

# Community Information

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## San Juan Capistrano





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San Juan Capistrano is a city in southern Orange County, California, located approximately 23 miles southeast of Downtown Santa Ana. The population was 33,826 at the 2000 census. The city was created around Mission San Juan Capistrano, and many of the homes and strip malls resemble the Spanish architecture that compose the building. It is home to the widest variety of homes in Orange County, including those built prior to 1900 in its central district (some being adobes from the 18th century), a number of 10 million-dollar homes in the gated communities of the hills, and working ranches in its foothills. San Juan Capistrano is probably best known for the annual migration of the cliff swallows that reputedly migrate each year from Argentina to the Mission San Juan Capistrano.

### City of San Juan Capistrano

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### Things to Do

#### Legend of the Swallows

The Swallows Festival or “Fiesta de las Golondrinas” is a two-month long celebration of the return of the swallows (Cliff Swallows) to San Juan Capistrano on March 19 of each year. The festival begins in late February with the “Taste of San Juan Reception”. In mid-March, Swallows Week is kicked off with the President’s Ball followed by a week of events such as the Hairiest Man Contest, Pets on Parade, Hat Contest, Hoos’gow Day, pancake breakfast, and the annual Swallows Day Parade & Mercado.

#### Los Rios Historic District

The Los Rios Historic District includes 31 structures which line both sides of Los Rios Street between Del Obispo and Mission Streets. The District comprises one of the oldest continuing neighborhoods in Orange County, and includes three adobe homes built in 1794 for Mission families.

Located within the District, the O’Neill Museum is a rustic but genteel wooden structure that was one of San Juan Capistrano’s earliest homes. The museum provides today’s visitors a charming glimpse of life one hundred years ago.

The museum is located at 31831 Los Rios Street. School groups and organizations are invited to arrange guided tours by calling the Historic Society office at 949-493-8444. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m.

Among other significant features of the District are the numerous single-wall board and batten homes erected between 1887 and 1910. Most homes are private residences, however, several provide specialty retail, restaurant, and commercial services.

Among the services provided are gardening classes offered by local residents Marianne Taylor and Janet Crowther, classes vary from cactus gardening to





holiday gifts to Victory Gardens. For more information go to her Website at: [www.goinnative.net](http://www.goinnative.net)

### **Mission San Juan Capistrano**

"The Jewel of the Missions" has been the center of Orange County since its founding by Padre Junipero Serra on November 1, 1776. Today it is one of California's most important historical, cultural, and educational centers. The Mission is the seventh of twenty-one Spanish Missions established in California by Franciscan Padres. Spain controlled California until 1821, when Mexico won its independence. In 1845, the Mission was sold for \$710 to Don Juan Forster. His family lived at the Mission for twenty years. In 1865, Abraham Lincoln returned the Mission to the Catholic Church. In 1915, actress Mary Pickford was married in the Mission chapel.

Areas of interest within the Mission walls include the early adobe barracks, Friars' quarters, olive millstone, cemetery, aqueduct system, gardens, and the original Stone Church. The Church was completed in 1797 and partially destroyed by earthquake in 1806.

The Mission has embarked on a \$20-million preservation campaign to protect the historical landmark. Temporary shoring and bracing of the stone church and stabilization of the Mission's adobe buildings have been completed. Mission San Juan Capistrano is a non-profit historic site supported solely by tourism and gifts. Those interested in assisting in the preservation of this timeless monument to Native American, Spanish, Mexican and American cultures can make their tax deductible donations payable to the Mission Preservation Fund, 26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693.



