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At American Sky, we offer a number of holiday options if you'd like to visit Los Angeles. You can choose to stay in one of the city's fabulous hotels through one of our packages or alternatively we run a number of tours that stop of in the city, including the [American Sky Western Discovery Tour](#).

A visit to LA is on many a bucket list, and it's easy to see why. So much more than just the home of Hollywood (although this alone is enough to draw thousands of visitors every year), this city also has more than 300 museums, fantastic shopping, miles of sunny beaches, a vibrant nightlife and a culinary offering featuring some of the most delicious cuisines from around the world. We'd love to tell you that you'll be able to see everything Los Angeles has to offer in 24 hours, but unfortunately that's not the case. However, we've come up with a guide to our must-sees to help you know where to start and how to narrow down your options. You may not be able to see everything but that shouldn't mean you miss out on LA's best bits!

At the end of the guide, you will find a directory of all the places we have mentioned so you know where to find them and how to get in touch if you want to find out more.

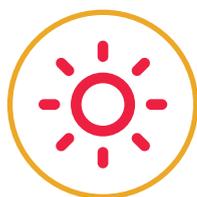
## How to use this guide

First, you'll see our top tips section. These are just a few notes to help you on your way before you've even set foot on Hollywood Boulevard.

The rest of the guide is then split into four sections:



MORNING



AFTERNOON



EVENING



NIGHT

## Symbol key

Throughout the guide, you'll see a number of symbols. These are to help you quickly identify the following things:

 = Free

 = Cheap

 = Average

 = Expensive

 = Very Expensive

 = Family Friendly

 = Food & Drink

 = Shopping

 = Arts & Culture

 = Outdoor

 = Star Attraction

 = Nightlife



## TOP TIPS

### Dress appropriately for the climate

The weather in LA is pretty mild all year round but there is some seasonal difference. If you're visiting in summer (June - September), expect 25-30 degrees Celsius during the day (although it can still get pretty chilly at night). Expect crowds at this time of year, too: restaurant reservations are a must at this time of year. Autumn (October - December) is the time to watch out for the famous Santa Ana winds, while in winter (December - March), you can still expect warm days but you'll need a jacket at night.



### Plan ahead

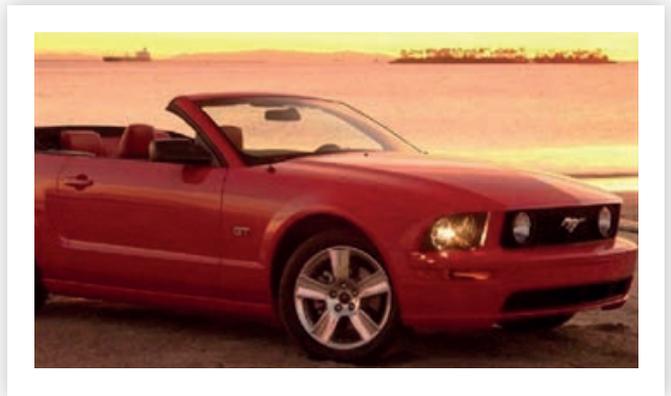
We know this is not always easy, but planning ahead becomes even more important if you are only visiting LA for a short period. Los Angeles is a big city and the traffic can get pretty bad. If the places you want to visit are spread across the city (as is likely to be the case), planning is vital. Whether driving or using public transport, know how you're going to get to where you want to go before you get started. Your concierge or tour guide will be able to advise you.

### Tipping

Knowing how much to tip when you are on holiday anywhere in the world can be a bit of a minefield. In LA restaurants, your bill will not include any gratuities unless stated otherwise. Tipping is voluntary but customary: somewhere between 15% and 20% is about right for restaurant and taxi services.

