

SACHI Excursion to Southern California

Experience The First Major Sri Lankan Art Exhibition
Organized in the US at LACMA, Los Angeles

The Jeweled Isle: Art from Sri Lanka



Buddha Reclining, 18th century, Sri Lanka, wood with paint, 14 1/2 x 37 3/4 x 6 5/8 in., Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Purchased with funds provided by Anna Bing Arnold, photo © Museum Associates/LACMA

Join A SACHI Group Visit: Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, March 8-10, 2019

A Major Highlight of the Trip is a Rare Exhibition of Sri Lankan Art at LACMA

The Jeweled Isle: Art from Sri Lanka

(on view through June 23, 2019)

The trip is limited to 20 participants (first come, first served) | RSVP: info@sachi.org

Itinerary

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Group assembles in Santa Barbara (driving time 5 hrs. or fly in)

People will arrive at different times, so there is no planned day time itinerary.

Following Hotel Check in:

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of Santa Barbara architecture around the main downtown State Street area, including architect Luth Maria Riggs's Lobero Theater. Santa Barbara Museum of Art is conveniently located on State Street also.

7:00 PM, dinner at Smithey Kitchen plus Bar, heart of downtown, vicinity of State Street, minutes away from the Granada Theater and Santa Barbara Museum of Art. Art historian Kay Talwar & Ashok Talwar, invited guests at SACHI dinner.

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Itinerary (continued)

SATURDAY, MARCH 9:

9:00 AM-10:00 AM We visit **Santa Barbara Vedanta Temple** early morning. Unique Temple architectural design by architect Lutha Maria Riggs. A guided tour of Temple site is confirmed with Convent nun.

Then drive northwards to the Malibu coast (approx. 2 hrs)

12:00 Noon-2:00 PM stop at the **Getty Villa** for lunch refreshments/garden stroll or gallery tour. (Getty Villa, replica of a Herculaneum home, buried alongside Pompei, 79 CE)

2:30-4:00 PM stop at the **Charles & Ray Eames residence**, Pacific Palisades, a 6-7 min. drive from Getty Villa. A guided docent tour has been arranged. Eames are famous 20th cen. designers with a nice connection to India. Sri Lankan architect Ravi Gunewardena and Frank Escher (both involved in Eames home restoration) may join the group

4:00 PM, drive to Pasadena (about an hour)

5.30-7:00 PM, either check into **Pasadena hotel option**, or visit **Norton Simon Museum** (open till 8:00 PM, Saturdays)

7:30 PM, dinner in Pasadena at Saladang Song Thai Restaurant (1 mile from Norton Simon)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10:

10:00 AM, Arrive LACMA

Art of Sri Lanka, Curator-led tour with Bindu Gude, Exhibition Curator

12:00 Noon Lunch, LACMA Cafe, with Curator Bindu Gude and Sri Lanka exhibition design architects Ravi Gunewardena and Frank Escher.

1:30 PM onwards, more of LACMA galleries, visit the Getty Center, or more of the Norton Simon Museum. There is also the Broad Contemporary Art Museum, and the UCLA Hammer and Fowler Museums

All Museums close at 5:00 PM on Sunday

Drive to airport for return flight or stay overnight based on individual preference

All enrolled participants will make their own flight and car transportation and hotel stay arrangements, pay for meal expenses, and cover museum admission and related fees as applicable.

Hotels Suggestions:

Pasadena Area in vicinity of Norton Simon Museum, March 9

Westin Hotel – 1.3 miles from Norton Simon Museum; 17.3 miles from LACMA

Arroyo Vista Inn – 3.3 miles from Norton Simon Museum; 13.7 miles from LACMA

LA Downtown in vicinity of LACMA, March 9

Farmer's Daughter Hotel – .8 mi. from LACMA

Kimpton Hotel – .4 mi. from LACMA

AC Hotel, Beverly Hills – .5 mi. from LACMA

Santa Barbara, downtown, State Street vicinity, March 8

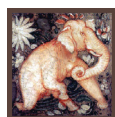
Upham Hotel – Walking distance from State Street; 9.9 miles from Vedanta Temple, Montecito

De La Vina Inn (less than 1 block from Upham Hotel) – Walking distance from State Street; 9.9 miles from Vedanta Temple, Montecito

Santa Barbara, Oceanfront Views, East Beach and West Beach, March 8

Santa Barbara Inn, East Beach – 4.5 miles from SB downtown, State Street; 6.9 miles from Vedanta Temple, Montecito

Harbor View Inn, West Beach – 3.3 miles from SB downtown, State Street; 8.1 miles from Vedanta Temple, Montecito



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