

VALLEY RELICS

THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MUSEUM

HOLY LAND'S TREASURES

On this true Los Angeles adventure, we'll explore two of the city's lesser known gems.

Welcome to the *Holyland Exhibition*, a home and museum dedicated to Antonia Futterer, an eclectic adventurer. Some say he was the inspiration for the character of Indiana Jones. His love affair for the Holyland and the preservation of its ancient past led to a number of expeditions in search of the Golden Ark of the Covenant. Unlike the film hero, he never discovered the Ark but his love affair with the Holyland resulted in an incredible collection. It includes ornate furniture from Syria, antique oil lamps, and even a centuries-old Egyptian sarcophagus. Five rooms display lavish tapestries, Armenian ceramics, and some kitschy souvenirs he picked up along the way. In 1924, he opened his collection -- then called the Palestine Exhibition -- to people of all faiths with the goal of bringing a bit of the Middle East to Los Angeles.

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One man's vast collection of artifacts and memorabilia from matchbooks and postcards to vintage neon signs and cars. The Valley Relics Museum is the creation of San Fernando Valley native Tommy Gelinis, who serves as the lone curator of the collection. His museum houses a masterful assortment of salvaged signage and other glorious gems, united in their celebration of commercial archaeology. This fantastic assemblage gives visitors a real-world peek into the mishmash of colorful aesthetics and cultural relics that are so quintessentially "Old California"

Today we will enjoy lunch at Bob's Big Boy in Burbank -- the oldest remaining Bob's Big Boy in America. You've probably seen him -- the chubby kid with the cowlick and the mischievous glint in his eye. The larger-than-life statue is only one of the many iconic elements that make Bob's Big Boy in Burbank stand out. The diner is such a classic it was named a California Point of Historical Interest. Opened in 1949, it's the oldest operating Bob's Big Boy in the United States. It's also famous for its architecture, its classic car nights, the invention of the double decker burger and its nostalgic atmosphere.

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