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## **SAM'S CASTLE IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC TOURS IN 2015**

(Pacifica, CA – March 2015)

The iconic Sam's Castle will be open throughout 2015 with special public tours, guided by "Sam's Castle" author Bridget Oates, **in coordination with the Sam Mazza Foundation**. With a rich and intriguing history, visitors will hear compelling stories about police raids, bones buried in the garden and parties that raised the roof. In addition to the historic tales, guests will enjoy picturesque, panoramic views as well as wine and refreshments.

Priced at only \$25, the 2015 calendar of tour dates and times are as follows:

### April 19 - SPECIAL EVENT ---

Along with the guided historical tour, the host is including a walk-through with the castle's interior designer who will point out unique design details, including a special tribute to Hearst Castle.

1:00-2:30 p.m.

3:00-4:30 p.m.

5:00-5:30 p.m.

### June 20

1:00-2:30 p.m.

3:00-4:30 p.m.

5:00-5:30 p.m.

### July 12

1:00-2:30 p.m.

3:00-4:30 p.m.

5:00-5:30 p.m.

### August 15

1:00-2:30 p.m.

3:00-4:30 p.m.

5:00-5:30 p.m.



## September 12

1:00-2:30 p.m.

3:00-4:30 p.m.

5:00-5:30 p.m.

## October - EVENT TO BE ANNOUNCED

## November 28

1:00-2:30 p.m.

3:00-4:30 p.m.

5:00-5:30 p.m.

December 19 - HOLIDAY TEA EVENT --- This event includes a guided tour followed by a sit-down holiday tea with refreshments from Lovey's. (This special event is \$40/per guest). Limited seating.

Noon-2:00 p.m.

3:00-5:00 p.m.

### **Terms and conditions**

All tours/events are \$25/per guest, with the exception of the December 19 holiday tea event. Adults (18 and older) only and no pets or spike heels permitted. Sam's Castle is located at 900 Mirador Terrace, Pacifica, CA 94044. PLEASE NOTE - there is no shuttle. There is plenty of parking and the hill going up to the castle is very steep, so for those that want a more gradual route, turn left at either of the two streets at the bottom of the hill (Carmel or Loma Vista) and wind up to the castle more gradually.

### **About Sam's Castle:**

The 100+ year old Sam's Castle is a cornerstone in Pacifica, filled with a history of allure and indiscretions. The site has been a speakeasy, brothel, US Coast Guard barracks, clinic, artist's workshop, party place and residence of an established San Francisco family.

With 24 renovated rooms, the castle is a museum of gothic glory. While some claim the venue is haunted, others find great pleasure in reliving a past filled with celebration and censure.

Located near Sharp Park, just off Highway 1, Sam's Castle was built in 1908 by Henry Harrison McCloskey, the grandfather of former congressman Pete McCloskey. After the 1906 earthquake, McCloskey was spooked by the San Francisco disaster and sought refuge in the fortress he built for his family's security, which has not "budged" since its inception.

While there are several scandalous stories about Sam's castle, there is so much "eye candy" that one visit may not be enough. However, the town of Pacifica welcomes visitors to enjoy exclusive tours of the castle once a month, starting October 17 with additional dates to follow, including November 29, December 20, January 18, February 21, and March 8. For more information, please visit [www.sammazzafoundation.org](http://www.sammazzafoundation.org)

### **PACIFICA LODGING**

For those interested in making a weekend out of the Sam's Castle experience, Pacifica offers six lodging options in the budget to moderate price range and all are within a

short drive to Sam's Castle and within walking distance to Pacifica's beaches.

Four properties are located at Rockaway Beach. The largest with 97 guest rooms is the Best Western Plus Lighthouse Hotel, a full-service hotel situated on Rockaway Beach with spacious accommodations, beautiful ocean views, a swimming pool and the upscale Moonraker restaurant. The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Pacifica provides very comfortable accommodations with ocean views and a complimentary hot Express Start Breakfast Bar, which has an outdoor deck overlooking beautiful Rockaway Beach Cove. Offering a dash of Victorian charm is the pet-friendly Pacifica Motor Inn and adjacent to Nick's Restaurant is the Sea Breeze Motel, which is very convenient for those looking to dance the night away at Nick's.

Situated across from Linda Mar Beach is another full service hotel called the Pacifica Beach Hotel. Under new ownership, the hotel now includes several remodeled rooms, offering spectacular ocean view rooms, Jacuzzi tubs, indoor swimming pool and the new Peruvian Restaurant, Puerto 27. Further north near Sharp Park is Americas Best Value Inn, which is a short walk from the Pacifica Pier and the Sharp Park golf course.

### **Accommodations:**

**America's Best Value Inn Pacifica:** (877) 784-6835/[www.pacifica-bestvalueinn.com](http://www.pacifica-bestvalueinn.com)

**Best Western Plus Lighthouse Hotel:** (650) 355-6300/  
[www.bestwesternlighthouse.com](http://www.bestwesternlighthouse.com)

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites:** (650) 355-5000/[www.hiexpresspacifica.com](http://www.hiexpresspacifica.com)

**Pacifica Beach Hotel:** (650) 355-9999/[www.pacificabeachhotel.com](http://www.pacificabeachhotel.com)

**Pacifica Motor Inn:** (800) 522-3772/[www.pacificamotorinn.com](http://www.pacificamotorinn.com)

**Sea Breeze Motel at Rockaway Beach:** (650) 359-3903

**Travel Tip:** For more information about Pacifica, log onto [VisitPacifica.com](http://VisitPacifica.com).

### **Background: Pacifica, California**

The natural beauty and unparalleled serenity of Pacifica, California has attracted travelers to this coastal gem for more than 100 years. Located just 15 minutes south of San Francisco, Pacifica feels worlds away but is convenient to some of the most vibrant, international communities on the West Coast. Easily accessible from Highway 1, Pacifica's rich cultural heritage and bohemian personality make it a unique destination worth discovering.

Pacifica's ethereal beauty is enhanced by its Mediterranean style weather. Refreshing temperatures range from 15-20 degrees cooler than the central coast, drawing visitors to Pacifica's shoreline to 'cool' off during the hot summer months with its natural air-conditioning and attractive oceanfront accommodations. Likewise, Pacifica's equally-appealing winter travel season provides a dramatic setting for those interested in off-season values and romantic departures.

Of the many diversions, Pacifica boasts some of the most breathtaking panoramic vistas atop a wide range of hiking trails and walking adventures along the expansive beaches dotting the destination's shoreline. Additionally, the destination features a range of recreational options, including surfing, boating, scuba, fishing and paragliding, birding, cycling, golf, tennis, archery and horseback riding.

According to the National Marine Sanctuaries of the West Coast, Pacifica is known to be the fourth richest area in the world for marine mammal life.

For more information about the destination of Pacifica, California, please visit <http://visitpacifica.com>.

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