

L.A. History Tour

Take a trip through time with this tour of L.A. History.



Gold Rush Case *Level 1, Gem and Mineral Hall*

The 1840s in California was golden. NHM has one of the largest gold collections on display in North America. Marvel at over 300 pounds of gold—including the “Mojave Nugget,” the largest known nugget of California gold.



Altar *Level 1, Becoming Los Angeles*

Pay homage to all that L.A. has to offer. Count each of the neighborhoods that make up our altar, an ofrenda to Los Angeles.



Early Car *Level 1, Becoming Los Angeles*

Startups have always been a part of Cali culture. The Auto Vehicle Company, founded in 1902, was one of the earliest manufacturers of wooden-body gasoline powered Tourist automobiles. This Tourist is the sole survivor from the car's first year of production.



Rotunda and Three Graces *Level 1*

Walk back in time over 100 years to stand in the beautifully restored Rotunda, the museum's original Beaux Arts entrance. Take time to bathe in the soft, glowing light of the sweeping stained-glass dome and stand beside the inspiring Three Graces statue by Julia Bracken Wendt, one of Los Angeles' first prominent sculptors.



1913 Building and Eagle *Level 1, outside Rotunda*

From the Nature Gardens, take a look at the exterior of the original 1913 building. From gorgeous red bricks, to stunning columns. Stand on the steps outside, and you can see the original name of the museum in stone—the Los Angeles County Museum of History, Science, and Art.