



INTERNATIONAL COTTAGES

Visit Balboa Park's Cultural Treasure



Journey around the world in Balboa Park's charming cottages

House of Pacific Relations

The historic International Cottages in San Diego's beautiful Balboa Park promote goodwill through education and culture. We are dedicated to furthering cooperation and understanding between national groups in the U.S.

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Tax-deductible donations are welcome and can be mailed to the above address, attention "HPR President." HPR is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Open Houses
Noon-4:00 p.m., Sundays
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Tuesdays, some cottages
Refreshments are served and donations are welcome. Members often dress in traditional clothing. Many cottages sell souvenirs and handmade crafts.

Lawn Programs
2:00 p.m., Sundays from Spring through Fall
Each weekend, one cottage hosts entertainment featuring the songs and dances of that nation.

Ethnic Food Fair
Sunday of Memorial Day weekend
This joyous festival features food, drink and entertainment from all of our national groups.

HPR's International Christmas Festival at Balboa Park December Nights
First Friday and Saturday in December
This event features food and festivities inspired by winter holidays from around the world.

Gift Shop
10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Daily
Specializing in treasures from around the world.



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A World Within
San Diego's world-famous Balboa Park is home to the House of Pacific Relations (HPR), a village of charming and picturesque cottages representing 32 nations and ethnicities from around the world. Visitors enjoy a window to their heritage through goodwill and culture.

An Impressive Beginning
HPR has provided a cultural and architectural presence since the California Pacific International Exposition in 1935-36. Named the House of Pacific Relations to capture the spirit of its peaceful mission, director Frank Drugan envisioned a place to invite nations "to live together and play together in the spirit of good fellowship that can knit them together more closely than societies that use the form of debate to provoke not agreement but disagreement." HPR's distinctive architecture was inspired by Spanish and Mexican haciendas.

Preserving Culture for Fellowship and Future Generations
Seven decades later, HPR is the largest multicultural organization in the U.S. and our mission continues. The heart of HPR is the Hall of Nations with international displays. The gift shop sells treasures from around the world. Each cottage is uniquely furnished offering

visitors a delightful window into their culture, history, and traditions. You'll enjoy an international journey when you visit on the many occasions our doors are open.

Open Houses: Traditions are showcased every Sunday as members sell souvenirs and crafts, often in costume. Balboa Park rolls out the red carpet for visitors on Free Tuesdays when many museums and cottages are free to the public. HPR visitors enjoy refreshments.

Lawn Programs: The music, dance, costumes, art, and ethnic foods of one culture are celebrated every Sunday from Spring through Fall.

Annual Special Events: Ethnic Food Fair offers authentic food, drink, and entertainment. Balboa Park December Nights features HPR's International Christmas Festival with delicious ethnic cuisine and a variety of traditional "International Spirits"; with rich mulled wines and smooth liquors, it isn't just a beer garden.

Affiliates: HPR sponsors two multicultural groups. The Ladies Auxiliary has monthly luncheons sharing ethnic diversity through food and entertainment. The Queens Organization is an educational service group which prepares teenage members to be effective community leaders and fosters a spirit of understanding. Queens serve as HPR's goodwill ambassadors.



Celebrating Fellowship since 1935

Visit and enjoy the hospitality, cuisine, music, song, dance, and culture.



House of Argentina

The House of Argentina seeks to foster community spirit among our members, increase the visibility of the local Argentine community, and promote a better understanding of Argentine culture and traditions by sharing them with the community. www.houseofargentina.com



House of Austria

Our mission is to educate and inform the public about Austrian customs and traditions, from the Habsburg Empire to modern Austria. Monthly Stammtisch get-togethers are enjoyed by members and guests. Join us at HPR events and the annual New Year's Eve concert. www.houseofaustriasandiego.com



