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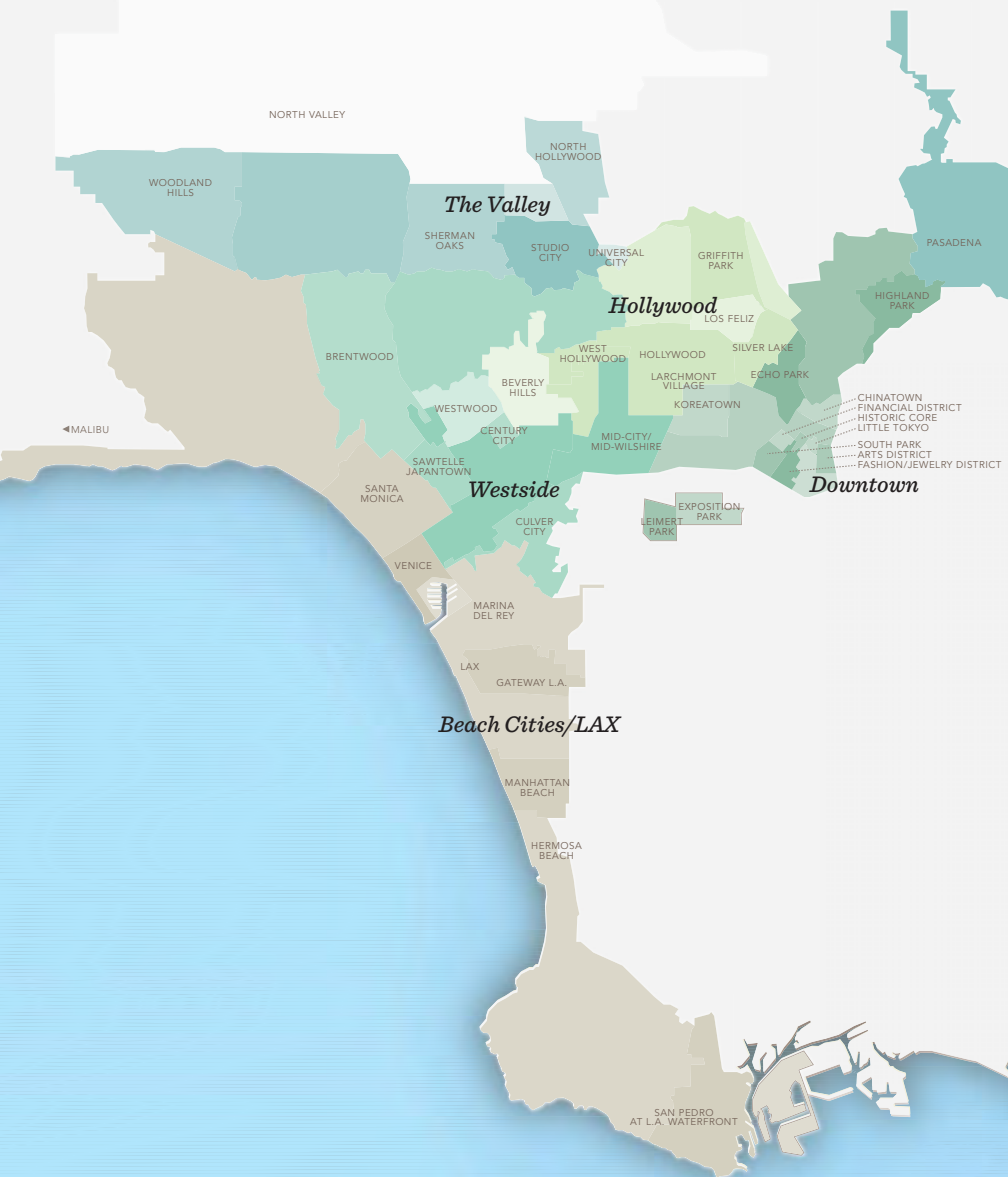
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# Explore Los Angeles

To experience the true character of Los Angeles, spend time in some of its unique neighborhoods, from the eclectic vibe Downtown to the breezy beach culture of the communities along the coastline.



