

LOS ANGELES GUIDE



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- Ambulance, Fire, Police: 911
- Non-emergency police: +1 877 ASK-LAPD

Essential Information

The sunny and relaxed City of Angels is the second most populous city in the States. The movie industry probably comes to everybody's mind first, but LA is a center of business, technology, culture and so much more. Don't doubt the atmosphere here – it might seem superficial, but that's just how the city rolls. If you get fed up with the sunshine and smiles, feel free to head beyond the city – to the forests, mountains and the beaches on the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Los Angeles is heaven to the movie fan. The Hollywood Walk of Fame might be a little kitsch, but it's still a must if you want to brag to your friends. Universal Studios Hollywood and Paramount Studios are the true movie sights – this is where the magic happens. But LA has a lot to offer on its own – there are picturesque neighborhoods, delis where you can get the best street food and, of course, the sunny beaches. This is all crowned by the infamous Hollywood sign which reminds everyone that they're experiencing a true gem of the West coast.

Time Zone

PST (-7), observes DST.

Contacts

Tourist Contacts

- Visitor center (Hollywood & Highland Center): +1 323 467 6412
- Visitor center (downtown): +1 213 689 8822
- Highway conditions: +1 800 427 7623

You can exchange your currency at banks or exchange kiosks which are both abundant in the city, but bank fees can be inconvenient. Foreign Currency Express has by far the best rates. You can also simply withdraw money from the ATMs if you want to save yourself the trouble of going to a bank or exchange office. ATMs are not hard to find in LA, especially in the tourist areas.

However, you probably won't need to carry much cash on you while in Los Angeles as most establishments accept credit or debit cards and traveler's checks. Always check for compatibility of your credit card when visiting from outside the US.

Tax Refunds

Los Angeles sales tax is 8.25% for goods and services. Room rates are subject to 14% occupancy tax. There are no official tax refunds for visitors, but Macy's, the renowned department store, offers a 10% discount for US and non-US visitors that can technically serve as a tax refund.

Prices

- Meal, inexpensive restaurant – \$12
- Meal for 2, mid-range restaurant, three-courses – \$40-60
- Big Mac combo meal – \$6.15
- Bottle of water at supermarket – \$1.5 (1.5 liters)
- Domestic beer (0.5 liter, draught) – \$2-4
- Gasoline (1 liter) – \$1
- Hostels (average price/night) – \$35-50
- 4* hotel (average price/night) – \$250-350
- Car-hire (medium-sized car/day) – \$60

Tipping

Tipping is customary in Los Angeles. Generally, you are advised to tip waiters, cab drivers and hairdressers around 15-20%. Other services, such as porters or bartenders, usually get one or two dollars for their services. However, if the service you received was awful, leave just a few small coins. Tips are left on the table when paying with cash or they can be added to the total when paying with card. Some restaurants and other establishments also have tip jars near the counter.

Languages

As expected, the major language in Los Angeles is American English. Los Angeles has a huge Spanish-speaking population with some of the street signs written in both languages. The city also has a large community of Chinese, Russian, Korean, Hindi and other speakers, so if you know one of these languages, you could also get by with them in some neighborhoods where the signs will also be written in these languages. But in general, it will be very hard to get by without a basic grasp of the English language.

Mobile Phones

There are many providers in the United States; only two of the most popular, AT&T and T-Mobile, use the GSM standard which is compatible with most phones from Europe. However, the frequencies of the North American GSM are different from the rest of the world and not all phones can handle them. Always double-check with your provider. The other American providers, such as Verizon or Virgin Mobile, use the CDMA standard which might not work with your mobile phone if you are coming from outside the USA.

If you'd like to stay in touch while visiting Los Angeles, you might consider renting a phone at the airport or getting yourself a local SIM card for much better rates, as roaming is expensive here. The international access code for the USA is +1, the area codes for Los Angeles are 213 (downtown) and 323 (Hollywood and adjacent areas).

Internet

Los Angeles is a well-connected city. Most hotels and hostels offer their own Wi-Fi connection for guests; always check if it's included in the price of the room or not. Alternatively, you can visit

one of the many internet cafés, which are abundant in the tourist districts, or just sit down at Starbucks or other establishment and take advantage of their free Wi-Fi.