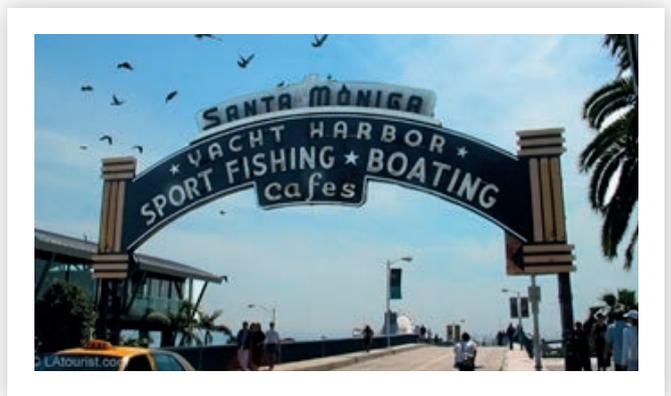
### Know your parking

If you do have a car with you on your brief stay, avoid making it more expensive than necessary by knowing the city's basic parking rules: they are readily enforced. Red kerbs mean no parking, green allows parking for a limited time, and white and yellow kerbs indicate loading areas.



### Look beyond Hollywood

The glitz and glamour of Hollywood is one of LA's most famous tourist attractions and is likely to be somewhere near the top of your 24-hour agenda. Be careful not to become too star struck; LA has much to offer besides film studios. Our guide is here to help you look beyond Hollywood and discover some of the other fantastic attractions this city has to offer.





# MORNING

## Breakfast & All Day Attractions



Waking up in LA, chances are one of the first things on your mind is going to be breakfast. Where to head for your early morning feast will depend on what you're after and, of course, where you are, but on the right we've picked a few of our favourite breakfast spots to help give you an idea of what's out there.

If you have got little ones (or perhaps big kids) with you on your visit to LA, the draw of the county's big theme parks might be too strong to resist. Disneyland Park, the original Disney theme park and the only one that Walt Disney himself designed, and Disney California Adventure are a half-hour drive away from central LA (in good traffic).

If you're looking for a family-friendly theme park to spend your whole day in but are on a bit of a budget, try Knott's Berry Farm as an alternative. It's closer to LA, too. Don't kid yourself, though – if you and the family head to any of the big theme parks in the morning, chances are that your 24 hours in LA will be gone before you have had chance to visit anywhere else.

### Pico Cafe

8944 West Pico Boulevard



### Griddle Cafe

7916 Sunset Boulevard



### Nick's Cafe

1300 North Spring Street



### El Huarachito

3010 North Broadway



### Blu Jam Cafe

7371 Melrose Avenue



### Disneyland Park

1313 South Disneyland Drive, Anaheim



### Disney California Adventure

1313 South Disneyland Drive, Anaheim



### Knott's Berry Farm

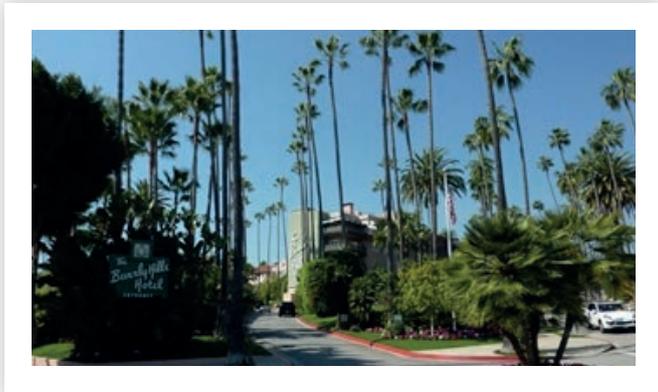
8039 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park





# MORNING

## Hollywood Attractions



Exploring Hollywood on a bright and breezy LA morning is always a good idea. If you're up early enough, you should be able to visit some of the major attractions and see some of the famous sights before it gets too busy. Take a stroll down the Hollywood Walk of Fame to see the celebratory stars of some of film and TV's favourite players or head down Hollywood Boulevard to see if you can spot any of the stars in real life.

