

World66's guide to Los Angeles

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Los Angeles

L.A. is the quintessential American 21st century city with a lot of alcohol and drugs embracing and absorbing everything in its path from culture to food to people and making its own. It reflects and (to some) warps it back in a manner that is uniquely L.A.

L.A. is Americas Dream Factory and the creating of that fantasy rubs off on its citizens actually here. Take the base of the American spirit that anything is possible, add in the belief that life is like a movie and add lots of sunshine you can reinvent yourself and anything is really possible. No matter what your nationality really is you too can travel halfway around the world to win an Oscar®, live in Beverly Hills or come from a small Austrian village penniless and become governor of the state.

The city has everything whether youre jet set, roughing it or in between it is ALL here. L.A. is cosmopolitan, quaint, crazy, quiet sophisticated, down-home and everything in between. It got riches and poverty sometimes only blocks away. You can have and see it all.

First geographically, L.A. County really encompasses hundreds of suburbs and other cities. Los Angeles itself is just the downtown area that you often see and maybe ten miles west. For instance, Beverly Hills is really its own city not legally part of L.A. But of course, outside of city politics, no one really makes that distinction. So, while were really crosses legal boundaries, well just call most of it all L.A.

L.A. is all about the neighborhoods (though some are technically cities) some are world famous BEVERLY HILLS, HOLLYWOOD, UNIVERSAL CITY, MALIBU, SANTA MONICA, VENICE, BURBANK, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, PASADENA, CENTURY CITY, SOUTH CENTRAL (now SOUTH LOS ANGELES) including world famous streets such as SUNSET, MELROSE, OLIVERA, RODEO, SANTA MONICA, MULHOLLAND and even infamous such as FLORENCE and NORMANDIE. And these are just the world famous ones there are literally hundreds of other cities, places and streets equally interesting.

The question is where to begin?

BURBANK/SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

The obvious are the entertainment related. Lets start northeast and work our way south. 10 miles north of downtown is GLENDALE & BURBANK. Not as well know but thats where the inside work of entertainment is. Glendale is home to DreamWorks Animation and Nickelodeon Animation studios (no tours) and hundreds of small production studios, special effects and prop houses. As we move to Burbank, NBCs West Coast HQs & Disneys main HQs are there (both on Olive St.). A block away is Disney Animation and Disney Channels building. The Disney HQ features the 7 dwarves holding up the roof the lot also houses a small studio. It is closed to the public but you can photograph from the street. The Tonight Show is taped at the NBC studios. There is a queue out front on taping days starting by early afternoon. If you look up to the mountain range, the back part of Griffith Park that is where MASH was filmed. A few blocks further west is the WARNER BROS. STUDIO you cant miss the mammoth advertising it is also a working studio and there are tours. I believe you have to call ahead to reserve (unlike Universal Studios). As you continue along Ventura Blvd., there are other studios (mostly TV) that are discreet in appearance such as the CBS STUDIO CENTER where there are always dozens of sitcoms being taped there (Seinfeld was there). You can get free tickets sitcoms usually tape Friday nights. At that point, you can swing south and no more than a few miles away is UNIVERSAL STUDIOS. No great detail needed here, as its internationally known.

HOLLYWOOD

Yes, there really is a neighborhood called Hollywood. Its about 3 miles south of Universal City. As you exit the freeway, the Hollywood Bowl is hidden in the hills to your right and a few blocks away is the famous CAPITOL RECORDS round building (that resembles a stack of records) that we know. At that point you are at the famous HOLLYWOOD & VINE. A few blocks to your right is the (Graumanns) Manns Chinese Theater and the Hollywood WALK OF FAME. They also added a new mall and the now-famous KODAK THEATER where the Academy Awards are now permanently. The JIMMY KIMMEL SHOW also tapes across the street. While they have fixed up the neighborhood a bit and the streets with the theaters are packed day and night the other streets are still a bit shady at night so the tourist stuff is best done by day. A couple blocks south is HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. Going south to Melrose Avenue, if you turn left, you will soon hit PARAMOUNT. The gates are instantly recognizable but no tours. There is the HOLLYWOOD CEMETARY by Paramount Studios. There are also many other TV studios in the area but from the outside, they pretty much just look like office buildings. If you turn right on Melrose and then turn left on Fairfax, you can see CBS TELEVISION CENTER (more TV show tapings).

CENTURY CITY

About 10 miles west is Century City. It used to all belong to Fox but they had to sell it allegedly to pay off debts from the production of Cleopatra. You can see glimpses of the Fox lot (no tour) and on the AVENUE OF THE STARS is the famous Nakatomi building from DIE HARD (now known as the Fox Tower). AVENUE of the STARS also is west coast HQs for most cable companies and ABC (no tours). Nearby in Culver City is Sony & MGM (no tours and not much of a back lot).

Now, you can overlay the next-level tourist destinations while youre visiting some of the entertainment related sites.

DOWNTOWN

Downtown is recognizable for the tallest building on the west coast the Library Tower and many iconic buildings seen in countless TV shows and movies including the round glass tower Bonaventure Hotel (TRUE LIES), the Arco Towers and the Wells Fargo Building (LA LAW). Even the streets in the area are often featured as they rise up and down on different tiers so a) the chase scene in a confined area can look different with every new shot and b) Downtown is pretty much deserted on the weekends. The Museum of Contemporary Art is here as is the new Frank Gehry Disney Symphony Hall. Other architectural showpieces are the Italianate Renaissance-style Biltmore Hotel, facing renewed Pershing Square, and the Beaux Arts-style Central Library, and the Mission-style Union Station captures the heyday of train travel. You can also catch the ANGELS FLIGHT cable car here doesnt really travel very far. LA DOWNTOWN is slowly evolving into more residential but for a huge massive metropolitan area, its essentially deserted past 6 PM and on the weekends. As its tilted towards financially related companies, they do tend to keep bankers hours in DOWNTOWN. There are some hidden (night) clubs and other hangouts for artists but you have to know where to look.

There are also dozens of great high-end business hotels in the area if youre conventioning here, staying downtown is the most convenience with the best hotels. If youre doing the usual LA tourist thing, theres no particularly reason to stay downtown. Its really far from most of the action though the Metro Rail has shortened that distance somewhat. For people from other countries or cities, they usually think of downtown

as the hub of the city in LA, unless you're at a convention or you have financial business downtown is nearly an hour to two hours away from everything else during rush hour commute and frankly, the LA commute is almost longer than non-commute hours so be warned.

DOWNTOWN SOUTH

Going a few blocks is the Convention Center. While the Convention Center is nice, the blocks are VERY, VERY long around there so keep in mind once you're at the convention center, you need a car or a cab to get out of there. For the adventurer, you can visit the Wholesale/Latino district a few blocks east. During the day, it is teeming with life, south of the border music, and crowded with food and color. It's an amazing contrast to the sterility of the area around the convention center or the serious suits in downtown. There are some streets you swear that you are in Mexico City or Guatemala. You are expected to speak Spanish but everyone is friendly in the shops and restaurants if you're a gringo :-) this is probably not a neighborhood to wander around along at night like any big city at night but it's great fun and good eating during the day.

Further south is USC and the Coliseum.

CHINATOWN/JAPANTOWN/OLVERA STREET/CIVIC CENTER

Slightly east and north of downtown. To be honest, L.A. Chinatown is much better seen in the movies in reality, its 4 or 5 drab looking streets with a few touristy looking Chinese gates and arches. There are very few actual Chinese people in Chinatown. They have nearly all moved east to Hacienda Heights/Rowland Heights. So, with the exception of the Dim Sum in the Empress Palace, don't eat here unless you think TV-dinner quality fried rice is exotic. There are some amusing trinket stores and other gewgaw stores but it's pretty much nothing. Chinatown is really more Vietnamese than anything so if you love Vietnamese noodles, you can't go wrong with many choices. Japantown is not much better. L.A. offers hundreds if not thousands of excellent Japanese restaurants some internationally famous – ironically enough, in Japantown, there's not much to recommend. Olvera Street, the historic Latino/Hispanic community is a worthwhile stop however. It is a bustling community of colorful shops, restaurants and street vendors. El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument encompasses 27 buildings of historical or architectural significance. You can also tour the 1818 Avila Adobe, the city's oldest home.

The world famous CITY HALL is in this area. On the freeway and one exit north is Dodger Stadium.

KOREATOWN

As you go further west along OLYMPIC BLVD, you will run into Koreatown, it's not contiguous but it's a working community again full of people doing business, shopping and eating. If you love your kimchee and BBQ you really can't go wrong. There are several huge malls with many shops and giant supermarkets. Most of the signs are in Korean but that hardly matters.

PASADENA

East of Burbank is Pasadena. World class Ritz Carlton is there old money L.A. Rose Bowl and the famous Rose Bowl flea market no way can you take it all in a day. Most of the restaurants in Pasadena are excellent.

GLENDALE/BURBANK

In Glendale, there are several huge malls including the Glendale Galleria (not THAT Galleria), as well as North Brand Street, which features hundreds of shops and restaurants. There's also a great only-known-to-local chicken eatery ZANKOU CHICKEN in Glendale (as well as other cities).

Further north in Burbank downtown is even greater shopping another huge Media Center Mall, Ikea and near the Burbank Airport another massive mall with dozens of stores.

On the other side of Glendale is GRIFFITH PARK where you can find an oasis of green. There is a Gene Autry museum; some kids attractions and best of all Griffith Park Observatory. If the skies are clear and the smog not too bad, it's definitely worth a winding road drive to see both LA from a great vantage point and of course, the setting for countless movies (TERMINATOR, BOWFINGER, et al).

SILVER LAKE, LOS FELIZ, AND ECHO PARK

For those who want to explore the hidden L.A., nearby are three cities with artisan communities with hip movie stars, offbeat shopping, fun nightclubs and great restaurants.

HOLLYWOOD

As you continue west, you reach Hollywood. The real Hollywood is a down-on-the-luck town way past its prime especially during the day. Other than its famous few blocks, for those that do not want to see behind the curtain, it's best to stick to famous streets. Up in the hills are some still-famous restaurants and it's a fun (if hidden) drive to the Hollywood Reservoir. At night, there are some 30-40 clubs in the area. Pick up a copy of the LA WEEKLY to get an idea of what's going on.

HOLLYWOOD HILLS

Above West Hollywood and further west, this is where the famous and rich houses in the hills start. A daytime driving activity for those so inclined.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

One of the first upscale gay communities, it is not really so defined now. People of all persuasion call it home but only if you're wealthy and stylish :-) The famous Sunset Strip is in the area. It is not surprisingly full of great restaurants and star watching (original Wolfgang Puck's Spago's is here).

MELROSE AVENUE

South of West Hollywood is the segment of Melrose Avenue made famous. It really just runs from about 3rd Street to Fairfax full of one-of-a-kind-shopping, it is less unique than it once was but still fun to check out. A few blocks south is on Fairfax is the Farmers Market (Next to CBS TV Center noted above) along with L.A.'s latest upscale mall the Grove. A few blocks south is the La Brea Tar Pits and the LA County Museum. Forget the fancy restaurants stop by Roscoe's Chicken & Waffle House! (not really on Melrose but in the area). There are also more 3-star/4-star restaurants in the area (not on Melrose itself) so pick up a ZAGAT guide to see what fits your bill. Again, everything from a \$3 lunch to \$300 lunch is in the area.

