

America's Krewe Heads West: Krewe of Europa to Bring International Spirit to Ocean Beach Holiday Parade

*Tampa's Krewe of Europa Brings the Spirit of the World to San Diego
America's Krewe heads west bringing its signature international flair and Tampa Gasparilla.*

TAMPA , MA, UNITED STATES, August 17, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- America's Krewe heads west as members from across the United States bring international holiday traditions, spectacular costumes, and the spirit of Tampa to San Diego's beloved Ocean Beach Holiday Parade.

America's Krewe, the [Krewe of Europa](#), will make its debut appearance in the Ocean Beach Holiday Parade in San Diego, California, on December 5, 2026. Members representing 22 states will travel to Southern California for the holiday spectacle, bringing with them a colorful celebration inspired by the theme "Christmas Around the World."

Known as "America's Krewe," the Krewe of Europa is a Tampa, Florida-based international parade and cultural organization inspired by the spirit of the Age of Discovery. The organization was created to build bridges between cities and continents through parades, cultural exchange, friendship, and philanthropy.

For the Ocean Beach Holiday Parade, the Krewe will showcase its distinctive holiday costuming, incorporating the traditions and festive spirit of Christmas from around the world. Members will interact with spectators along the parade route and distribute special gifts to children and parade-goers, creating a memorable experience for the community.



Preparing to participate in parade

The Krewe's appearance represents more than another parade stop. It is an opportunity to bring a little bit of Tampa, Gasparilla, and international carnival culture to the California coast, while celebrating the unique character and traditions of Ocean Beach.

The Ocean Beach Holiday Parade is a quirky and beloved annual seaside tradition in San Diego. Held along Newport Avenue, the parade features community floats, marching bands, classic cars, holiday characters, and festive groups that capture the neighborhood's distinctive, laid-back coastal personality. The Krewe of Europa's participation will mark the organization's first appearance in the December 5th parade.



The Krewe celebrates St Patrick's in Boston Mass and Galway City Ireland

“We are excited to bring America's Krewe to Ocean Beach for the first time,” said Craig Bachler, Chairman of the Krewe of Europa. “Our members come from across the United States, but when we put on our costumes and step into a parade, we become ambassadors for Tampa and for the many cultures and traditions that make our world so special. Christmas is celebrated in countless different ways around the globe, and we look forward to sharing that spirit with the people of San Diego.”

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The Krewe of Europa has developed a reputation for taking the Tampa parade experience beyond Florida, appearing in parades and festivals throughout the United States and Europe. The organization participates in more than 11

parades annually across multiple countries and has brought its members and international spirit to events including the Gasparilla Pirate Fest in Tampa, the Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade, and festivals and parades in Bulgaria, Belgium, Germany, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and other destinations.

The organization's international footprint reflects its mission to bridge cities and continents while sharing culture, history, and traditions. Through its parade appearances, the Krewe creates opportunities for members to experience other cultures while introducing communities around

the world to the distinctive spirit of Tampa.

The Ocean Beach appearance continues that mission.

From the shores of Tampa Bay to the Pacific Ocean, the Krewe of Europa will bring together members from across America for a celebration that connects Florida, California, and Christmas traditions from around the world.

“Tampa, Florida is our home. The world is our stage.”

About the Krewe of Europa

The Krewe of Europa, known as “America’s Krewe,” is a Tampa, Florida-based international parade, cultural, and philanthropic organization inspired by the Age of Discovery. The Krewe brings together members from across the United States and Europe to participate in parades and cultural celebrations while promoting friendship, cultural exchange, and philanthropy.

The organization’s mission is to bridge cities and continents while sharing culture, history, and traditions—one parade at a time.

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