

LA TRAVEL

Inspiring Angelenos to Travel Near and Far

**DRIVABLE
DESTINATIONS**
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A Relaxing Rendezvous Wrapped in History, MISSION INN



When you think drivable staycations in Southern California it is not often that you hear Riverside as one of those destinations. Surprisingly to most the Mission Inn in Riverside California is a diamond in the rough that makes for a perfect day trip or weekend getaway. Located in the heart of downtown Riverside the Mission Inn holds some serious history to keep the city booming as a tourist destination. From its early beginning as a 12-room boarding house to its current state as one of the finest hotels in the country, The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa has been the cornerstone of Downtown Riverside since 1876.

The Mission Inn's journey to its grand popularity began in the late 1800's when the rich from the east as well as immigrating Europeans came to Riverside in search of both a warmer winter climate, and to invest in the area's profitable citrus industry. Because of the constant rush of tourists flocking to the area there became a serious need to build a grand resort to accommodate the movement. A monumental architectural specimen was built and history was being made, presidents and celebrities frequented the Mission Inn throughout its evolution of becoming one of the most historical hotels in the United States. After being closed for more than seven years the hotel underwent a \$55 million extensive renovation and was reopened in 1992 under new ownership. Upon reopening, the Mission Inn and Spa quickly once again became a premier destination in Southern California.

TODAY

Hotel guests today can enjoy an ongoing list of amenities and activities while visiting the Mission Inn including a fabulous meal at one of the five dining venues onsite, or the most elaborate and well-known weekly brunch in Inland Southern California. The champagne Sunday Brunch is known for its flavorful culinary offerings, and is said to be the best in the city!

KELLY'S SPA

Kelly's Spa is one of the premier spots in the country being ranked as one of the top 50 hotels spas in the United States. Enveloping its captivating Spanish Mission-style Kelly's spa brings an ideal blend of history and a feel of pure luxury allowing its patrons the perfect escape. The spa houses 12 treatment rooms, including two private villas that can be used for couple massages for the quintessential romantic getaway. The 7000 square foot facility offers an array of treatments with Eucalyptus steam rooms, relaxation rooms as well as outdoor pool and Jacuzzi.

CASEY'S CUPCAKES

If you have ever visited Orange county then it is very possible that you have heard of Casey's Cupcakes one of the leading cupcakeries in the southern California area. Step daughter of the owner of Mission Inn Casey Reinhardt is putting her stamp on making the best cupcakes in the country. Winner of Food Network's Cupcake Wars Casey may know a thing or two about bringing some delightful flavor combinations to tantalize your tastebuds. The Mission Inn is one of Casey's 5 locations throughout Southern California. ■