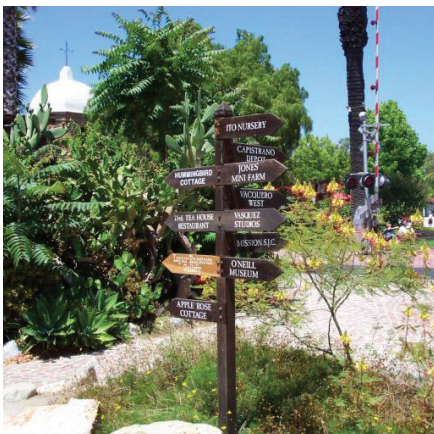
The Mission is located on Ortega Highway west of Interstate 5 and is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Mission is closed Thanksgiving and at noon on Christmas Eve, Christmas and Good Friday. The Mission grounds are available for private functions and corporate events. Guided tours of the Mission can also be arranged. Each Wednesday is Two For One Resident Discount Day for San Juan Capistrano residents showing their driver's license. A resident may enter and bring a guest for free. The Mission offers a free audio tour "Voices of the Mission" in English and Spanish and is the only mission in the state to do so. It offers the same tour as a free download to any mp3 player/iPod from the Mission Web site. For information, call 949-234-1300 or visit [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com).

The Mission has events nearly every weekend from concerts under the stars, to garden shows, fashion shows, living history reenactments and more.

### **The Depot**

One of the more outstanding features of our beautiful San Juan Capistrano is the train depot.

It was completed October 8, 1894 and was written that: "Old San Juan will soon blossom with the finest depot on the Santa Fe system. We invite the architecturalist to come view this unique building illustrated with arches, a dome 40 feet high with a mission bell, dainty ticket office and quaint old fashion fireplace that will capture the tenderfoot as he breathes the balmy sea air." The statement was by columnist Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rowan on April 14, 1894 in the Santa Ana Standard, a weekly paper.





The Capistrano Depot is home to Sarducci's, a long standing town favorite located at the South end below the dome. Offering excellent cuisine in the most beautiful of historic settings, Sarducci's gives diners a choice of outside patio dining or an inside fireside table. Brick archways and an incredible art gallery add to the wonderful ambiance of this restaurant.

As always, the sounds of children echo throughout the area. You can hear their laughter, as they ride the trains or make their way to the Mission San Juan Capistrano. During the week, commuters arrive and leave with regularity to avoid congested freeways. On a visit to San Juan Capistrano, this should be included as a highlight of any trip.

### **Museums**

*O'Neill Museum:* Located in San Juan Capistrano's Los Rios Historic District. This rustic but genteel wooden structure was one of the town's first homes and provides today's visitors with a charming glimpse of life one hundred years ago. School groups and organizations are invited to arrange guided tours by calling the Historic Society office at 949-493-8444, Museum hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. Located at 31831 Los Rios Street.



*Blas Aguilar Adobe:* In 1794, the Mission San Juan Capistrano built a number of adobes to house soldiers and the local Native Americans who worked at the mission. Don Blas Aguilar purchased two of these adobes in 1845, which he named "La Hacienda Aguilar." The south wing adobe was called Casa Tejada; it unfortunately is no longer standing. The north wing adobe was called Casa de Esperanza, or "House of Hope." It still stands on the east side of the plaza.

Although once again renamed, now The Blas Aguilar Adobe, it is still the "House of Hope" because it is our goal to make it into a museum that will house artifacts reflecting the different period of San Juan Capistrano history and surrounding area, while accurately serving to educate its visitors. We hope the Blas Aguilar Adobe, which once played a vital role in the founding and building of San Juan Capistrano's past, will now serve as an important learning tool for all to view this rich history.

The Blas Aguilar Adobe Museum is maintained and operated by the Blas Aguilar Adobe Foundation, a non-profit organization. The museum is located at 31806 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Call 949-493-4933 for information on the museum's operating hours.

### **Recreational Trail System**

In the late 1970s, the City of San Juan Capistrano adopted both a General Plan Bike Trail System, (paved trails), and a General Plan Hiking and Equestrian Trail System, (unpaved trails). Since that time, mountain bicycling has become popular and has been added to the allowed uses of the hiking/equestrian trail system, which is now referred to as the Recreational Trail System.

