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Great food, great fun all in the beautiful and family friendly Palm Springs.

Palm Springs, Los Angeles, 3 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: A beautiful weekend in Palm Springs, and the kids can come? Palm Springs is not only the playground for the stars, it can be the playground for you and your family. The Sands Hotel at Indian Wells is the perfect home away from home for your weekend in Palm Springs, it offers large rooms, with kitchenettes in every unit so that you can bring your own lunches when you visit the mysterious and beautiful Indian Canyons and plunge into Knotts Soak City saving your money for the arcades at Boomers. Now that you have had your fun in the sun, enjoy some of Palm Springs culture and enjoy the Olly-O-Land Children's art gallery, created by local artist Ron Chespak.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Palm Springs

DAY NOTE: Pack up your swim suits and make sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring the sunscreen because it is off to the the mysterious Indian Canyons, in hopes to find traces of past Indian civilizations. Make sure to pack a lunch with you before you head out, you do not want to pass on the opportunity to picnic in the beautiful desert of Palm Springs. Now that you are all packed you can either pile into a cab or rent a car, probably best to rent a nice spacious car or van, whatever your family needs. Once you have arrived at your destination, do not be in a hurry, take your time and enjoy the beauty of the desert, who knows what a careful eye might reveal. I'm sure you will have worked up quite a voracious appetite with your hike in the Indian Canyons, no problem, Simba's is there to fill you up right with their great selection of barbecued soul food. While you are dining remember that you are in a Palm Springs landmark, you are in a bank.



Indian Canyons

A cool hidden oasis



Simba's

Barbecued soul food

Day 2 - Palm Springs, Los Angeles

DAY NOTE: After your day in the desert it is time to escape to Knotts Soak City water parks, where you and your family can get away from the sun for the day. Knotts has a variety of rides and attractions, from huge waterslides to relaxing rivers, they have something for everyone. When it comes to around noon and your stomachs are rumbling you can either enjoy the foods Knotts has on premises or you can pull out the sandwiches you made back at the hotel this morning. When the sun finally does begin to go down, have no fear the fun is not over, it is off to Boomers and their awesome arcades. Along with their arcade they offer a variety of foods for dinner. If parents feel comfortable, they can sneak off and enjoy themselves at a local bar The Nest is just for you, do not feel guilty, the kids have their arcade. When everyone has decided they have had enough fun for the day it is back to the Sands Hotel at Indian Wells for a well deserved rest.



Knotts Soak City

Family of waterparks



Boomers

Super fun arcade



Nest (The)

Established favorite

Day 3 - Palm Springs

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Olly-O-Land Children's Art Gallery

Paper sculpture illustrations



Canyon Bistro

Cool and calm canyon



Living Desert

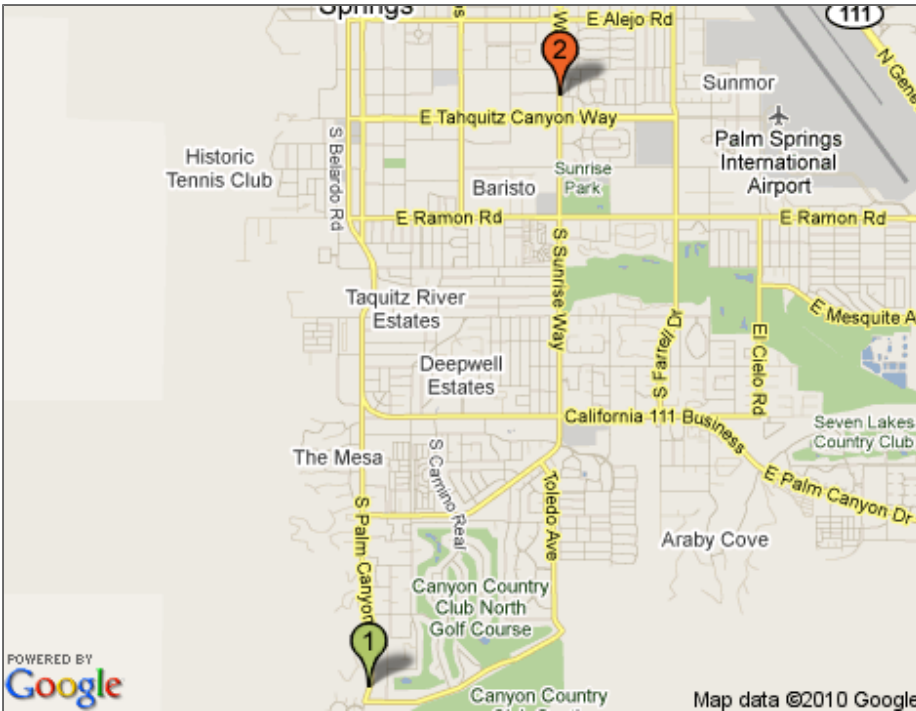
Live and up close



Ruby's

Kid-friendly food

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<http://www.indian-canyons.com>

location:

