



A WEEKENDER'S GUIDE TO  
**THE LOS ANGELES**  
**AREA**

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# FIVE-STAR MEALS AND HIDDEN GEMS

FROM RENOWNED JAMES BEARD AWARD-WINNING RESTAURANTS TO DECADES-OLD INSTITUTIONS, THE CULINARY SCENE IN LOS ANGELES BOASTS SOME OF THE BEST CHEFS AND EATERIES IN THE COUNTRY. WITH EVERYTHING FROM DELICATELY PLATED GOURMET DISHES TO AUTHENTIC MIDDLE EASTERN FARE, THE FLAVORS OF LOS ANGELES CONSTANTLY PUSH FOR INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY.

BUT DON'T THINK THAT MEANS THERE AREN'T PLENTY OF GREAT COMFORT FOODS TO ENJOY TOO! PIZZA, BURGERS, TACOS, SUSHI — WHATEVER TYPE OF FOOD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, YOU'LL FIND A FIVE-STAR OPTION IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

WHILE IT MIGHT BE OVERWHELMING TO TACKLE SUCH A DIVERSE AND ACTIVE CULINARY SCENE IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME, WE'VE GOT THE LOWDOWN ON THE TOP FIVE PLACES TO VISIT:



## SQIRL

DO YOU EVER WISH YOU COULD EAT BREAKFAST ALL DAY LONG? THE CHEFS AT SQIRL HAVE PACKED THE MENU WITH EXTRAVAGANT AND FLAVOR-FILLED TOAST COMBINATIONS, DECADENT SEASONAL DISHES, AND DELICIOUS HOUSE-MADE JAMS. THE TINY CAFÉ IS CONSTANTLY FILLED WITH VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY LOOKING TO TRY A DISH FROM THIS ICONIC MENU.

## KISMET

A 2018 JAMES BEARD AWARD FINALIST FOR BEST NEW RESTAURANT, KISMET IS A CASUAL STOP THAT FUSES MEDITERRANEAN FLAVORS WITH CALIFORNIA LIVING. DESIGNED FOR FAMILY-STYLE DINING, THE CHEFS AT KISMET HAVE A PASSION FOR SOURCING THEIR INGREDIENTS LOCALLY AND MAKING SURE EACH DINER HAS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.

## HIPPO

A RESTAURANT THAT SPENT FOUR YEARS IN THE MAKING, HIPPO IS THE BRAINCHILD OF RENOWNED CHEF MATT MOLINA. A HIDDEN GEM IN THE HIGHLAND PARK AREA, HIPPO IS QUICKLY RISING UP THE RANKS TO BE ONE OF THE HOTTEST L.A. RESTAURANTS OF 2018. STOP IN FOR A CARB-FEST OF GOURMET PASTA, MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH FRESH FISH, AND FRESH GARDEN GREENS.

## LANGER'S DELI

ALTHOUGH THE DELI SCENE IS NATIVE TO NEW YORK, LANGER'S DELI IS MAKING SOME WEST COAST NOISE. THIS PASTRAMI HAVEN HAS BEEN A LOS ANGELES INSTITUTION SINCE 1947, ITS NUMBER 19 MENU ITEM — THE PASTRAMI ON RYE — WAS EVEN DUBBED THE “MARILYN MONROE OF PASTRAMI SANDWICHES” BY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS? GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO TRY IT YOURSELF!

## DAN TANA'S

RUB ELBOWS WITH FAMOUS ACTORS, POLITICIANS, AND MUSICIANS ALIKE AT THIS ICONIC ITALIAN EATERY. WELL-KNOWN TO LOCALS, DAN TANA'S IS WHERE L.A. RESIDENTS GET THEIR FILL OF TASTY CARBS (MOST OF THE ENTREES COME WITH A SIDE OF PASTA) AND THE FINEST OF WINES. GRAB SOME RAVIOLI, AND DISCOVER WHY DAN TANA'S IS A FAVORITE STOP FOR SOME OF THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE NAMES IN HOLLYWOOD.

A man and a woman are shown from the chest up, smiling and looking towards the right. The man is wearing a blue denim shirt and sunglasses, and is holding a red shopping bag. The woman is wearing a red and black plaid shirt and sunglasses. The background is a bright, outdoor setting with a brick wall and a window.

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# WINDOW SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

MASSIVE OUTDOOR SHOPPING PLAZAS, ROWS OF LOCAL STORES ON BRICK-LINED STREETS, LUXURIOUS RETAILERS ON THE ICONIC RODEO DRIVE — SHOPPING IN L.A. IS AN ADVENTURE.

