# **Explore Top Holiday Events and Destinations Across Southern California on the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner**

Travel by train and enjoy seasonal events between San Diego and San Luis Obispo.

ORANGE, Calif., Dec. 12, 2019 /-- 'Tis the season for holiday events and attractions across Southern California, including parades, light displays, toy drives, and more. Travel to the festivities on the Amtrak® Pacific Surfliner®, and trade road trip hassles for scenic views, comfortable onboard amenities, and quality time with family and loved ones.

Here are some festive holiday events near Pacific Surfliner stations that are perfect for a weekend getaway:

# 1. Holidays at The Disneyland® Resort - Through January 6,

Experience the most magical time of the year at Disneyland® and Disney California Adventure. Both parks feature festive sights and events all season long, including special holiday foods, parades, entertainment, and decorations. Amtrak riders can unlock a 5 percent savings on Theme Park admission and the Disney MaxPass at PacificSurfliner.com/Disney. Event Info

Getting There: Ride the train to Anaheim and show your Pacific Surfliner ticket for a free shuttle ride to and from the resort area on Anaheim Resort Transportation Route 15. The bus drops off and picks up passengers at the Disneyland® Main Transportation Center.



including parades, light displays, toy drives, and more.

#### 2. Julefest - Through January 3, 2020

Considered one of the "10 most Christmassy towns in America," the Danish village of Solvang brings Old World traditions to the holiday season with beautiful lights, pop-up shops, Santa's Village, a parade, candlelight tours, and more. Event Info

Getting There: Book a Pacific Surfliner trip to Solvang (SLV). Riders connect to an Amtrak Thruway bus at the Santa Barbara Station for a 50-minute ride to downtown Solvang.

## 3. Jungle Bells at the San Diego Zoo - Through January 5, 2020

During the holiday season, the San Diego Zoo, one of the top zoos in the world, is transformed into a wild wonderland of twinkling lights, special performances, a "holiday forest" with reindeer, and festive foods. Event Info

Getting There: Ride to the Santa Fe Depot in downtown San Diego. From the station, catch MTS bus route 215 for a 15minute ride to the zoo. Discounted one-day MTS transit passes can be purchased onboard the train in the Market Café (located on the lower level of Car 3).

#### 4. San Diego County Credit Union Holiday Bowl - December 27, 2019

The USC Trojans are headed to San Diego to play Iowa Hawkeyes in the 42nd annual Holiday Bowl. Don't miss special events around San Diego celebrating the game, including a parade, pre-game party, musical performances, and more. **Event Info** 

Getting There: Ride to the San Diego Old Town station and take the MTS trolley to the SDCCU Stadium. Discounted one-day MTS transit passes can be purchased onboard the train in the Market Café (located on the lower level of Car 3).

## 5. Rose Parade - Wednesday, January 1

Visit Pasadena to experience the historic Rose Parade, an internationally-recognized New Year's Day celebration. This tradition has been part of the community for more than 100 years, with floats that are meticulously decorated with flowers and plants by hundreds of volunteers. Event Info

Getting There: Ride to Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles and connect to the Metro Gold Line which stops near the parade route. Discounted one-day LA Metro transit passes can be purchased onboard the train in the Market Café (located on the lower level of Car 3).

Embrace the journey to destinations and events like these across Southern California with a trip on the Pacific Surfliner. Read our insider tips article for guidance on trip planning, booking, and saving money on your trip this holiday season. To explore options and prices, visit PacificSurfliner.com.

#### **About the Pacific Surfliner®**

The Pacific Surfliner travels along a 351-mile coastal rail route through San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties, serving 27 stations. It is the busiest state-supported intercity passenger rail route in the United States with 26 daily trains and annual ridership of nearly 3 million. To learn more and plan a trip, visit <a href="PacificSurfliner.com">PacificSurfliner.com</a>.

# **About the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency**

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency (Agency) is a joint powers authority composed of rail owners, operators, and planning agencies along the entire LOSSAN rail corridor. In addition to working to improve passenger rail ridership, revenue, on-time performance, operational flexibility, and safety, the LOSSAN Agency assumed management responsibility for the Pacific Surfliner service in July 2015, following the execution of an interagency transfer agreement with the state of California. For more information, visit <u>lossan.org</u>.

#### **Media Contact:**

Nicole Freeman, The ACE Agency, nicole@theaceagency.com



 $\underline{https://news.pacificsurfliner.com/2019-12-12-Explore-Top-Holiday-Events-and-Destinations-Across-Southern-California-on-the-Amtrak-Pacific-Surfliner}$