House of China

The House of China preserves, presents, and promotes friendship and Chinese culture. Our cottage is open every Sunday. Culturally-rich seasonal celebrations include Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Essay Award Ceremony, and Moon Festival. www.houseofchinasd.com



House of Colombia

Established over three decades ago with the purpose of maintaining a connection with the home country, the House of Colombia still tries to stay true to its original intentions. Cultural activities as well as participation on ethnic affairs are avenues used to maintain these connections. www.houseofcolombiasandiego.org



House of Czech and Slovak Republics

Est. 1935, this unique cottage represents two countries, both nationalities working together to promote their own culture, history, and traditions. Come visit the Czech & Slovak Cottage and enjoy two cultures and double the hospitality.



House of Denmark

The purpose of the House of Denmark is to advance the knowledge about Denmark, Danish culture, traditions, and more. The cottage is a place where Danes, Americans, and Danish-Americans can meet. www.houseofdenmark.org



House of England

Est. 1935, the House of England has a singing group that visits nursing homes. Members share their culture at local schools, and play whist every month. The House of England is always looking for new members to serve in the cottage.



House of Finland

The House of Finland opens a window to modern Finland, its culture and hospitality via open houses and traditional, educational and fun events. Visitors are welcomed as members say "Tervetulo!" and they leave with a piece of Finland in their heart. www.houseoffinland.org



House of France

The House of France opened its doors after the 1935-36 Exhibition. The House of France serves to provide the opportunity for San Diegans and visitors to take a glance at the French culture and way of life. www.houseoffrance.org



House of Germany

Est.1935, the House of Germany is a popular meeting place with traditional and cultural exhibits. The cottage has a German Choir and Kinderworkshop plus community activities. Come see for yourself and taste German food. www.houseofgermany.com



House of Hungary

Est. 1948, the cottage promotes culture, language, and traditions, and organizes Hungarian classes and cultural programs with Hungarian artists, musicians and dancers. Twice a month, there is a Hungarian movie series. All are welcome Sunday afternoons with homemade "beigli" (poppy seed and walnut pastries). www.sdmagyar.org



House of India

The cottage is dedicated to community awareness of its rich and varied culture. Through events, members showcase art, history, music, dance, and ethnic food. Come share the joy of Indian traditions and the opportunity to interact with other cultures and promote universal understanding and appreciation. www.houseofindia.org



House of Iran

The House of Iran, built in 2004, welcomes visitors with a freshly brewed cup of chai (hot tea) and Persian cookies, while showcasing Persian artifacts, culture, hospitality, and the replica of the First Declaration of Human Rights declared by Persian Emperor Cyrus The Great over 3,000 years ago. www.houseofiransandiego.org



House of Ireland

The House of Ireland showcases the rich Irish culture through its food, crafts, dance, music, song, language and history. Join us to learn about the many unique aspects of the Irish people and land and to experience legendary Irish hospitality. www.houseofireland.org



House of Israel

The House of Israel provides visitors with a virtual tour to Israel. Although small, Israel has had a big impact on human history. It has 4,000 years of history and is modern, democratic, diverse, and advanced in science, technology and the arts. www.sdhoi.org



House of Italy

Est. 1935, the House of Italy's objectives are to preserve and foster the art and culture of Italy, and extend hospitality to all visitors. The cottage sponsors numerous activities and programs during the year. Come join us and have fun! www.houseofitaly.net



House of Lebanon

Still in the planning stage, the House of Lebanon is the newest addition to HPR. Members look forward to opening their doors and sharing their cultural heritage. www.houseoflebanon.org



House of Lithuania

Est. 1974, this cultural organization seeks to preserve and promote Lithuanian culture and traditions in San Diego. We share in the broader goal of educating the public about Lithuania, encouraging tolerance and appreciation of cultural diversity. www.house-of-lithuania.org



House of México

The House of Mexico is dedicated to the fostering of educational awareness, promotion of cultural, traditions, arts, music, history, and cuisine that is so representative of Mexico. The intent is to foster awareness and appreciate the sharing with people with different cultures. www.houseofmexico.org