## THE GROVE

THE EPITOME OF L.A. SHOPPING, THE GROVE IS A ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR LOCALS AND TOURISTS ALIKE. WITH HIGH-END RETAILERS AND SPECIALTY BOUTIQUES, THE GROVE BOASTS EASILY WALK-ABLE BRICK STREETS AND ELABORATE FOUNTAINS THAT MAKE IT A PRIME LOCATION FOR BOTH SHOPPING AND IMPROMPTU PHOTO SHOOTS.

## TOP SHOPS

MADEWELL

TOPSHOP TOPMAN

BARNEYS

NORDSTROM

ANTHROPOLOGIE

## FOOD STOPS

HALO TOP SCOOP SHOP

DOMINIQUE ANSEL BAKERY

LA PIAZZA

UMAMI BURGER

LADURÉE

## RODEO DRIVE

LUXURY FINDS A HOME AT RODEO DRIVE, A RENOWNED LOS ANGELES STREET KNOWN FOR ITS HIGH-END SHOPS AND THE WALK OF STYLE. EXPLORE THE EPICENTER OF FASHION IN THE STORES ALONG THIS OPULENT THREE-BLOCK STRETCH.

## CAN'T-MISS SHOPS

BALENCIAGA

CHANEL

FENDI

GUCCI

LOUIS VUITTON

## LOCAL FAVORITES

WHILE SHOPPING CENTERS ARE CONVENIENT, IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO EXPLORE THE STORES THAT LOCALS LOVE. FROM INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES TO VINTAGE THRIFT SHOPS, LIVE LIKE AN ANGE-LINO WITH A VISIT TO THESE SPOTS:

### BROOME STREET GENERAL STORE

SELF-LABELED AS A LUXURY CONVENIENCE SHOP, THE BROOME STREET GENERAL STORE OFFERS EVERYTHING FROM LIGHT FOOD AND FRESH COFFEE TO FURNITURE AND KITCHEN SUPPLIES.

### H.D. BUTTERCUP

THINK OF H.D. BUTTERCUP AS THE ULTRA-TRENDY VERSION OF A CERTAIN SWEDISH FURNITURE STORE CHAIN. THE H.D. BUTTERCUP WAREHOUSE OFFERS MODERN FURNISHING OPTIONS FOR EVERY ROOM OF YOUR HOME — NOT TO MENTION THE LARGEST RUG COLLECTION IN CALIFORNIA. SPEND A FEW HOURS GETTING LOST IN INTERIOR DESIGN DAYDREAMS AT THIS TRÈS CHIC STORE IN THE CITY.

### THE LAST BOOKSTORE

LOCATED IN THE MASSIVE SPRING ARTS TOWER BUILDING, THE LAST BOOKSTORE HAS GROWN TO BECOME ONE OF THE LARGEST INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES IN THE WORLD. SPEND HOURS EXPLORING THE STACKS, AND FIND YOUR NEXT LITERARY TREASURE.

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# LOOKING FOR A PHOTO OP?

THERE ARE PLENTY OF ICONIC SIGHTS AROUND LOS ANGELES — FROM THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN TO THE WALK OF FAME. IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO SNAP A PICTURE TO SHARE WITH THE FOLKS BACK HOME, BRING YOUR CAMERA ALONG TO THESE POPULAR ATTRACTIONS:





# GRIFFITH PARK AND OBSERVATORY

YOU MIGHT NOT THINK OF LOS ANGELES AS A PLACE FOR GREEN SPACES, BUT GRIFFITH PARK IS ACTUALLY THE LARGEST STATE PARK IN CALIFORNIA. TOTALLY FREE TO THE PUBLIC THE SCENIC VIEWS FROM THE TOP OF THE GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY ARE SOME OF THE BEST IN THE CITY.

SNAG A SHOT OF THE LOS ANGELES SKYLINE, MEANDER THROUGH THE WALKING PATHS IN THE MOUNTAINS, AND EXPLORE THE HEAVENS WITH THE ZEISS TELESCOPE. GRIFFITH PARK IS A GREAT LOCATION TO GET A UNIQUE VIEW OF THE CITY OF ANGELS.

