

PRGC 2026 Convention Tours

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California Garden Clubs is ready to welcome you to the PRGC 2026 Convention. We are currently planning exciting and fun tours around southern California...so mark your calendars and arrive on Saturday, October 10 - to take advantage of these adventures.

Our tour on Saturday, October 10, takes us to two unique sites with a stop for a delicious lunch. We start with a visit to The Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College. Established in 1974, it is one of only two zoos in the United States located on a college campus. The Teaching Zoo serves as the "living classroom" for the students of the Animal Care and Training Program. This collection of 125 animals provides the student with a unique opportunity to learn about domestic and non-domestic animals and to develop the skills necessary to work in facilities caring for all types of animals.

We'll meet with the students, tour the zoo and, of course, see the animals (tigers, reptiles, Galapagos tortoise, African lion and more.)



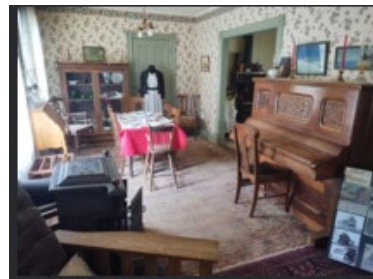
**Photos courtesy
of the Teaching
Zoo at Moorpark
College.**

Lunch will be at **The Hat.**

The Hat is a beloved Southern California restaurant, famous for its "*World Famous Pastrami*" dip sandwiches. Established in 1951 in Alhambra, California, its signature pastrami quickly became a local favorite & is known for its generous portions & casual, retro- atmosphere... Of course, you can also enjoy regular classic American fast food. We will enjoy our delicious, **order your own lunch** at their Simi Valley location.



Following lunch we will travel to Strathearn Historical Park in Simi Valley. The 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre park is dedicated to the preservation of many of Simi's earliest buildings...as well as photos, letters and other artifacts that record the lives of the early pioneers. Docents will lead tours through the site or you may stroll on your own.



Photos:

**left - 2 Doctors'
Colony Houses; Top
- Library;**

**Bottom - Interior of
a Colony House.**

**Courtesy of the
Strathearn Historical
Society**

Following our time at Strathearn Historical Park, we will board the bus and return to Thousand Oaks and our hotel for a relaxing evening.

Sunday, October 11, is a one stop tour. Join us as we visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, in Simi Valley. With views of the Pacific Ocean, the 125,000 square foot museum tells the story of our 40th President. This, the largest and most visited presidential library, tells the story of his life, his career as an actor and politician...and houses the final resting place of of the President and First Lady. You'll see many displays and exhibits, including a chunk of the Berlin Wall; the plane the president flew as Air Force One; Marine One and a replica of Oval Office . As you walk the gardens look for the Blue Star Memorial Marker, sponsored by Southern California Garden Club, near the F-117 Nighthawk Stealth Fighter.

Lunch is on your own. There are several options. The Gipper's Bar + Bistro, near the gift shop, has different stations offering salad, soup, pizza and grille choices. You might want to try President Reagan's famous chili... The Ronald Reagan Pub on the first floor of the Air Force One Pavilion offers sandwiches, salads, drinks and snacks. Enjoy your lunch while looking up at Air Force One.

And, before departing, you might want to plan time to visit the gift shop.

Following our day of history and inspiration, we'll return to our hotel and prepare for the business of the 2026 Pacific Region Convention.



Photos: Top - Library Grounds; Middle - Air Force One Pavilion; Bottom - Oval Office. Courtesy of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute.