

LOS ANGELES

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The best places to eat, sleep and play
in Los Angeles this spring and summer

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INTRODUCTION



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PACKING TIPS

1. If visiting Disneyland, “wear **good walking shoes**—forget the sandals or flip flops—you'll regret it if you don't.”—TripAdvisor Member, Sacramento, Calif.
2. “Just bring **jeans and great tops**. L.A. is more rock glam than hot black dresses.”—TripAdvisor Member, Santa Monica, Calif.
3. “Whenever you come, bring **sunglasses, comfortable summer clothes and a light jacket**, and you'll be ready to enjoy the great weather.”—TripAdvisor Member

Inside LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles is a city with serious star power. Even street names often take top billing; movies like “Sunset Boulevard,” “Laurel Canyon” and “Mulholland Drive” have added to L.A.'s irresistible allure. In a city of a million storylines, where backdrops are beaches, production sets, famed shopping boulevards, glitzy neighborhoods and top-notch celebrity-studded eateries, every possible dream is played out daily.

The City of the Angels sprawls over 467 miles of desert, canyons and coastline and is home to more than 3.5 million people, while L.A. County's population numbers close to 10 million. The climate ranges from warm and balmy afternoons to cool nights, with some foggy times possible in July and August.

Visitors get to choose where they want to set their L.A. story and how they want to discover the city's secrets. And in your L.A., there's no shortage of options: see the city by stretch limo, bike, helicopter, kayak or cruise boat or catch fleeting glimpses of homes of the rich and famous on a jogging tour.

Top VIEWS



LOS ANGELES BEST VIEWS

“Not only was the **Griffith Park Observatory** the location for movie romance between James Dean and Natalie Wood, but it also offers wondrous views of Hollywood and the surrounding hills.”—TripAdvisor Member

Griffith Park Observatory, 2800 E. Observatory Road, 213 473 0800

A ride on the Ferris wheel takes you 185 feet high for a look down at Santa Monica Bay and the Pacific Ocean. If you're not a fan of heights, “the views off the end of the **Santa Monica Pier** are amazing.”—TripAdvisor Member, California

Santa Monica Pier, Ocean and Colorado avenues, 310 458 8900

“On the access trail to **Leo Carrillo State Beach**, stop for a moment and take in the view with a loved one. On some days, schools of dolphins are visible.”—TripAdvisor Member

Leo Carrillo State Beach, W. 35000 Pacific Coast Hwy., 818 880 0363

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Where to PLAY

TOP 10 Attractions

1. J. Paul Getty Center, 1200 Getty Center Dr., 310 440 7300
2. Griffith Observatory, 2800 E. Observatory Road, 213 473 0800
3. Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., 213 625 0414
4. Petersen Automotive Museum, 6060 Wilshire Blvd., 323 930 2277
5. Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance, 9786 West Pico Blvd., 310 553 8403
6. Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits, 5801 Wilshire Blvd., 323 934 7243
7. Hollywood Sign, <http://www.hollywoodsign.org>
8. Westwood Memorial Park, 1218 Glendon Ave., 310 474 1579
9. Dodger Stadium, 1000 Elysian Park Ave., 323 224 1507
10. Griffith Park, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr., 323 913 4688



FAMILIES

Take a drive to nearby Anaheim, and treat the whole family to the classic theme park—**Disneyland**. “As soon as we entered, the magic happened.”—TripAdvisor Member, Australia

Disneyland, 1313 Harbor Blvd., Disneyland Way, Anaheim, 714 781 4565

Universal Studios “is great. We especially enjoyed Jurassic Park, Back To the Future and Shrek. We even saw some real Oscars, plus extras shooting the sequel to Pirates of the Caribbean.”—TripAdvisor Member, Berkshire, U.K.

Universal Studios, 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, 800 864 8377

The **Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits** has “lots of gooey tar pits with an excellent museum explaining all about fossils and bones.”—TripAdvisor Member, Jacksonville, Fla.

Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits, 5801 Wilshire Blvd., 323 934 7243

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ROMANCE

Part of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway, the **Hollywood Bowl Overlook** “affords terrific views of the Hollywood Bowl and much of Los Angeles.” On a clear day, you might see past the city all the way to the Pacific.—TripAdvisor Member

Hollywood Bowl Overlook, 7036 Mulholland Dr., Hollywood

Capture the romance of old Hollywood at the **Grauman's Chinese Theatre**, “one of the premium venues in the world to see a movie.”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

Grauman's Chinese Theatre, 6925 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, 323 464 8111

“We landed by chance at **El Matador Beach** around sunset—a wondrous beach not to be missed! Very romantic, beautiful, many rocks and caves.”—TripAdvisor Member, Vienna, Austria

El Matador Beach, 32215 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu, 818 880 0363

Where to PLAY



BUDGET

At the **J. Paul Getty Center**, “the architecture is as stunning as the art. There are fountains and flowers, babbling brooks and tall cactus plants. It’s easy to lose oneself for the day here! Do look inside the buildings; you will be treated to some wonderful art. And it’s all free. What a gift to Los Angeles!”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

J. Paul Getty Center, 1200 Getty Center Dr., 310 440 7300

“Consider touring the peculiar **Watts Tower**, a series of 17 abstract sculptural structures (one nearly 100 feet tall) composed of steel, wire, seashells and glass shards.”—TripAdvisor Member

Watts Towers, 1727 E. 107th St., 213 847 4646

“No trip to Los Angeles is complete without a stop at the beach, and **Venice Beach** is quintessential L.A.”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

Venice Beach Boardwalk, Ocean Front Walk, Venice

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ADVENTURE

“**Temescal Gateway Park** offers miles of hiking, and rewards explorers with scenic canyons, creeks, waterfalls and a gorgeous view of the city and Pacific Ocean.”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

Temescal Gateway Park, 15601 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades, 310 454 1395

“**Runyon Canyon** is fun and challenging. You can go for a short walk or for a strenuous hike. It’s also a huge dog park, where dogs run around leash-free! I love it!”—TripAdvisor Member, Culver City, Calif.

Runyon Canyon, Mulholland Highway

“**Griffith Park** is not only the largest municipal park, but it has a lot of fun activities—pony and wagon rides for the kids, a great miniature train ride and a carousel. Also, there’s golfing, horseback riding, hiking trails and many picnic areas—all of this in a wilderness area in Los Angeles!”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

Griffith Park, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr., 323 913 4688

“...scenic canyons, creeks, waterfalls and a gorgeous view”



EDUCATIONAL/HISTORICAL

“I love how the **California Science Center** has all kinds of little details embedded throughout,” like an exhibit on California’s water flow.—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

California Science Center, 700 State Dr., 213 744 7400

“**MOCA** is the contemporary art museum. It’s pretty great. The shows aren’t just focused on contemporary art, but on history.” Be sure also to check out the Geffen Contemporary in Little Tokyo and the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood.—TripAdvisor Member, Santa Monica, Calif.

Museum of Contemporary Art, 250 S. Grand Ave., 213 626 6222

“Buried at the **Hollywood Forever Cemetery**, in full view of the Hollywood sign and at the back of Paramount Studios, are some of the most famous and notorious names of ‘Old Hollywood.’”—TripAdvisor Member

Hollywood Forever Cemetery, 6000 Santa Monica Blvd., 323 469 1181



RELAXATION

“The **Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels** is pure and inspiring. The sound and the light and the air all combine to give an experience that can lift up and change your spirit. Everyone will enjoy seeing the innovative and simple design of the building, and those who are seeking a spiritual place will find a refuge.”—TripAdvisor Member, San Pedro, Calif.

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 W. Temple St., 213 680 5200

“Friendly staff, amazingly inexpensive and wonderful treatments, and the water is magic! And when you leave **Beverly Hot Springs**, you’re in vibrant Koreatown, with so many nearby food options, it’s sinful. My favorite spa in one of my favorite neighborhoods in my favorite city on earth.”—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

Beverly Hot Springs Spa, 308 N. Oxford Ave., 323 734 7000

“I love **Elysian Park** because of the great views, the trees, the hiking trails and, especially, the view of Los Angeles.”—TripAdvisor Member, Santa Ana, Calif.