South Palm Canyon Dr
Palm Springs CA 92262

hours:

Daily 8a-5p

1 Indian Canyons

DESCRIPTION: The Indian Canyons are beautiful retreats from the sometimes-glitzy atmosphere of Palm Springs. When the streams are running, children enjoy splashing in the water and it's a popular area for picnics. Visitors now have the chance to see the "Witch of Tahquitz Canyon," an eerie shadow occasionally cast in the recently reopened canyon. © wcities.com



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Palm Springs CA 92262-5202

hours:

Lunch: Tu-F 11a-2p. Dinner:
Tu-F 5p-10p, Sa-Su 3p-10p

2 Simba's

DESCRIPTION: Hunting for a place on an empty stomach can be quite uncomfortable, to say the least. But then, searching for good food is pretty easy when you are in Palm Springs. The location of this joint being in a former bank building makes it a kind of a landmark in its own right. Gather up the kids and drop by for some live entertainment. Back it up with black eyed peas, corn bread, mashed potatoes and the like for grub. © wcities.com

Day 2 - Palm Springs, Los Angeles



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tel: 760 327-0499
www.knotts.com/soakcity/ps/

location:
1500 S. Gene Autry Trail
Palm Springs CA 92264

hours:
Call for Hours

1 Knotts Soak City

DESCRIPTION: The only waterpark in Palm Springs, Knott's Soak City is a 21-acre oasis sporting a 1950s Southern California beach theme. Knott's Soak City features 22 water rides and attractions, including a wave pool and lazy river. For thrill-seekers Dare Devil Tower features side-by-side speed slides that take park guests on a thrilling 7-story descent. Pacific Spin, the park's newest ride is a multi-person raft ride that drops riders 75-feet into a six-story funnel. Gremmie Lagoon offers the park's youngest guests plenty to do with pint-sized water slides and splash pool. Twenty poolside cabanas with wait service are available for rental.



Kathy McGraw

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<http://www.boomersparks.com/park/palmsprings/index.html>

location:

67-700 E. Palm Canyon Dr.
Cathedral City CA 92234

hours:

Monday - Thursday 3pm
- 9pm Friday 3pm - 11pm
Saturday 10am - 11pm
Sunday 10am - 9pm

2 Boomers

DESCRIPTION: Boomers! is perfect for birthday celebrations and company outings, or just hangin' out, Boomers is a blast. Our staff can assist with everything from planning to invitations to catering. So if there's an event in your future, give us a call and we'll supply the fun.



Photo courtesy of Boomers

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

location:

75-188 Hwy 111
Indian Wells CA 92210

hours:

