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Sunday, February 25, 2024 Field Trip

Mission San Luis Rey and Oceanside

Shooting Assignment: Shadows and Silhouettes

Carpool: Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the south end of the parking lot located on the northeast corner of Beach Boulevard and Stark Drive, Huntington Beach. **Directions:** Take I 405/I 5 S past Camp Pendleton to Exit 54A, CA 76 E/San Luis Rey Mission Expressway. Exit San Luis Rey Avenue to the Mission.

Lunch: 12:00 noon at **San Luis Rey Bakery Restaurant**, 490 N El Camino Real (next to the Mission, west side, about a 5-minute walk from the Mission church.)

Mission Hours: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Mission Costs for Self-guided tours:

Adults: \$8.00, Seniors: \$5.00

Note: A small community of Franciscan Friars now live on the property which also serves as a Retreat Center. Access to the rose garden and ancient pepper tree is no longer permitted.

Photography: “Personal, individual or small group photography and videography is allowed by visitors in the front of the Mission, inside the historic church and in the museum, so long as pathways aren’t restricted, other visitors aren’t disturbed and tripods and reflective materials aren’t used.” For complete details, check the website below:

<https://www.sanluisrey.org/about/photography-policy>



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Points of interest: “The Historic Mission Church, standing since 1815, with its unique Spanish and Native decorative designs; the Lavanderia, an intricate water system where Indian neophytes



washed their clothes; the brick kiln where the adobe bricks were fired; ruins of the Soldiers' Barracks rising from the original stone foundation; the Indian monument featured in the oldest Cemetery in North County; and Mission Quadrangle where the **oldest Pepper Tree in California** was planted in 1830 and still survives today.”

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Oceanside Points of Interest: For other photo opportunities consider traveling southwest on Mission Avenue to the coast where you can visit Oceanside Pier and also Harbor Village. Don't miss the **Top Gun House** across from the pier. Parking is limited on a busy weekend. There is, however, free parking at the Oceanside Transportation



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