Elysian Park, 835 Academy Road, 213 485 5054

What's the **TOUR**

How to Get Around



"The Getty is accessible by **public transport**. Simply take the #2 or any other bus to UCLA and transfer to the #761, which stops right in front of the Getty parking lot and the train."—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

Try the Paparazzi Tour with **Off 'N Running**. "It's nice to see the city from the sidewalk instead of from the inside of a car. I saw things I never knew were there, and I've lived here for over 50 years."—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

Off 'N Running Tours, 310 246 1418

"A **day pass** is available for all Metro bus and rail lines for \$5."—TripAdvisor Member

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WHERE to eat

TOP 10 Restaurants

1. Osteria Mozza, 6602 Melrose Ave., 323 297 0100
2. Providence, 5955 Melrose Ave., 323 460 4170
3. Sushi Katsu-ya, 11680 Ventura Blvd., 818 985 6976
4. In-N-Out Burger, 7009 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 800 786 1000
5. Angelini Osteria, 7313 Beverly Blvd., 323 297 0070
6. Bottega Louie, 700 S. Grand Ave., 213 802 1470
7. A.O.C., 8022 W. 3rd St., 323 653 6359
8. Vito's Pizza, 846 N. La Cienega Blvd., 310 652 6859
9. Langer's Delicatessen, 704 S. Alvarado St., 213 483 8050
10. Madeo, 8897 Beverly Blvd., 310 859 4903

FAMILIES

"We went to **Loteria Grill** because of all the hype...and we'll make sure to keep spreading the word! This place is delicious."—TripAdvisor Member, San Francisco, Calif.

Loteria Grill, 6333 W. 3rd St., 323 930 2211

Take the kids on a picnic LA-style and pick up "terrific (and cheap) burritos and tacos" at **Yuca's**. "The carne asada, the cochinita pibil and the tamales are not to be missed."—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

Yuca's, 2056 Hillhurst Ave., 323 662 1214

Miceli's features "red and white checkered tablecloths and a maitre d' who treated me like he was hoping I would become a regular."—TripAdvisor Member, Boston, Mass.

Miceli's, 1646 N. Las Palmas Ave., 323 466 3438

ROMANCE

"We had an absolutely amazing time at **Cravings**. Our romantic dinner at a candlelit tables for two was great! If you want to hold hands and enjoy your food, go to Cravings."—TripAdvisor Member, Los Angeles

Cravings Restaurant, 8653 W. Sunset Blvd., 310 652 6104

"We enjoyed a fabulous dinner at **Angelini**. The food was simply the best ever, and that includes a recent trip to Italy! The highlight was the rock salt encrusted sea bass—my wife says it's the best fish she ever had."—TripAdvisor Member, San Diego, Calif.

Angelini Osteria, 7313 Beverly Blvd., 323 297 0070

"You must dine at **Yamashiro**! We finished our holiday here and had the most delicious experience. The setting, looking over the lights of L.A., was breathtaking, as was the food."—TripAdvisor Member, Melbourne, Australia.

Yamashiro, 1999 N. Sycamore Ave., Hollywood, 323 466 5125

BUDGET

"**The Original Pantry** has been open 24 hours/day since 1924, and it has never been remodeled. It's like walking into a Bogart movie from the '30s."—TripAdvisor Member

The Original Pantry, 877 S. Figueroa St., 213 972 9279

A Southern California landmark, "**In-N-Out** is fresh and tasty. Top a Double-Double with some grilled onions and a chocolate milk shake, and I'm a happy man!"—TripAdvisor Member

In-N-Out Burger, 7009 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 800 786 1000 (and other locations)

Sanamluang Café "is open VERY late, serving amazing, cheap Thai food. It really has great noodle dishes. The beef stew noodle soup is divine!"—TripAdvisor Member

Sanamluang Café, 5176 Hollywood Blvd., 323 660 8006

WHERE to eat



HEALTH-CONSCIOUS

“Located almost across the street from the famous Ivy restaurant, **Newsroom** was very good! Child-friendly too! Make sure to try the peach bellini - yummy!”—TripAdvisor Member, Alpharetta, Ga.