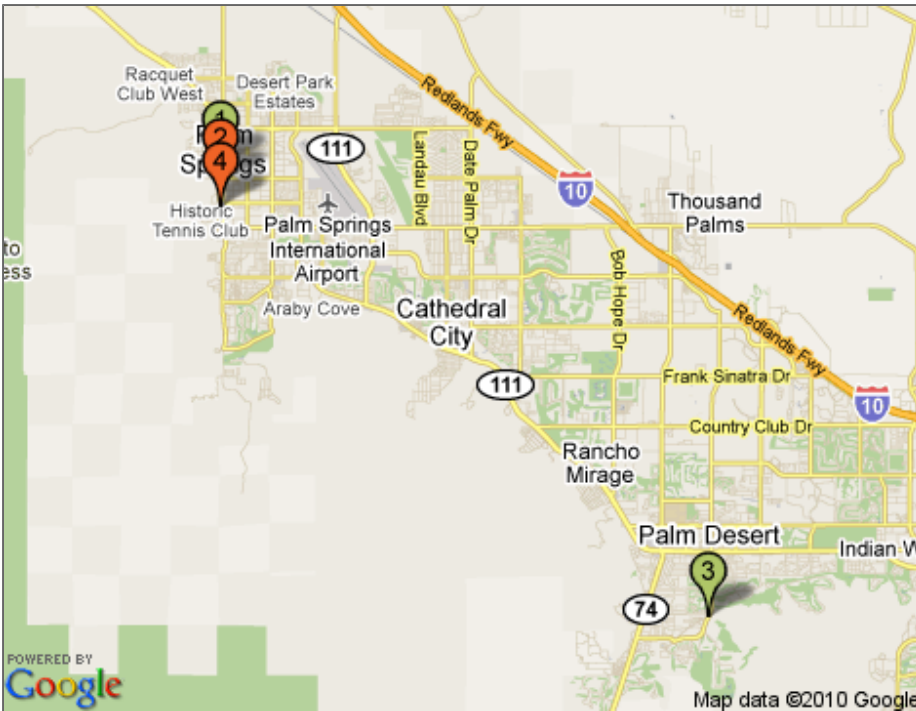
See their website for seasonal hours

3 Nest (The)

DESCRIPTION: Cheerful and warm, with a dedicated staff that rarely changes faces, this little bistro is a favorite eating and drinking spot among local residents. A terrific piano bar offers entertainment and drinks, and the cuisine in the restaurant is a blend of Italian and French dishes. It is renowned for the little touches: the soups here are fabulous and the kitchen also provides fresh-baked cookies and bread. See their website for further details. © wcities.com



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location:
139 East Tamarisk Road
Palm Springs CA 92262

hours:
Call for details

1 Olly-O-Land Children's Art Gallery

DESCRIPTION: Finding inspiration in the theme of the book *The Whimsical Verse of Olly-O*, by Molly James, Palm Springs artist Ron Chespak takes flight with unusual paper sculptures. These sculptures illustrate the characters in the book, with the exception of the invisible Olly-O, of course. In addition to the sculpture exhibits, a gift shop provides inexpensive Olly-O items and copies of the book. Part of the proceeds from book sales goes to support Easter Seals. © wcities.com



contact:
tel: +1 760 322 8664

location:
415 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs CA 92262

hours:
11a-9p M-Su

2 Canyon Bistro

DESCRIPTION: Though it is located on busy Palm Canyon Drive, this restaurant's simple decor lends a feeling of space and coolness. The sister restaurant to the renowned (and more expensive) Le Vallauris, the Canyon stands on its own, though a couple of key recipes have been borrowed from its high-end counterpart. Most of the foods are comforting: try the Chef's Mom's Recipe Meatloaf, served in brown gravy. The Linguini Porto Nuevo is all its own, however, blending shrimp and seafood in a creamless saffron sauce. The wine list offers many by-the-glass selections. © wcities.com



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fax: 760 568 9685
<http://www.livingdesert.org>

location:
47-900 Portola Ave
Palm Desert CA 92260

hours:
Sep 1-Jun 15: Daily 9a-5p;
Jun 16-Aug 31: Daily
8a-1:30p

3 Living Desert

DESCRIPTION: This 1,200-acre desert reserve, museum, zoo, and educational center is designed to acquaint visitors with the Southern California desert's unique habitats. You can walk or take a tram tour through sectors that re-create life in several distinctive desert zones. See and learn about a dizzying variety of plants, insects, and wildlife, including bighorn sheep, mountain lions, rattlesnakes, lizards, owls, golden eagles, and the ubiquitous roadrunner, plus new exhibits featuring frogs and butterflies. It's a nonstuffy learning experience for kids and grown-ups alike. © Frommer's



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155 S Palm Canyon Dr
Palm Springs CA 92262

hours:
Su-W 7a-10p; Th-Sa 7a-11p

4 Ruby's

DESCRIPTION: This bright re-creation of a 1940s-style diner offers cheerful red and white decor; seating space is available at the counter and booths. The atmosphere is casual and family-friendly. The food is inexpensive, with dinner specialties such as country fried steak, pot roast and even Alaskan halibut. The Rubyburgers are popular hamburgers; they are served with various toppings. Leave room for a huge candy-bar flavored milk shake or a banana-pecan sundae. © wcities.com



Palm Springs Snapshot

Local Info

Located just 100 miles southeast of Los Angeles, Palm Springs is a booming community boasting 83 square miles of desert land and a current population of 45,000 people. Most visitors arrive by driving from Los Angeles via the Interstate 10, which runs along the north side of Coachella Valley.