DOCKWEILER BEACH





# Downtown/ L.A. Metro

ACE HOTEL,  
FASHION DISTRICT

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES HAS EXPERIENCED A RENAISSANCE. HIP hotels, trendsetting restaurants, and world-class entertainment venues and museums sustain a thriving art scene and nightlife along walkable streets. The L.A. LIVE entertainment complex offers restaurants, live music venues, Microsoft Theater, bowling alley/eatery Lucky Strike, and movieplex Regal L.A. LIVE: A Barco Innovation Center. Across the street, STAPLES Center hosts major concerts and sporting events. The arena is home to the Lakers, Clippers, Kings, and Sparks. The Los Angeles Rams NFL team's temporary home field is the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, where they will play until the new SoFi Stadium is completed in 2020. L.A.'s newest sports team is the Los Angeles Football Club, which plays in the soccer-specific facility, the Banc of California Stadium. The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall is a modern architectural masterpiece right next door to a cultural and design showpiece, The Broad museum.

## Neighborhood: Arts District

Located on the eastern edge of Downtown and within walking distance of Little Tokyo, the Arts District is a vibrant creative community. Former industrial buildings have morphed into live-work lofts and upscale condos with a hip, urban vibe and edgy street art. Look for trendy boutiques and

unique galleries such as the contemporary Hauser & Wirth, along with some of the hottest restaurants and bars in the city. The cafe at Blue Bottle Coffee offers a jolt, along with every-Saturday roaster tours. The wildly popular Smorgasburg LA takes over a five-acre site, ROW DTLA, every Sunday, featuring dozens of food, drink, and shopping vendors

and music. A buzzing craft beer scene includes Angel City Brewery, Iron Triangle Brewing Company, and Arts District Brewing Company.

## Neighborhood: South Park

At the center of all the action is DTLA's South Park, the location of L.A. LIVE, Microsoft Square, the GRAMMY

Museum® at L.A. LIVE, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, STAPLES Center, and the Los Angeles Convention Center. For fans of music, fashion, hockey, or basketball, this is one of the most exciting places in the city. Visitors can also catch a movie at Regal L.A. LIVE: A Barco Innovation Center before dining at one of the many nearby restaurants.

## More Downtown Neighborhoods

- » Chinatown
- » Echo Park
- » Exposition Park
- » Fashion/Jewelry District
- » Financial District
- » Highland Park
- » Historic Core
- » Koreatown
- » Leimert Park
- » Little Tokyo



THE WESTSIDE IS KNOWN FOR ITS TOP RESTAURANTS, HIGH-END shopping, and acclaimed cultural attractions. Shopaholics flock to the trendy boutiques on West 3rd Street and popular shopping centers such as The Grove and the adjoining landmark Original Farmers Market. The affluent Brentwood community includes upscale shops and eateries along Montana Avenue, as well as the world-famous Getty Center, located atop the Santa Monica Mountains. More cultural attractions can be found along Museum Row, including the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), Petersen Automotive Museum, Craft & Folk Art Museum, La Brea Tar Pits & Museum, and the new Academy Museum of Motion Pictures (set to open in 2020).

### Neighborhood: Century City

Born from the back lot of 20th Century Fox Studios, Century City is home to gleaming high-rises and luxe hotels, where movers and shakers work and play. Its most recognizable landmark is Fox Plaza, better known as the *Die Hard* building. Bordering Beverly Hills and Westwood, the

neighborhood features the recently renovated Westfield Century City, an open-air shopping complex. The Annenberg Space for Photography is a unique showcase for its chosen art form. Dining choices include Tom Colicchio's farm-fresh American fare at Craft Los Angeles, Din Tai Fung's soup dumplings and noodles, and Italian

marketplace Eataly's array of cafes and restaurants.

### Neighborhood: Mid-City/ Mid-Wilshire

Mid-City Los Angeles is not just the geographical center, but also a vital hub for culture, art, and dining. Be in the audience of *The Price Is Right* at CBS Television City. Stroll through the La Brea Tar

Pits & Museum, peruse the impressive collection of exhibits at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), and cross Wilshire Boulevard to the dramatic Petersen Automotive Museum building to see more than 300 historic vehicles. Shop at The Grove and grab a bite next door at the Original Farmers Market. End your day with a show at the El Rey Theatre.