LA CIENEGA (North of WILSHIRE)

Another fabled LA street. Here you'll find the Beverly Center and the internationally famous sushi restaurant, Matsuhisa along with dozens of excellent to amazing restaurants. The Ivy is a few blocks west. Frankly, the food is not that great but if you want to eat where the movie power brokers eat be warned you will not get a table M–F during regular lunch hours unless you're somebody.

There are also many 5–star hotels in the area.

BEVERLY HILLS (WEST of LA CIENEGA)

It's a cliché but it's also all–true. The streets are filled with Bentleys and Ferraris. There are drop–dead gorgeous women who are walking a French poodle wearing a diamond collar worth more than most people. It's all fake but very real. Rodeo is only a few blocks long and perhaps not as ritzy and unique as before but still the embodiment of the leisure life. There is of course, more shopping everywhere including a Barneys across from Rodeo. There are less discreet 5–star hotels right on Wilshire (PRETTY WOMAN) and more discreet 5–star hotels closer to the mountain range too many to name. The Merv Griffin Beverly Hills Hilton is nearby where the Golden Globes are held every year.

Above Santa Monica Blvd are where the mansions start. Buy a star map to catch some older star homes.

WESTWOOD (further West)

Westwood Village is UCLA a sprawling beautiful campus and a mini city in front of the campus full of student restaurants and shopping.

CULVER CITY/CENTURY CITY

South of Westwood. Another huge mall (CENTURY CITY PLAZA) and much shopping. There's another Galleria mall a few blocks away.

BEL AIR/HOLMBY HILLS

North of Westwood is Bel Air and Holmby Hills (where the Playboy Mansion is). You can't see much from the street.

SANTA MONICA

West of the 405 Freeway is Santa Monica. A huge sprawling city itself of immense economic diversity with its own neighborhoods.

For teens and tourists, the mall, the pier and the boardwalk are big draws for other LA natives not so much. But LA natives will tolerate the 3rd street promenade as it's one of the few areas of Santa Monica with nice restaurants AND parking. For shopping, Santa Monica has little hidden pockets like Montana Street and others who are willing to venture off the beaten path.

Santa Monica has some world class resorts, spas and hotels near the beach.

VENICE BEACH

South of Santa Monica is Venice Beach/Muscle Beach. Its not so much a cliché but people who live and hang there are there to play their part in the LA movie of life. Its something everyone has to do its amusing and at some point or another, you have to do it. Parking is difficult. Venice also has a nice Farmers Market on the weekends with great breakfasts. You can also drive around the canal area to see some excellent Post-Modern homes as well as Frank Gehrys house along with his fun design of the ad agency Chiat/Day Mojo on Main Street. On the weekdays Venice is frequented by one-man shows of all types. You have rappers, musicians and street-magicians all along the boardwalk performing for tips. (You can generally see these same acts on the 3rd street promenade in Santa Monica on the weekends.) The boardwalk sports shops as well, sunglasses, convenience stores, tatoos parlors and eateries of many different stripes. There's even a bar, The Venice Bistro, just south of Rose on the boardwalk. There's a nice ambience there where you can watch the passers-by while knocking back a couple of cold ones. (They also have excellent cheese fries.)

PACIFIC PALISADES

Going north of Santa Monica. The Getty Museum is north of Pacific Palisades. Parking is still limited but you dont need to call anymore and theres even a bus line there its definitely a half-day event and almost a full day (if your museum visit is brief) but the view on a sunny day is worth it.

MALIBU

Way north of Santa Monica. The beaches are excellent and if you have a convertible, fun to drive through the canyons to hook up with the 101 in the valley but most of the community is hidden from view and its mostly residential so if seeing expensive homes is your thing then pay a visit to Malibu otherwise, its a quaint seaside community with not much to do or really see.

EL SEGUNDO/HAWTHORNE/TORRANCE

LAX is next to El Segundo and if you enjoy an oil refinery on the beach, heres your chance to be reminded of what LA needs to put its 10 million cars on the road. Hawthorne is also the new location of the hip Japantown though its not all that touristy and its not all in one contiguous clumping, youll find great Japanese/Asian shopping and restaurants scattered throughout the area. You can continue along Highway 1, which goes back towards the coast to check out some of the upscale beach communities of MANHATTEN BEACH/HERMOSA BEACH & REDONODO BEACH. If you continue south, youll soon enter another very upscale beach town of PALO VERDES and the even more exclusive PALOS VERDES ESTATES multi million dollar on cliffs overlooking the Pacific. Further south is LONG BEACH home to the LONG BEACH Grand Prix.

BEACHES

While the movies and TV shows show you differently, once youre pass the age of high school and definitely college most people in LA do NOT go to the beaches. During the summer, the only people who tend to go to the beaches (besides boys and girls being boys and girls) are people without pools. Yes, people will jog along the beach in the morning in Malibu but once the sun comes out, the best beaches are pretty sparse.

ORANGE COUNTY

To the locals, ORANGE COUNTY people do not think of themselves as ANGELINOS and vice versa. But of

course, to the visitor, its just all just one mass of humanity connected in a geographic basin.

ORANGE COUNTY cities (for the most part) are bedroom suburban communities and the upscale communities out number the poor ones probably 10 to 1.

Of course, the most famous city in Orange County is un-doubtedly Anaheim with a little tourist destination called DISNEYLAND. Theres not much more that needs to be said about Disneyland except just a few tourist hints. Presuming you have a car, your best bet is to stay at a Disney hotel property you get extra privileges though their Anaheim hotels are older. If youre not staying at a Disney hotel there is NO NEED to stay in Anaheim. Get a map and look around. Disneyland is smack-dab in the middle of a city with grids as streets you will have zero trouble driving there in the morning as long as you dont need to get on the freeway so its fine to stay in a neighboring city where the same rate might you get a much better hotel. Do NOT think you have to stay in a motel nearby. DISNEYLAND is nothing like DISNEY WORLD in terms of distance. There are also thousands of restaurants in Anaheim and the cities around there no need to eat at the park for every meal.

The rest of ORANGE COUNTY is really pretty much just shopping. The shopping center may not have been invented in Southern California but OC pretty much perfected it. One of the largest and most upscale mall in America is called the SOUTH COAST PLAZA in COSTA MESA. The OC AIRPORT is also next to COSTA MESA as you continue west, youll be entering NEWPORT BEACH with two dazzling upscale malls and plenty of other shopping. It has a nice beach and a very upscale marina and yacht club. There are also plenty of resorts and expensive restaurants not as world famous as the LA ones more in the line of upscale chains.

If you continue south, its LAGUNA BEACH (multi-multi-million dollar cliff homes), SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, DANA POINT (resort), et al

On the north side of Orange County is the new and true Chinatown for the upscale new expats from Singapore, Taiwan and China (as well as the suburban Chinese in Southern CA) they are not all connected or contiguous but the malls and strip malls all bear Chinese words and its 99% eating and shopping so if you want authentic and you are a true foodie, the new Chinatown within the cities of ROWLAND, FULLERTON or HACIENDA HEIGHTS and the places to be.

In Orange County, there is also KNOTTS BERRY FARM but its not in the world-class of a DISNEYLAND or UNIVERSAL STUDIOS.

DESERT

And for those with much more time, in wintertime, there is the resort community of PALM SPRINGS (also outlet shopping).

In spring or fall, theres JOSHUA NATIONAL FOREST and YOSEMITE (summer also) and of course for those who have the urge to drive 4 hours (at top speeds :-), theres LAS VEGAS (of course, not really California).

TRANSPORTATION

If youre here for more than a day, you will need a car. Unless you are seasoned Angelino visitor or have a

savvy travel agent, there are very, very few parts of the towns I listed above that you walk to. The only taxis are at the airport and at hotels. Everything you must call for a cab and its very expensive since nearly everything is far away. There is a new train line called the METRO RAIL, which does take you from downtown to parts of Hollywood and up to the Valley. Its pretty limited but acceptable if youre downtown and youre only in town for a day or two.

There is some LIGHT RAIL and many buses but unless youre savvy, you will save so much more time having your own car.

Because LA drivers are used to having thousands of cars at their sides everyday, they are actually pretty good drivers (unless its raining). They realize that people sometimes need to merge three lanes because thats the only exit to the next freeway. Keep in mind that all the freeways essentially merge back up together so dont panic and yes, there are certain parts you do not want to exit at night true of almost all big cities. Just carefully map out where you want to go.

Keep in mind that commute hours M–F start at about 5:30 AM and end around 10:30 AM and start back up at 2:30 PM to 7:30/8:00 PM. So plan carefully what you want to do and where you want to go. In almost all cases, theres really no such thing as a reverse commute anymore but in some spots, youre okay.

DRIVING

But speaking of driving, for those who have the time and want to see more of LA, there is nothing better than driving through large parts of it to get a flavor of the city.

MULHOLLAND

A street that runs on the top of the LA mountain range on one side LA, the other side, the San Fernando Valley. You can drive it during the day and later at night to see the sky (if its clear) and the bright lights of both cities below. Its best to travel in a westerly direction. As you past West Hollywood, it starts to become almost rural drive that part during the day, as it can be treacherous at night.

MELROSE or SUNSET BLVD

For those who want to genuflect on the city that is LA. Start in the poor part of town in the SILVER LAKE area and go west on either street and watch as the city and the street becomes richer and richer. Melrose is the shorter drive. If you keep going on Sunset, eventually you wind up near Malibu.

HIGHWAY 1

Both daytime drives – The best drive is to either go south from Newport to San Diego or north from Santa Monica to Highway 23 which can then take you through the LA mountains (youll be amazed this FOREST is only 15 minutes away from 20 million people) until it reaches the 101 and you can loop back east towards civilization.

AIRPORTS

LA & OC are served by five airports: LAX, Burbank, Orange County, Ontario and Long Beach.

LAX is the international airport and gets the most domestic long distance flights so you may not be able to avoid it. Its like every other major US airport. Lots of carriers but also lots of people and maze to get a rental car and exit the airport. If youre here in the US and your preferred destination is LA, if you can Burbank is a great airport and much easier to get in and out of than LAX. Its really only about 15 minutes from downtown (most people forget that). SOUTHWEST AIRLINES has a lot of Burbank flights.

LONG BEACH & ORANGE COUNTY because of sound restrictions have much more limited flights and tend to cost more. Long Beach airport is only about 15 miles south of LAX & 20 miles north of OC Airport. So its not a bad way to go if Disneyland/OC is where youre headed. Dont dismiss it straight away.

OC Airport is a mini LAX. With sound restrictions, not a lot of flights so it tends to cost more to fly directly to OC Airport plus there are lot of corporations near the airport so fares are more business oriented. Geographically, I think Long Beach airport is actually closer to Disneyland than the OC airport though people naturally presume you should land in the same county where you are going. So, dont feel you have to fly to OC Airport.

Ontario is only a good choice if a) you intend to stay in the Inland Empire area or b) youre landing and leaving on a weekend. Traffic to and from Ontario during M–F is a nightmare in hell on a hot day. Its really only about 40 miles from downtown LA but it can be a 2–3 hour drive during commute times. So, if you must land on a weekday, land and be out of the airport after 10:30 AM and your flight must leave in the morning or at the latest 2:00 PM unless you enjoy a 3–hour 40–mile drive.

LA (and OC) is the great America city of the 21st century. Its is built on dreams and the dream factory. In some places, it is a miles wide but only an inch deep but sometimes, a little fantasy is a good thing. Have fun!

WEATHER

LA tends to confuse people because it can get up to 80–85 degrees in the middle of winter so people presume summers must be blazing – strangely enough, it's not that much hotter during the summer. Maybe up to 80 on average and up to 95 degrees on average during most heat waves – in fact, during most years, I'll bet New York gets more 100+ days than Los Angeles ... and

rarely is it ever humid. L.A. is pretty much sunny and once you're past the beach, proably 72 to 80 during fall & winter and 75 to 95 during the summer. There it's not that smoggy anymore ... okay, most of it is blown and settles in RIVERSIDE COUNTY (east of LA) but in LA, it's quite nice now. The beaches tend to be a few degrees cooler and with a breeze but not a huge difference, unlike SF. About the only way to really tell is that it cools down much faster at night during winter so between November and March 1, bring a sweatshirt if you're near the beaches – otherwise, you can pretty much see why people move to LA and never leave

Los Angeles – Nightlife and Entertainment

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Los Angeles – Eating Out

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Los Angeles – Getting Around

Public transport from LAX can be unbearably slow but at least it's cheap. A free bus runs between the terminals and deposits you at the LAX Transit Center where you can swap to a city bus. Free shuttles also run to the Metro Green Line Aviation Station where you can catch a train headed in the direction of Redondo or Norwalk. In addition to the MTA (Los Angeles Area system), the City of Santa Monica runs its own bus system that makes stops at the LAX Transit Center. These buses can get you to the Youth Hostel on 2nd Street in Santa Monica.

If you're not the public transport type private shuttle buses will drop you at your hotel door: it's quicker than the bus and cheaper than a taxi. You can also try one of the many car rental agencies at the airport where rates are the most competitive in town. Taxis are convenient but expensive. Shuttles limos and taxis serve the area's other airports. In addition the Burbank Airport has Metro and Amtrak connections. You can find several major car rental agencies at all the region's airports.

Although LA is definitely built for cars it is possible to get around on public transport. The city has four public bus operators: MTA which goes most places; Big Blue Bus which serves the Santa Monica and West Los Angeles area; Culver City Bus which does Culver City and the Westside; and DASH, a minibus system that runs four routes through downtown. Metro Rail trains run between downtown and Long Beach Union Station and Western Ave and Norwalk and Redondo Beach.

The city of LA sprawls over such a huge area that unless time is no factor or money is extremely tight you're going to want to spend some time behind the wheel of your own car. Despite the sheer volume of traffic the city isn't hard to navigate if you stick as much as possible to the major arterials. If you want to get down to the nitty-gritty LA streets grab a copy of the *Thomas Guides* map books.

Los Angeles – Things to do

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Third Street Promenade + Downtown Santa Monica

<http://www.downtownsm.com/>

Shopping, Dining, Hotels and street entertainment combine in this special district of nearby Santa Monica. Several blocks of Third Street have been closed to traffic and you just wander down the street.

My personal favorite restaraunts are PF Changs and Yangtze, both for chinese food.

From the website:

Downtown Santa Monica is a vibrant retail, dining and entertainment area in the heart of the city. Nestled on L.A.'s fashionable Westside, just seconds from the Pacific Ocean, the area has become a symbol of the Southern California lifestyle at its finest. Third Street Promenade an exciting open-air pedestrian street pulsates with an international mix of people enjoying an eclectic blend of restaurants, unique retail shops, movie theatres and nightclubs. The best in dining, shopping, entertainment and a non-stop kaleidoscope of street performers combine to make Downtown Santa Monica and the Third Street Promenade a favorite destination for visitors and residents alike.

Beaches

Manhattan Beach – (<http://www.ci.manhattan-beach.ca.us/>). Plenty of long-term parking (up to 8 hours), nice beach, surfing, a marine museum on the pier, plenty of shops and restaurants, and it's all within walking distance (a rarity in LA). A great restaurant is *The Kettle*, located on the corner of Highland Ave and Manhattan Beach Blvd.

The pier is located west on Manhattan Beach Blvd where it ends at the ocean.

Los Angeles – Museums

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California Museum of Science & Industry, Exposition Park, Museum of Natural History, Coliseum, and Sports Arena

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Peterson Automotive Museum

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Heritage Square Museum

3800 Homer St. 90031 626/449–0193

Japanese–American National Museum

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Craft & Folk Art Museum

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Museum of Contemporary Art

250 S. Grand Ave. 90012 213/626–6222

Museum of Neon Art

501 W. Olympic Blvd. 90015 213/489–9918

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Wells Fargo History Museum

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Los Angeles – Getting There

The most common way to get to Los Angeles, is by way of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) which serves as a portal/gateway between the United States and the Pacific, South America and Asia. There are other airports in [Long Beach](#), [Burbank](#) and [Ontario](#).

Also, LA is served by train via Amtrak and Metrolink.

Los Angeles is also home to a fantastic seaport which, through vaerious companies, offers cruises between the west coast, Mexico, Hawaii, Catalina Island, and other exciting ports of call.

[Santa Monica](#) on LA's exciting and trendy Westside, has long been known as the point where Route 66 hits the ocean, though I'm not sure if the route in this part of town is still in existence.

Los Angeles – Special Events

March 25–26, 2000 SPRING ART SHOW Culver City

Fine arts and crafts show features more than 150 craftspeople, international food court, children's activities and musical entertainment. TEL (626) 797–6803; FAX (626) 797–3241. FREE

March 30–April 2, 2000 COWBOY POETRY & MUSIC FESTIVAL Santa Clarita

Costumed performers recite music and poetry from the Old West; western swing dance and authentic chuck wagon. TEL (800) 305–0755 or (661) 286–4078; FAX (661) 222–9934.

April (No Specific Date), 2000 CARNAVAL PRIMAVERA Huntington Beach

Mardi Gras–style celebration includes arts and crafts, exhibit, entertainment, carnival, petting zoo and food. TEL (323) 585–1155; FAX (323) 585–2176. FREE

April (No Specific Date), 2000 STREET FESTIVAL AND CITY BIRTHDAY San Gabriel

Festival celebrates San Gabriel's 1913 incorporation with carnival, arts and crafts, food vendors and local talent. TEL (626) 576–2525; FAX (626) 289–2901. FREE

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April 1–2, 2000 CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL Palmdale

Art activities, "Chalk on the Walk" and storytelling at the Palmdale Playhouse. TEL (888) 4–FILMAV or (661) 267–5685; FAX (661) 267–5672. FREE

April 7–9; 14–16, 2000 SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL Palmdale

Weekend performances include madrigal singers, enchanters and jousting. TEL (888) 4–FILMAV or 661) 267–5685.

April 22, 2000 UPTOWN ANTIQUE STREET FAIRE Whittier

More than 115 antique dealers display pre–1960s antiques and collectibles. TEL (562) 696–2662; FAX (562) 696–3763. FREE

April 22–23, 2000 SPRING ART SHOW Brentwood

Event features 225 juried fine arts and craftspeople, international food court and music. TEL (626) 797–6803; FAX (626) 797–3241. FREE

April 29, 2000 APOLLO 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA Santa Monica

Gala honoring Astronaut James Lovell and Apollo 13 includes dinner and silent auction. Located at the Museum of Flying at the Santa Monica Airport. TEL (202) 543-1900 ex. 83.

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April 30, 2000 LA FIESTA BROADWAY Los Angeles

Street party along historic Broadway features top-name Latino performers, food and activities. TEL (888) 296-7966 or (310) 914-8308; FAX (310) 914-8313. FREE

May 6, 2000 DOWNEY STREET FAIRE Downey

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May 6-7, 2000 CINCO DE MAYO Los Angeles

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May 20, 2000 SPRINGFEST Alhambra

Arts and crafts, entertainment, classic car show, food and children's rides. TEL (626) 282-5767; FAX (626) 282-5596. FREE

May 27-29, 2000 FIESTA DAYS La Cañada Flintridge

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May 27-29, 2000 MINDSPRING'S OLD PASADENA SUMMERFEST Pasadena

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May 29, 2000 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Canoga Park

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June (No Specific Date), 2000 LOS ANGELES GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE CELEBRATION West Hollywood

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June (No Specific Date), 2000 PALOS VERDES STREET FAIR Rolling Hills Estates

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June-August (No Specific Date), 2000 SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT West Hollywood

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June 8-11, 2000 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FAIR Burbank

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June 10-11, 2000 THE NO HO INTERNATIONAL THEATER North Hollywood

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June 17-18, 2000 MARIACHI-USA FESTIVAL Hollywood

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Los Angeles – Map

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Los Angeles – Sights

Here there are the most relevant sights in L.A.

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Chinatown

Chinatown is slightly east and north of downtown and near Dodger Stadium. It is on Broadway Avenue. To be honest, L.A. Chinatown is much better seen in the movies in reality, its 4 or 5 drab looking deserted streets at dusk with a few touristy looking Chinese gates and arches and hard-to-find parking (especially on weekends). There are very few actual Chinese people in Chinatown. There tend to be more white and Latino people strolling around Chinatown.

New first-generation Chinese immigrants have nearly all moved east to the "suburban Chinatowns" in the San Gabriel Valley. This region includes Monterey Park, Alhambra, San Gabriel, Hacienda Heights, and Rowland Heights where there are more modern strip malls and truly authentic Chinese restaurants and competitive prices for the immigrant community. There are very few white customers there.

So, with the exception of the Dim Sum in the Empress Palace, CBS Seafood Restaurant, or Hop Woo Restaurant, do not eat here in Chinatown unless you think TV-dinner quality fried rice is exotic. Chinatown also has several unauthentic "Chinese" restaurants catering for the white people, such as Plum Tree Inn, Yang Chow, and Mon Kee's. There are some amusing trinket stores and other gewgaw stores selling backscratchers and Chinese soaps but its pretty much nothing. Chinatown is really more Vietnamese than anything so if you love Vietnamese *pho* noodles or *Banh Mi* sandwiches, you cant go wrong with many choices.

Olvera Street

Olvera Street, the historic Latino/Hispanic community is a worthwhile stop however. It is a bustling community of colorful shops, restaurants and street vendors. El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument encompasses 27 buildings of historical or architectural significance. You can also tour the 1818 Avila Adobe, the city's oldest home.

Little Tokyo

Little Tokyo is not much better than Chinatown. L.A. offers hundreds if not thousands of excellent Japanese restaurants some internationally famous – ironically enough, in Little Tokyo, theres not much to recommend.

Downtown

Downtown is recognizable for the tallest building on the west coast the Library Tower and many iconic buildings seen in countless TV shows and movies including the round glass tower Bonaventure Hotel (TRUE LIES), the Arco Towers and the Wells Fargo Building (LA LAW). Even the streets in the area are often featured as they rise up and down on different tiers so a) the chase scene in a confined area can look different with every new shot and b) Downtown is pretty much deserted on the weekends. The Museum of Contemporary Art is here as is the new Frank Gehry Disney Symphony Hall. Other architectural showpieces are the Italianate Renaissance-style Biltmore Hotel, facing renewed Pershing Square, and the Beaux Arts-style Central Library, and the Mission-style Union Station captures the heyday of train travel. You can also catch the ANGELS FLIGHT cable car here doesnt really travel very far. LA DOWNTOWN is slowly evolving into more residential but for a huge massive metropolitan area, its essentially deserted past 6 PM and on the weekends. As its tilted towards financially related companies, they do tend to keep bankers hours in DOWNTOWN. There are some hidden (night) clubs and other hangouts for artists but you have to know where to look.

There are also dozens of great high-end business hotels in the area if youre conventioning here, staying downtown is the most convenience with the best hotels. If youre doing the usual LA tourist thing, theres no particularly reason to stay downtown. Its really far from most of the action though the Metro Rail has shortened that distance somewhat. For people from other countries or cities, they usually think of downtown

as the hub of the city in LA, unless you're at a convention or you have financial business downtown is nearly an hour to two hours away from everything else during rush hour commute and frankly, the LA commute is almost longer than non-commute hours so be warned.

Downtown south

Going a few blocks is the Convention Center. While the Convention Center is nice, the blocks are VERY, VERY long around there so keep in mind once you're at the convention center, you need a car or a cab to get out of there. For the adventurer, you can visit the Wholesale/Latino district a few blocks east. During the day, it is teeming with life, south of the border music, and crowded with food and color. It's an amazing contrast to the sterility of the area around the convention center or the serious suits in downtown. There are some streets you swear that you are in Mexico City or Guatemala. You are expected to speak Spanish but everyone is friendly in the shops and restaurants if you're a gringo :-) this is probably not a neighborhood to wander around along at night like any big city at night but it's great fun and good eating during the day.

Further south is USC and the Coliseum.

Koreatown

Olympic Boulevard is the centre of Koreatown. It's not contiguous but it's a working community again full of people doing business, shopping and eating. If you love your kimchee and BBQ you really can't go wrong. There are several huge malls with many shops and giant supermarkets. Most of the signs are in Korean but that hardly matters.

La Cienga

Another fabled LA street. Here you'll find the Beverly Center and the internationally famous sushi restaurant, Matsuhisa along with dozens of excellent to amazing restaurants. The Ivy is a few blocks west. Frankly, the food's not that great but if you want to eat where the movie power brokers eat be warned you will not get a table M-F during regular lunch hours unless you're somebody. There are also many 5-star hotels in the area

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Los Angeles – Accommodation

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Beverly Hills

It's a cliché but it's also all-true. The streets are filled with Bentleys and Ferraris. There are drop-dead gorgeous women who are walking a French poodle wearing a diamond collar worth more than most people. It's all fake but very real. Rodeo is only a few blocks long and perhaps not as ritzy and unique as before but still the embodiment of the leisure life. There is of course, more shopping everywhere including a Barneys across from Rodeo. There are less discreet 5-star hotels right on Wilshire (PRETTY WOMAN) and more discreet 5-star hotels closer to the mountain range too many to name. The Merv Griffin Beverly Hills Hilton is nearby where the Golden Globes are held every year.

Above Santa Monica Blvd are where the mansions start. Buy a star map to catch some older star homes.

In the mid-Wilshire area are the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the well known George C. Page Museum of La Brea Discoveries and the La Brea Tar Pits.

Got your sights set on the stars? Beverly Hills and nearby West Hollywood are studded with celebrity-owned and frequented cafés, clubs, and restaurants. The stars might just come out at night.

Beverly Hills – Eating Out

Finding a place to eat shouldn't be too hard, many restaurants serve special food and some are owned by celebrities. We will list one special place here though;

A speciality: The Stinking Rose, a garlic restaurant, has Californian-Italian cuisine with GARLIC as a major component in the dishes served. Let your taste buds enjoy! 55 N. La Cienega Blvd. 90211 310/N-LA-ROSE www.thestinkingrose.com

Beverly Hills – Accommodation

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LUXE Hotel Rodeo Drive

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Wheelchair Access 581 Units \$169-\$330

Radisson Beverly Pavilion

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The Regent Beverly Wilshire

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Burbank

Burbank is the location of NBC's West Coast HQs and Disney's main HQs (both on Olive St.). A block away is Disney Animation and Disney Channels building. The Disney HQ features the 7 dwarves holding up the roof the lot also houses a small studio. It is closed to the public but you can photograph from the street. The Tonight Show is taped at the NBC studios. There is a queue out front on taping days starting by early afternoon. If you look up to the mountain range, the back part of Griffith Park that is where MASH was filmed. A few blocks further west is the WARNER BROS. STUDIO you can't miss the mammoth advertising it is also a working studio and there are tours. You probably have to call ahead to reserve (unlike Universal Studios). As you continue along Ventura Blvd., there are other studios (mostly TV) that are discreet in appearance such as the CBS STUDIO CENTER where there are always dozens of sitcoms being taped there (Seinfeld was there). You can get free tickets sitcoms usually tape Friday nights. At that point, you can swing south and no more than a few miles away is UNIVERSAL STUDIOS. No great detail needed here, as its internationally known.

If you move to Glendale you'll find DreamWorks Animation and Nickelodeon Animation studios (no tours) and hundreds of small production studios, special effects and prop houses.

In Glendale, there are several huge malls including the Glendale Galleria, as well as North Brand Street, which features hundreds of shops and restaurants. There's also a great only-known-to-local chicken eatery ZANKOU CHICKEN in Glendale (as well as other cities).

On the other side of Glendale is GRIFFITH PARK where you can find an oasis of green. There is a Gene Autry museum; some kids attractions and best of all Griffith Park Observatory. If the skies are clear and the smog not too bad, it's definitely worth a winding road drive to see both LA from a great vantage point and of course, the setting for countless movies (TERMINATOR, BOWFINGER, et al).

Burbank – Accommodation

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Hilton Burbank Airport & Convention Center

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Burbank – Things to do

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Warner Bros. VIP Studio Tour

Warner Bros. Studios VIP Tour is an insider's look at one of Hollywood's busiest and most famous motion picture studios – past and present. Ours is an intimate, historical and educational behind-the-scenes view of an actual working studio.

The VIP tour begins with a short film showcasing the movies and television shows created by Warner Bros. talent over the years. Guests are then escorted via tour carts to the Warner Bros. Museum – a true archive of filmed entertainment history. Exhibits include costumes, props, awards and actual scripts from some of our most renowned productions. From the Museum, guests will visit our backlot sets, sound stages and craft/production shops – routes change from day to day to accommodate production on the lot, so no two tours are exactly alike.

As you meander the studio on the VIP tour cart, anything can happen – perhaps a celebrity sighting, or a shoot just wrapping on an exterior set! You may pull into New York Street – location for such television hits as *Lois & Clark* and *ER*, but originally constructed in the 1930s for the film noir classics. Or visit Midwest Street – Warner Bros.' answer to "Any Town USA" – made famous in the musical *A Music Man*, but staying busy today with the hit television series *Gilmore Girls*. If the timing is right, our guides will take you onto a sound stage to see the set of a current Warner Bros. show! Guests may also visit "The Mill", home to our craft shops since the 1930's; the costume or prop warehouses; or maybe enter the Foley stage for a demonstration of how sounds are recreated for film.

Don't forget to stop in our VIP Tour Gift Store for a memento of your visit to Warner Bros. Studios!

The Warner Bros. Studios VIP Tour operates Monday through Friday.

October – April: 9AM to 3PM (last departure) tours leave every ½ hr.

May – September: 9AM to 4PM (last departure) tours leave every ½ hr.

The cost of this 2–¼ hour guided tour is \$35 per guest. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted. Group tours are also available – don't hesitate to ask for details. Children under eight years of age are not allowed. Photography is limited – your tour guides will advise.

ASK US ABOUT OUR DELUXE STUDIO TOUR

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Please note that video cameras, large bags & weapons of any type (i.e. pocket knives, mace) are not allowed onto the premises. Be prepared to be checked by a metal detector and have your personal belongings inspected.

For Reservations – please call **818-846-1403**

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Catalina

Sail or fly from San Pedro or Long Beach to Catalina Island, 26 miles across the sea. Relish the sight of the vivid blue waters sparkling in the harbor of Avalon; tour the streets of this lovely resort town. For an unforgettable adventure, view undersea life in a glass-bottom boat or semi-submersible submarine. Like L.A. itself, it's another world.

Catalina – Accommodation

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Pavilion Lodge, Avalon

14 steps from the beach. Located near all of Avalon's exciting activities: snorkeling, kayaking, diving, sightseeing tours, restaurants. Private courtyard. 3-diamond AAA-rated. 513 Crescent 90704 310/510-2500 Fax: 310/510-2073 www.catalina.com/scico Waterfront, Meeting Facilities, Senior Discount, Wheelchair Access, Kids Stay Free, Non-Smoking Rooms, Continental Breakfast 73 Rooms \$64-\$219

Catalina – Things to do

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Casino Building, Avalon

1 Casino Way 90704 310/510-7400

Catalina Island Museum, Avalon

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Century City

About 10 miles west of Hollywood is Century City. It used to all belong to Fox but they had to sell it allegedly to pay off debts from the production of Cleopatra. You can see glimpses of the Fox lot (no tour) and on the AVENUE of THE STARS is the famous Nakatomi building from DIE HARD (now known as the Fox Tower). AVENUE of the STARS also is west coast HQs for most cable companies and ABC (no tours). Nearby in Culver City is Sony & MGM (no tours and not much of a back lot).

Now, you can overlay the next-level tourist destinations while youre visiting some of the entertainment related sites.

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Glendale – Internet Cafes

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Hacienda Heights

Hacienda Heights – Internet Cafes

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hours: \$2/hour
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url: www.abysswebportal.com

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Hermosa Beach

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Hermosa Beach – Accommodation

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Hermosa Beach – Internet Cafes

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3rd Sunday

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Hollywood

Yes, there really is a city called Hollywood. Though technically not a self-supporting city of its own (residents have 'Los Angeles' addresses), it is definitely set apart from the rest of Los Angeles by its unique sights and sounds. Its about 3 miles south of Universal City. As you exit the freeway, the Hollywood Bowl is hidden in the hills to your right and a few blocks away is the famous CAPITOL RECORDS round building (that resembles a stack of records) that we know. At that point you are at the famous HOLLYWOOD & VINE. A few blocks to your right is the (Graumanns) Manns Chinese Theater and the Hollywood WALK OF FAME. They also added a new mall and the now-famous KODAK THEATER where the Academy Awards are now permanently. The JIMMY KIMMEL SHOW also tapes across the street. While they have fixed up the neighborhood a bit and the streets with the theaters are packed day and night the other streets are still a bit shady at night so the tourist stuff is best done by day. A couple blocks south is HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. Going south to Melrose Avenue, if you turn left, you will soon hit PARAMOUNT. The gates are instantly recognizable but no tours. There is the HOLLYWOOD CEMETARY by Paramount Studios. There are also many other TV studios in the area but from the outside, they pretty much just look like office buildings. If you turn right on Melrose and then turn left on Fairfax, you can see CBS TELEVISION CENTER (more TV show tapings).

If you don't catch a glimpse of a real-life celebrity at an L.A. hangout, stare as long as you want at the still-life stand-ins at the Hollywood Wax Museum. The vintage ads and glamour photos at the Max Factor Museum of Beauty show you the magic and sizzle that make the stars shimmer. Or, feel the excitement of movie-making on a tour of Paramount Studios in Hollywood.

The Hollywood Hills also are home to the world's largest outdoor amphitheater, the Hollywood Bowl, which features outdoor concerts all summer long. Of course, you can always go tourist, buy a map to the stars on a street corner and cruise past the driveways of the rich and famous.

West Hollywood is one of the first upscale gay communities, it is not really so defined now. People of all persuasion call it home but only if youre wealthy and stylish :-) The famous Sunset Strip is in the area. It is not surprisingly full of great restaurants and star watching (original Wolfgang Pucks Spagos is here).

South of West Hollywood is the segment of Melrose Avenue made famous. It really just runs from about 3rd Street to Fairfax full of one-of-a-kind-shopping, it is less unique than it once was but still fun to check out. A few blocks south of Fairfax there is the Farmers Market (Next to CBS TV Center noted above) along with L.A.s latest upscale mall the Grove. A few blocks south is the LaBrea Tar Pits and the LA County Museum. Forget the fancy restaurants stop by Roscoes Chicken & Waffle House! (not really on Melrose but in the area). There are also more 3-star/4-star restaurants in the area (not on Melrose itself) so pick up a ZAGAT guide to see what fits your bill. Again, everything from a \$3 lunch to \$300 lunch is in the area.

Hollywood – Things to do

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Starline Tours of Hollywood

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Guinness World of Records Museum

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Hard Rock Cafe Hollywood

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Hollywood Entertainment District

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Hollywood Wax Museum

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Hollywood Travelodge

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Ramada Inn & Conference Center – Hollywood / Unive

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tel: (323) 660-1788
zipcode: Hollywood CA 90029
url: www.ramadahollywood.com

Orbit Hotel And Hostel

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email: reservations@orbithotel.com
address: 7950 Melrose Avenue
tel: (323) 655 - 1510
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Hollywood – Getting Around

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Hollywood – Nightlife and Entertainment

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Hollywood – Internet Cafes

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Hybrid

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price: \$3.50
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email: johnb@hybridservices.com
hours: M-F 10-10
address: 8936 Santa Monica Blvd
url: www.hybridservices.com

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Inglewood

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Cafe Future & Gallery

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Inglewood, CA 90302

url: [\(310\) 671-7775](tel:(310)671-7775)

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Long Beach

Head to Long Beach for a harbor cruise from Shoreline Village, a waterfront shopping area. Step into the glamour of yesteryear with a stroll on the decks of the Queen Mary. Once a most luxurious way to cross the ocean, the regal oceanliner now houses shops, restaurants, and a hotel. Stroll down Pine Avenue in downtown Long Beach for smart shops, stylish dining, and lively entertainment.

Long Beach – Things to do

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Aquarium of the Pacific

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Wheelchair Access

Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden

Earl Warren Dr., Cal State Univ. 90840 562/985–8885

Museum of Latin American Art

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Queen's Wharf

555 N. Pico Ave. 90802 562/495–3617

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch & Gardens

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Long Beach – Accommodation

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Queen City Motel

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Renaissance Long Beach Hotel

Located in the heart of downtown Long Beach. Don't miss the Aquarium of the Pacific, the quick access to all of Pine Avenue's excellent restaurants. 111 E. Ocean Blvd. 90802 562/437–5900 Fax: 562/499–2512 www.gowestmarriott.com Meeting Facilities, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Restaurant, Non–Smoking Rooms, Exercise Facilities 374 Units \$99–\$179

GuestHouse Hotel

AAA triple–diamond. Tropical oasis welcoming you to a carefree, relaxing visit with a heated, tropical pool; complimentary continental breakfast; and passes to L.A. Fitness Center. Located between Universal Studios, Hollywood, and Disneyland. 5325 E. Pacific Coast Hwy. 90804 562/597–1341 Fax: 562/597–1664 Senior Discount, Pets Allowed, Shuttle Service, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Restaurant, Continental Breakfast 142 Rooms \$104–\$129

Long Beach Hilton

AAA 4–diamond award winner. International Flair and ambience. Exceptional service and attention to detail. Downtown Long Beach. Walking distance to Aquarium and Catalina Landing. CH&MA member. 2 World Trade Center 90831–3102 562/983–3400 Fax: 562/983–1200 www.longbeach.hilton.com E–mail: bruce_naglee@hilton.com Pool, Wheelchair Access, Kids Stay Free, Restaurant, Non–Smoking Rooms, Exercise Facilities 393 Units \$99–\$189

Long Beach – Internet Cafes

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The Cybernet Place

Video E–mail, Memberships, discounts. long Beach's only cyber center. Full service resource, repairs, web services, networking and much much more!

price: way to much
tel: 516 897 8419
email: info@cybernetplace.com
address: 160 East Park Avenue, Long Beach, NY,
11561, USA
url: www.cybernetplace.com

The Coffee & Tea Galleria

email: info@icomnetwork.com
2741 E. 4th St.
address: Long Beach, CA 90814
(562) 433-5995
NetSite Internet Kiosk

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Notes:

Manhattan Beach

For some quiet time, watch the boats at Marina Del Rey. Laze about in the sand at Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, or Redondo Beach. Check out the Manhattan Beach Pier; West end of Manhattan Beach Blvd. 90266 310/545-5313

Manhattan Beach – Accommodation

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El Camino Motel

Near beach and shopping center. CH&MA member. 3301 N. Sepulveda Blvd. 90266 310/546-5464 Fax: 310/372-9023 Airport 19 Units \$45

Hawthorn Suites

Spacious suites with full kitchens and studio rooms. Pool and fitness center. Close to beach and shopping. Contemporary, luxurious guest rooms with full breakfast. CH&MA member. 1817 N. Sepulveda Blvd. 90266 310/787-7795, 800/527-1133 Fax: 310/787-7082 www.hawthorn.com E-mail: bpatel4505@aol.com Senior Discount, Shuttle Service, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Near Airport, Continental Breakfast 53 Units \$85-\$200

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Notes:

Marina Del Rey

Marina Del Rey – Internet Cafes

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Yankee Doodles Sports Bar

address: info@icomnetwork.com

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Notes:

Newhall

Newhall – Internet Cafes

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Cyber-Surf

tel: 805-260-2440

url: www.cyber-surf.net

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Notes:

Northridge

Northridge – Internet Cafes

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Battle Depot

40 PC's available for internet access through a T-1

price: \$3.00/Hr

tel: 818-772-6400

email: royb@battledepot.com

hours: Weekdays 11 a.m.–10 p.m. Weekends 11 a.m.– Midnight

9348 Corbin Ave., Northridge, CA,

address: 91324,

U.S.A.

url: www.battledepot.com

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Pasadena

On your way to Pasadena northeast of Los Angeles, stop off at the Southwest Museum, which contains more than half a million Native American artworks and artifacts. At Pasadena's Norton Simon Museum, see Rodin sculptures and impressionist paintings. View rare books and renowned artworks at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. Step inside the Pacific Asia Museum to see a replica of the Chinese Imperial Palace and Asian art. Stroll the gardens at Tournament House, former residence of chewing-gum magnate William Wrigley, Jr. Today, home of the Tournament of Roses Association, it contains Rose Bowl and Parade memorabilia. You may also wish to visit the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), one of most prestigious universities in the world, and home to more than 20 Nobel Laureates.

Pasadena – Accommodation

all

Comfort Inn

Within vicinity of Pasadena financial center. Convenient to business institutions and attractions. Contemporary architecture, frequent renovation. All rooms upgraded for high-tech business and leisure accommodations. Complimentary continental breakfast. Spa/sauna. CH&MA member. 2462 E. Colorado Blvd. 91107 626/405-0811 Fax: 626/796-0966 www.comfortinn.com/hotel/CA424 E-mail: compas@pacbell.net Senior Discount, Pool, Downtown, Non-Smoking Rooms, Continental Breakfast 54 Rooms \$65-\$150

Hilton Pasadena

Our recent 5M renovation gives the Hilton Pasadena the newest rooms in the city. Just 9 miles from downtown L.A., Pasadena is the ideal choice. 168 S. Los Robles 91101 626/577-1000, 800/HILTONS Fax: 626/584-3148 www.Hilton.com E-mail: alan_tate@hilton.com Meeting Facilities, Shuttle Service, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Restaurant, Exercise Facilities 296 Units \$109-\$169

Sheraton Pasadena Hotel

Located in beautiful surroundings adjacent to the Convention Center and within walking distance to "Old Pasadena," featuring trendy boutiques, fine restaurants, theaters, and nightlife. Close to downtown L.A. and other attractions. 303 E. Cordova St. 91101 800/457-7940 Fax: 626/584-1390 E-mail: hipasadena@aol.com Meeting Facilities, Shuttle Service, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Restaurant, Exercise Facilities 317 Rooms \$139-\$209

Pasadena – Things to do

all

Brookside Golf Course

1133 N. Rosemont Ave. 91103 626/585-3598 Fax: 626/796-4362 www.americangolf.com Wheelchair

Access

California Institute of Technology

1200 E. California Blvd. 91125 626/395-6811
Eaton Canyon Nature Center

1750 N. Altadena Dr. 91107 626/398-5420
The Gamble House

4 Westmoreland Pl. 91103-3593 626/793-3334
Tournament House/Wrigley Mansion

391 S. Orange Grove Blvd. 91184 626/449-4100

Pasadena – Museums

all

Norton Simon Museum of Art

411 W. Colorado Blvd. 91105 626/449-6840
Pacific Asia Museum

46 N. Los Robles Ave. 91101 626/449-2742
Pasadena Historical Museum 1905 Fenyes Mansion

470 W. Walnut St. 91103 626/577-1660

Pasadena – Internet Cafes

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Cyber Junction

price: \$2
tel: 626-564-1488
hours: Mon-Thurs 10AM-10PM Fri-Sun 10AM-11PM
1039 E. Green St.
address: Pasadena
,91106
,USA
url: Out of business

Total Fusion

High speed DSL on a 4 station kiosk. Printing and web cam

price: FREE
tel: 626-256-4658
email: sales@nethook.com
address: 95 N. Arroyo Parkway
Pasadena, CA 91103 USA
url: www.nethook.com

WebMetro

Saturdays: 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Pricehour: 15.00
WebMetro Cyber Cafe – where the coffee is free and the Internet is T-1.
At WebMetro's computer stations you can: browse the Web using a fast T-1 connection, complete research projects, use vi

tel: 626-793-8047
email: webmetro@webmetro.com
hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.
address: 2 N. Lake Ave Suite 100
Pasadena, Ca 91101

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Notes:

Redondo Beach

Redonde Beach is ideal for just lazing around, visit the Heritage court or the Beach Pier and Harbor.

Redondo Beach – Accommodation

all

Best Western Galleria Inn

Adjacent to mall, restaurants, theatres. Minutes to beaches, pier, Disneyland, Universal Studios, Hollywood. Renovated rooms with refrigerators & coffeemaker. In-room spas & microwave available. Jacuzzi & sauna. 2740 Artesia Blvd. 90278 310/370-4353, 800/233-8059 Fax: 310/793-7135

www.bestwestern.com/redondobeachgalleriainn Senior Discount, Downtown, Wheelchair Access, Kids Stay Free, Non-Smoking Rooms, Continental Breakfast 51 Units \$64-\$89

Best Western Sunrise Hotel

Located at King Harbor Marina with convenience to beaches, shopping, area attractions, bike and jogging paths. Pool, spa, laundry, bikes on-site, restaurant, movies. CH&MA member. 400 N. Harbor Dr. 90277 310/376-0746 Fax: 310/376-7384 www.bestwestern-sunrise.com Waterfront, Meeting Facilities, Shuttle Service, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Restaurant 111 Rooms \$79-\$109

Palos Verdes Inn

Walk to shopping, beach, and fine restaurants. Three blocks to beach. 1700 S. Pacific Coast Hwy. 90277 310/316-4211, 800/421-9241 Fax: 310/316-4863 www.redondo.com E-mail: pvi1700s@aol.com Meeting Facilities, Shuttle Service, Pool, Restaurant, Non-Smoking Rooms, Exercise Facilities 110 Units \$96-\$120

Portofino Hotel

Located near Redondo Peir, overlooking the marina. Room prices start as low as \$99, depending on view. Appartments also available. Pool, Spa, Bar & Restarant facilities. Smoking and non-smoking rooms available. Plesent atmosphere, very relaxing.

address: 260 Portofino Way
CostOfDoubleForANight: \$99 + per night
tel: 310.379.8481
costofdoubleforanight: \$99 + per night
zipcode: Redondo Beach

Redondo Beach – Internet Cafes

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Papa Guidos Pizza

to 2:00 am.

Papa Guido's Pizza offers a complete italian Menu, as well as Broasted Chicken.

We offer a high speed DSL (768kbps) Internet Kiosk to check your e-mail, surf the web, play games, etc.

coffees, Light snacks, Computer training, Membership scheme, Discount rates applicable.

price: \$6.00 USD

tel: 310-937-8000

email: papaguidos@mcgnet.net

hours: Monday thru Thursday 11:00 am to 12:00 am. Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am

address: 1521 Aviation Blvd.
Redondo Beach, CA 90278 USA

url: www.papaguidospizza.com

Sud City

2 Computers, With High Speed DSL (768 KBPS) internet Access, including web browsing and e-mail. Word Processing, Floppy access, and printing also available.

price: \$6.00 USD, \$.10 Printed Page

tel: 310-540-7696

email: sudcity@mcgnet.net

hours: 6:00am to 12:00am, Pacific

address: 629 S. Pacific Coast Highway
Redondo Beach, CA 90277 USA

url: www.mcgnet.net

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Rolling Hills Estates

Rolling Hills Estates – Internet Cafes

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Espresso Biega

tel: (310) 377 – 7074

address: cafe@espressobiega.com

url: [\(310\) 377 – 7610](tel:(310)377-7610)

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Notes:

Rowland Heights

Rowland Heights – Internet Cafes

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Nocturnal E-Games

We have two lovely Caf?s in downtown San Cristobal de Las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico. One of our caf?s also has a large screen TV with conection to satellite dish, and we recieve 10 movie channels in english (HBO, Cinemax, ect....)

price: 626 820 1022

tel: 11 am – 2 am Daily

email: \$2/hr Members \$4/hr Non Members

hours: denis@nocturnalegames.com

address: www.nocturnalegames.com

url: www.nocturnalegames.com

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Notes:

San Fernando Valley

BURBANK/SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

The obvious are the entertainment related. Lets start northeast and work our way south. 10 miles north of downtown is GLENDALE & BURBANK. Not as well know but thats where the inside work of entertainment is. Glendale is home to DreamWorks Animation and Nickelodeon Animation studios (no tours) and hundreds of small production studios, special effects and prop houses. As we move to Burbank, NBCs West Coast HQs & Disneys main HQs are there (both on Olive St.). A block away is Disney Animation and Disney Channels building. The Disney HQ features the 7 dwarves holding up the roof the lot also houses a small studio. It is closed to the public but you can photograph from the street. The Tonight Show is taped at the NBC studios. There is a queue out front on taping days starting by early afternoon. If you look up to the mountain range, the back part of Griffith Park that is where MASH was filmed. A few blocks further west is the WARNER BROS. STUDIO you cant miss the mammoth advertising it is also a working studio and there are tours. I believe you have to call ahead to reserve (unlike Universal Studios). As you continue along Ventura Blvd., there are other studios (mostly TV) that are discreet in appearance such as the CBS STUDIO CENTER where there are always dozens of sitcoms being taped there (Seinfeld was there). You can get free tickets sitcoms usually tape Friday nights. At that point, you can swing south and no more than a few miles away is UNIVERSAL STUDIOS. No great detail needed here, as its internationally known.

San Fernando Valley – Eating Out

Restaurants

all

Steve's Deli

Excellent New York style deli, with ample parking and great location. Corned beef reubens, fish platters, triple decker sandwiches and homemade soups are just a few of the delicious menu choices. Worth a visit just for the old-fashioned pickle cart. Banquet room available. Open daily from 7AM–9PM. 21710 Vanowen St., Canoga Park. (818) 346–7900

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Notes:

San Gabriel

San Gabriel – Internet Cafes

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Fresh Roast

price: Fresh Roast is an old-fashioned homestyle cafe with ample sit-down space inside and a cozy recessed patio storefront facing San Gabriel Blvd. You may sit in the caf's TV section or chat with friends amidst the thrum of soft classical music.

tel: (626) 451-5918

email: Mon – Sun

hours: \$3.00/hr or Negotiable Mont.0_0FF60102*_ly Fee

address: John-Melendez@usa.net

url: www.CoffeeDoorToDoor.com

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Notes:

Santa Clarita

For thrills and spills, head north along I-5 to the Santa Clarita Valley for Six Flags Magic Mountain with its daredevil rides. Or splash down at adjoining Six Flags Hurricane Harbor.

Santa Clarita – Things to do

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Mountasia Family Fun Center

21516 Golden Triangle Rd. 91350 661/253-4386

Placerita Canyon Nature Center

19152 Placerita Cyn. Rd. 91321 661/259-7721

Six Flags Magic Mountain/Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

Located minutes north of Hollywood. Features the world's most thrilling rides plus exciting shows and family adventures. Next door, Hurricane Harbor water park is open May-Sept. Separate admission required. 26101 Magic Mountain Pkwy. 91355 805/255-4100 Fax: 805/255-4149 www.sixflags.com Wheelchair Access

Water Conservatory Garden & Learning Center

27234 Bouquet Cyn. Rd. 91350 661/297-1600

William S. Hart Park & Museum

24151 San Fernando Rd. 91321 805/259-0855

Santa Clarita – Accommodation

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Fairfield Inn by Marriott

Five minutes from Magic Mountain theme park and 15 minutes from Universal Studios. Feature spacious guest rooms, free local calls, guest laundry, outdoor pool/spa. CH&MA member. 25340 The Old Road 91381 661/290-2828, 800/228-2800 Fax: 661/290-2835 www.sunstonehotels.com E-mail:

santaclaritafairfieldinn@sunstonehotels.com Senior Discount, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Kids Stay Free, Non-Smoking Rooms, Continental Breakfast 66 Units \$65-\$105

Hampton Inn

Fresh baked cookies served nightly. Guest rooms feature 25-inch TV with cable, coffeemaker, hairdryer, free local calls. 3 miles from Six Flags Magic Mountain. CH&MA member. 25259 The Old Road 91381 661/253-2400, 800/426-7866 Fax: 661/253-1962 www.sunstonehotels.com E-mail:

santaclaritahamptoninn@sunstonehotels.com Meeting Facilities, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Kids Stay Free,

Exercise Facilities, Continental Breakfast 130 Units \$69–\$109

Residence Inn by Marriott

Large studios and two–bedroom suites featuring fully equipped kitchens, living area, two telephones. Laundry facility, outdoor sports court. Three miles from Six Flags Magic Mountain. CH&MA member. 25320 The Old Road 91381 661/290–2800, 800/331–3131 Fax: 661/290–2802 www.sunstonehotels.com E–mail: santaclaritaresidenceinn@sunstonehotels.com Meeting Facilities, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Kids Stay Free, Exercise Facilities, Continental Breakfast 90 Units \$89–\$119

Santa Clarita Motel

3 miles, Six Flags. TV, microwave, refrigerator. Daily maid service, guest laundry, close to golf course. 20 minutes – Burbank airport, close Valancia town center, IMAX 3–D theater. 24971 San Fernando Rd. 91321 661/259–2800, 800/346–6835 Fax: 661/259–2818 www.www.lexres.com E–mail: vdesat1110@aol.com Senior Discount, Kids Stay Free, Non–Smoking Rooms, Continental Breakfast 34 Units \$45–\$55

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Notes:

Santa Monica

West of the 405 Freeway is Santa Monica. A huge sprawling city itself of immense economic diversity with its own neighborhoods.

For teens and tourists, the mall, the pier and the boardwalk are big draws for other LA natives not so much. But LA natives will tolerate the 3rd street promenade as its one of the few areas of Santa Monica with nice restaurants AND parking. For shopping, Santa Monica has little hidden pockets like Montana Street and others who are willing to venture off the beaten path.

Santa Monica definitely has everything to relieve you of your stress while travelling. You can forget your worries (if you have any) and play volleyball, bike, rollerblade or just take it easy in the sand. For the more active traveller the Santa Monica mountains are there where you can hike.

If people watching is what you're really after, go to the Santa Monica Pier for its boardwalk ambience. The heart of Santa Monica is the 3rd St Promenade, a sort of small mall where you can find about anything and where musicians and mimes perform and artists sketch among sidewalk cafés and shops. The famous Santa Monica pier, built between 1908 and 1921, is the oldest pleasure pier on the West Coast.

Besides the friendly beaches Santa Monica also offers nice restaurants and perfect bars for dancing or just to simply take a cup of coffee there during daytime... So, come and see the things Santa Monica has to offer and if you want you can visit the nearby [Beverly Hills](#), [Hollywood](#) or [Pasadena](#).

Santa Monica – Accommodation

Accommodation is not hard to find in Santa Monica. Most hotels offer excellent service and hospitality and are located in the vicinity of the beach.

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Pacific Shores Hotel

200 steps from Santa Monica beaches and two blocks from pier. Amenities include heated pool, gift shop, tour desk, car rental agency, meeting space. CH&MA member. 1819 Ocean Ave. 90401 310/451-8711, 800/622-8711 Fax: 310/394-6657 www.sunstonehotels.com E-mail: pacificshore@sunstonehotels.com Waterfront, Meeting Facilities, Pool, Kids Stay Free, Restaurant, Exercise Facilities 168 Units \$89-\$119

Four Points Sheraton

Price Range \$100 – \$200 530 W. Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405 Tel: (310) 399-9344 Fax: (310) 399-2504 Nationwide: (800) 495-7776 Two pools, two jacuzzis, fitness center. Only five-minute walk to the beach and shopping. 3 1/2 blocks to the beach, air conditioning, fitness room/spa, handicap accessible, cocktail lounge, free parking, pool, restaurant, room service.