Drivers generally take either the Indian Canyon Drive/Palm Springs exit, which gives an up-close view of the giant windmills, or the earlier Tramway exit. Coming in via the Tramway exit, there is a startlingly abrupt transition from pasty desert to brilliant, emerald-green lawns. This transition marks your entrance into the Racquet Club area of Palm Springs, which has catered to Hollywood stars since the mid-1930s.

Throughout all regions of Palm Springs and its surrounding desert cities, visitors enjoy an array of restaurants, shopping and top-notch attractions.

Downtown Palm Springs

Downtown Palm Springs, also called 'The Loop' and 'The Village', is where nearly every visitor to Palm Springs will spend a considerable amount of time, enjoying shopping, dining, as well as strolling and people-watching. The Plaza Theater, home of the Palm Springs Follies, is in this district, along with the historic Village Green buildings and the Hyatt Regency Hotel. This district also hosts dozens of restaurants, including Muriel's Supper Club and the Kaiser Grille, as well as several gay nightclubs, among them Hunter's, which enjoys a worldwide reputation.

South Palm Springs

South Palm Springs is located along South Palm Canyon Drive and offers a mixture of moderately priced hotels, restaurants and residences. The Smoke Tree Ranch and Stables is located in this area, which is adjacent to the main portion of the Agua Caliente band of Cahuilla Indian Reservation, where the Indian Canyons, a popular hiking attraction, are located. The Canyon Country Club is also in this area.

Palm Springs Residential Areas

One ritzy residential area is Little Tuscany, near the former Racquet Club, featuring

many deluxe homes built in an Italian style. If you are on the Palm Springs Celebrity Tours, this area may be on your itinerary. Another stop for stargazing tours is the Las Palmas area, still the favorite haunt of many wealthy Palm Springs residents. Off-limits is the enclave of South Ridge, permanently patrolled and protected behind a locked gate. Comedian Bob Hope is the best-known occupant. Meanwhile, the Movie Colony area, also once popular with the Hollywood set, is now undergoing a renaissance of remodeling.

Desert Hot Springs

Like Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs began with warm water bubbling up out of the earth. Several hotels take advantage of this great natural gift, including the Miracle Springs Hotel and Spa, the Desert Hot Springs Spa Hotel and the Two Bunch Palms Resort and Spa. This community is located on the far side of Interstate 10, just northeast of downtown Palm Springs.

Cathedral City

Though the individual Chambers of Commerce do not like to admit it, the other desert cities surrounding Palm Springs tend to blend into each other along Highway 111. Unless you keep a sharp eye on the decorative markers, it may be difficult to know when you have left Palm Springs for Cathedral City.

The community of Cathedral City has several golf courses and some shopping. Much of the everyday business of nearby Palm Springs is transacted here. There are several good hotels, including the Doral Palm Springs Resort and some less-expensive options. The new IMAX Theater is located here as well.

Rancho Mirage

Proceeding along Highway 111, Rancho Mirage blends into Cathedral City, offering abundant dining choices on "Restaurant Row." You will find Stuart Anderson's Black Angus, Chart House, Kobe Japanese Steakhouse and many others in this area. In addition, the Mission Hills Country Club, Tamarisk Country Club and the Ritz Carlton are among the upscale offerings in this area.

Palm Desert & Indian Wells

Palm Desert features the deluxe shopping region of El Paseo, where fine stores offer art, clothing, crystal and more. In fact, this street is often called 'The Rodeo Drive of the Desert', named after the famous Beverly Hills shopping district. In addition, The McCallum Theatre is located in the Palm Desert community, along with The Living Desert Wildlife and Botanical Park.

Just after Palm Desert, Indian Wells offers the Indian Wells Country Club, the Miramonte Resort and the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort. Exclusive residential communities abound as well.

La Quinta

Farther along 111, golf Mecca La Quinta hosts several private courses, including the PGA West Arnold Palmer Private Golf Course, which is one of the locations for the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. There is the La Quinta Resort and the La Quinta Golf Course as well. Exclusive housing areas cling to the edges of the golf courses.

Indio

Serving as a gateway into the more agricultural portion of the Coachella Valley, Indio is the location for the annual Date Festival held at the Riverside County Fairgrounds. Devane's, a restaurant owned and operated by actor William Devane, is located here, along with the Indio Fashion Mall, a popular mid-range shopping stop. In addition, The Landmark Golf Club hosts The Skins Game annually.