Internet Resources

- Official tourist website (discoverlosangeles.com)
- Official website of the state of California (www.ca.gov)
- A listing of events on the official tourist website (discoverlosangeles.com)

- January 1 **New Year's Day**
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – the third Monday of January
- February 4 **Rosa Parks Day**
- **Washington's Birthday** – the third Monday of February
- March 31 **César Chávez Day**
- **Memorial Day** – the last Monday of May
- July 4 **Independence Day**
- **Labor Day** – the first Monday of September
- October 8 **Columbus Day**
- November 11 **Veterans' Day**
- **Thanksgiving Day** – the fourth Thursday of November
- December 25 **Christmas Day**

Opening Hours

Los Angeles shops have the same usual opening hours as the rest of the country – from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Saturday. Shops open on Sundays, but usually for shorter hours. Malls usually stay open longer on one or two days a week. On the other hand, some exclusive boutiques in the high-end areas might only open by appointment. The usual banking hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with some banks even opening on Saturdays.

Museums are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., but on some days, the opening hours might be longer or the museums might not open at all. Keep in mind that opening hours are specific to each institution, so always check the museum website for specific details. Also keep in mind that museums will close for some holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas).

Public Transportation

There are three main types of transport serving the city – subway, rail and bus.

"Subway and rail":<http://www.metro.net/>

There are five lines in total; two of them are subway lines mainly serving the downtown area. One ticket costs \$1.50. The day pass, valid until 3 a.m. the following day, costs \$5.00. A 7-day pass costs \$20. Tickets are sold at the customer centers of the Metro company or at many other stores. The subway and rail system covers many sightseeing destinations, but keep in mind that each line requires its own ticket, so getting a day pass might be more convenient and less expensive.

"Metro Bus System":<http://www.metro.net/>

It is run by the same company as the rail lines, so the same rules and fares apply. The two are well connected, so transfers are possible and the 200 different lines are bound to get you at least close to your destination. Keep in mind that some lines have waiting times of over 30 min and you could still have a substantial walk if going to remote areas.

"DASH":<http://www.ladottransit.com/dash/>

A fleet of buses run by the City of Los Angeles Transportation. Serves downtown regularly on weekdays and the greater Los Angeles area. The fare is 50 cents, but there are no day passes.

"FlyAway":<http://www.lawa.org/flyaway/>

Serves as a connection to Union Station, the airport and other areas. Runs quite frequently and costs only \$7. Also runs on holidays.

Taxis

The truth is that the majority of the LA population owns a car, especially if living in the suburbs. Los Angeles is a large, sprawling city, so waiting times for a cab if you are not downtown might be excessive. Fares are expensive too; the minimum fare is around \$3 and you pay around \$1.60 for each additional kilometer. Keep in mind that the traffic in LA can be quite horrible and could substantially add to your time on the meter.

If you want to take a taxi, you can either flag one down or call a company. Not all taxis service all areas of the city; check on the official website to see which companies service which areas.

- Official website of LA taxi companies (www.taxicabsla.org)
- Los Angeles Yellow Cab (www.layellowcab.com) +1 310 817 6823
- United Independent Taxi (www.unitedtaxi.com) +1 800 822 8294

Regional Transportation

There are five airports in total around the city, with Los Angeles International (LAX) being the major one.

Los Angeles is served by many Amtrak (www.amtrak.com) rail lines (both local and cross-country) that all stop at Union Station downtown (and other stations along the way). The station is well connected to other transport links and is generally safe. Amtrak lines go to Seattle, San Diego, San Francisco and even as far as Chicago and Kansas.

The main bus terminal is named Greyhound and, although the area around is not as bad as it used to be, it is still a place to avoid after dark. The connection with other public transport is not that good either. If arriving at night, you might want to research the other bus stations around the city and perhaps get off there. The Greyhound station is served by several bus companies offering rides to both nearby and distant cities.

