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Make it a Date at the Date Festival in Riverside

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s next bus excursion will be heading to the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The bus will leave the Palmdale Transportation Center, 39000 Clock Tower Plaza at 11 am and return at 11 pm. Tickets are \$25 for the general public but discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

Registration is available at www.cityofpalmdale.org/playpalmdale, or at the recreation and culture office, 38260 10th St. East, open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6 pm. The course number is 6417 for online registration.

“The Date Festival is one of the oldest and most unique fairs in the west,” said Palmdale Recreation Supervisor Paula Leszkiewicz. “Visitors will discover the spectacular *Arabian Nights Pageant* outdoor musical, enjoy exhibits, food, fun and musical entertainers of all kinds, and view over 1,000 exhibits including animal, agricultural, arts, and gems and minerals.”

For more information on the Date Festival, please visit www.datefest.org.

Upcoming excursions include:

Festival of the Whales – March 12, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. \$25 - Discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

Dana Point celebrates the annual migration of the California Gray Whale. The festival includes a fine arts show, classic car display, children’s activities, clam

chowder cook off and musical entertainment. Bring your binoculars. While whale sightings are not guaranteed, they are entirely possible.

The Broad – April 16, 9 am – 5 pm. \$25 - Discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

The Broad is a new contemporary art museum located in downtown Los Angeles. The museum is home to nearly 2,000 works of art in the Broad collection, which is among the most prominent holding of postwar and contemporary art worldwide. The Broad is located within walking distance of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, Museum of Contemporary Art, L.A. Central Library and Grand Park.

The Old Mission San Buenaventura – April 30, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. \$25 - Discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

Situated along California's coastline, The Old Mission welcomes visitors to its beautiful gardens and faithfully restored artifacts. Ninth in the series of 21 missions, it is a component of the Historic Walking Tour of Ventura and within close proximity to other historically relevant buildings and venues.

California Strawberry Festival – May 21, 8:30 am – 6:30 pm. \$25 - Discounted to \$20 for Palmdale residents.

Ranking among the top festivals in the entire nation, the Strawberry Festival in Oxnard boasts lip-smacking strawberries every way imaginable. The festival features concert performances, more than 200 fine arts and crafts booths, cooking demonstrations, children's rides and activities, gooey contests and more.

For more information, please call 661/267-5611.

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