Throughout Palm Springs and its surrounding cities, visitors enjoy quality dining, luxurious resorts and world-famous golf courses. It's no wonder why this community consistently draws countless tourists from around the globe.

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History

Luxury golf courses, hot springs and palm trees draw countless tourists and seasonal residents to the heavenly desert town of Palm Springs, located 100 miles southeast of Los Angeles. With 350 sunny days per year, according to Palm Springs' Chamber of Commerce, it's no surprise that both early and modern pioneers have flocked to this desert community.

Palm Springs Snapshot continued

Based on remains discovered in Morongo basin campsites, anthropologists estimate that native peoples resided in the Palm Springs area ten thousand years ago. These early Native American inhabitants made baskets and pottery, as well as employing a variety of plants for food and medicinal purposes. Using bows and arrows, the early tribes hunted deer, rabbits and other animals. The desert land offered survival for these early people for 1,000 years. A long period of inactivity on the land followed, but this desert haven would not stay unoccupied forever.

In the late 1700s, Spanish conquests throughout California allowed for the expansion of Spain's empire into the Colorado Desert lands. Yet, in spite of the vast growth of Spanish dominance, the Cahuilla Indians remained in Coachella Valley, embarking upon new trades of growing corn, squash and beans. However, by the mid-1800s, many Native Americans died from a small pox epidemic, leaving a dense population of Cahuilla Indians in this territory.

Meanwhile, the United States government took an interest in Coachella Valley and sent a survey party, led by William P. Blake in 1853. Creating the first wagon route through the San Geronio Pass, Blake's expedition paved the way for additional parties to travel through the Palm Springs area. In fact, Palm Springs was added to the Bradshaw Stage Coach Line in 1872, serving as the stop between Prescott, Arizona, and Los Angeles, California. Southern Pacific Railroad soon followed the stagecoach industry's lead, completing a railroad line through these desert lands in 1877. At this time, land sections around the railroad were divided, with Southern Pacific gaining ownership over some territories and the Native American tribes holding the remaining lands.

The first permanent Anglo settler, Judge John Guthrie McCallum, bought land from Southern Pacific and built his home in the Palm Springs area in 1884. The McCallum Adobe still stands, now serving as the oldest remaining building in Palm Springs. Other settlers were not far behind and by the early 1900s, Palm Springs boasted a post office, hotel and several buildings. Numerous important institutions followed, including the first schoolhouse in 1914, and the first newspaper, named Desert

Sun, in 1927. In 1928, the El Mirador Hotel opened as a gigantic facility, able to host 300 guests. Ruddy's General Store emerged in the 1930s, another building standing today as a museum. The town also developed its first golf course, as well as tennis courts and a racquet club. Meanwhile, the adjacent town of Cathedral City became home to numerous gambling establishments.

The growth of Palm Springs led settlers to consider incorporation, forming a 30-man committee to lead the effort. This endeavor reached success in 1938. Just one year later, the town census indicated a total population of 5,300 year-round settlers, with 8,000 seasonal visitors.

World War II brought significant changes to Palm Springs, as the notable General Patton traveled to the desert with his troops for training sessions. Patton administered training drills in the Palm Springs area to prepare his troops for the North African desert invasions. During this time, the El Mirador Hotel was transformed into a hospital, serving wounded soldiers. An airfield was constructed as well, which would become the Palm Springs Airport.

The once-modest city of Palm Springs skyrocketed after World War II. Several Hollywood stars began to build houses in the area, including Kirk Douglas and Frank Sinatra. The beloved Bob Hope was appointed Honorary Mayor. In addition, Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Ford all visited this flourishing town.

Palm Springs continued to prosper, booming from one golf course in 1945 to over 85 golf courses in the present time. Some of these courses are internationally famous, such as the Tahquitz Creek Resort Course (designed by Ted Robinson) and the Legend Course (managed by Arnold Palmer). In addition to golfing establishments, Palm Springs now boasts sophisticated city life, with upscale boutiques and extravagant restaurants.

From a little western town along the stagecoach line to a modern, cosmopolitan city, Palm Springs has achieved worldwide notoriety, with scores of travelers trekking long distances for seasonal visits to this desert sanctuary. Combining sunshine and style, the city of Palm Springs has emerged as one of California's top spots to visit. But don't take our word for it. Pack your golf

clubs, tennis racquet and summer shorts, and get ready to bask in the Palm Springs sun.

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Hotel Insights

Palm Springs has always catered to those wanting a taste of luxury, a chance to swim or soak, and a view of the dramatic bare mountains. This city's hotel owners are aware that most visitors want deluxe accommodations, thus an establishment called a 'motel' here is mysteriously designated a 'hotel', even if it is just an eight-room courtyard wrapped around a streetside swimming pool. Meanwhile, small motels, which have not been renovated since they were built in the 1950s, are now proudly celebrating their kitschy decor and advertising their 'authentic retro' furnishings. True hotels are then inevitably called 'resorts', so this term can mean anything from a self-contained, 300-room, multi-pool paradise with a private golf course to a twenty-room, two-story hotel with a single Jacuzzi. Finally, numerous resorts, not to be outdone, advertise themselves as "spas," with the most luxurious ones offering state-of-the-art gyms, therapeutic specialists, aromatherapy, personal exercise coaching and much more.

The high season in Palm Springs begins in December and runs through March. Exact dates of high season prices vary among accommodations. Room rates drop to half or less off these high season prices during the months of June, July and August, when the city's temperature soars into the low hundreds Fahrenheit. Hotels at the southern end of town enjoy the greatest protection from strong winds, which buffet the north side—an area known as "Nature's Greatest Wind Tunnel."

Downtown Palm Springs

Palm Springs is laid out in a patchwork of golf courses and resort complexes, with less-expensive lodgings sprinkled throughout. Many small, inexpensive accommodations are near Palm Canyon Drive, which at its southern end becomes the prime shopping and dining district of the city known as 'The Loop'. Early garden court retreats, such as the Orchid Tree Inn, give a glimpse of the shady solitude Palm Springs offered its first visitors.

Palm Springs Snapshot continued

Many early establishments can legitimately claim various legendary stars were clients. The classic Ingleside Inn states 'Garbo Slept Here', as well as John Travolta, Goldie Hawn and many other contemporary stars.

Right on Palm Canyon Drive, the Hyatt Regency boasts an ideal location in the heart of the downtown area, close to dozens of restaurants, nightclubs and shops. Meanwhile, the Riviera Resort offers an 18-hole putting course and nine tennis courts on twenty-four acres of palm-shaded grounds.

Good value resort choices in Palm Springs include the 255-room Ramada Resort Inn & Conference Center and the Holiday Inn Palm Mountain Resort. Slightly more expensive choices include the Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel and the Hilton Palm Springs Resort. All of these hotels offer some spa facilities, meeting space, pools and spacious rooms along with full hotel services.

At the intersection of Tahquitz Canyon and Indian trails, the Agua Caliente band of the Cahuilla Indians hosts a glitzy, Las Vegas-style hotel casino called the Spa Hotel Casino. Just a block away from the Palm Canyon dining and shopping district, this centrally-located, 230-room hotel offers something for everyone, from excellent spa amenities to entertainment, dining and high-energy gambling at both tables and slot banks.

In recent years, Palm Springs has become a top destination for the local and international gay and lesbian traveler, and dozens of small hotels cater to either an all-male or all-female clientele. Camp Palm Springs is a legendary destination for gay men, and the Bee Charmer Inn and Casitas Laquita are both women-only retreats.

The warm, dry climate also favors clothing-optional resorts, both gay and straight. Several of these are located in the heart of Palm Springs. One of the largest is the Desert Shadows Inn Resort and Villas, which operates year-round as a naturist hotel.

South Palm Springs

Past the shopping area on South Palm Canyon Drive, there is a cluster of low-range to moderate lodgings including the Vagabond Inn, the Travelodge, Royal Sun and Best Western. All of these

establishments offer reasonable prices, pools and good views of the mountains from many rooms.

Also, in South Palm Springs, talk host celebrity Merv Griffin has put his name to the Grecian-style Merv Griffin Resort and Givenchy Spa, where guests receive a European spa experience under the Givenchy brand name. In a town filled with spas, this one is considered to be one of the most worthwhile.

Cathedral City

If staying in Palm Springs itself does not appeal to you, lodging prices drop by about twenty percent in nearby Cathedral City, where much of the everyday business of Palm Springs is accomplished. The thrifty traveler will find budget chains such as Super 8 and a small Travelodge.

Rancho Mirage

Farther along Highway 111, Rancho Mirage is one of the fastest-growing communities in the desert. The deluxe Ritz Carlton is an upscale traveler's paradise, providing European-style guest care in a beautiful environment, with all the comforts and special attention that have become synonymous with the Ritz-Carlton name.