## DISNEYLAND

THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH AND A MAJOR VACATION DESTINATION, DISNEYLAND IS A HOT STOP FOR BOTH LOCALS AND TOURISTS. IN ADDITION TO THE VARIETY OF RIDES AND FAMILIAR CHARACTERS WALKING THE STREETS, THERE ARE TONS OF GIFT SHOPS, EXCLUSIVE DISNEYLAND FOODS, AND SEVEN THEMED LANDS TO EXPLORE.

PUT ON A PAIR OF MOUSE EARS AND SNAP A PICTURE IN FRONT OF THE ICONIC DISNEY CASTLE AND MICKEY STATUE! WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING TO SPEND A WHOLE WEEKEND HERE OR JUST A DAY, YOU'LL PROBABLY NEVER RUN OUT OF NEW THINGS TO SEE AND DO.

## HOLLYWOOD

THOUGH YOU'LL HAVE TO TRAVEL A FEW MILES OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES TO GET HERE, HOLLYWOOD IS HOME TO SEVERAL POPULAR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. WHILE IT'S ILLEGAL TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN, YOU CAN ALWAYS TAKE A HIKE UP MOUNT HOLLYWOOD OR FIND A SWEET SPOT FROM GRIFFITH PARK, AND ENJOY ACCESS TO ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE MONUMENTS IN THE WORLD!

WHILE YOU'RE IN HOLLYWOOD, DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A STROLL DOWN THE WALK OF FAME. DECORATED WITH STARS FROM FAMOUS ACTORS, MUSICIANS, AND TALK-SHOW PERSONALITIES, YOU'LL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO FIND THE NAME OF YOUR FAVORITE CELEBRITY ON THIS HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD STOP.

# LA BREA TAR PITS

DO YOU KNOW WHAT MAKES A GREAT PHOTO OP? HUGE PITS OF TAR! OKAY, WHILE IT'S NOT THE MOST CONVENTIONAL ATTRACTION, THE LA BREA TAR PITS IS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE TOP-RATED TOURIST STOPS IN THE CITY.

DATING BACK 40,000 YEARS, THE TAR PITS PRESERVED A VARIETY OF ANCIENT FOSSILS AND NOW OFFER A UNIQUE GLIMPSE INTO THE DEEP HISTORY OF L.A. YOU KNOW, BACK WHEN DINOSAURS WERE HITTING UP THE SHOPS ON RODEO DRIVE. MAKE SURE YOU STOP AT THE PAGE MUSEUM TO SEE SOME OF THE RECONSTRUCTED FOSSILS, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY PRESERVED IN THE TAR PITS!

## PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

ALTHOUGH THE PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM IS ALL ABOUT CARS, EVERYTHING ABOUT IT — FROM THE DIVERSE ARRAY OF EXHIBITS TO THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE BUILDING — LOOKS MORE LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D FIND IN A MODERN ART MUSEUM. EVEN IF YOU AREN'T A BIG FAN OF CARS, THE PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM MAKES FOR A TRULY UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY VISITOR.

## OLVERA STREET

IF YOU'RE SPENDING A WEEKEND HERE, HOW COULD YOU NOT STOP AT THE SITE WHERE IT ALL BEGAN, THE BIRTHPLACE OF LOS ANGELES? OLVERA STREET WAS CREATED BACK IN THE 1930S AS A WAY TO PRESERVE THE CULTURE AND TRADITIONS OF EARLY CALIFORNIA. TODAY, IT'S CHARMING BRICK-LINED STREETS ARE HOME TO A POPULAR MEXICAN MARKETPLACE FILLED WITH BUSTLING SHOPS AND VENDORS. MUNCH ON SOME TASTY TAQUITOS WHILE YOU BROWSE THROUGH THE HANDMADE WARES AND ENJOY LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES. FUN FACT: MANY OF THE CURRENT OLVERA STREET MERCHANTS ARE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL VENDORS!

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# LACE UP YOUR SHOES

CITY DWELLERS AND NATURE LOVERS UNITE IN THE SPRAWLING PARKS OF LOS ANGELES. WHETHER YOU'RE JUST CASUALLY INTERESTED IN THE OUTDOORS OR LOOKING FOR A RELIABLE WEEKLY HIKE, THERE ARE A SURPRISING AMOUNT PARKS, TRAILS, GARDENS, AND MORE TO EXPLORE IN THE L.A. AREA!

