



A Trip to the Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens

January 28th 2012
10:00am

The Orange County/Long Beach chapter will be hosting a day trip to the Huntington Library for a day of beauty and fun. The Huntington is world renowned for its research library, botanical gardens and art collection.

The Huntington is one of the world's great cultural, research, and educational centers. It was founded in 1919 by Henry E. Huntington, whose financial empire included railroad companies, utilities, and real estate. The Library's collection of rare books and manuscripts include about 6 million items. Among the treasures are the Ellesmere manuscript of *Chaucer's Canterbury Tales*, a *Gutenberg Bible* on vellum, the double-elephant folio edition of *Audubon's Birds of America*, and a world-class collection of the early editions of *Shakespeare's works*. The Art Collections are in three separate galleries on the Huntington grounds. It serves as home to Gainsborough's *Blue Boy* and Lawrence's *Pinkie*.

The Botanical Gardens are an ever-changing exhibition of color and a constant delight. Covering 120 acres, more than a dozen specialized gardens are arranged within a park-like landscape of rolling lawns. Among the most remarkable are the Desert Garden, the Japanese Garden, the Rose Garden, and the Chinese garden.

In 1995 the Huntington began a 50 million dollar fundraiser to build a botanical research facility. In 2006 they opened a 16,000 square foot, \$6,000,000 conservatory. In the gardens there is a bog, a cloud forest, and a rainforest which includes thousands of orchids, flytraps, tupelo trees, oaks, Spanish moss, over 300 bromeliads.

We will meet at the main entrance to the Huntington at 10:00am
Parking is free, the entrance fees range from \$6.00 to \$15.00. The Huntington is open from 10:30am to 4:30 pm on the weekends. For those who want to gather afterwards, will discuss plans for a late lunch when we meet.

The address for the Huntington is 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino CA
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