Driving

- Speed limits in cities – 40 km/h (25 mph)
- Outside the cities – 88 km/h (55 mph)
- Interstates – 104 km/h (65 mph)
- Blood alcohol limit – 0.08 BAC
- Keep in mind that these speed limits are not final – you may never drive faster than is safe for the current conditions, so use common sense while driving in California.
- Always wear a seatbelt in both front and back seats. Children under 6 years of age or weighing less than 27 kilograms must sit in child seats.
- You may turn right on a red light unless there is a sign that says otherwise.
- Talking or texting on the cell phone while driving is illegal – use a hands-free set.
- Drive on the right-hand side
- You must be over 25 yrs. to rent a car or other vehicle.

Driving around Los Angeles has two sides to it. Downtown's traffic jams and bad driving conditions are legendary. Try to avoid rush hour and plan out several routes in advance so you have a plan B to fall onto if there's a traffic jam or an accident on the road. However, there is no better way of getting around LA than by car – and you can get to more distant places and the nature beyond the city. Even though driving around LA might be a nerve-wrecking experience sometimes, the con-

venience is well-worth it. Having a map and a GPS unit on you could make your life easier if driving.

Walkability

Even though some might tell you it's near impossible to get around LA without your own car, this is not entirely true. Older neighborhoods, downtown and Hollywood, where you will probably spend the most of your time, are easily walkable. Long Beach, Santa Monica and other neighborhoods are also pedestrian-friendly. Public transport, however, is another issue.

As for accessibility, public transport and many sights and museums are well-equipped for dealing with disabled visitors, making Los Angeles a friendly city when it comes to this aspect. Check on the official tourist website (discoverlosangeles.com) to see some of the accessible attractions in the city.

- Los Angeles is home to thousands of immigrants from all over the world who brought their **cuisine** with them. If you visit the ethnic neighborhoods, you're bound to find some amazing meals for great prices.
- Californian cuisine is all about fusion and the local food combinations are something to try out while in Los Angeles.
- The farmers' market produce is exceptionally fresh and tasty.
- Food trucks (www.foodtrucksmat.com) are the newest hip thing in LA and their produce is wonderfully tasty.

As far as **drinks** go, Los Angeles County is home to many local breweries whose beers are worth tasting. The hotel bars also rival each other in terms of making the most creative cocktails – judging which one is the best is well worth your time, too.

Legal Age

The legal age for consuming alcohol, as in the rest of the USA, is 21 years. In Los Angeles, there are a number of alcohol-free clubs that anyone over 18 can enter. Bars close at 2 a.m., so expect the last call to be around that hour.

January

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Kingdom Day Parade and Celebration (kingdomdayparadecore-ca.org)

February

- Golden Dragon Parade (www.lagoldendragonparade.com) – celebrations of Chinese New Year
- Mardi Gras
- The Pan African Film & Arts Festival (2012.paff.org)
- The Academy Awards (www.oscars.org) – the world-famous evening of the Oscar awards

March

- Los Angeles Marathon (www.lamarathon.com)
- Cesar E. Chavez Day March – celebrates the founder of the first successful farm workers' union

April

- Month of Photography Los Angeles (<http://monthofphotography.com/>)
- Cherry Blossom Festival Southern California (www.cherryblossomfestivalsocal.org) – a festival around Little Tokyo
- Songkran Festival (www.thainewyear.com) – celebrations of Thai New Year
- Los Angeles Fiesta Broadway (fiestabroadway.la) – Cinco de Mayo celebrations
- Olvera Street Anniversary Celebration – history of the city celebrated on its oldest streets

May

- Amnesty International Film Festival
- Last Remaining Seats (www.laconservancy.org) – classic movies in LA's classic theaters

June

- Los Angeles Film Festival (www.lafilmfest.com)
- Playboy Jazz Festival (playboyjazzfestival.com)
- Mariachi-USA Festival (www.mariachiusa.com)

July

- OUTFEST (www.outfest.org) – LGBT film festival
- Los Angeles International Short Film Festival (lashortsfest.com)
- July Fourth Fireworks Spectacular
- Lotus Festival (www.laparks.org) – celebrations of Asian culture