Try Universal Studios for theme park thrills, offering indoor rollercoasters, rides, 3D experiences, plus the world famous Studio Tour. The nearby Warner Brothers Studios also offers you the chance to get behind the scenes of some of Hollywood's favourite movies and TV shows.

Next, you can head to the inimitable Grauman's Chinese Theatre to see how your handprints measure up to some of Hollywood's most famous stars. Head inside for a 20 minute walking tour that takes you through Hollywood movie history.

Thanks to the Hollywood bus tours, you can easily explore the glamour of Sunset Boulevard, see the homes of Hollywood glitterati and find out more about where the rich and famous live and have previously lived. Ask your concierge or at your hotel reception for more information about these tours.

### Universal Studios

100 Universal City Plaza



### Warner Brothers Studios

3400 West Riverside Drive



### Hollywood Walk of Fame



### Grauman's Chinese Theatre

6925 Hollywood Boulevard





# MORNING

## Shopping



Head to the viewing bridge of the Hollywood & Highland Center for a good look at the famous Hollywood sign. Here you will also find the home of the Oscars – the huge Dolby Theatre – plus plenty of opportunities to shop and dine away the morning. If shopping is your thing, Hollywood has plenty to offer you. You can quite easily spend your morning (or indeed your whole day) hunting for bargains or designer finds.

For serious designer shopping, Beverly Hills-style (think Cartier, Chanel, Prada, Hermes and the like), head to Rodeo Drive, where window shopping and celebrity spotting are keen pastimes.

For high-end high street shopping, head to Grove Mall, where you will also find restaurants, a large park, 14-screen cinema complex and a musical fountain display. Next door you'll find the Farmers Market – a must for foodies – while music fans should not miss Amoeba Music on Sunset Boulevard.

### Hollywood & Highland Center

6801 Hollywood Boulevard



### Hollywood sign

Off Commonwealth Canyon Drive, Los Angeles



### Rodeo Drive



### Grove Mall

189 The Grove Drive



### Farmers Market

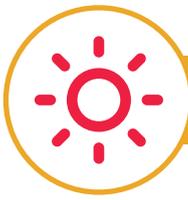
6333 West Third Street



### Amoeba Music

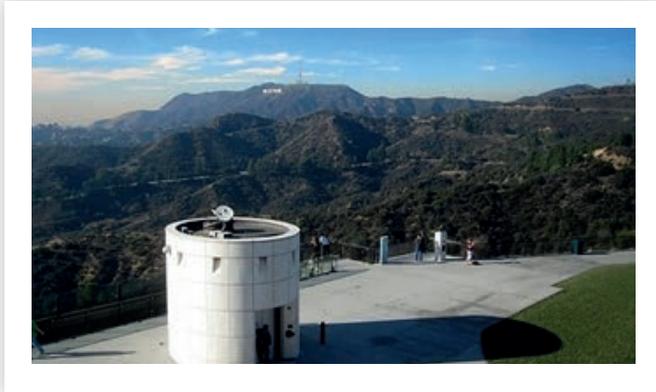
6400 Sunset Boulevard





# AFTERNOON

## Lunch & Cultural Attractions



If you haven't already grabbed some lunch from the Farmers Market, early afternoon is a great time to sample some of the culinary delights offered by LA's finest restaurants at a cheaper price than charged in the evening. For a selection of our favourite restaurants in LA, take a look at our 'Evening' section. Alternatively, you could try lunch at The Ivy for some celebrity spotting or Philippe the Original for the famous French dip sandwich.

The afternoon is the perfect opportunity to explore the city's wealth of museums and cultural attractions. Visit one of the world's greatest cultural and research centres, the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, for a fine collection of art and rare books plus 120 acres of themed gardens. Alternatively, head just north of Hollywood to the Griffith Observatory or explore the north side of the surrounding Griffith Park to view the famous Hollywood sign from afar.

LA has plenty of other cultural attractions that you could choose to spend your afternoon enjoying, from prehistoric tar pits to collections of some of the more obscure objects from history. You'll find a few of our favourites on the right.