### More Westside Neighborhoods

- » Beverly Hills
- » Brentwood
- » Culver City
- » Sawtelle/Japantown
- » Westwood



# Westside



STREET ART,  
HOLLYWOOD

RIGHTFULLY KNOWN AS THE ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL OF THE world, Hollywood is an essential part of the Los Angeles experience for millions of visitors each year. Explore the Hollywood Museum, TCL Chinese Theatre, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame, where lasting star tributes to celebrities have been cast in brass and terrazzo for more than 50 years. Visit the nearby Dolby Theatre®, site of the Academy Awards®. It's located at Hollywood & Highland, a complex at the iconic intersection where shopping, dining, and entertainment opportunities surround a spectacular courtyard modeled after the massive sets of the 1916 silent film *Intolerance*. Not far away, at Universal Studios Hollywood™, get a look behind the scenes at a working back lot and experience rides that bring popular films such as the Harry Potter blockbusters to life. The Warner Bros. Studio Tour Hollywood offers fans a daily glimpse of filmmaking magic with tours in multiple languages of the studios' back lots, an archive with sets from *The Big Bang Theory*, and a backstage look at one of the many soundstages. In addition to entertainment and studios, Hollywood encompasses neighborhoods such as Thai Town and Little Armenia, offering a rich array of ethnic cuisines. Fresh California produce can be purchased whole at Hollywood Farmers' Market as well as enjoyed in chef's creations at restaurants like Yamashiro and Japan House cultural center and restaurant.

### Neighborhood: Universal City

Located just 15 minutes from Hollywood, Universal City is home to Universal Studios® Hollywood, the famous theme park that features a legendary studio tour. Get a behind-the-scenes

look at how movies are made, become a part of The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™, and experience amazing attractions like DreamWorks Theatre Featuring Kung Fu Panda, and Jurassic World® – The Ride.

Skip the line with Universal Express Pass or, for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour, book the VIP Experience. Enjoy live music, dining, shopping, and nightlife under the neon lights of Universal CityWalk®.

### Neighborhood: West Hollywood

You're sure to see entertainment-industry movers and shakers in West Hollywood, known for its rooftop pools and as the place where rock stars and legendary comedians got their big breaks. The restaurants and designer stores are as famous as the celebrities who frequent them. Take in a performance at a legendary Sunset Strip venue or sample some of the many other nightlife options in this renowned LGBT neighborhood.

### More Hollywood Neighborhoods

- » Griffith Park
- » Hollywood
- » Larchmont Village
- » Los Feliz
- » Silver Lake

THE VALLEY IS HOME TO MOVIE STUDIOS, excellent restaurants, and natural and cultural attractions. Foodies and fashionistas alike will love Ventura Boulevard, the main thoroughfare. Many of L.A.'s most acclaimed sushi restaurants are located on "Sushi Row" in Studio City, while dozens of boutiques and vintage clothing shops are sure to please fashionable shoppers. In North Hollywood, the vibrant NoHo Arts District features more than 20 live theaters, acting and art workshops, dance studios, and art galleries. In the North Valley, the Valley Performing Arts Center in Northridge showcases top-quality performances in a world-class, eco-friendly setting.

### Neighborhood: Studio City

Studio City is the historic home of the stars, where you can drive by the *Brady Bunch* house,

be part of a studio audience at CBS Studio Center, and hike in Fryman Canyon. Shop the unique stores on Ventura Boulevard and

stroll through pedestrian-friendly Tujunga Village, great for vintage finds, grabbing a bite, and treating yourself to a scoop of gelato. Indulge in some of L.A.'s best sushi before hitting the lanes at a glow-in-the-dark bowling alley.

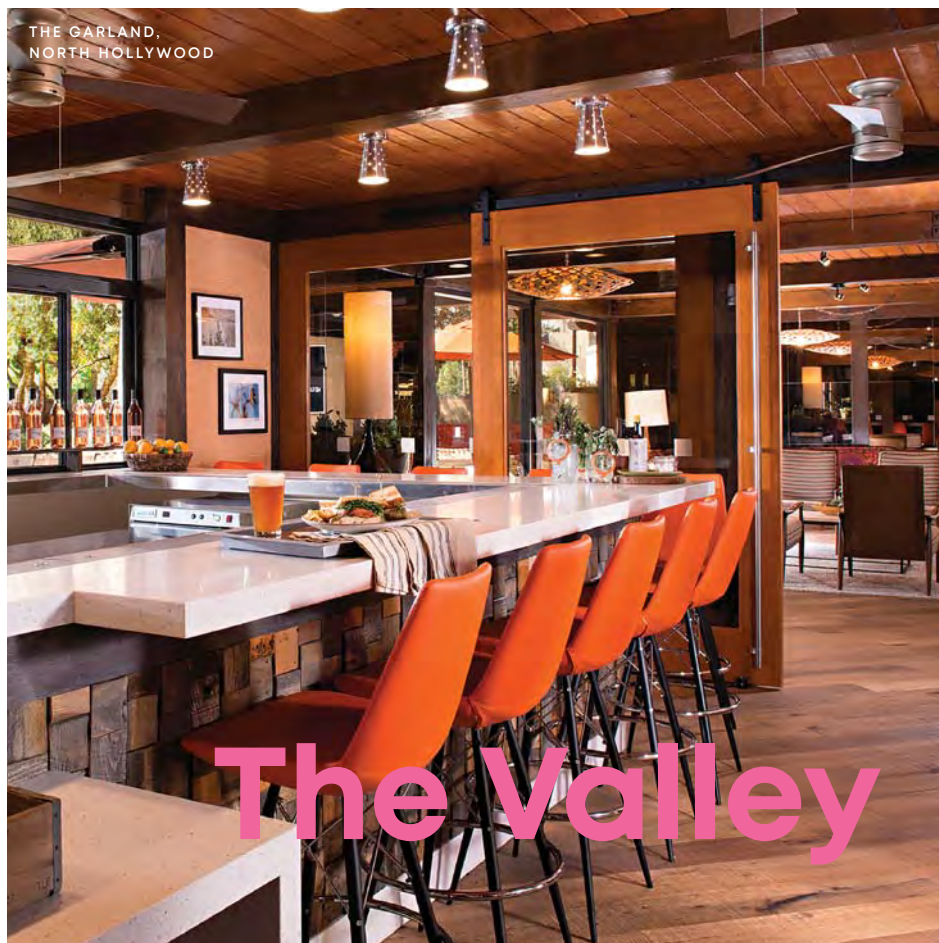
### Neighborhood: Woodland Hills

Look for designer labels, handmade cosmetics, and children's footwear in the block-long, indoor Westfield Topanga shopping center, then venture over to The

Village at Westfield Topanga, an outdoor hub with more than 45 retailers and services and nearly 30 food and drink establishments. When it's time to eat, Woodland Hills offers plenty of options from gourmet pizzerias to premier steakhouses.

### More Valley Neighborhoods

- » Burbank
- » North Hollywood
- » North Valley
- » Pasadena
- » Sherman Oaks



# The Valley





# Beach Cities/ LAX

WITH COASTAL ATTRACTIONS STRETCHING from Malibu all the way south to San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles, L.A.'s beach communities are the epitome of Southern California's endless summer. Santa Monica delights beachgoers with the carnival atmosphere of Santa Monica Pier and the bountiful shopping available at Third Street Promenade. Malibu entices visitors and locals with mile upon mile of beaches and outdoor activities in the Santa Monica Mountains. Famous for its boardwalk, Venice Beach is also the site of Muscle Beach and the Venice Beach Skatepark. Abbot Kinney Boulevard in Venice is known for its eclectic shops and sophisticated eateries. Marina del Rey is the largest man-made marina in the United States. South of LAX, San Pedro is home to the Port of Los Angeles World Cruise Center, Battleship USS *IOWA*, and CRAFTED, a marketplace for dozens of local artisans.

## Neighborhood: San Pedro

Visit the L.A. Waterfront at San Pedro, part of the bustling Port of Los Angeles. Beautiful parks, beaches, an aquarium, and boating adventures acquaint visitors with life near the shore. Admire the Fanfare Fountains and take a self-guided tour of the Battleship USS *IOWA*, the West Coast's only U.S. Navy Battleship attraction.

## Neighborhood: Venice

Located between Santa Monica and Marina del Rey along the Pacific Ocean, Venice is famous for its boardwalk. Built to resemble Venice,

Italy, it features a network of canals and colonnade architecture. A gathering place for street performers, bodybuilders, artists, and beachgoers from all walks of life, Venice Beach offers great people-watching. Admire murals and street art, then stroll Abbot Kinney Boulevard's art galleries, hip clothing stores, stylish eateries, bars, and cafes. Shop for finds from street vendors.