August

- Downtown Los Angeles Film Festival (www.dffla.com)
- L.A. Greek Fest (www.lagreekfest.com)
- Nisei Week Japanese Festival (www.niseiweek.org)
- Watts Summer Festival – African-American cultural festival

September

- City of Los Angeles Birthday Celebration (birthday.lacity.org)
- Los Angeles Hangawee – a Korean festival

October

- Hollywood Film Festival (hollywoodfest.com)
- Grand Avenue Festival (www.grandavenuefestival.net) – a cultural event encompassing museums, theaters, restaurants and more
- World Festival of Sacred Music (<http://www.festivalofsacredmusic.org/>)
- Fall Festival at Farmers Market (<http://www.farmersmarketla.com/>)

November

- American Indian Heritage Month
- AFI Fest (www.afi.com) – LA's longest running movie festival
- Hollywood Christmas Parade (<http://www.thehollywoodchristmasparade.com>)

December

- DWP Light Festival (www.dwplightfestival.com) – showcase of holiday lightning in Hollywood
- Las Posadas – celebrations of the Mexican Christmas tradition

Free Things To Do

- The Hollywood Walk of Fame is a must and completely free.
- Hollywood Forever Cemetery is the final resting place of many Hollywood stars.
- Look out for the days when the museum admissions are free.
- The LA Art Walk takes place every other Thursday.
- Rodeo Drive is free to walk around and window-shop.
- Stop by the movie studios and try to catch one of the shows being filmed. You can become a part of the audience for free.
- Visit the Griffith Observatory.
- Olvera Street is one of the most atmospheric places in LA – not to be missed.
- Palisades Park provides many scenic views especially at sunset.
- Getty Villa – an amazing building filled with Greek art.

Shopping

Los Angeles is definitely a shopping city – malls, smaller boutiques and all sorts of markets will greet you wherever you go. Downtown actually has its own special districts dedicated to one trade only. As for souvenirs to take home, you could choose one of the crafts you'll find in one of the many crafts shops. Alternatively, stop by at one of the international districts and buy something that looks like it comes from another country. And if you'd like a truly LA-esque gift, buy the iconic Oscar statue at one of the Hollywood shops.

- DO try to avoid the rush hour if driving.
- DO remember that LA is a huge city that can be explored in several different ways.
- DO visit at least one of the farmers' markets around the city and at least one of the movie studios.
- DO keep your eyes open for movie stars!
- DON'T wander too far out of the city center – the sights are all there and you are less likely to encounter any unpleasant situations.
- DON'T forget that summers in LA can be **hot** – plan accordingly.
- DON'T rent a car without a GPS.

Safety

The LA downtown and the tourist districts are generally considered very safe. As long as you stay around these areas, you have nothing to fear except the usual – watch out for your belongings and all should be fine. You might encounter some homeless people, but they will not threaten you and will move on once you tell them that you won't give them any money.