### The Ivy

113 North Robertson Boulevard



### Philippe the Original

1001 North Alameda Street



### Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino



### Griffith Park and Observatory

2800 East Observatory Road



### Getty Center

1200 Getty Center Drive



### Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)

5905 Wilshire Boulevard



### George C. Page Museum and La Brea Tar Pits

5801 Wilshire Boulevard



### Museum of Jurassic Technology

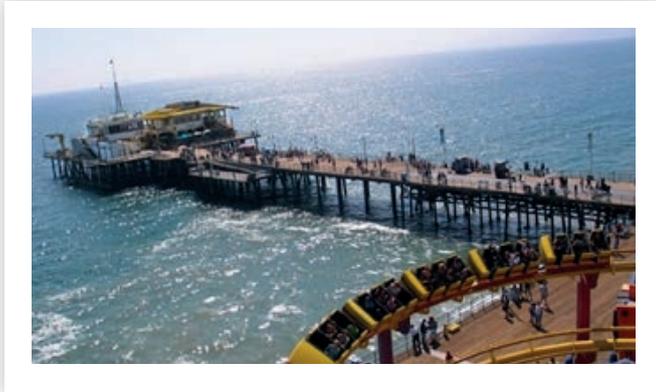
9341 Venice Boulevard





# AFTERNOON

## The Great Outdoors



If you're looking to spend your afternoon exploring historic LA on foot, booking yourself a spot on one of the Los Angeles Conservancy Walking Tours is a great way to do just that. Each walking group is led by a knowledgeable local and focuses on the architecture of Downtown LA.

If you're looking to find the best of eccentric LA in all its glory then Venice Beach is for you, with its street vendors and performers in full swing by the afternoon. There are many other beaches in and around LA, offering everything from surf (Surfrider Beach) and fitness (Muscle Beach) to star spotting (Manhattan Beach) and family-friendly fun (Santa Monica Beach).

If you really have a passion for exploring the great outdoors, an afternoon in Leo Carrillo State Park is a great choice. This beachside conservation area boasts tide pools, sea caves and reefs, many of which can be freely explored by curious visitors. Also consider travelling down to Long Beach and catching the ferry to Santa Catalina Island, which attracts around a million tourists each year thanks to its reefs and shipwrecks which can be explored by glass bottom boat tours.

### Los Angeles Conservancy Walking Tours

523 West Sixth Street



### Venice Beach



### Muscle Beach



### Manhattan Beach



### Surfrider Beach



### Santa Monica Beach



### Leo Carrillo State Park

35000 West Pacific Coast Highway



### Santa Catalina Island





## EVENING

### International Cuisine



After a busy afternoon exploring some of the many delights LA has to offer, stomachs are bound to be rumbling. Fortunately, dining is another area in which this city excels. For upmarket but traditional cuisine, consider Wolfgang Puck's Cut (steak house offering a fine dining twist), The Palm (steaks and seafood plus a celebrity clientele) or the famous Musso and Frank Grill (truly traditional daily specials).

In terms of international cuisine, you will be spoiled for choice in LA. Of particular note is the city's wealth of restaurants offering delicious Asian food. Dine in Hollywood's "mountain palace" at Yamashiro, which offers hilltop views across the city. The Monsoon Café boasts an "over-the-top" celebration of the exotically tropical, while Hirozen and Matsuhisa offer fine Japanese cuisine.

#### Wolfgang Puck's Cut

Beverly Wilshire Four Seasons, 9500 Wilshire Boulevard



#### The Palm

9001 Santa Monica Boulevard  
or 1100 South Flower Street



#### The Musso and Frank Grill

6667 Hollywood Boulevard



#### Yamashiro

1999 North Sycamore Avenue



#### Monsoon Cafe

1212 Third Street Promenade



#### Hirozen

8385 Beverly Boulevard



#### Matsuhisa

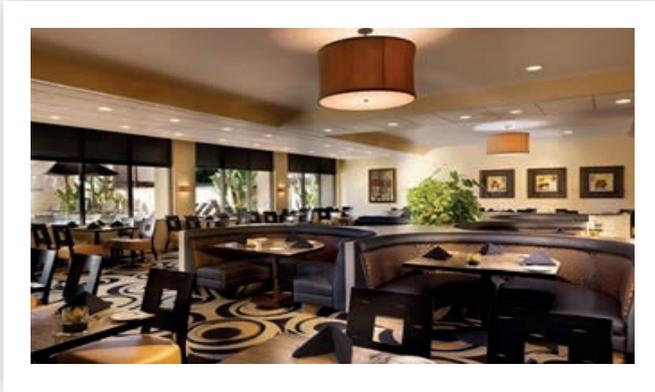
129 North La Cienega Boulevard





## EVENING

### Celebrity Dining & Cinema



If you like your dining to have an air of celebrity about it, LA boasts a whole host of restaurants, part-owned, part-funded or frequented by Hollywood's rich and famous. If you are serious about star spotting (and have the appropriate budget), try one of the four restaurants we've listed on the right.

If you haven't yet had your fill of movie mania, catching a film at one of LA's many cinemas is a great way to spend your evening. Return to Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood for a screening (or, if it is premiere season, a bit of star spotting outside the theatre). Alternatively, you can enjoy a screening of a classic or new film in a traditional revival setting at the New Beverly Cinema, while the Cinerama Dome is once again open for business, having been incorporated into a 14-screen complex.

You can soak up the cinematic atmosphere (without actually booking yourself in to see a film) by exploring the Broadway theatre district on foot. Here, you will find the largest concentration of "movie palaces" still standing in America. Although many are no longer used as cinemas, from Third to Ninth Streets along South Broadway you will find 12 palaces still standing.

#### Beso

6350 Hollywood Boulevard



#### Geisha House

6633 Hollywood Boulevard



#### Mr Chow

344 North Camden Drive



#### Cafe La Boheme

8400 Santa Monica Boulevard



#### Grauman's Chinese Theatre

6925 Hollywood Boulevard



#### New Beverly Cinema

7165 West Beverly Boulevard



#### Cinerama Dome

6360 Sunset Boulevard





## EVENING

### Theatres & Shows



Considering the prominence of Hollywood, it's hardly surprising that LA has a thriving theatre culture. Lovers of all kinds of performing arts are likely to find something to please at The Music Center (135 North Grand Avenue) in the Bunker Hill area of downtown Los Angeles, which is made up of seven venues: the Ahmanson Theatre, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Mark Taper Forum, Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Music Center Plaza and W.M Keck Children's Amphitheatre.

Other theatres offer a nightly programme of dance, drama and everything else in between. The Pantages Theatre in Hollywood has been in action for over 50 years and hosts stage performances as well as being a favourite location for movies and music videos. Head to the intimate Geffen Playhouse or UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance for brand new plays or visit the Dolby Theatre for large-scale productions at the home of the Oscars.

#### The Music Center

135 North Grand Avenue



#### Pantages Theater Hollywood

6233 Hollywood Boulevard



#### Geffen Playhouse

10886 Le Conte Avenue



#### Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA

340 Royce Drive



#### Dolby Theatre

6801 Hollywood Boulevard





# NIGHT

## Comedy & Music



Is comedy your thing? LA boasts some of the finest venues to catch up-and-coming comedians on their way to stardom. Renowned as a springboard of talent, LA's comedy clubs are the place to see some of the finest improv the city has to offer. For your chance to catch a show from an act you probably haven't seen before in a cool, intimate venue, LA is the city to be.