### **Golf**

San Juan Hills Country Club and Public Driving Range located at 32120 San Juan Creek Road. For information call 949-493-1167 or to a schedule tee time go to [www.sanjuanhillsgolf.com](http://www.sanjuanhillsgolf.com).





### **Zoomars Petting Zoo**

Zoomars Petting Zoo and Bird Park has over 100 friendly animals to pet, feed, love and learn from. Zoomars is open every day from 10am to 5pm, rain or shine. For more information and admission costs to [www.zoomars.com](http://www.zoomars.com).

### **Shopping**

The City's downtown and 30 other commercial areas offer a wide variety of shopping opportunities, from beautiful jewelry and Indian blankets to hardware, cars, and groceries. Contact the Chamber of Commerce 949-493-4700 for more information and a free shopping center map.

**Antiques:** Spend the day shopping for antiques in San Juan Capistrano. Antique Row is notable for its collection of many shops. Additional antique stores are also located throughout the downtown area. For more information call 949-493-4700.

### **Equestrian**

San Juan is well known as an equestrian destination, drawing those relocating to California and especially Orange County to our town due to the large concentration of stables, boarding facilities. The following link regarding trail information is provided as a courtesy, if you experience problems downloading this very large file, call the City at 949-493-1171 to purchase a printed trail map showing miles of trails.

### **San Juan Capistrano Regional Library**

Designed by renowned architect Michael Graves, this intriguing structure has received numerous awards by architectural societies from around the world. It is located near the Basilica Church on Acjachema Street. 31495 El Camino Real. 949-493-1752

### **Camino Real Playhouse**

This community theater presents over 100 full scale theatrical productions including playwriting festivals, and Shakespeare Productions. In addition, they offer drama classes for both adults and children and host children's productions and musical melodramas. For a schedule of events and ticket purchases, go to [www.caminorealplayhouse.org](http://www.caminorealplayhouse.org).

### **Downtown Farmer's Market**

Each Wednesday, residents and visitors can enjoy purchasing fresh flowers, produce, and specialty foods at the San Juan Capistrano Farmers' Market. The market features up to 30 vendors and is held at Yorba Street and Camino Capistrano right in the heart of downtown San Juan Capistrano. The Farmers' Market is held year round. The hours of operation are as follows: November through March: 3 pm - 6 pm / April through October: 3 pm - 7 pm. For more information, call 858-272-7054.

### **South Coast Organic Farm & Farmstand**

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a partnership between the residents of San Juan Capistrano and local farmer, George Kibby. Operating as "South Coast Farms" the produce stand provides locally grown fresh produce - and what many folks refer to as "the best tasting strawberries around." The property that the Farm resides on reflects the Citizens efforts to preserve active agricultural land from development. In 1990 a bond measure was passed with overwhelming approval to allow the residents to increase their property taxes in order to purchase the property and retain it in agricultural use. The historic Joel Congdon





Farm House also sits on the property and reflects the original housing for past farmers of the land. Please support the Farm, stop by and say hello to Farmer George! For additional information, visit the website of South Coast Farms.

## Utilities

**Cable Television:** Cox Communications (949) 240-1212  
Cox @ Home (800) 234-3224

**Electricity:** San Diego Gas & Electric (800) 411-7343

**Natural Gas:** The Gas Company (800) 427-2200

**Sewer:** Water Billing - City of San Juan Capistrano: (949) 493-1515

**Telephone:** AT&T (800) 310-2355  
Cox Telecom (888) 222-7743

**Trash:** CR&R (877) 728-0446

**Water:** Water Billing - City of San Juan Capistrano (949) 493-1515



## Education

### Capistrano Unified School District

33122 Valle Road / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
(949) 234-9200 / Fax (949) 493-8729 / [capousd.ca.schoolloop.com](http://capousd.ca.schoolloop.com)

### Elementary Schools

Ambuehl Elementary School  
28001 San Juan Creek Road, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
949-661-0400 Phone | 949-488-3158 Fax

Del Obispo Elementary  
25591 Camino Del Avion, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
949-234-5905 Phone | 949-488-3062 Fax

