TRIP ADVISOR REVIEW

[“A most incredible museum”](http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g32375-d2651157-r247029762-The_Museum_of_History_in_Granite-Felicity_California.html#CHECK_RATES_CONT)

5 of 5 starsReviewed January 2, 2015

We've been going to Felicity and The Museum of History in Granite for over a decade. What began as a few well done monuments to the Marine Corps, the Foreign Legion, and French aviation, has grown into a world class museum experience.  
Now you can walk the panels of The Museum of History in Granite and enjoy the histories of Arizona and California, the United States, and the work in progress on the history of humanity. Don't pass this off as a roadside attraction - this is serious academic work, nominated for a UNESCO World Heritage site. Jacques and Felicia have created something incredible here, something that brilliantly combines sources from history, philosophy, science, poetry, literature, song, myth, and more, with representative artwork, to distill history into highly informative and entertaining panels, designed to last over 1,000 years.  
If you go, plan to spend some time with the panels. If you enjoy history at all, you'll be fascinated and surprised by what you find. We fell in love with Felicity and all it offers, and highly recommend dedicating a few hours at least to your visit.  
The Museum of History in Granite is only open part of the year. There is a very small fee that helps support the project. There's a gift shop and limited food, as well as accommodations on site that are handled by a management company in nearby Yuma (under 10 minutes away). With all that Yuma offers too, this is a great road trip destination, and fantastic for photographers, history buffs, parents, and pretty much everyone. If you have the opportunity for a guided tour, take it. And return often as the museum is constantly adding to the panels on the history of humanity, with more projects ready in the wings when this one is completed.  
This is absolutely one of our favorite destinations in the desert, and a truly remarkable accomplishment. We fully support its continuation and expansion into the future, and recognition of its unusual way of presenting history in an accessible and enjoyable manner for all. Exceptional and superb. Jacques, Felicia, and engraving artist Gene, are all to be congratulated.

Visited December 2014

Trustee of the Museum at The Museum of History in Granite, responded to this review, 4 days ago:

Wow. Your most incisive and thorough review should make us blush. I will only quote my uncle "I won first prize in modesty and I well deserved it". We await eagerly your production on PBS TV.  
A correction: The museum is open year round. Tours and Museum store open during four winter months. Remaining eight months, the museum is on the Honor System. And we have been delighted to find so many honorable persons.  
With all best wishes

10 Jan 2015

What is the correct spelling of her name... Professor (Sandego ?)  She is very charming and lovely not to mention all her other amazing attributes.   I had a great time meeting you and Felicia.  Gene, his boys, his family and Andy and her son too.  What a great bunch of people all pulled together because of you and your mission.  Spelman and I will be back... promise.  I wish you could meet my grandmother who left Oran Algeria on a freedom ship in 1944.  You two could talk so much French American history it would just be awesome.  She speaks French,  Spanish,  Italian, English and Arabic fluently.   Hi to Felicia and Gene.  Very much looking forward to the next time we meet.  Spleman pointed out to me my ancestor Sir William Brewster from the Mayflower is engraved in your granite history which to me is just fantastic.   Much respect Monsieur et Madame Istel for all your contributions and accomplishments in this lifetime.

Respectfully,

Chris Brewster

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| New message from “Stony Brook Alumni Gathering” | | |
| |  | | --- | | “Dear Jacques,   You are such an inspiration to us all. It is so exciting to see all you are doing and your impact on the next generation. Just awesome! Some day I really do need to come visit your museum.   Warm regards, Jane” — The Stony Brook School Alumni Office | | | |
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Jacques,  
   
It was so good to hear from you tonight.  I immediately looked at your history Web Page.  It is amazing and I want to come and study it all.  It is an excellent tribute to your life work.  You are a remarkable person.   
   
I told my wife that we have a mission on St. Joseph Day and have to return to see you on the same day the swallows supposedly return to Capistrano.  Thank you for giving me the opportunity to come visit your historical site.  
   
Jacques, I have thanked you before and I do it again.  Thank you for being a friend to my brother and also for requiring him to purchase the $100,000 insurance policy to financially protect Janice, Donna, Diane and Debbie.

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From Vern Piantanida

From Yuma C of C September 2015

Congratulations to the **Museum of History in Granite**(Center of the World Plaza, Felicity, California) for receiving the **TripAdvisor Bravo Badge**! Visit the museum's website at [historyingranite.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001pEgw2HCTGpjijyF0ZvuOt3oNVhPXvqI2-DbzU2PQduyOSqFnWQ-Vr0IIUbico6OOROxPO0Xm9kTitjQVNaBKdXfDye4NrK3ZG7WVygiQ3o5s9I5p985MY7MXVryRy4Fr-C2eMgeVPpT1fTP66YsP_V62z2HmkVpD6coedM-ItKoCmU3CktNr_b5MjID9GmrUrMgNhzLcleZTt6Ld1CRc8_AcKPKufGDuWsU6OCGdwv0BxEVDLSq8phXtMn-R1QsyYTXeRlI68cBwLqpJMwzm0sWi16stitztRDprqBG5bC87_iCmNuLODLnTPv8q09rp-YTVxjOGKn3l0kF6vBkyEA==&c=VjwI24D1l2M2zwcnQSrf8MGU7kKhXXTLcaA3xmLY_AqF-Ny7q9uLog==&ch=FmTH8p83StWv3v3gQ8fl0oNmREpYSY9T0PV4h8VIlPC-4wAmGttR-g==) to plan your visit and to see why so many have rated their experience as "excellent."

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Hello Jacques – I hope this short email finds you well! First, so many thanks for your contributions to The Museum, both in memory and honor of some of the finest people I’ve had the good fortune to not only meet but call “friend”. I drove to Orange and spent an hour with Bill Mehr about ten days before he left us; a visit I will always cherish!! I bet of my first 1000 jumps at LSPC, I made about 300 with Bill; a truly wonderful human being who handled the bad hand he was dealt with dignity and courage! I ‘m in contact with Lee, mostly on Facebook but we do email each other from time to time; I’m simply thrilled watching him enjoy our sport so much as I’m sure it helps him with the pain of losing his beloved Joanie. Gary, Ted and Vic are missed by all who knew them. And finally, yes, Nate going into the Hall is a special treat for me as he was there that cold day in February when I made my first jump; the day that changed my life!!! And of course, I worked for him and Lee over the course of about three years both as a jumpmaster and teaching FJC.

I think the Hall of Fame of Fame of Parachuting and USPA are a wonderful combination and am sure it will endure, grow and prosper for many years to come.

I have put 3/19/16 in my book and will make every effort to attend. In the meantime, we will miss you in Ellington but I look forward to the next time our paths cross. Stay Well and All Best, Curt

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