As famous as LA nightlife is for comedy, its array of iconic music venues is enough to keep any rock 'n' roll fan entertained until the early hours. If you fancy rocking out at some of LA's coolest venues, try the Roxy Theatre, which has played a part in musical history, hosting classic performances from the likes of Neil Young and Bruce Springsteen. Alternatively, for those who enjoy the rockier side of rock 'n' roll, head to Whisky A Go Go, while punk rock fans should give The Viper Room a try.

### Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre

5919 Franklin Avenue



### M.i Westside Comedy Theater

1323 Third Street Promenade



### Laugh Factory

8001 Sunset Boulevard



### Groundlings Theatre

7307 Melrose Avenue



### ACME Comedy Theatre

135 North La Brea Avenue



### Roxy Theatre

9009 West Sunset Boulevard



### Whisky A Go Go

8901 West Sunset Boulevard



### The Viper Room

8852 West Sunset Boulevard





# NIGHT

## Clubs



If you like your live music on a large scale, then a well-timed trip to the famous Hollywood Bowl could be on the cards. A huge venue that makes the most of its situation in a natural amphitheatre, the Hollywood Bowl hosts performances from almost every genre you can think of, including pop, classical, opera and jazz. Although the venue is huge, it hosts some immensely popular acts and as such booking in advance is a must.

If you're still going strong and are looking to get yet more from the entertainment capital of the world, LA offers one of the most extravagant and opulent clubbing scenes going. Grab those dancing shoes and head to one of the many nightclubs in Hollywood or downtown LA (and keep those eyes peeled for celebrities too). From large-scale super clubs like Exchange LA and Avalon to smaller, hidden gems like Winston's and The Hideout, LA has got it covered.

### Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Avenue



### Exchange LA

618 South Spring Street



### Avalon

1735 Vine Street



### Bardot

1737 Vine Street



### Winston's

7746 Santa Monica Boulevard



### The Hideout

2005 North Highland Avenue



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**01 664 9900** (Eire - Dublin)

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## DIRECTORY

### ACME Comedy Theatre

135 North La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles  
(323) 525-0202  
<http://www.acmecomedey.com/>

### Amoeba Music

6400 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(323) 245-6400  
<http://www.amoeba.com/>

### Avalon

1735 Vine Street, Los Angeles  
(323) 462-8900  
<http://avalonhollywood.com/>

### Bardot

1737 Vine Street, Los Angeles  
(323) 462-1307  
<http://www.bardothollywood.com/>

### Beso

6350 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Los Angeles  
(323) 467-7991  
<http://besohollywood.com/>

### Blu Jam Cafe

7371 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles  
(323) 951-9191

### Cafe La Boheme

8400 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood,  
Los Angeles  
(323) 848-2360  
<http://www.cafelaboheme.us/>

### Cinerama Dome

6360 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(323) 464-1478  
<https://www.arlightcinemas.com/>

### Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA

340 Royce Drive, Los Angeles  
(310) 206-7408  
<http://cap.ucla.edu/>

### Cut

Beverly Wilshire Four Seasons, 9500 Wilshire  
Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(310) 276-8500  
<http://www.wolfgangpuck.com/>

### Disney California Adventure

1313 South Disneyland Drive, Anaheim  
(714) 781-4636  
<http://disneyland.disney.go.com/>

# DIRECTORY

## Disneyland Park

1313 South Disneyland Drive, Anaheim  
(714) 781-7290  
<http://disneyland.disney.go.com/disneyland/>

## Dolby Theatre

6801 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(323) 308-6300  
<http://www.dolbytheatre.com/>

## El Huarachito

3010 North Broadway, Los Angeles  
(323) 223-0476

## Exchange LA

618 South Spring Street, Los Angeles  
(213) 627-8070  
<http://exchangela.com/>

## Farmers Market

6333 West Third Street, Los Angeles  
(323) 933-9211  
<http://www.farmersmarketla.com/>

## Geffen Playhouse

10886 Le Conte Avenue, Los Angeles  
(310) 208-5454  
<http://geffenplayhouse.com/>

## Geisha House

6633 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Los Angeles  
(323) 460-6300  
<http://www.dolcegroup.com/>