Wherever you choose to stay in the Palm Springs area, you will enjoy some of the Northern hemisphere's finest autumn and winter weather, with warm days, slightly cooler nights, and clear, sparkling skies.

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Restaurants Insights

Palm Springs began by appealing to the high-living Hollywood crowd, which made this town Los Angeles' desert retreat. For many years, the cuisine was predominately meat and potatoes or Italian, and while both of these cuisines still flourish, there is considerably more variety available today.

The Loop

Many of Palm Springs' best restaurants are found on 'The Loop', formed by North Palm Canyon Drive and Indian Canyon Drive. Everything from decades-old landmark dining essentials to opened-last-week hot spots can be found within easy walking distance. Many places urge reservations, but it's also tempting to simply wander between them until one strikes your fancy, fits your budget and has a table available

without an extensive wait. The Loop also offers many casual eateries, diners, ice cream shops and coffeehouses, perfect for quick snacks or a reviving espresso.

The Kaiser Grille offers finely prepared dishes, some with an Italian flair. As with almost all restaurants, outside dining is available and provides a great perch for people watching.

Mexican food is a favorite, with a number of places thriving for years. One of the most fun spots is Las Casuelas Terraza, offering excellent food and live music most of the day. The festivities begin in the morning with table-strolling mariachis and carry on until late at night in the bar, which features a heated dance floor. Another Palm Springs institution is Del Rio's Taqueria, offering outdoor dining in a beautiful courtyard atmosphere at the corner of Tahquitz Canyon and Indian Trails. The pavilion bar is a quirky black-light marvel, specializing in agave-based tequila margaritas, very easy to drink and very hard to survive unscathed. Each table also sports a wine-bottle size container of the restaurant's proprietary hot sauce, made mainly of scalding-hot Habanero peppers. Like the margaritas, the hot stuff is easy to taste, but much harder to survive as the heat develops on the tongue.

An excellent choice for casual American dining is Hamburger Hamlet at the corner of Palm Canyon and Tahquitz Canyon Way. Prices are low and the quality is outstanding. The house Lobster Bisque can hold its own against much more illustrious competition. According to the host, the Hamlet meets all requirements for a three-star restaurant rating, yet it's still a place you can take your kids. Another cheerful family dining choice is Ruby's, a 1950s-style diner featuring hamburgers, sandwiches, Mom-style main dishes, ice cream drinks and desserts.

Meanwhile, the five-star Le Vallauris offers 'French-California' cuisine in a French country patio atmosphere or a lush, chateau interior dining room, all just moments away from the Palm Canyon district. The prestigious Zagat Guide named Le Vallauris the "Best Restaurant" in Coachella Valley.

Off The Loop

Searching for the spirit of famed Palm Springs resident Frank Sinatra? His old haunts include Riccio's and Melvyn's at

Palm Springs Snapshot continued

the Ingleside Inn. If you hope to catch a glimpse of additional Hollywood stars, Melvyn's has also been named the 'Best Place to See Celebrities', offering an extensive photo collection of famous diners.

Cathedral City

Heading out of Palm Springs along Highway 111, Cathedral City offers The Wilde Goose, which features continental cuisine and wild game dishes including venison, quail and the occasional elk or wild boar.

Rancho Mirage

Restaurants are clustered along this stretch of highway coined "Restaurant Row" by the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce. Favorite spots along the row include Kobe Japanese Steak House, housed in a dramatic building re-creating a Japanese-style inn, and Stuart Anderson's Black Angus.

Whether you choose to dine in downtown Palm Springs or at one of the surrounding desert cities, you are likely to find a delightful atmosphere and delicious cuisine. Enjoy your dining adventures in Palm Springs, where vigorous competition helps assure excellent quality and value throughout the city.

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Nightlife Insights

While Palm Springs is still relatively young in history, this desert community offers a vast array of entertainment options. Most notably, Palm Springs is world-famous for its luxurious golf courses. Yet, this city also features cultural museums, dynamic theater presentations, upscale shopping districts and a happening nightlife. Whether your preference is to visit a reserved museum or hip nightclub, you will not be disappointed with the entertainment found in the desert haven of Palm Springs.