## More Beach Cities/LAX Neighborhoods

- » Gateway to L.A.
- » Hermosa Beach
- » Malibu
- » Manhattan Beach
- » Marina del Rey
- » Redondo Beach
- » Santa Monica



YOU COULD TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY FOR authentic tamales, to Paris for a perfect croissant, to Bangkok for a true market version of pad Thai, to Mumbai for the crunchy street food known as chaat. Or you could save a small fortune on airfare and simply visit Los Angeles, a city of dazzling multiculturalism and a food scene as diverse as you'll find anywhere in the world.

- » APL Restaurant (American)
- » Badmaash (Indian)
- » Bavel (Middle Eastern)
- » Broken Spanish (Mexican)
- » Guelagueta (Mexican)
- » Joy (Taiwanese)
- » Lasa (Filipino)
- » n/naka (Japanese)
- » Night + Market Sahn (Thai)
- » Petit Trois Valley (French)
- » Rossoblu (Italian)

### Hidden Bars & Speakeasies

Nobody wants to bring back Prohibition, but there's no question that sharing cocktails with friends felt a little more daring, naughty, and glamorous when alcohol was forbidden. You can capture that sense of derring-do without the risk of jail time at these clandestine spots.

- » Blind Barber (Westside)
- » The Edison (Downtown)
- » Madame Siam (Hollywood)
- » The Melrose Station (Hollywood)
- » R Bar (Downtown)
- » Red Door (The Valley)
- » The Varnish (Downtown)



BROKEN  
SPANISH

# Global Eats

Take a foodie trip around the world without leaving Los Angeles.



WITH MORE MUSEUMS PER CAPITA THAN ANY other city in the world, Los Angeles offers a rich array of arts and cultural opportunities, from world-renowned institutions with priceless masterpieces to innovative exhibitions and historic venues.

### World-Famous Works of Art

- » The Getty Center
- » The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens
- » Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)
- » The Museum of Contemporary Art
- » Norton Simon Museum
- » FIDM Museum & Galleries
- » Fowler Museum at UCLA
- » Getty Center and Getty Villa
- » Hammer Museum
- » Hauser & Wirth
- » Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (ICALA)
- » Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust
- » The Paley Center for Media
- » Travel Town

### Free Admission

- » Annenberg Space for Photography
- » Avila Adobe
- » The Banning Museum
- » The Broad
- » California African American Museum
- » California Science Center

### What's New

- » Academy Museum of Motion Pictures (set to open in 2020)
- » The Lucas Museum of Narrative Art (slated to open in 2021)



# Eat, Browse, Play

With concierge services, live music, and celebrity chefs, L.A. area malls have become retail-experience destinations.

IN AN ERA WHEN “WINDOW SHOPPING” MEANS PERUSING A SCREEN, traditional malls have begun upping their game. Malls all across the country are transforming into retail-experience destinations where guests not only shop and purchase, but also are entertained, inspired, and even thrust into new worlds. These popular L.A. shopping venues have taken up the mantle, encouraging locals and out-of-towners alike to embrace a day at the mall.

As part of a \$1 billion redevelopment project, Westfield Century City broadly expanded its garden retreat-style property. The 1.3-million-square-foot center now includes The Atrium, an event/entertainment space for concerts and attractions. To up the ante on customer service, the mall added Smart Parking technology, the world's first permanent Uber lounge, and a suite dedicated to celebrity and VIP services, complete with a private entrance.

Optimally situated in a central L.A. location, The Grove is an outdoor shopping, dining, and entertainment destination that encourages visitors to congregate around dancing fountains, revel in nostalgia-laced trolley rides, get inspired by on-site fashion shows, check out pop-up shops, take gourmet cooking and other classes at top retail outlets, and hear live music day and night. Amenities include a Family Room with a play area and a weekly Kids Club, as well as a full-service concierge to provide package assistance, dining/travel reservations, customized event planning, equipment rentals from wheelchairs to phone chargers, and even notary service.

The redesigned Beverly Center has launched several unique experiences and programs to complement its luxury retail offerings. The center has doubled down on culinary excellence with a dozen new dining options, including the fine seafood at Angler by Saison and the healthful Mexican dishes at Tocaya Organica. The tourism program at the center's concierge offers language translation services as well as exclusive retailers' discounts and special privileges for guests traveling from more than 50 miles away.