Newsroom, 120 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood, 310 652 4444

“**Vegan Glory** may not have the best ambiance, but the food is simply superb.”—TripAdvisor Member

Vegan Glory, 8393 Beverly Blvd., 323 653 4900

Real Food Daily offers “up-market dining with a fantastic choice of fresh, organic food - obviously very popular and I doubt if everyone there was vegan!”—TripAdvisor Member, London, England

Real Food Daily, 414 N. La Cienega Blvd., West Hollywood, 310 289 9910

“...up-market dining with a fantastic choice of fresh, organic food”

HIDDEN GEMS

“Each time we sit at the charcuterie bar at **A.O.C.**, we meet some interesting person sitting next to us, ready to share their fave dish, etc. You can count on very fresh, current ingredients.”—TripAdvisor Member, San Antonio, Texas

A.O.C., 8022 W. 3rd St., 323 653 6359

“**Little Next Door** is the bistro next door to the fancier Little Door Restaurant. The food was excellent and very reasonably priced; the service top-notch. We sat at one of the delightful outdoor tables—it felt like Paris!”—TripAdvisor Member, Oregon

Little Next Door, 8142 W. 3rd St., 323 951 1010

“Whenever I come home to L.A., I make sure to stop by **Harold and Belles**, the best Cajun restaurant in the area. The portions are big; the food is good and the service is top-notch. The bread will make you sin!”—TripAdvisor Member, Atlanta, Ga.

Harold and Belles, 2920 W. Jefferson Blvd., 323 735 9023

SPECIAL EVENTS



Find the perfect summer read at the **Los Angeles Times Festival of Books**, a free event featuring author readings and signings, cooking demos with celebrity chefs, dramatic readings for the kids and even giant crossword puzzles! (April 24 – 25)

Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Ave., 213 237 BOOK (2665), <http://www.latimes.com/extras/festivalofbooks>

Celebrate Mother’s Day for mothers and daughters everywhere at the **Revlon Run/Walk for Women**, a charity event raising money for the fight against breast and ovarian cancers. Celebrity hosts and participants bring some star power to the day, with live entertainment and plenty of refreshments awaiting you at the finish line. (May 8)

Revlon Run/Walk for Women, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, 310 322 3344, <http://www.revlonrunwalk.com>

Venture out to Ventura County for the sweetest celebration in Southern California, the **Strawberry Festival**. Live music, eating contests, kids’ rides and plenty of fruitful family entertainment make this weekend well worth the half-hour trip to Oxnard. (May 15 – 16)

California Strawberry Festival, Strawberry Meadows of College Park, 3250 S. Rose Ave., Oxnard, 805 385 4739, <http://strawberry-fest.org>

Party in the streets of West Hollywood during **Los Angeles LGBT Pride**. Kick things off with the revving of motorcycles opening the annual Dyke March, then check out star-studded live entertainment on the Mainstage. Finally, join thousands of LGBT people, businesses, families and friends parading down Santa Monica Boulevard in the annual Pride Parade. (June 11 – 13)

Los Angeles Pride 2009, West Hollywood, 323 969 8302, <http://www.lapride.org>

Filmmakers and film lovers converge at the **Los Angeles Film Festival**, where a prize purse totaling \$75,000 is up for grabs for the year’s best narrative and documentary features. Meet the professionals, take part in indie film workshops or simply sit back, munch on some popcorn and enjoy the show. (June 17 – 27)

Los Angeles Film Festival, Various venues, 310 432 1240, <http://www.lafilmfest.com>

Where better than L.A. to find sun, sand and surf? Hang Ten at the **2010 International Surf Festival!** Thousands of competitors and hundreds of thousands of spectators arrive annually to master the waves along Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo beaches. For the land-loving set, there are also volleyball matches, beach runs and sandcastle contests. (July 30 – August 1)

2010 International Surf Festival, Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beaches, <http://www.surffestival.org>

Where to STAY



FAMILIES

“The **Renaissance Hollywood Hotel** was excellent. We encountered no problems at all during our stay. The room was very clean and spacious and on a high floor with a nice view, as requested. The location is fantastic, right in the heart of Hollywood. All the attractions are close by and easy to get to.”—TripAdvisor Member, Liverpool, U.K.

Renaissance Hollywood Hotel, 1755 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood, 323 856 1200

“The location of the **Hilton** is key—it’s right next to Universal Studios and City Walk. They have a shuttle which transports you there; it leaves every twenty minutes or so. This was great to do with the kids.”—TripAdvisor Member, Hamilton, N.J.

Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City, 555 Universal Hollywood Dr., Universal City, 818 506 2500

The **Magic Castle Hotel** is “amazing. It is a small old-fashioned boutique hotel with the best of everything—not in terms of glitz and glamour—in terms of the things that really matter.”—TripAdvisor Member, Massachusetts

Magic Castle Hotel, 7025 Franklin Ave., Hollywood, 323 851 0800

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ROMANCE

“Only superlatives will do to describe the **Villa Delle Stelle**. Three luxurious suites, each with a distinctively different design theme, have been fashioned from a historic Hollywood mansion. A beautiful and very interesting lodging alternative to a hotel or bed and breakfast.”—TripAdvisor Member, Austin, Texas

Villa Delle Stelle, 6087 Harold Way, Hollywood, 323 876 8100

“**The Inn at Playa del Rey** is amazing. Who knew L.A. could be relaxing and peaceful?”—TripAdvisor Member, Sun City, Calif.

Inn at Playa del Rey, 435 Culver Blvd., Playa del Rey, 310 574 1920

“Who knew L.A. could be relaxing and peaceful?”

A TripAdvisor Travelers’ Choice Award Winner, The **Hotel Bel Air** is “an experience to be remembered. We loved it in every way. The whole team made us feel welcome from the moment we arrived. Our suite was private, exclusive and so comfortable. I want to go back as soon as I can!”—TripAdvisor Member, Northern Ireland

Hotel Bel-Air, 701 Stone Canyon Road, Bel Air, 310 472 1211

BUDGET

“I was on a tight budget and decided to take a chance on the **Howard Johnson Reseda**. All in all, the stay here was amazing for the price. The staff was friendly and always kept our room clean. The best bang for your buck!”—TripAdvisor Member, Toronto, Ontario

Howard Johnson Inn & Suites Reseda, 7432 Reseda Blvd., 818 344 0324

“A lovely little house, conveniently located just off Sunset Boulevard,” the **Sanborn Guest House** “is beautifully decorated with light, simple and elegant furniture. Everything was very clean, and we felt good returning to the place after spending the day outside. A great value for money and a nice alternative to boring, uniform hotels.”—TripAdvisor Member, Zagreb, Croatia

Sanborn Guest House, 1005 1/2 Sanborn Ave., 323 666 3947

“I don’t even want to write a review, since it was just a great place to stay. Keep it secret! Right behind the Kodak Theater, the **Hollywood Orchid Suites** is just such a good location to have fun in Hollywood!”—TripAdvisor Member, Tokyo, Japan

Hollywood Orchid Suites, 1753 Orchid Ave., Hollywood, 323 874 9678

“...a total delight from check-in to check-out”

LUXURY

“I can’t say enough about how helpful and pleasant everyone at the **InterContinental** was, from the front desk to the bartenders, waitresses and even the valet.”—TripAdvisor Member, Orange County, Calif.

InterContinental Los Angeles Century City, 2151 Avenue of the Stars, 310 284 6500

“The **Beverly Hills Hotel** provides discreet, professional levels of service that are now so rarely seen in American hotels. Set in attractive grounds, the location is superb for exploring the area. Don’t come here to watch celebrities—come here to be treated like one.”—TripAdvisor Member, Kent, England

Beverly Hills Hotel, 9641 Sunset Blvd., Beverly Hills, 310 276 2251

“We stayed at the **Omni Hotel Los Angeles** for two nights, and it was one of the best experiences I’ve ever had! It was a total delight from check-in to check-out.”—TripAdvisor Member, Copenhagen, Denmark

Omni Los Angeles at California Plaza, 251 S. Olive St., 213 617 3300

Where to **STAY**



HIDDEN GEMS

The **Venice Beach House** is “so close to the beach, we left the windows open a while before falling asleep listening to the Pacific Ocean.”—TripAdvisor Member, Derby, U.K.

Venice Beach House, 15 Thirtieth Ave., 310 823 1966

“The **Inn at 657** allows for both privacy and conviviality with comfortable, quiet rooms and inviting communal areas. The host was a great and interesting conversationalist and a goldmine of neighborhood history. L.A. doesn’t seem so daunting to us now.”—TripAdvisor Member, Nashville, Tenn.

Inn at 657, 657 W. 23rd St., 213 741 2200

The **Secret Garden** exudes an “ambiance of gradually fading gentility. But I’m not going to wax too lyrical about this exceptionally delightful B&B—it might lead to over-booking when I want to return. I will say that the Secret Garden and its relaxed, unobtrusive, quiet hospitality will be my first choice, always.”—TripAdvisor Member, Conne de Labarde, France

The Secret Garden B&B, 8039 Selma Ave., 323 656 3888

“...we left the windows open a while before falling asleep listening to the Pacific Ocean.”

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