Kinoshita Elementary  
2 Via Positiva, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
949-489-2131 Phone | 949-234-0405 Fax

San Juan Elementary School  
31642 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, California 92675  
(949) 493-4533 Phone | (949) 240-9174 Fax

### Middle Schools

Marco F. Forster Middle School  
25601 Camino del Avion, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
(949) 234-5907 Phone | (949) 488-3567 Fax





### **High Schools**

San Juan Hills High School  
29211 Vista Montana, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
(949) 234-5900 Phone | 949-488-9727 Fax

Junipero Serra High School  
31422 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
949-489-7216 Phone | 949-496-2007 Fax

### **Charter Schools**

The Journey Charter School K-8  
27102 Foxborough / Aliso Viejo, CA 92656  
Tel: (949) 448-7232 / Fax: (949) 448-7256 / [www.journeyschool.net](http://www.journeyschool.net)

The Opportunities for Learning Charter School 7-12  
33621 Del Obispo Ste E / Dana Point, CA 92629  
(949) 248-1282 Phone / (949) 248-2450 Fax / [www.emsofl.com](http://www.emsofl.com)

The Capistrano Connections Academy Charter School K-11  
26800 Aliso Viejo Parkway, Suite 120 / Aliso Viejo, CA 92656  
PH: (949) 461-1667 / FAX: (949) 425-8791

### **Private Schools**

Capistrano Valley Christian School, Pre-school and Grades K-12  
32032 Del Obispo / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 / Phone: 949-493-5683

Community Presbyterian Pre-School  
32202 Del Obispo / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 / Phone: 949-493-9141

JSerra Catholic High School, Grades 9-12  
26351 Junipero Serra Road / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
Phone: 949-493-9307 / Fax: 949-493-9308

Rancho Capistrano Christian School, Pre-School - 8  
29251 Camino Capistrano / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
Phone: 949-347-7860 / E-mail: [schools@ranhocapistrano.org](mailto:schools@ranhocapistrano.org)

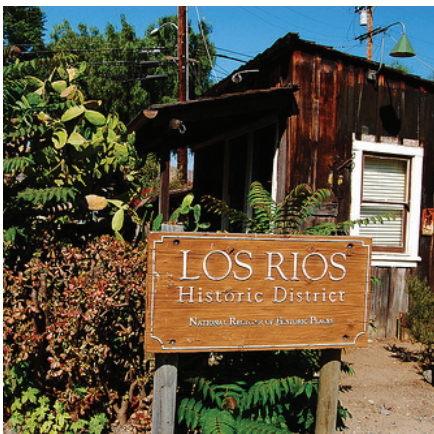
Saddleback Valley Christian School, Pre-school and Grades K-12  
26333 Oso Road / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
Phone: (949) 443-4050 / Fax: (949) 443-3941 / Email: [info@svcschools.org](mailto:info@svcschools.org)

St. Margaret's Episcopal School, Pre-school and Grades K-12  
31641 La Novia Avenue / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 / 949-661-0108

Stonebridge Day School  
32091 Alipaz / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 / Phone: 949-496-6776

Stoneybrooke Christian School, Grades K-8  
26300 Via Escolar / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92692 / Phone: 949-364-4407

The Mission Parish (Catholic) School, Grades K-8  
31641 El Camino Real / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 / Phone: 949-234-1385





# SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO  
CA 92675

INCORPORATED: 1961  
AREA: 14.4 square miles  
TELEPHONE: (949) 493-1171  
WEBSITE: www.sanjuancapistrano.org

## CITY COUNCIL

Mayor	Kerry K. Ferguson
Mayor Pro Tem	Sergio Farias
Council Members	Brian L. Maryott
	Pam Patterson
	Derek Reeve

## DEPARTMENTS

City Manager	(949) 443-6315
Planning Division	443-6331
City Council	443-6315
Parks & Recreation	493-5911
Fire Authority	(714) 573-6000
Sheriff Services	(949) 770-6011

