

MISSION SAN LUIS REY

Scavenger Hunt



TO KNOW:

- ✓ Founded on June 13, 1798, by Fr. Fermin de Lasuén and Fr. Antonio Peyrí
- ✓ Named after Louis IX of France
- ✓ It was the largest Mission in California.
- ✓ It was abandoned for more than 40 years.
- ✓ It was nicknamed "The King of the Missions."



The flags in front of the Mission represent the three countries that have ruled over Mission San Luis Rey.

What are they?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Mission bells in the church tower rang to announce times to work, eat, and pray.

How many bells are in the bell tower?





Mission San Luis Rey was established near an Indigenous village called Quechla. Find the mural that represents this Luiseño village.

How many boats can you see? _____

The kiicha is a traditional structure the Luiseño people used for shelter. It was built with willow branches and tule reeds.

What is the shape of this structure?



In the cemetery, there is an Indian Memorial built during the Mission era to honor the Luiseño people buried there. Read the plaque.

When was the memorial built?

The church still has its original pulpit. During the Mission era, friars used it to deliver sermons and make announcements to the congregation.

Can you figure out how the friars entered the pulpit?



The Mission was named after Louis IX, a king who ruled France more than 700 years ago. Find his statue in the historic church.

What is he wearing on his shoulders?

The first pepper tree in California was planted at Mission San Luis Rey more than 200 years ago. The seeds came from a country that was part of the Spanish Empire.

What is the name of that country?



The parasite that lives on the cactus is called cochineal. It produces a bright red dye known as carmine. It only lives on one particular species of cactus.

What is the name of that cactus?



Some areas of the Mission are still in ruins. The old Soldiers' Barracks is one of them. Here you can see that the Mission was built with clay and mudbrick.

What is another name for mudbrick?

Find the sign with the skull and crossbones. A sign like this marked the entrance to a cemetery in the Mission era. It appeared in a 1957 television show called "Zorro."

What famous Hollywood studio filmed it?