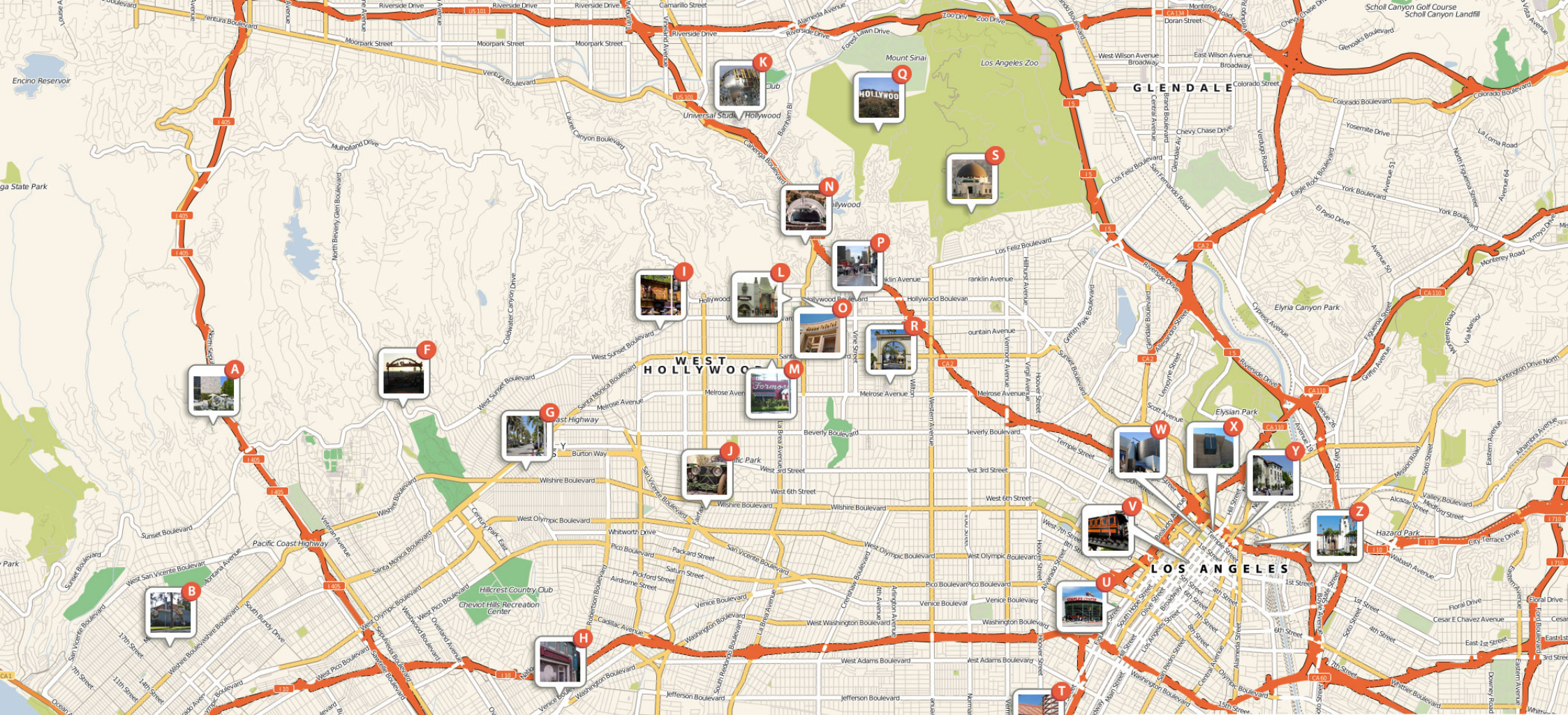
If you'd like to do some exploring on your own, keep in mind that, unfortunately, Los Angeles (both the city and the county) are home to many gangs and there are unsafe areas. These are generally separated from the safe areas, so you can pick up the gradual change in your surroundings if you're heading to a seedy neighborhood. If you see boarded-up windows and graffiti, it's time to head back fast. Try to avoid the minor streets in any areas you don't feel comfortable in. In general, you will want to avoid the South Central and East areas of LA.

Travelers with cardiac and respiratory problems should take extra care – while LA's air quality is not as bad as it used to be, dirty air still gets

trapped in the county. Also keep in mind that the Californian sun can be strong, so it's a good idea to apply sunscreen and not to forget your sunglasses.

While in LA, you might experience one of the (often minor) earthquakes. Beware of falling items; if indoors, hide under a table or desk. Do not run outside as you won't avoid harm this way. If already outside, keep clear of buildings and power lines. Above all, stay calm.

The tap water in Los Angeles is safe to drink.