## Shopping Centers

- » The Americana at Brand
- » Beverly Center
- » The Bloc
- » CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles
- » FIGat7th
- » The Grove
- » Hollywood & Highland
- » The Original Farmers Market
- » Palisades Village
- » ROW DTLA
- » Santa Monica Place
- » Universal CityWalk®
- » Westfield Century City
- » Westfield Culver City
- » Westfield Santa Anita
- » Westfield Topanga & The Village

## Outlet Shopping

- » Camarillo Premium Outlets
- » Citadel Outlets
- » Desert Hills Premium Outlets
- » Ontario Mills





BANC OF  
CALIFORNIA  
STADIUM

# Game On!

Where to catch a game in the buzzing sports hub.

LOS ANGELES HAS BECOME A LANDMARK DESTINATION IN THE WORLD of sports. Counting among its professional sports organizations two football teams, three basketball teams, two soccer teams, a baseball team, and a hockey team, the city is home to some of the newest and some of the most historic venues in sports.

Beloved longtime institutions include the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the Rose Bowl Stadium, and Dodger Stadium. Joining the ranks of these iconic sports locations are the city's latest arenas: the world-class, 3-million-square-foot SoFi Stadium (opening in 2020, it's the home field for the NFL's Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers); and the 22,000-seat, state-of-the-art Banc of California Stadium (where, since its opening in 2018, soccer fans have cheered on the Los Angeles Football Club amid views of the Downtown skyline).

In 2020, Los Angeles will proudly host Major League Baseball's All-Star Game and the NCAA Men's West Regional Basketball Championship—and there's plenty more in store.

## Where to catch an L.A. team play

### **Banc of California Stadium**

Los Angeles Football Club

### **Dignity Health Sports Park**

LA Galaxy

### **Dodger Stadium**

Los Angeles Dodgers

### **Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum**

USC Trojans Football

### **Rose Bowl Stadium**

UCLA Football

### **SoFi Stadium**

Los Angeles Chargers  
Los Angeles Rams

### **STAPLES CENTER**

Los Angeles Clippers  
Los Angeles Kings  
Los Angeles Lakers  
Los Angeles Sparks

## Out for Fun

EXPERIENCE A vertical wind tunnel, see exotic animals on a wine-tasting safari, and take in majestic L.A. views from a mountaintop, a helicopter, and a Ferris wheel.

- » Aqua Surf School
- » Bikes and Hikes LA
- » Franklin Canyon
- » Hornblower Cruises
- » iFLY Hollywood
- » LA Cycle Tours
- » Taco Tour
- » Malibu Wine Safari, Malibu Wine Hikes
- » Orbic Air
- » Pedal...or Not: Electric Bicycle Tours
- » Perry's Café and Beach Rentals
- » Porsche Driving Experience
- » Santa Monica Pier
- » Yoga at OUE Skyspace LA

# On Location

TCL CHINESE THEATRE

SEE FAMILIAR FILM SITES, STUDIO BACK lots, famous costumes, and where the stars walk the red carpet to receive their iconic golden statues.

- » The Greek Theatre
- » The Hollywood Bowl
- » Hollywood & Highland and the Dolby Theatre®
- » Hollywood Forever Cemetery
- » The Hollywood Museum
- » Madame Tussauds Hollywood
- » Paramount Studio Tour
- » Sony Pictures Studio Tour
- » TCL Chinese Theatre
- » Universal Studios Hollywood™
- » The Warner Bros. Studio Tour Hollywood



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## Calendar of Events

### dineL.A.

- » January 17–31, 2020
- and July 17–31, 2020

### The Annual Academy Awards®

- » February

### Art of Motion Picture Costume Design

- » February–March

### Frieze Los Angeles

- » February 13–16, 2020

### Los Angeles Marathon

- » March 8, 2020

### LA PRIDE

- » June 12–14, 2020

### Anime Expo

- » July 2–5, 2020

### Americafest

- » July 4, 2020

### L.A. Fleet Week

- » September 5–7, 2020

### Halloween Horror Nights® at Universal Studios Hollywood™

- » September 10–October 31, 2020

### 21st Annual Día de los Muertos

- » October 31–November 2, 2020

### Grand Park Downtown Día de los Muertos

- » Late October–early November

### 89th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade

- » November 29, 2020

### Rose Parade® & Up-Close Float Viewing

- » Late December–Early January 2021

### Grand Park + The Music Center's N.Y.E.L.A.

- » December 31, 2020–January 1, 2021

### 2021 Rose Bowl Game®

- » January 1, 2021



# Ticket to Ride

A far-reaching transit system and bike-share opportunities lay the wonders of the city at your feet.

