

El Camino Real to the Buddha

Intersession: April 2-April 6, 2012

Itinerary:

Special note to parents- Since this is a 'road trip' to the California Missions and a working monastery we will be buying lunch on the road as we go. Students are asked to bring lunch money for each day. The school will provide breakfast and dinner as part of the trip. Students who are unable to bring lunch money will be able to make sandwiches and have fruit everyday from school supplies.

Monday, April 2: Depart TMS at 9:00 am. We'll drive down Hwy. 101 to Lompoc and Solvang where we will visit two missions- La Purisima in Lompoc and Santa Ines in Solvang. We'll have lunch at that time. After the mission visits and lunch, we'll proceed to our first night camping at El Capitan State Beach near Gaviota.

Tuesday, April 3: Break camp and drive down Hwy 101 to San Clemente State Beach. Students wishing to enter into the life of the Monastery (Metta Forest Monastery- <http://www.watmetta.org/about.htm>) will proceed on with Fred and camp for Tuesday night and Wednesday night at the monastery nearby. Students not wishing to go to the Monastery will set up camp at San Clemente.

Wednesday, April 4th: Students camped at San Clemente will drive up to the monastery for the day and join their fellows, going with the life of the monks for the day, then return to the San Clemente Camp for dinner and sleeping.

Thursday, April 5: Break camp and both groups rejoin. Depart San Clemente and visit the mission San Juan Capistrano. Lunch and onwards to Carpinteria State Beach to camp for the night.

Friday, April 6th: Break camp in Carpinteria and proceed to Mission Santa Barbara for our last visit. Return to TMS via Hwy 101. It is our intention to arrive at TMS at 5:00 pm but we will call the office with any changes in that arrival time once we reach the south bay. Be sure to call the school office at 3:00 for any update.