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On a budget? Look no further
for FREE (and fun) things to
see and do in Santa Clara.

- **Triton Museum of Art**
Thirteen local artists display their works using a variety of media and styles to articulate ideas, techniques and philosophies. Through February 15.
- **de Saisset Art Museum**
American, European, African, and Oriental art, plus a California History Collection displaying artifacts of the pre-mission California Indians.
- **Intel Museum**
Visit the museum's five new exhibits, including "Global Intel."
- **Mission Santa Clara de Asis**
The historic mission is on the picturesque campus of Santa Clara University.
- **Stroll into the Past**
A self-guided tour of Santa Clara history.

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Popular Santa Clara Historic Home Tour
Tickets Now Available

The annual [Santa Clara Historic Home Tour](#) is scheduled for two-days, Friday, December 5 (6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.) and Saturday, December 6 (Noon - 5:00 p.m.). The tour will include four private residences plus a bed and breakfast inn. The four residences include the Perry House, a 1920s Norman Cottage; the Alice Hare House, a 1895 Queen Anne Cottage; the Gil House, a 1892 Queen Anne; and the Avina House, a circa 1912 Craftsman Bungalow. [The Madison Street Inn](#), a 1890 Queen Anne Victorian, is also on the tour.



General admission ticket prices are \$25.00. Senior (60+) or children (6-12) tickets are \$20.00. No children under the age of six are permitted on the tour. For more information, call (408) 249-7905, or visit the Historic Home Tour website.

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Four performances of "The Nutcracker"
scheduled in mid-December!

Artistic Director Josefa Villanueva and the Santa Clara Ballet Company present the 35th annual, full length traditional version of "The Nutcracker." This year's performances will include local dancers and acclaimed guest



artists. Performance dates and times are Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All performances of "The Nutcracker" will take place at the Elizabeth A. Hanks Theatre inside the [Santa Clara Convention Center](#) at 5001 Great America Parkway in Santa Clara. Parking is FREE. For more information, visit the [Santa Clara Ballet Company](#) website, or call (408) 881-0879.

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Upcoming Special Events

Ongoing Exhibits - Intel Museum

New exhibits at the Silicon Valley's 10,000 square foot [Intel Museum](#) show how technology has evolved from telegrams to cell



phones and how advanced computer chip designs and manufacturing are changing technology. In all, the museum features over 30 fun, interactive exhibits. Open Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission is FREE.

December 7, 2008 - Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors"

[Mission City Opera](#) presents Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a tale of a small beggar boy's encounter with three wise men. Ticket prices range from \$14.00 - \$45.00 and are available through the [Mission City Box Office](#).



December 7, 2008 - CalTrain Holiday Train at Santa Clara station

[CalTrain's 20-minute show](#) is a free, family-oriented event that draws thousands of visitors to train stations every year for a chance to sing along with live holiday music and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and other holiday favorites. See the Holiday Train decorated with over 40,000 lights! FREE admission.

