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**Behind-the-Scenes Access to Historic Places Across California at
2nd Annual Doors Open California**

Hosted by the California Preservation Foundation

SAN FRANCISCO, CA— The California Preservation Foundation is excited to announce the return of the only statewide Doors Open event in the country. *Doors Open California* (<https://californiapreservation.org/doca/>) is a two-day celebration of architecture and culture featuring more than 65 on-site tours and access to historic places across the state on Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10, 2023.

Join us for rare and special access to amazing architecture and hidden histories in one weekend. Visitors will have behind-the-scenes and special access to unique, threatened or preserved buildings, landscapes, or features. Activities include walking tours, hidden vaults of local museums, inaccessible areas of historic buildings, or enlightening stories told by our state’s best raconteurs - these are all rare chances to experience history first-hand normally not available to the public.

Bring your friends and family to as many of the independently operated sites as you can visit in one weekend, for a flat fee of \$20 per person. Through an exclusive partnership with Doors Open, some participating area museums are opening their doors free for the public (no ticket needed).

“Doors Open California is meant to educate and inform the public through accessible, relatable, and fun activities that demonstrate the value of our state’s unique, multicultural heritage.” said Cindy Heitzman, Executive Director of the California Preservation Foundation.

Learn more and register at: <https://californiapreservation.org/doca/> and follow the hashtag #DOCA23 to see and share visits in real time on September 9th and 10th, 2023. Users who post to the #DOCA23 hashtag will be randomly selected to receive Doors Open merch from the California Preservation Foundation.

This second year of Doors Open California involves the statewide participation of more than 65 local nonprofit, government, and corporate partners in all corners of California, including more than 43 distinct cities.

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