Casa Del Mar

Price, +200 U\$D. 1910 Ocean Front Walk, Santa Monica, CA 90405 Tel. 310-581-5533 Fax. 310-581-5503 Nationwide. 800-898-6999 A historic landmark hotel fully restored to its former glory and offering an elegant, sophisticated European lodging experience. Located on the sand, 129 luxurious rooms and suites, many special services extra.

Hotel Oceana

Price, +200 U\$D. 849 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90403 Tel: (310) 393-0486 Fax: (310) 458-1182 Nationwide: (800) 777-0758 Mediterranean-style luxury. 63 spacious, well-appointed suites. Ocean views, courtyard and pool. Rates include complimentary continental breakfast for two. suites on a bluff overlooking the ocean, with many extra services.

Le Merigot Beach Hotel

Price, +200 U\$D. 1740 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90401 Tel: (310) 395-9700 Fax: (310) 395-9200 Nationwide: (800) 926-9524 Mediterranean-style hotel. Luxury ocean-front hotel offers deluxe rooms with views of the ocean. Handicap friendly built with many extra services.

Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel

Price, +200 U\$D. 1700 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90401 Tel: (310) 458-6700 Fax: (310) 458-6761 Spectacular glass-domed indoor and outdoor pool. Generous amenities, including spa and full-service salon. 1/2 block to the beach, air conditioning, fitness room/spa, handicap accessible, cocktail lounge, valet parking, pool, restaurant and room service.

Fairmont Miramar Hotel

Price, +200 U\$D. 101 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401 Tel: (310) 576-7777 Fax: (310) 458-7912 Nationwide: (800) 325-3535 Redesigned tropical gardens are the setting for the new restaurant and health club. 1 block to the beach, air conditioning, fitness room/spa, handicap accessible, cocktail lounge, valet parking, pool, restaurant, room service and 11 meeting rooms.

Shutters On The Beach

Price, +200 U\$D. One Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405 Tel: (310) 458-0030 Fax: (310) 458-4589 Nationwide: (800) 334-9000 Full-service hotel. Concierge, multi-lingual staff. Gift shop, jacuzzi, business services and full spa. Located on the beach, air conditioning, fitness room/spa, handicap accessible and with many extra's.

Best Western Gateway Hotel

Price Range \$100 – \$200 1920 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404 Tel: (310) 829-9100 (800) 528-1234 Fax: (310) 829-9211 Free shuttle to beach and Promenade. Sun decks. Immaculate guest rooms, comfortable and friendly. 122 rooms, 20 blocks to the beach, air conditioning, and handicap accessible with many extra services.

Best Western Ocean View Hotel

Price Range \$100 – \$200 1447 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90401 Tel: (310) 458-4888 Fax: (310) 458-0848 Nationwide: (800) 452-4888 Deluxe ocean-view rooms with private balconies, refrigerators & coffee makers. Footsteps to the beach, handicap accessible, valet parking.

Doubletree Guest Suites

Price Range \$100 – \$200 1707 Fourth St., Santa Monica, CA 90401 Tel: (310) 395-3332 Fax: (310)

452-7399 Nationwide: (800) 222-8733 All-suite hotel. Ocean views, jacuzzi, restaurant, meeting and catering facilities. Freshly baked chocolate cookies! 3 1/2 blocks to the beach, handicap accessible, cocktail lounge, valet parking, pool, restaurant and room service.

Holiday Inn/Beach At Pier

Price Range \$100 – \$200 120 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90401 Tel: (310) 451-0676 Fax: (310) 393-7145 California: (800) 947-9175 Nationwide:(800) HOLIDAY Close to Venice Beach, ocean view. Steps to pier, shopping and Third Street Promenade. Bike rentals. 132 rooms, 1 block to the beach, air conditioning, handicap accessible, cocktail lounge, valet parking, pool, restaurant, room service.

American Motel

Price Range Under \$100 1243 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401 Tel: (310) 458-1411 Conveniently located in downtown Santa Monica. Close to Third Street Promenade, shopping and restaurants. 6 rooms, 7 blocks to the beach, handicap accessible, and free parking.

Bayside Hotel

Price Range Under \$100 2001 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90405 Tel: (310) 396-6000 Fax: (310) 451-1111 Nationwide: (800) 525-4447 At sandy beach, near famous skate and bike path. Data port phones. Cable TV. Newly decorated. Ocean views. 45 rooms, 1/2 block to the beach, air conditioning, free parking, kitchenettes.

Comfort Inn Santa Monica

Price Range Under \$100 2815 Santa Monica, CA 90404 Tel: (310) 828-5517 Fax: (310) 829-6084 Nationwide: (800) 228-5150 Gracious accommodations serving complimentary continental breakfast, in-room coffee makers and refrigerators. Restaurants nearby. Outside pool. 108 rooms, air conditioning, free parking, outside pool.

Santa Monica Bayside

Oasis by the sandy beach, skate/bicycle path. Steps to trendy Main Street. Shuttle service to Third Street Promenade. HBO, dataports. Oceanview rooms, balconies, free parking. CH&MA member. 2001 Ocean Ave. 90405 800/525-4447 Fax: 310/396-1000 Waterfront, Shuttle Service, Downtown, Airport 45 Units \$79-\$129

Cal Mar Hotel Suites

Spacious suites by the ocean. Quiet, residential area. One block from famous Third St. Promenade. Heated swimming pool. Lush garden setting. Fully equipped kitchen. Free parking. Weekly rates. CH&MA member. 220 California Ave. 90403 310/395-5555 Fax: 310/451-1111 Waterfront, Shuttle Service, Pool, Downtown, Airport 36 Suites \$99-\$159

Channel Road Inn

Historic inn by the sea. Featured in Country Inns. One block from the beach. Designer rooms with views, sunny decks, Jacuzzi tubs, and fireplaces. Award-winning breakfasts. CABBI member. 219 W. Channel Rd. 90402 310/459-1920 Fax: 310/454-9920 www.channelroadinn.com E-mail: channelinn@aol.com Wheelchair Access, Kids Stay Free, Non-Smoking Rooms, Near Airport, Continental Breakfast 14 Units \$145-\$295

Shangri-La Hotel

Art deco–style hotel. Just steps from the beach, Santa Monica Pier and the 3rd St. Promenade. Afternoon tea also included. Oceanfront exercise and meeting room available. CLIA/CH&MA member. 1301 Ocean Ave. 90401 310/394–2791, 800/345–7829 Fax: 310/451–3351 www.shangrila–hotel.com E–mail: nanniluigi@aol.com Waterfront, Meeting Facilities, Non–Smoking Rooms, Exercise Facilities, Continental Breakfast 55 Units \$145–\$505

The Georgian Hotel

Historic art deco boutique hotel. Oceanfront setting with European veranda. Prime location for sun, surf, shopping, and sunsets. Convenient access to LAX, Beverly Hills, and other attractions. 1415 Ocean Ave. 90401 310/395–9945, 800/538–8147 Fax: 310/656–0904 Waterfront, Meeting Facilities, Pets Allowed, Wheelchair Access, Non–Smoking Rooms 84 Rooms \$165–\$325

Santa Monica – Museums

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Angels Attic Museum

516 Colorado Ave. 90401 310/394–8331

California Heritage Museum

2612 Main St. 90405 310/392–8537

Museum of Flying

End of 28th St. 90405 310/392–8822

Santa Monica Museum of Art

Bergamot Sta., 2525 Michigan Ave. 90404 310/586–6488

Santa Monica – Eating Out

If you like a tasty meal Santa Monica is a perfect place for you. The choice Santa Monica offers is nearly endless and many restaurants are located near the beachfront which also covers the Santa Monica Pier, Ocean Avenue, Pico Boulevard, Downtown and Main Street area. Well known names include: The Pacific Dining Car, El Cholo and Knoll's Black Forest Inn. The food ranges from all–American to vegetarian. There are over 400 restaurants and eateries in Santa Monica.

The Pacific Dining Car, Address: 2700 Wilshire Boulevard, Phone: 310–453–4000, located centrally.

El Cholo, Address: 1025 Wilshire Boulevard, Phone: 310–899–1106, located centrally.

Knoll's Black Forest Inn, Address: 2454 Wilshire Boulevard, Phone: 310–395–2212 Location in Santa Monica: Mid–City, located centrally.

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Croissant de Paris

Address: 395 Santa Monica Place Mall #05 Phone Number: 310-395-9981

Anna Marias La Trattoria

One of the best old-world Italian cuisine restaurants anywhere. This is an all-time favorite.