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

POPULATION			2010 POPULATION BY AGE (1)			2010 RACIAL & ETHNIC POPULATION (1)		
<b>1960</b>	*			<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>1970</b>	3,781	(1)	<b>0-4</b>	2,142	6.2	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	19,312	55.8
<b>1980</b>	18,959	(1)	<b>5-9</b>	2,222	6.4	<b>Hispanic of any race</b>	13,388	38.7
<b>1990</b>	26,183	(1)	<b>10-14</b>	2,459	7.1	<b>Non-Hispanic Asian</b>	952	2.8
<b>2000</b>	33,826	(1)	<b>15-19</b>	2,705	7.8	<b>Non-Hispanic Black</b>	146	0.4
<b>2010</b>	34,593	(1)	<b>20-24</b>	2,056	5.9	<b>All Other NH Races</b>	795	2.3
			<b>25-34</b>	3661	10.6			
<b>2005</b>	34,497	(2)	<b>35-44</b>	4,143	12.0	<b>Total:</b>	34,593	100%
<b>2006</b>	34,255	(2)	<b>45-54</b>	5,154	14.9			
<b>2007</b>	34,234	(2)	<b>55-59</b>	2,363	6.8			
<b>2008</b>	34,438	(2)	<b>60-64</b>	2,275	6.6			
<b>2009</b>	34,428	(2)	<b>65-74</b>	2,818	8.1			
<b>2010</b>	34,593	(2)	<b>75-84</b>	1,749	5.1			
<b>2011</b>	34,780	(3)	<b>85+</b>	846	2.4			
<b>2012</b>	35,038	(3)						
<b>2013</b>	35,284	(3)	<b>Total:</b>	34,593	100%			
<b>2014</b>	35,732	(3)	<b>Median Age:</b>	40.2				
<b>2015</b>	35,935	(3)	<b>% of County:</b>		1.1			
<b>2016</b>	36,118	(3)						
<b>2017</b>	36,262	(3)						

### CURRENT PROJECTIONS SERIES POPULATION: OCP-2014 MODIFIED (4)

<b>2015</b>	36,498
<b>2020</b>	39,435
<b>2025</b>	39,470
<b>2030</b>	39,562
<b>2035</b>	39,572
<b>2040</b>	39,531

### VOTER REGISTRATION, 2017 (6)

<b>Democratic</b>	5,400	<b>Peace &amp; Freedom</b>	45
<b>Republican</b>	8,754	<b>Misc.</b>	47
<b>Independent</b>	587	<b>Decline To State</b>	4,147
<b>Green</b>	92		
<b>Libertarian</b>	167	<b>Total:</b>	19,239

### VITAL STATISTICS (5)

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Total Births</b>	454	389	399
<b>Birth Rate</b>	13.1	11.1	11.3
<b>Total Deaths</b>	236	225	266
<b>Death Rate</b>	6.8	6.4	7.5

\* City not incorporated at this date.

Sources: (1) April Decennial Census of Population, U.S. Census Bureau. (4) Center for Demographic Research, CSUF.  
 (2) E-8 Released November 2012, State Dept. of Finance. (5) OC Health Care Agency rates per 1,000 pop. 2012 is the latest published data by city.  
 (3) E-5 (Revised) Released May 2017, State Dept. of Finance. (6) OC Registrar of Voters, 2017.



