

# The Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire

## Celebrating a Golden Jubilee in 2012



**Two important celebrations** rooted in early English history will be observed in 2012. If you are not attending Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee (celebrating 60 years since her ascension to the British throne), then don't miss the Golden Jubilee of The Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire marking its 50th anniversary this year.

The popular annual event featuring more than 2,000 brightly costumed performers engaged in a lively representation of an English port town and marketplace during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I will take place at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area.

Faire organizers promise the biggest celebration since 1499 with more fun and excitement than ever. Covering approximately 20 acres of shady groves and sunny meadows at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, The Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire brings merrie olde England to vivid life on 14 Stages and in the village streets. Family-friendly entertainment includes Sir Francis Drake, William Shakespeare, Queen Elizabeth I and her glittering court; puritans, fishmongers, pirates, rogues and wenches engaging guests in feisty banter, gossip and spirited play; jugglers, jousters and jesters; the popular cannon-fire ceremony; and ethnic folk dances. Other family-fun activities include hair braiding, crafts, face painting and a petting zoo.

Delicious and savory foods at every turn include such favorites as Toad in the Hole, turkey legs, ribs, bangers, Shepherd's Pye and a plethora of tempting sweets. Adult guests can wash it all down with a hearty ale or fine wine.

In addition to continuous entertainment and food, visitors will find hundreds of artisans and craftspeople selling a wide selection of goods including jewelry, clothing, shoes and costumes; masks; fine art; glass art; pottery, ceramics and sculptures; children's toys; handmade furniture; leather goods; wood, bone and stone wares; metal coins and pewter; spices and teas; and perfumes, oils, soaps, candles and incense.

Established in 1963 in Agoura Hills near Malibu to create a "living history" for school children and their families, The Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire has grown into an annual interactive playground and gallery for some 200,000 participants and guests and has given birth to a nationwide industry. Since its inception, more than five million people from around the world have visited Southern California's Renaissance Pleasure Faire, averaging approximately 20,000 each weekend.

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#### Directions and ticket information

##### Dates/Hours/Prices:

Saturdays and Sundays, April 7 through May 20, 2012, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Prices for single-day, general admission tickets purchased at the box office are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.  
Online ticket prices are \$23 for adults and \$13 for children.

**Location:** 15501 E. Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA 91706

Directions from the Palm Springs area: travel on I-10 westbound approximately 95 miles; take the Vincent Avenue (Exit 35) exit; turn right onto North Vincent Avenue; drive 2.3 miles to Arrow Highway and turn left (0.1 miles past East Chadmont Street.). Drive approximately 1 mile to 15501 Arrow Highway which will be on the right (0.2 miles past 4th Street). Total travel is approximately 103 miles, 1.5 hours driving time.

For more information, call 626-969-4750 or visit [www.renfair.com/socal/index.asp](http://www.renfair.com/socal/index.asp).

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