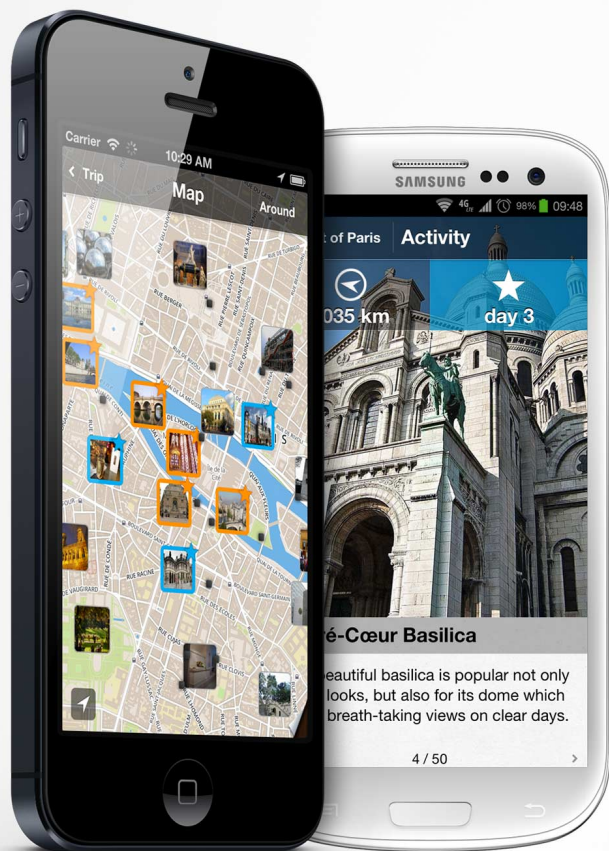
Must See Things in Los Angeles A-Z 

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| A Getty Center | N Hollywood Bowl |
| B Gehry Residence | O Kodak Theatre |
| C Santa Monica Pier | P Hollywood Walk of Fame |
| D Venice Beach | Q Hollywood Sign |
| E Venice Canals | R Paramount Studios |
| F Sunset Boulevard | S Griffith Observatory |
| G Rodeo Drive | T California Science Center |
| H Museum of Jurassic Technology | U Staples Center |
| I Saddle Ranch Chop House | V Angels Flight Railway |
| J Petersen Automotive Museum | W Walt Disney Concert Hall |
| K Universal Studios Hollywood | X Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels |
| L Gauman's Chinese Theatre | Y Olvera Street |
| M Formosa Café | Z Union Station |

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Getty Center

A breath-taking museum devoted to European art. The grounds themselves are worth the visit and the collection has many noteworthy pieces.

1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90049, USA
 GPS: N34.07750, W118.47500

Phone:

+1 310 440 7300

Opening hours:

Mon: closed

Tue – Fri: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Fri: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (May 24 – Aug 30)

Sat: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sun: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Admission:

Free admission.



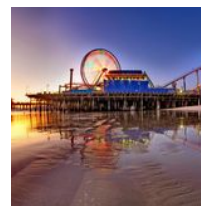
Gehry Residence

A unique sight amongst Californian suburbs, the architect's own house is a deconstructivist gem. Quite unusual and worth the visit.

GPS: N34.03517, W118.48476

Opening hours:

The house is private and cannot be visited.



Santa Monica Pier

A famous 100-year-old landmark featuring the iconic ferris wheel. Often seen in films and television.

Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA, USA

GPS: N34.00873, W118.49748

Opening hours:

Always open.

Admission:

Ticket prices vary according to events.





Venice Beach

California's most fabulous, lively and popular beach. Meet all sorts of people, enjoy the facilities and above all, the beautiful sea!

GPS: N33.98266, W118.47176



Venice Canals

One of LA's most charming neighbourhoods. Perfect for romantic walks, boat cruises or exploring on a sunny afternoon.

GPS: N33.98361, W118.46528



Sunset Boulevard

The symbol of Hollywood's glamour. A must-see while you're here – you might even meet some famous stars.

GPS: N34.08070, W118.43100



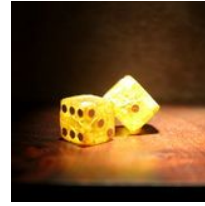
Rodeo Drive

The glamorous street is lined with upscale shops and is perfect for celebrity spotting.

GPS: N34.06923, W118.40299

Opening hours:

Most shops in Rodeo Drive are open from 10 a.m. to 6 or 7 p.m. from Mon-Sat, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sun.



Museum of Jurassic Technology

Disregard the name – this place is a collection of the quirkiest things you've ever seen, such as the Russian space dogs exhibit.

9341 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, California a90232, USA

GPS: N34.02585, W118.39491

Phone:

+1 310 836 6131

Opening hours:

Thu: 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Fri – Sun: noon – 6 p.m.

Closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and the first day of the New Year's.

Note that The Tula Tea Room and Borzoi Kabinet Theater open 1 hour later than the museum and close 1 hour earlier.

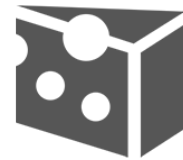
Admission:

Adults: \$8

Seniors (60+), students, children (12 – 21): \$5

Children (under 12): free

Disabled Persons, active service personnel in uniform: \$1.50



Saddle Ranch Chop House

This steakhouse is simply brilliant – delicious meat, friendly atmosphere and great service all make up the experience.

8371 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069, USA

GPS: N34.09562, W118.37226

Phone:

+1 323 656 2007

Opening hours:

Mon – Fri: 11 a.m. – 2 a.m.

Sat – Sun: 9 a.m. – 2 a.m.





Petersen Automotive Museum

Holds a captivating car collection with many outstanding pieces. Excellent layout and interactive exhibits.

6060 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036, USA
 GPS: N34.06183, W118.36139

Phone:

+1 323 930 2277

Opening hours:

Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission:

Adults: \$15

Seniors (62+), students (13-17, valid ID): \$10

Youth (3-12): \$5

Children (3 and under), military: free



Universal Studios Hollywood

An absolute must-see. Peek into the heart of the movie industry – makes for an exciting day out with the family!

Universal Studios Boulevard, Universal City, CA 91608, USA
 GPS: N34.13630, W118.35366

Phone:

+1 800 864 8377

Opening hours:

Opening hours vary according to the season.

Mon – Sun: 8/9 a.m. – 6/7/8 p.m.

In summer, the studios are sometimes open until 10 p.m.

Make sure to check the website.

Admission:

VIP Experience: \$299

2-Day Pass: \$89 (general admission) or \$81 (under 48")

1-Day Pass: \$84 (general admission) or \$76 (under 48")

1-Day Ticket plus Anaheim Shuttle: \$105 (ages 8+) or \$95 (ages 3-7)



Grauman's Chinese Theatre

This pagoda-like house is a unique sight – and still a favourite for all kinds of movie premieres. Take the tour or visit a screening.

6925 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028, USA
 GPS: N34.10189, W118.34099

Opening hours:

20-minute walking tours are offered 7 days a week excluding special events. Reserve the tour on-line.

Admission:

Ticket prices vary according to the events.



Formosa Cafe

Loved by every generation of movie stars, this restaurant and bar has had some notable patrons such as Elvis Presley.

7156 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046, USA
 GPS: N34.09054, W118.34606

Phone:

+1 323 850 9050

Opening hours:

Mon – Fri: 4 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.

Sat – Sun: 6 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.



Hollywood Bowl

A charming open-air venue for all kinds of performances. Especially magical at summer nights. The museum is a nice treat, too.

2301 N. Highland Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90068, USA
 GPS: N34.11226, W118.33892

Opening hours:

Gate opening times:

Tue, Wed, Thu: 6 p.m. for 8 p.m. concerts

Fri, Sat: 5:30 p.m. for 8 p.m. concerts

Sun: 4:30 p.m. for 7 p.m. concerts or 5 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. concerts

Admission:

Ticket prices vary from \$1 to \$100 depending on the shows.





Kodak Theatre

The fabulous theatre where the Oscars are held each year. Take the tour or buy a ticket and enjoy one of the performances.

6801 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028, USA

GPS: N34.10186, W118.33936

Phone:

+1 323 308 6300

Opening hours:

Guided tours:

Mon – Sun: 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tours take about 30 mins and depart every half an hour.

Box office opening hours:

Mon – Sat: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sun: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Showtimes in the theatre vary.

Admission:

Summer Pricing (March – May; \$2 less per ticket):

Adults: \$17

Seniors (65 +): \$12

Youth (17 and under): \$12

Children (under 3): free



Hollywood Walk of Fame

An absolute must-see. Walk the starred boulevard and see the iconic tiles with the world-famous names.