address: 418 Wilshire Boulevard

PriceOfMenu: Moderate/Average

tel: 310-394-5945

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Baby-Bar

Address: 1437 Third Street Promenade, #15 Phone Number: 310-260-7747

Baja Buds

Address: 1315 Third Street Promenade, #B Phone Number: 310-393-6060

Baja Fresh Mexican Grill

Address: 720 Wilshire Boulevard Phone Number: 310-393-9313

Bangkok West

Address: 606 Santa Monica Boulevard Phone Number: 310-395-9658

Brewhouse, The

Address: 1246 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-393-2629

Britannia, The

Address: 318 Santa Monica Boulevard Phone Number: 310-458-5350

Broadway Bar & Grill

Address: 1460 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-393-4211

Broadway Deli

Address: 1457 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-451-0616

Ye Olde Kings Head Pub & Restaurant

Address: 116 Santa Monica Boulevard Phone Number: 310-451-1402

Cafe Bene

Address: 500 Broadway Phone Number: 310-395-8288

Cafe Promenade

Address: 1260 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-395-2977

Cajun & Grill of Santa Monica

Address: 7 Santa Monica Place Phone Number: 310-393-2088

Caspian Cuisine

Address: 205 Broadway Phone Number: 310-395-5695

Charlie Kabob

Address: 14 Santa Monica Place Phone Number: 310-393-5535

Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf

Address: 200 Santa Monica Boulevard Phone Number: 310-260-0044

Comfort Cafe

Address: 420 Broadway Phone Number: 310-395-6252

Cool Planet

Address: 1312 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-451-3223

Crocodile Cafe

Address: 101 Santa Monica Boulevard Phone Number: 310-394-4783

Burger King

Address: 101 Santa Monica Place Phone Number: 310-260-1935

Dana's

Address: 710 Wilshire Boulevard, #100 Phone Number: 310-395-0530

Egyptian Lovers

Address: 1437 Third Street Promenade, #7 Phone Number: 310-451-5991

Falafel King

Address: 1315 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-587-2551

Fumiko Japanese Restaurant

Address: 1437 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-451-5991

Gagnier's Creole Kitchen

Address: 1315 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-319-9981

Golden China Cafe

Address: 516 Santa Monica Boulevard Phone Number: 310-393-9695

Gotham Hall

Address: 1431 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-394-8865

Hedwig's Cafe

Address: 1509 Fourth Street Phone Number: 310-394-3956

Interactive Cafe

Address: 215 Broadway Phone Number: 310-395-5009

Johnny Rockets

Address: 1322 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-394-6362

JR Seafood Restaurant

Address: 102 Santa Monica Place Phone Number: 310-260-8855

Juicy Juice

Address: 1437 Third Street Promenade, #18 Phone Number: 310-576-2587

La Luna Mare Ristorante

Address: 119 Broadway Phone Number: 310-656-2424

Le Montage

Address: 100 Wilshire Boulevard Phone Number: 310-260-6010

Lisa's Cookies & Yogurt Cafe

Address: 1315 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-395-4745

Locanda Del Lago Restaurant

Address: 231 Arizona Avenue Phone Number: 310-451-3525

Numero Uno Pizzeria

Address: 718 Wilshire Boulevard Phone Number: 310-451-8553

Polly's Pies

Address: 501 Wilshire Boulevard Phone Number: 310-394-9721

Pucini Gourmet Coffee

Address: 17 Santa Monica Place Phone Number: 310-395-9981

Remi

Address: 1451 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-393-6545

Renee's Courtyard Cafe

Address: 522 Wilshire Boulevard Phone Number: 310-451-9341

Rix Restaurant

Address: 1413 Fifth Street Phone Number: 310-656-9690

Saint Urbain Street Bagels

Address: 1232 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-260-1511

Skorpions II

Address: 109 Santa Monica Boulevard Phone Number: 310-393-9020

Star of Siam

Address: 3133 Lincoln Boulevard Phone Number: 310-396-9511
Starbucks Coffee

Address: 1201 Third Street Phone Number: 310-260-9947
Hooters Restaurant

Address: 321 Santa Monica Boulevard Phone Number: 310-458-7555
Sunset Bar & Grill

Address: 1240 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-395-7012
Tanner's Coffee Company

Address: 150 Santa Monica Place Phone Number: 310-451-5566
Thai Dishes

Address: 111 Santa Monica Boulevard Phone Number: 310-394-6189
Tokyo Kitchen

Address: 15 Santa Monica Place Phone Number: 310-451-5385
Trastavere

Address: 1360 Third Street Promenade Phone Number: 310-319-1985
Villa Italian Specialties

Address: 8 Santa Monica Place Phone Number: 310-451-3031
Voda

Address: 1449 Second Street Phone Number: 310-394-9774
Wok Inn

Address: 11 Santa Monica Place Phone Number: 310-393-0664
Arcadia Restaurant & Club

Address: 250 Santa Monica Pier
Big Deans

Address: 1615 Ocean Front Phone Number: 310-393-2666
Capo

Address: 1810 Ocean Avenue Phone Number: 310-394-5550
Handle Bar (Shutters on the Beach)

Address: One Pico Boulevard Phone Number: 310-458-0030
Ivy at the Shore

Address: 1541 Ocean Avenue Phone Number: 310-393-3113
Minori Japanese Take Out

Address: 1551 Ocean Avenue, #145 Phone Number: 310-395-1166
Pedals (Shutters on the Beach)

Address: One Pico Boulevard Phone Number: 310-587-1707
Shoreline Grill (Pacific Shore Hotel)

Address: 1819 Ocean Avenue Phone Number: 310-451-5711
Zenzero

Address: 1535 Ocean Avenue Phone Number: 310-451-4455
Babalu

Address: 1002 Montana Avenue Phone Number: 310-4395-2500
Bread & Roses

Address: 1023 B Montana Avenue Phone Number: 310-393-5061
Gourmet Grub to Go

Address: 1627 Montana Avenue Phone Number: 310-451-2021
Le Marmiton

Address: 1327 Montana Avenue Phone Number: 310-393-7716
Portofino

Address: 1110 Montana Avenue Phone Number: 310-394-2070
Vincenzo

Address: 714 Montana Avenue Phone Number: 310-395-6619

Santa Monica – Popular Hangouts

The Beach and everything from that goes with it; the sunshine, the lingerin around and the sporting is what Santa Monica is well known for.

The Beach Bike Path attracts generally everyone into sporting, roller bladers, joggers, basically everyone for there is an average of 300 sunny days in Santa Monica. In the way you will meet many street performers, musicians or you can join in with beach volleyball or hang out at the place called "muscle beach".

The Pacific Ocean makes an ideal place for enjoyng the water, surfing, swimming or just walking. Lifeguards are present.

The Santa Monica Mountains are just 15 minutes north of downtown Santa Monica. Enter the 150,000 acre Santa Monica Mountain Recreation Area from Sunset Boulevard. You will also find many locals here to enjoy hiking and bird watching. Park sites are open 7 days a week. More information; call the park's information line (818) 597-9192 extension 201.

Douglas Park (24th Street & Wilshire Boulevard) features a green, bowling. Apart from the bowling the park also features outdoor tennis courts.

Santa Monica – Sights

The Santa Monica Pier is the oldest pleasure pier on the west coast. It's the premier beach attraction Santa Monica has to offer. You will find on the Pier the historic Looff Hippodrome building and carousel, the spectacular rides and games of the new Pacific Park, shops, restaurants and a fishing balcony. Sometimes there are free concerts during the summer. For information; the Pier Restoration Corporation (310) 458-8900.

At the Looff Hippodrome Building, on the Santa Monica Pier there is a 1922 Philadelphia Toboggan carousel which was brought to the Pier in 1946. The 44- original hand-painted horses were restored in 1981 and were featured in the movie "The Sting" with Paul Newman and Robert Redford. Rides are not expensive.

Pacific Park, also on the Santa Monica Pier is a open park with a tall Ferris wheel, an oceanfront rollercoaster and many more nice things which make an ideal place for you and your family to visit.

Underneath the Pier is the UCLA Discovery Center, it is a high-tech, interactive which concentrates on the ecology of the Pacific Ocean. Admission is \$3. The Center is open to the public Saturdays and Sundays only from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. During the summer Tuesday-Friday 3 – 6 p.m. Call (310) 393-6149 for information.

There is an international Chess Park on the beachfront, feel free to join in for a play as it is suitable for beginners and experts.

Palisades Park is the most well known of all Santa Monica's parks. From this spot you can overlook the Pacific Ocean, offering a beautiful view of the Bay from Palos Verdes Peninsula to Malibu. You can enjoy the green surroundings and marvel at the view.

Santa Monica – Shopping

There are three important downtown shopping districts. Main Street, Third Street Promenade/Santa Monica Place and Montana Avenue are hosting fashion stores, book shops, gift shops and even clothing from Hollywood motion pictures.

In Main Street there is still the art deco style of the old days present. You will find many art galleries, antique shops and other interesting shops here. At the Frank O.Gehry designed Edgemar, there are many avantgarde fashion shops and galleries with Warhol or even Mondrian.

The Third Street Promenade is a lively shopping steet with many performers and nice places for a cup of coffee or just to sit down and watch. In particular it is known for it's collection of bookshops. On Lincoln Boulevard at the North of the downtown area you will find the Santa Monica Antique Market.

Montana Avenue also north of downtown is a flashy place where the rich and famous go shopping. Especially fashion and design clothing can be found here.

The biggest market in the state is the Farmer's Market. Here you can go for the renowned California fruits and vegetables delivered fresh. Maybe even some flowers? Wednesday's markets at 2nd and Arizona bring out many people and on Saturday you may spot some chef's buying their goods for dinner.

For contemporary art you can visit the many galleries at Bergamot Station at Cloverfield and Olympic.

Santa Monica – Internet Cafes

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ECI/Santa Monica

tel: +1 310 828 8732
email: ecafe@netcom.com
address: 1649 18th Street
Santa Monica, California 90404–3807

World Cafe

tel: (310) 392–1661
email: teck@interworld.net
address: 2820 Main Street
Santa Monica, California 90405

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Torrance

Attention shop-aholics! Don't miss the impressive Del Amo Fashion Center in Torrance, offering more than 350 stores and restaurants.

Torrance – Accommodation

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Hilton Torrance/ South Bay

Full-service newly-renovated European-style luxury hotel. Awarded best hotel in South Bay. Patio and waterscapes. 2 miles to beach. Adjacent to shopping mall. 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. 90503 310/540-0500, 800/744-1500 Fax: 310/540-2065 www.hilton.com Meeting Facilities, Pool, Restaurant, Non-Smoking Rooms, Exercise Facilities, Near Airport 371 Units \$89-\$169

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Adjacent to Del Amo Fashion Center. Ideally located close to the beach and Los Angeles. Come see all that L.A. has to offer. 3635 Fashion Way 90503 310/316-3636 Fax: 310/543-6013 www.gowestmarriott.com Meeting Facilities, Pool, Wheelchair Access, Restaurant, Non-Smoking Rooms, Exercise Facilities 487 Units \$104-\$325

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West Los Angeles

SANTA MONICA

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For teens and tourists, the mall, the pier and the boardwalk are big draws for other LA natives not so much. But LA natives will tolerate the 3rd street promenade as its one of the few areas of Santa Monica with nice restaurants AND parking. For shopping, Santa Monica has little hidden pockets like Montana Street and others who are willing to venture off the beaten path.

Santa Monica has some world class resorts, spas and hotels near the beach.

VENICE BEACH

South of Santa Monica is Venice Beach/Muscle Beach. Its not so much a cliché but people who live and hang there are there to play their part in the LA movie of life. Its something everyone has to do its amusing and some point or another, you have to do it. Parking is difficult. Venice also has a nice Farmers Market on the weekends with great breakfasts. You can also drive around the canal area to see some excellent Post-Modern homes as well as Frank Gehrys house along with his fun design of the ad agency Chiat/Day Mojo on Main Street.

PACIFIC PALISADES

Going north of Santa Monica. The Getty Museum is north of Pacific Palisades. Parking is still limited but you dont need to call anymore and theres even a bus line there its definitely a half-day event and almost a full day (if your museum visit is brief) but the view on a sunny day is worth it.

MALIBU

Way north of Santa Monica. The beaches are excellent and if you have a convertible, fun to drive through the canyons to hook up with the 101 in the valley but most of the community is hidden from view and its mostly residential so if seeing expensive homes is your thing then pay a visit to Malibu otherwise, its a quaint seaside community with not much to do or really see.

EL SEGUNDO/HAWTHORNE/TORRANCE

LAX is next to El Segundo and if you enjoy an oil refinery on the beach, heres your chance to be reminded of what LA needs to put its 10 million cars on the road. Hawthorne is also the new location of the hip Japantown though its not all that touristy and its not all in one contiguous clumping, youll find great Japanese/Asian shopping and restaurants scattered throughout the area. You can continue along Highway 1, which goes back towards the coast to check out some of the upscale beach communities of MANHATTEN BEACH/HERMOSA BEACH & REDONODO BEACH. If you continue south, youll soon enter another very upscale beach town of PALO VERDES and the even more exclusive PALO VERDES ESTATES multi million dollar on cliffs overlooking the Pacific. Further south is LONG BEACH home to the LONG BEACH Grand Prix.

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West Hollywood

West Hollywood – Internet Cafes

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Weho Lounge

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Yorba Linda – Internet Cafes

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(714) 692-4000
NetSite Internet Kiosk

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