METRO IS THE BUS, LIGHT RAIL, HEAVY rail, and bus rapid transit services across Los Angeles. By riding Metro, locals and visitors alike can enjoy world-famous attractions and cultural gems throughout every neighborhood in Los Angeles. It's easy to map out an itinerary that includes attractions like Universal Studios® Hollywood, Downtown Los Angeles, Santa Monica Beach, and more. The Metro Trip Planner includes Metro buses and trains as well as DASH, Metrolink, Santa Monica Blue Bus, Culver City, and other local municipal bus lines.

The TAP card, a reusable transit-fare card that can be used at 26 L.A. transit agencies, makes it easy to ride Metro alternatives. The card can be purchased and loaded with fare at Metro stations and local vendors (find a location at [taptogo.net](http://taptogo.net)).

## Bike Sharing

Located just outside of many Metro stops are Metro Bike Share stations ([metro.net/bikeshare](http://metro.net/bikeshare)). The program has met with such success that it has recently expanded into Venice and the Port of L.A. The cost of this 24-hour/365-day-a-year service is \$1.75 for each 30 minutes. Passes can be loaded on TAP cards to make checking out a bike even more convenient.



## GET THE APP

The Discover L.A. app is a sleekly designed pocket guide exclusively made for those looking to optimize their experience in the City of Angels. Packed with rich content and tailored for those looking to explore the best of Los Angeles, the app is available as a free download for both Android and iOS devices. Thematically synced to deliver personalized content based on weather, time, and distance, the app curates suggestions from the city's endless entertainment options—including world-class museums, diverse dining options, and captivating events.

## Up on L.A.

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Visitor Information Centers

VISITORS CAN STOP BY FOR ANSWERS TO questions; assistance with itineraries; directions; official L.A. Tourism brochures, maps, and travel guides; public transportation information; restaurant and sightseeing recommendations; and to purchase tickets to L.A. Tourism member attractions and tours.

**InterContinental  
Los Angeles  
Downtown**

900 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles

**Hollywood & Highland**  
6801 Hollywood Boulevard  
Hollywood

**Union Station**  
800 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles

**San Pedro/  
Los Angeles  
Waterfront**

390 West 7th Street  
San Pedro

**Los Angeles  
Convention  
Center**

(open during  
conventions only)  
1201 South Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles





# LAX on the Leading Edge

Multibillion-dollar changes are underway at Los Angeles' major gateway, with more on the horizon.

Change is in the air at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX; [flylax.com](http://flylax.com)), which is in the midst of a massive multibillion-dollar renovation. Known as the Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP), the project is scheduled to be completed by 2023, and will allow LAX to better serve its more than 88 million air-travel passengers a year. While many of the improvements, including a redesigned Tom Bradley International Terminal and revamped retail and dining options, have been completed, there are many more in progress for travelers to look forward to.

## LAX-it

LAX-it is a new convenient, centralized area for passengers to pick up a taxi or ride app service when leaving LAX Airport. Catch the LAX-it shuttle outside baggage claim on Level 1, or get your steps in and walk to the LAX-it area located adjacent to Terminal 1 to meet your taxi, Lyft, Opoli, or Uber. Restrooms, food trucks, and changing stations are available for your convenience.

## Taking Off

With completion projected for summer 2020, a new Midfield Satellite Concourse is under construction. The new concourse will feature up to 15 gates to provide more options for arriving international and domestic flights. Access to the concourse will be provided by bus and by a 1,000-foot-long underground pedestrian tunnel, complete with moving walkways and passenger mobility carts, from the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

The concourse's contemporary, light-filled new structure will offer 44,000 feet of food-and-beverage and retail space, and up to 57,000 square feet of airline club space. The concourse will also bring new aircraft aprons and taxiways, allowing for more aircraft movement across LAX's two runway complexes.

» For updated traffic, TSA wait-time, and more information, visit [flylax.com](http://flylax.com).



## DISCOVER L.A.'S MARINA

Where living in the moment means paddle-boarding to breakfast. Seizing the day can be a mid-morning sailing lesson, lunch in a poolside cabana, or cycling to Venice Beach. Embracing an evening is laughing with friends under a colorful sunset on a harbor cruise. It's all here... What will your Marina adventure be?

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