GPS: N34.10163, W118.32668



Hollywood Sign

Probably the most iconic sight in the whole county. You can hike up to it, but be prepared to spend the afternoon outdoors.

GPS: N34.13404, W118.32167



Paramount Studios

Take the stunning tour of the studios and see where movies have been made since the start of the industry. Book in advance.

5555 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90038, USA

GPS: N34.08549, W118.31912

Phone:

+1 323 956 1777

Opening hours:

Paramount Pictures Studio Tour

Mon – Sun: 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (every half an hour)

Paramount Pictures VIP Studio Tour

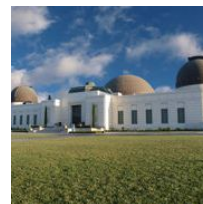
Mon – Fri: 9:30 a.m.

Tours are only available for people above 12 years of age and must be booked in advance.

Admission:

Paramount Pictures Studio Tour – \$48

Paramount Pictures VIP Studio Tour – \$150



Griffith Observatory

The spectacular view from here is just the beginning. The observatory itself is the real treat and a must-see while here.

2800 East Observatory Road, Los Angeles, CA 9002, USA

GPS: N34.11840, W118.30037

Phone:

+1 213 473 0800

Opening hours:

Tue – Fri: noon – 10 p.m.

Sat – Sun: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Closed on Mondays.

Admission:

Free admission to the Observatory building and grounds. There is a nominal fee to see shows in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium.





California Science Center

The perfect place for kids and adults alike. Each of the themed areas has thrilling hands-on exhibits that will keep you entertained.

700 Exposition Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90037, USA
 GPS: N34.01608, W118.28499

Phone:

+1 323 724 3623

Opening hours:

California Science Center:

Mon – Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.

IMAX Theater is open daily. Check the showtimes.

Admission:

California Science Center:

Free admission to permanent exhibit galleries.

IMAX Theater:

Adults (18-59): \$8.25

Senior (60+), students (13-17, valid ID): \$6

Children (4-12): \$5



Staples Center

An exciting sports venue – perfect for basketball, hockey and many more. Perfect for sport fans and their families.

1111 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015, USA
 GPS: N34.04303, W118.26687

Phone:

+1 213 742 7340

Opening hours:

Depending on shows, the box office opens at:

Mon – Fri (event): 10 a.m. or 30mins after event start

Mon – Fri (no event): 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat (event): 10 a.m. or 30mins after event start

Sat (no event): closed

Sun (event): 10 a.m. or 30mins after event start

Sun (no event): closed

Admission:

Price tickets vary according to events.



Angels Flight Railway

This enchanting funicular railway has been a landmark of LA since 1901. Take a ride and enjoy the scenic views.

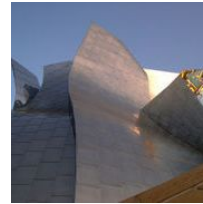
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Opening hours:

Mon-Sun: 6:45 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Admission:

General admission: \$0.50



Walt Disney Concert Hall

A stunning architectural sight – an outstanding music hall that will captivate you. Take the tour or check out one of the performances.

135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012, USA
 GPS: N34.05785, W118.24774

Phone:

+1 213 972 7211

Opening hours:

Three different tours:

Symphonian Four Theater Tour

Tue – Sat: 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Walt Disney Concert Hall Self-Guided Audio-Tour

Most of the days: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Walt-Disney Concert Hall Guided Tour

Only on select days: 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

Tour schedules are available on the official website.

Admission:

The tours are free for individuals or group of not more than 14 people.





Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

A stunning modern church with an industrial feel to it – definitely something unique. Perfect for architecture enthusiasts.

555 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, USA

GPS: N34.05771, W118.24485

Phone:

+1 213 680 5200

Opening hours:

Mon – Fri: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sun: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission:

Free admission.



Olvera Street

A charming historic street that is also the centre of Mexican culture in the city. Very atmospheric – take a walk around and see.

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Union Station

A great spot for taking photographs – the station is simply that beautiful. Worth a visit if you're nearby.

800 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, USA

GPS: N34.05515, W118.23525

Opening hours:

Open 24/7.

