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## San Luis Obispo takes visitors along a 'path of history'

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Visitors can experience the tranquil beauty and grace of bygone eras by touring and strolling through some of San Luis Obispo's historic homes and buildings. These incredible structures, located in the heart of the city, serve as "living museums" for modern-day guests. And, better yet, most of them are within walking distance of each other.

San Luis Obispo, located midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles at the confluence of Highways 1 and 101, stands as a proud testament to the past, present and future. In 1772, Spaniards seeking mission sites stumbled upon the beautiful, rolling foothills of a long, open valley on California's Central Coast.

It was an ideal setting for their fifth mission — Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa — and the town that would soon surround it. San Luis Obispo Creek, the valley's wandering stream that once provided a year-round water supply of fresh water, today leads its own tour — the "path of history" — past architecture influenced by the valley's rich heritage.

Starting at the Mission, visitors can walk along San Luis Obispo's "path of history," which showcases 21 historic buildings. From adobe and stone to granite and cast-iron, these structures have withstood the test of time. Some of San Luis Obispo's oldest buildings include, the Judge Walter Murray Adobe (1849), the former home of an Englishman who came to California with Stevenson's regiment in 1846; the Dallidet Adobe (1853), a home built by Pierre Hyppolite Dallidet, a French vintner; St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (1867), one of the first Episcopal churches in California.

The church's organ was donated by Phoebe Apperson Hearst; and Sinsheimer Brothers Store (1874), founded by a pioneer San Luis Obispo family. The store boasts the only cast iron facade on a building in the county. The iron front was cast in San Francisco, then transported by boat.

Some of the city's most "showy" structures include, the Jack House (1875), a lovely old Victorian home which boasts a romantic gazebo, abundant flowering plants and ancient trees, -more- Prepared in cooperation with the City Promotional Committee, by the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce NEWS RELEASE from the City of San Luis Obispo page 3 many of which are over 100 years old; the Garden Street Inn (1887), an Italianate/Queen Anne home built by German immigrants Morris and Helena Goldtree. Today it is an operating Bed & Breakfast Inn; and the Fremont Theater (1942), a beautiful example of Art Deco and movie era opulence. This theater has a fully painted ceiling of sea nymphs on horseback, floor-to-ceiling velvet drapes, and inlaid walkways.

A walk along the "path of history" offers a glimpse of what made San Luis Obispo a dream come true for missionaries 228 years ago and what continues to delight visitors from around the world today. For more information on San Luis Obispo's historic buildings or the "path of history," call the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center at (805) 781-2777 or log on to [www.VisitSLO.com](http://www.VisitSLO.com).

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