WE ALREADY MENTIONED GRIFFITH PARK, BUT TAKE A LOOK AT THESE OTHER OUTDOOR DESTINATIONS IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A HIKE, A PICNIC, OR A QUICK ROUND OF GOLF:



# KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA

LOTUS PONDS, FISHING HOLES, AND MILES OF HIKING TRAILS ARE JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF KENNETH HAHN. THE EXPANSIVE PARK OFFERS GREAT VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING TOPOGRAPHY, INCLUDING THE PACIFIC OCEAN, DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, AND THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS.

ENJOY THE MULTIPLE PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC COURTS, PICNIC SHELTERS, AND BARBECUE PITS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE ACRES OF GREEN SPACE IN THE PARK.

## ECHO PARK LAKE

ARE YOU A FAN OF AQUATIC ACTIVITIES, BUT DON'T WANT TO MAKE THE DRIVE TO THE BEACH? SURROUNDED BY PALM TREES AND SKYLINE VIEWS OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, ECHO PARK LAKE IS A WATERSIDE OASIS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY.

TAKE A SWAN BOAT OR A CANOE OUT ON THE WATER, TRY YOUR LUCK AT SOME FISHING, OR JUST TAKE A SCENIC STROLL AROUND THE BANKS. THE PARK OFFERS A DIVERSE ARRAY OF FLORA AND FAUNA, FROM GEESE AND TURTLES TO LOTUS FLOWERS AND LILY PADS. TAKE IN SOME NATURAL BEAUTY AT THIS BELOVED LOCAL SPOT.

## TEE TIME

EXPLORE THE L.A. GOLF CIRCUIT AND TAKE IN THE ROLLING GREEN HILLS AND LUXURIOUS COUNTRY CLUBS AT ONE OF THE MANY FIVE-STAR COURSES IN THE AREA.

WHETHER YOU'RE GOING FOR PAR OR JUST A ENJOYING A CASUAL GAME, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT ONE OF THESE L.A. AREA GOLF COURSES:

ROOSEVELT GOLF COURSE LOCATED IN GRIFFITH PARK AND JUST A STONE'S THROW AWAY FROM THE RENOWNED GREEK THEATRE, THE ROOSEVELT GOLF COURSE OFFERS BOTH A CHALLENGING GAME AND UNBEATABLE VIEWS. WITH NARROW GREENS AND PLENTY OF OBSTACLES TO NAVIGATE, THE VARIABILITY OF PLAY KEEPS TONS OF LOCAL GOLFERS COMING BACK FOR MORE.

INDUSTRY HILLS GOLF CLUB AT PACIFIC PALMS THE OFFICIAL HOME OF THE PGA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE INDUSTRY HILLS GOLF CLUB OFFERS SEVERAL PRISTINE COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM. WITH 650 ACRES OF LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPING AND TWO SEPARATE COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM, YOU COULD SPEND AN ENTIRE DAY EXPLORING THE PACIFIC PALMS.

ANGELES NATIONAL GOLF COURSE RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP 30 BEST NEW COURSES WORLD-WIDE BY TRAVEL + LEISURE GOLF MAGAZINE, THE ANGELES NATIONAL GOLF COURSE IS LOCATED RIGHT AT THE BASE OF THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST. AN 18-HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE, THE STUNNING VISTAS AND ROLLING GREEN HILLS OF ANGELES NATIONAL MAKE IT A HIT FOR CASUAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS ALIKE.

## THE LINKS AT TERRANEA

LOCATED ON A SET OF BLUFFS ABOVE THE PACIFIC OCEAN, THE TERRANEA GOLF COURSE IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST-RATED IN THE AREA. TAKING DESIGN INSPIRATION FROM MEDITERRANEAN VILLAS, THE BREATHTAKING VIEWS MAKE FOR A MEMORABLE GOLF OUTING.

## INDUSTRY HILLS GOLF CLUB AT PACIFIC PALMS

THE OFFICIAL HOME OF THE PGA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE INDUSTRY HILLS GOLF CLUB OFFERS SEVERAL PRISTINE COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM. WITH 650 ACRES OF LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPING AND TWO SEPARATE COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM, YOU COULD SPEND AN ENTIRE DAY EXPLORING THE PACIFIC PALMS.

## BLACK GOLD GOLF CLUB

A CHALLENGING COURSE WITH OVER 18,000 ACRES OF GREEN SPACE, THE BLACK GOLD GOLF COURSE OFFERS 18 HOLES OF UNBEATABLE GOLFING. THE COURSE HAS WON SEVERAL AWARDS AND IS A LOCAL FAVORITE FOR ORANGE COUNTY GOLFERS.