House of Norway

House of Norway provides a meeting place for Norwegians and persons interested in Norway's traditions and customs. The cottage sponsors educational presentations, demonstrations, and events devoted to its culture. Come share in the heritage, colorful history, language, and traditions of the "Land of the Midnight Sun." www.houseofnorway.net



House of Palestine

The House of Palestine's mission is to encourage the awareness and understanding of Palestinian culture and heritage through social and educational activities as well as HPR events featuring Palestinian folkloric dance, music, food, traditional dress, poetry, arts, and crafts. www.houseofpalestine.org



House of Panama

The House of Panama is the only Panamanian cultural house in a museum setting outside of the Isthmus of Panama. It presents to the public the diverse traditions, music and culture of the Republic of Panama. www.houseofpanama.org



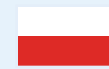
House of Peru

Est. 2003, House of Peru's vision is to bring unity to San Diego's Peruvian community and promote linguistic and cultural enrichment. It is a place to display, nurture, promote, enjoy, and share Peruvian culture with the community at large. Educational opportunities include dance, culinary, film, art, language and history. www.houseofperu.org



House of the Philippines

The House of the Philippines is dedicated to teaching Filipino Americans, as well as persons interested, about Philippine culture and history. Education is achieved through cultural displays and events featuring Filipino musicians, historians, psychologists, authors, and others who specialize in the Philippine culture. www.houseofthephilippines.org



House of Poland

The House of Poland preserves and promotes Polish and Polish-American culture through educational programs, special events, and exhibitions. Since 1936, visitors have been attracted to the authentic artifacts, customs, food, and opportunity to learn about the heritage and history of Poles throughout the world. www.houseofpolandsd.org



House of Puerto Rico

Est. 1972, the House of Puerto Rico promotes a better understanding of its diverse culture among people of all nationalities and races. The public is welcome to experience their new cottage museum and library. Ask us why Puerto Ricans are the *happiest* people on Earth! www.houseofpuertorico.com



House of Scotland

Est. 1937, the House of Scotland promotes the culture, history, traditions, and music of Scotland. Visitors will enjoy the Scottish Lawn Program on the last Sunday of October, as well as events throughout the year including Tartan Day, San Diego Highland Games, Ethnic Food Fair, and December Nights. www.houseofscotland.org



House of Spain

Est. 1978, the history of San Diego has strong ties to Spanish culture and House of Spain has many festivals commemorating this legacy. During these celebrations, visitors enjoy mouth-watering paella and beautiful Spanish dances. www.casadeespanasd.com



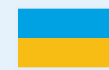
House of Sweden

The House of Sweden—decorated in Carl Larsson-style with beautiful handpainted rosemaling—embraces art, songs, dances, traditions, and language. A Midsummer celebration includes a maypole, dancing, music, and cuisine featured in our cookbook *Delightfully Swedish: A Smörgåsbord of Authentic Recipes*. www.houseofsweden.us



House of Turkey

House of Turkey's cultural showcase highlights beloved folk dances, joyful music, and delicious ethnic food. It is a one of a kind event. Visitors feel harmony, peace in the world, and open hearts and minds as they join Turkey and other nations in song and dance. Come create lasting memories of Turkey and its treasures. www.houseofturkey.org



House of Ukraine

Est. 1960, the cottage is the center of San Diego's Ukrainian-American community. Pysanka workshops teach the ancient craft of beautiful Ukrainian Easter eggs. The annual Ukrainian Festival welcomes guests from all over the U.S. and Canada. Visit for folk crafts and information about Ukraine. www.houseofukraine.com



House of United States of America

As American as hot dogs and apple pie, this cottage embraces the rich and diverse cultures that comprise the USA. Visitors will enjoy the historical library and rich display of American history including an American Indian display. www.houseofunitedstates.org

