

7 OLD PASADENA

- 1.6 miles ■ 60-minute walk ■ 20-minute bike ride
- Park in parking structure at northeast corner of Fair Oaks and Green

This tour includes an overview of Pasadena's oldest commercial area. One favorite ensemble is the old Santa Fe station, Central Park and the former Green Hotel, linked by a shared past. During the city's days as a resort, Eastern visitors could alight from the train, walk up the street to the Green Hotel, and after checking in, enjoy a stroll in the park (in the middle of winter, no less!). The peculiar bridge that now extends from Castle Green once spanned the street to the older part of the hotel. Hotel visitors were also close to all the major stores and services clustered around the junction of Colorado and Fair Oaks. Old Pasadena, once down-at-heel, is again one of the great economic and social centers of Pasadena life. Restoration and revitalization began in the late 1970s, and in 1983 Old Pasadena became a National Register Historic District. As you walk along the streets, look above the display windows at the varieties of style and ornamentation. (All the storefronts date from 1928 when Colorado was widened, but many of the buildings behind them were constructed before 1900). If you can tear yourself away from window shopping and people watching, look out for interesting alleys to explore (most with bronze plaques to explain their history), fading 19th century signs on the sides of buildings, and those scary, yet strictly legal, diagonal crosswalks!

Former Santa Fe Railway Station, 1935

222 South Raymond Avenue
Architect: H. C. Gilman

Nearby:
Royal Laundry Building, 1927; 1935

443 South Raymond Avenue
Architect: Gordon B. Kaufmann

Castle Green Apartments, 1898; 1903

99 South Raymond Avenue
Architect: Frederick L. Roehrig

St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, 1927

311 North Raymond Avenue
Architect: Ross Montgomery

Chamber of Commerce Building, 1906

117 East Colorado Boulevard
Architects: Parkinson & Bergstrom

Moreton Bay Fig Tree, planted 1880

170 South Marengo Avenue

Former United California Bank Building, 1929

83 East Colorado Boulevard
Architects: Bennett & Haskell

Kinney-Kendall Building, 1897

65 East Colorado Boulevard
Architects:
Charles & Henry Greene

Friend Paper Co., 1965

100 West Green Street
Architects: Smith & Williams