# San Juan Capistrano Tracts

Tract Name	Tract Count	Tract Name	Tract Count
ALICANTE .....	132	MALASPINA RANCH .....	30
ALIPAZ.....	166	MARAVILLE .....	159
ALTO CAPISTRANO.....	254	MARBELLA CUSTOM ESTATES .....	308
BELFORD TERRACE.....	65	MARBELLA GOLF VILLAS .....	104
BELLACERE .....	70	MARBELLA RIDGE .....	44
CAMELOT .....	18	MARINERS VILLAGE .....	223
CANCUN RACQUET CLUB.....	41	MASTERS.....	167
CAPISTRANO ESTATES.....	82	MCKRACKEN HILL.....	47
CAPISTRANO ROYALE.....	11	MEREDITH CANYON.....	178
CAPO D'ORO .....	36	MESA VERDE.....	86
CAPO HACIENDA.....	35	MESA VISTA TOWNHOMES .....	144
CAPO HEIGHTS.....	143	MISSION BELL .....	151
CAPO MESA-CAPO WEST.....	100	MISSION CREEK.....	91
CAPO VILLA APTS .....	118	MISSION GLEN .....	113
CAPO VILLA GARDEN .....	187	MISSION HILLS RANCH.....	56
CAPO WEST INCOME .....	57	MISSION PARK .....	158
CAPTAINS HILL .....	124	MISSION POINTE.....	57
CASA CIUDAD CAPO.....	51	MISSION SPRINGS.....	76
CASA DE CAPISTRANO .....	245	MISSION VILLAGE .....	333
CASITAS CAPISTRANO.....	263	MISSION WOODS.....	79
CASITAS DE ALIPAZ .....	172	MIZNER CUSTOM HOMES.....	46
CASITAS DEL RIO SFR .....	80	OCEAN POINT .....	75
CASITAS DEL RIO TOWNHOMES .....	28	OLD SAN JUAN .....	103
CELEBRITY .....	167	OLD SAN JUAN RD.....	31
CHANTAMAR ESTATES.....	26	PALM HILL.....	UNKNOWN
CONNEMARA BY THE SEA.....	88	PARKSIDE PLACE .....	39
COOK LANE ESTATES.....	42	PASEO LA PAZ .....	16
COUNTRY HILLS.....	37	PEPPERTREE BEND.....	32
DEL OBISPO TERRACE 1 .....	35	RANCHO CAPISTRANO .....	UNKNOWN
DEL OBISPO TERRACE 2 .....	10	RANCHO CARRILLO .....	UNKNOWN
EL CARISO VILLAGE .....	32	RANCHO DEL AVION .....	UNKNOWN
EL NIDO MOBILE ESTATES.....	93	RANCHO MADRINA.....	120
GANADO ROAD.....	46	RANCHO SAN JUAN.....	74
GREENS .....	167	RIDGE CREST .....	95
HARBOR LANE.....	249	RIO VISTA .....	49
HIDDEN MOUNTAIN .....	110	SADDLEBACK CAPISTRANO .....	65
HIDDEN VALLEY .....	34	SAN JUAN CREEK CIR .....	4
HILLTOP.....	21	SAN JUAN HILLS .....	180
HUNT CLUB .....	174	SAN JUAN HILLS EAST .....	189
HUNTERS CREEK .....	58	SAN JUAN TERRACE .....	175
ISLA DE SOL.....	9	SEAVIEW ESTATES.....	52
JULIANA FARMS .....	17	SILVER LEAF ESTATES.....	7
LAS BRISAS .....	201	SORRENTO .....	23
LEVANTE .....	50	SPOTTED BULL LANE .....	27
LOMA VERDE .....	33	STONERIDGE .....	198
LOMA VISTA.....	232	STRAWBERRY LANE.....	21
LOS AMIGOS .....	50	SUMMERWALK .....	25
LOS CERRITOS .....	164	SUN HOLLOW.....	219
LOS CORRALES .....	173	SUN RANCH.....	126
LOS RIOS HISTORIC DISTRICT .....	42	SUN RANCH EAST.....	85

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THE ACREAGE .....	45
TIERRA DEL CABALLO.....	14
TROY HOMES .....	169
VALLE PACIFICA.....	41
VIEWPOINTE .....	42
VILLA SAN JUAN .....	34
VILLAGE SAN JUAN COURT HOMES .....	405
VILLAGE SAN JUAN PATIO HOMES.....	116
VILLAGE SAN JUAN TOWNHOMES.....	268
WARMINGTON HOMES .....	133
WESTPORT GARDEN HOMES .....	98