## George C. Page Museum and La Brea Tar Pits

5801 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(323) 857-6300  
<http://www.tarpits.org/>

## Getty Center

1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles  
(310) 440-7300  
<http://www.getty.edu/>

## Grauman's Chinese Theatre

6925 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(323) 465-4847  
<http://www.chinesetheatres.com/>

## Griddle Cafe

7916 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(323) 874-0377  
<http://www.thegriddlecafe.com/>

## Griffith Observatory and Park

2800 East Observatory Road, Los Angeles  
(213) 473-0800  
<http://www.griffithobs.org/>

## Groundlings Theatre

7307 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles  
(323) 934-4747  
<http://www.groundlings.com/>

## Grove Mall

189 The Grove Drive, Los Angeles  
(323) 900-8080  
<http://www.thegrovela.com/>

## The Hideout

2005 North Highland Avenue, Los Angeles  
(323) 876-8600

## Hirozen

8385 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(323) 653-0470  
<http://www.hirozen.com/>

## Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Avenue, Los Angeles  
(323) 850-2000  
<http://www.hollywoodbowl.com/>

## Hollywood & Highland Center

6801 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles  
<http://www.hollywoodandhighland.com/>

# DIRECTORY

## Hollywood Walk of Fame

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

## Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino

(626) 405-2100

<http://www.huntington.org/>

## The Ivy

113 North Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles

(310) 274-8303

<http://theivyrestaurant.com/>

## Knott's Berry Farm

8039 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park

(714) 220-5200

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

## Laugh Factory

8001 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles

(323) 656-1336

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

## Leo Carrillo State Park

35000 West Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu

(310) 457-8143

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=616](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=616)

## Los Angeles Conservancy (Walking Tours)

523 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles

(213) 623-2489

<http://lac.laconservancy.org/>

## Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)

5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles

(323) 857-6000

<http://www.lacma.org/>

## M.i Westside Comedy Theater

1323 Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica, Los Angeles

(310) 451-0850

## Matsuhisa

129 North La Cienega Boulevard, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles

(310) 659-9639

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

## Monsoon Cafe

1212 Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica, Los Angeles

(310) 576-9996

<http://monsooncafe.us/>

## Mr Chow

344 North Camden Drive, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles

(310) 278-9911

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

## Museum of Jurassic Technology

9341 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles

(310) 836-6131

<http://mjt.org/>

## The Music Center

135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles

(213) 972-7211

<http://www.musiccenter.org/>

## The Musso and Frank Grill

6667 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles

(323) 467-7788

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

## New Beverly Cinema

7165 West Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles

(323) 938-4038

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

# DIRECTORY

## Nick's Cafe

1300 North Spring Street, Los Angeles  
(323) 222-1450

## The Palm

1100 South Flower Street, Downtown, Los Angeles  
(213) 763-4600

or

9001 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(310) 550-8811

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

## Pantages Theater Hollywood

6233 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(323) 468-1770

<http://www.pantages-theater.com/>

## Philippe the Original

1001 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles  
(213) 628-3781

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

## Pico Cafe

8944 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles  
(310) 385-9592

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

## Roxy Theatre

9009 West Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, Los Angeles

(310) 278-9457

<http://theroxyonsunset.com/>

## Universal Studios

100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City

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

## Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre

5919 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles

(323) 908-8702

<http://losangeles.ucbtheatre.com/>

## The Viper Room

8852 West Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, Los Angeles

(310) 358-1881

<http://viperroom.com/>

## Warner Brothers Studios

3400 West Riverside Drive, Burbank  
(877) 492-8687

<http://vipstudiotour.warnerbros.com/>

## Whisky A Go Go

8901 West Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, Los Angeles

(310) 652-4202

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

## Winston's

7746 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, Los Angeles

(323) 654-0105

## Yamashiro

1999 North Sycamore Avenue, Hollywood, Los Angeles

(323) 466-5125

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

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