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# ONE-OF-A-KIND

## L.A. LIVING

EVERY CITY HAS AN ARRAY OF SHOPPING, DINING, AND PARKS, BUT THERE ARE FEW THAT CAN CLAIM THE UNIQUE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES THAT L.A. PROVIDES.

FROM OFFBEAT MUSEUMS TO EXCLUSIVE MUSIC AND COMEDY VENUES, LIVING IN LOS ANGELES AFFORDS ACCESS TO SOME OF THE BEST ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE COUNTRY. WHILE WE COULD WAX POETIC ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF LIFE IN LOS ANGELES, WE'LL SETTLE FOR GIVING YOU A LITTLE GLIMPSE INTO WHAT MAKES THE AREA SO UNIQUE:



## LIVE SHOWS

LOOKING TO TAKE IN A SHOW FROM YOUR FAVORITE ARTISTS OR A LOCAL BAND? NEED A FEW BELLY LAUGHS THAT ONLY A COMEDY SHOW CAN PROVIDE? OR MAYBE YOU WANT TO CATCH A PERFORMANCE OF THE LATEST BROADWAY HIT? TRY OUT A FEW OF THESE STOP FOR THE BEST LIVE SHOWS L.A. HAS TO OFFER:

## MUSIC VENUES

THE FONDA THEATRE  
THE TROUBADOUR  
HOLLYWOOD BOWL  
GREEK THEATRE

## COMEDY CLUBS

HOLLYWOOD IMPROV CLUB  
LAUGH FACTORY  
LARGO AT THE CORONET  
UCB FRANKLIN & UCB SUNSET

## THEATRES

REDCAT  
AHMANSON THEATRE  
MARK TAPER FORUM  
PALACE THEATRE

## ECLECTIC MUSEUMS

MUSEUMS ARE GREAT FOR LEARNING ABOUT SCIENCE AND HISTORY AND STUFF, BUT THE MUSEUMS IN LOS ANGELES OFFER A MORE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE. FROM THE STRANGE TO THE INNOVATIVE, HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR RECOMMENDED STOPS FOR EXPLORING LOS ANGELES CULTURE:

## THE GRAMMY MUSEUM

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING AMERICAN MUSIC HISTORY, THE GRAMMY MUSEUM IS PROBABLY THE ONLY PLACE IN THE WORLD WHERE YOU CAN SEE EXHIBITS DEDICATED TO ARTISTS LIKE MICHAEL JACKSON, FRANK SINATRA, CHEECH AND CHONG, AND KATY PERRY.

## MUSEUM OF SELFIES

AN INTERACTIVE MUSEUM EXPERIENCE, THE MUSEUM OF SELFIES TAKES YOU ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY OF SELFIES AND PROVIDES TONS OF HANDS-ON EXHIBITS ALONG THE WAY.

## THE GETTY MUSEUM

THE GETTY MUSEUM A CULTURAL AND PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION WITH AN EMPHASIS ON VISUAL ARTS, THE GETTY IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING AND CONSERVING ALL WORKS OF ART. WITH TWO EXPANSIVE CAMPUSES DEDICATED TO HOUSING, STUDYING, AND PRESERVING THE COLLECTIONS, THE MUSEUMS AT THE GETTY CENTER FEATURE EVERYTHING FROM RENAISSANCE PAINTINGS TO EXHIBITS ON MODERN ARCHITECTURE.

## CELEBRATIONS GALORE

EVEN THOUGH LOS ANGELES IS A HUGE CITY, THERE ARE STILL TONS OF CHANCES TO CELEBRATE EVENTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. FROM CULTURAL FAIRS TO HOLIDAY FESTIVALS, EVERY WEEK-END OFFERS A CHANCE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND EXPLORE DIFFERENT FACETS OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY.

HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE YEARLY CELEBRATIONS:

## TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

A DECADE'S-LONG NEW YEAR'S DAY CELEBRATION, THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES INCLUDES THE MASSIVE ROSE PARADE AND THE FAMOUS ROSE BOWL GAME.



## L.A. FILM FESTIVAL

SINCE L.A. IS THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE FILM INDUSTRY, THE L.A. FILM FESTIVAL IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE INDEPENDENT FILMS, DOCUMENTARIES, AND ALL KINDS OF VIDEO ARTS.

## HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL

AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL THAT HAPPENS ON HALLOWEEN DAY, THE HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL IS A GIANT HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION LIKE NO OTHER. WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME AND PREPARE FOR TONS OF FRIGHTS AND FUN.