates the Year of the Ox 4707. Enjoy entertainment, children's rides, food and games booths, freebies, and balloons. The event coincides with the annual Chinese New Year parade. The weekend will be filled with festivities for the whole family to enjoy.

WHEN: **January 31 & February 1, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce  
INFO: 213-617-0396, [www.lachinesechamber.org](http://www.lachinesechamber.org)

### **31 City of Monterey Park's 2009 Lunar New Year Festival (Floral Street Fair)**

For thousands of years, the tradition of the "Floral Street Fair" has ushered in the traditional Chinese festival and heralded the beginning of Spring with elaborate and beautiful flower arrangements, lively entertainment, and of course, great food. The two-day event features vendor booths, a food court, a kid zone, carnival rides, live entertainment, and more.

**WHEN:** January 31 & February 1, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**SITE:** Downtown Monterey Park

**COST:** Free

**SPONSOR:** City of Monterey Park

**INFO:** 626-239-6688, [www.floralstreetfair.org](http://www.floralstreetfair.org)

## **FEBRUARY**

### **32 African American Heritage Celebrations**

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**WHEN:** Through February and March

**SITE:** Various sites throughout Los Angeles

**COST:** Varies

**SPONSORS:** Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Our Authors Study Club, Inc.

**INFO:** [www.AfricanAmericanLA.com](http://www.AfricanAmericanLA.com)

### **33 African American History Month Programs**

Our Authors Study Club celebrates the African American History Month with an opening ceremony at City Hall, the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Scholarship and awards luncheon, an oratorical contest, and several church and community events.

**WHEN:** Through February

**SITE:** Various locations

**COST:** Free

**SPONSOR:** Our Authors Study Club, Inc.

**INFO:** 310-854-6967

### **34 Redondo Beach Super Bowl 10K / 5K Run**

Join the 9,000-race participants at Southern California's greatest Super Bowl Celebration! It's how Redondo Beach celebrates the biggest day in sports. Run, Walk, Skate or Stroll in the Redondo Beach Super Bowl Sunday 10K Run, 5K Run, 5K Fun Walk, Baby Buggy 10K, and 10K In-Line Skate. Great food and beverages await participants and guests at the Race Expo.

**WHEN:** February 1, 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**SITE:** Redondo Beach Seaside Lagoon & Downtown Redondo Beach

**COST:** \$25 before January 21, \$30 after January 11

**SPONSOR:** Spectrum Sports Management, LLC

**INFO:** [www.spectrumsports.net](http://www.spectrumsports.net)

### **35 Little King & Queen Contest**

Participants in this pageant include five and six-year-old boys and girls of Chinese heritage. A King, Queen, Prince, and Princess are chosen and will have the opportunity to attend the Chinese New Year festivities.

**WHEN:** February 1, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**SITE:** Lunar New Year Festival Site, Los Angeles Chinatown

**COST:** Free

**SPONSOR:** Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce

**INFO:** 213-617-0396 x13, [www.lachinesechamber.org](http://www.lachinesechamber.org)