



Santa Barbara County Courthouse Docent Council

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COURTHOUSE TOUR CHOICES

STANDARD TOUR 55 minutes
Drop in. An experienced Courthouse docent tells about the history and architecture of Santa Barbara and the Courthouse every day at 2 PM and Weekdays at 10:30 AM. Observe the area from the tower on your own.

SPECIAL TOURS

A. Tourist Quickie 30 minutes
Have the bus driver circle the Courthouse to show you the buildings and the Sunken Garden. Enter the Courthouse, see the Mural Room and take the elevator up to gaze upon the clock and the city of Santa Barbara from the Observation Tower. Docent available to assist if requested.

B. Brief tour 45 minutes
(Above plus) Have a Docent show you the Mural Room and tell you the history of Santa Barbara and the Courthouse and show you the mechanical clock and the view from the tower.

C. Moderate tour 60 minutes
(Above plus) Walk the corridors to learn about the architectural features of the Courthouse and historical stories shown by the wall hangings.

D. More complete tour 90 minutes
More detail about the above, especially the tower Clock Gallery, the Sunken Garden and a visit to the Hall of Records.

OTHER TOUR OPTIONS

E. Garden tour
As arranged Learn about the flowers, bushes and trees surrounding the Courthouse from a specialist who knows about these things. (Fair weather only)

F. Clock special 1:00 Wed and Sat and as arranged
See the mechanical workings of the genuine Seth-Thomas clock, the time illustrated mural, and the glowing stars as they were when the explorers found our location.

YOUTH TOURS We provide appropriate tours for school and youth groups free of charge. Discuss your needs with our youth-tour coordinator. [click here](#)