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## **The Da Vinci Experience Fact Sheet**

**Dates:** April 20 – August 19, 2007

**Location:** Aerospace Museum of California  
3200 Freedom Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95652.

### **Facts:**

- 60 working replicas of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions, (many are full scale)
- Florentine street scene complete with sounds and smells from 15<sup>th</sup> century (burning wood and wet leaves)
- 3 Galleries: Transportation, Military, Mechanical
- Highlights from Transportation:
  - Air Screw (precursor of the helicopter)
  - Hang gliders (different types)
  - Bicycle (notice the chain used to transport "energy")
  - Spring-powered car
  - Double-hull boat (if outer hull was pierced by cannon, inner hull would hold and the boat would still be operational)
- Highlights from Military:
  - Moveable Bridge
  - Portable Bridge
  - Reaping Wagon
- Highlights from Mechanical:
  - Pulleys (most popular of the interactive machines)
  - Water Screw (used to pull water from a well)
  - Cam Hammer
  - Fly Wheel
  - Chamber of Mirrors
  - Robot
- Drawings will be on display so visitors can compare the drawings and the replica.
- The codices are written backwards in Tuscan. There were no copyright or patent laws, so Leonardo wrote in code and left some details out so that his ideas could not be stolen.

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- Visitors can play – hands on – with some of the machines.
- 11 full-sized replicas
- 25 interactive exhibits
- 5 demonstrated exhibits
- Palazzo corridor set used by the Discovery and History channels will conclude the exhibit, complete with representation of Leonardo da Vinci's most popular paintings: Mona Lisa, Virgin on the Rocks and the Last Supper
- Timed tickets – admission every 30 minutes

**History of the creation of these machines:** Started as a hobby in the 1950s by a family in Florence. The codices are separated throughout the world. The Artisans of Florence purchased copies and then set about building the replicas from the materials specified in the codices. If the dimensions were listed on the codices, then they built full-scale replicas. If the dimensions were not listed, they built models.

**Admission**

Adult - \$17.95

Student (7-17 yrs) Senior (65+) - \$11.95

Active Military (and Active Military's immediate family) - \$8.95

Family Rate (2 adults and 3 children) - \$56.00

Children 6 and under - free

**Groups (20 or more)**

Student - \$9.95

Adults/Seniors - \$10.95

Tickets are available at [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com) or by calling (800) 225-2277.

All groups of 20 or more must be booked through the Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau: [www.discovergold.org/davinci](http://www.discovergold.org/davinci)

The Aerospace Museum of California is located at 3200 Freedom Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95652. For more information call (916) 643-3193 or visit their website at [www.aerospacemuseumofcalifornia.org](http://www.aerospacemuseumofcalifornia.org).

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