Music & Theater

Since Palm Springs is located just a few hours away from the action of Hollywood, this desert community is often privy to top-name attractions. In fact, numerous Hollywood stars hold a second residence or retire in the Palm Springs area. First-class musicians often perform at the McCallum Theater, a top-notch Palm Desert facility that hosts cultural and entertainment

events. Meanwhile, music and dance are combined in an energetic annual show known as the Palm Springs Follies, held at the Plaza Theater. All Follies performers are at least 50 years old and many boast Hollywood fame.

Another popular music venue is Palm Desert's Summer of Fun Concert Series. Each summer, guests relax in a luscious green park while listening to live performances of jazz, big band and blues music.

Contemporary theater fanatics will enjoy Joey and Maria's Italian Wedding, a humorous dinner theater show. This annual presentation explores hysterical family dynamics as the headline characters plan their over-the-top nuptials.

If you prefer ultra-modern theater, namely movies, visit the new Desert IMAX Theater. Boasting a giant screen that spans six stories in height, this popular establishment shows cutting edge 3-D movies.

Museums

Palm Springs also abounds with countless museums, each offering a captivating piece of Coachella Valley history. Visit the sculpture gardens at Palm Springs Desert Museum. In addition, the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum features basketry and photographs of early settlers in Coachella Valley, while the Palm Springs Air Museum boasts an expansive collection of historic aircraft, often featuring air shows and other special events. If you have little ones, visit the Children's Discovery Museum, which offers fun, interactive exhibits of science and archaeology.

Shopping

Another favorite pastime for many tourists is shopping and Palm Springs does not disappoint with an abundance of upscale shopping venues. The Gardens on El Paseo is an exquisite complex of shops, hosting everything from pottery to sportswear. Meanwhile, El Paseo Shopping Avenue has been dubbed 'the Rodeo Drive of the desert'. This shopping district offers an enticing combination of high-fashion clothing with delightful eateries.

Outdoor Activities

In addition to theaters, museums and shopping, Palm Springs also hosts a vast selection of outdoor attractions. This city's

warm climate invites tourists to engage in activities of the great outdoors. The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway takes visitors from lowland desert terrain to the top of Mount Jacinto. Some guests simply ride the cable car for the incredible view of Coachella Valley, while others use the tramway as a route to outdoor activities at the mountaintop, including hiking trails and mule rides.

Beyond the tramway, Coachella Valley offers scores of additional outdoor activities. The Living Desert highlights over 400 wildlife species in a desert environment of flora and fauna, while Oasis Waterpark offers a break from the desert heat, with water slides and inner tube activities.

Although the tramway and waterpark are favorite attractions, there is no argument about the most frequented outdoor establishments throughout Coachella Valley. Golf reigns supreme in Palm Springs and its surrounding desert cities. Visit the exclusive PGA West Arnold Palmer private golf course in La Quinta, a course that has hosted the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. Indio also sports a top-notch course, The Landmark Golf Club, which hosts the world-famous annual Skins Game. In addition, do not forget the Tahquitz Creek Resort Course, designed by Ted Robinson.

Featuring theater, museums, golf, shopping and a happening nightlife, Palm Springs is a memorable town for any tourist. From tame, cultural experiences to upbeat, trendy spots, this town specializes in variety. So, bring your camera and your sunscreen, and get ready to enjoy the best sites of beautiful Palm Springs.

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Things to Do Insights

Palm Springs draws numerous tourists from around the globe year after year. What keeps these visitors coming back to this desert haven? Most guests praise the world-championship golf courses, although others rave about the shopping, restaurants and shows offered in Palm Springs. Whatever your preference, you will find a variety of pleasurable attractions along these tours of Coachella Valley.

Tour One: Downtown Palm Springs

Begin your tour on Highway 111, after exiting from Interstate-10. Continue along

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Highway 111 until you reach North Palm Canyon Drive. Charming eateries are found along North Palm Canyon Drive. Consider stopping at Crosswalk Café, a casual venue with fresh baked breads and goodies. Meanwhile, Hamburger Hamlet is an ideal lunchtime spot for families.

Once you reach the intersection of North Palm Canyon Drive and Tahquitz Canyon Way, take a brief detour westward to find Museum Drive. Along this strip, visit Palm Springs Desert Museum with its exquisite sculpture gardens, and Annenberg Theater where traditional opera and ballet concerts are performed.

Back along Palm Canyon Drive (which becomes South Palm Canyon Drive after the Tahquitz Canyon Way intersection), visit the Plaza Theater, a 1930s movie house that has been transformed into a modern-day theater facility. The theater hosts scores of popular attractions including the Palm Springs Follies, a wildly popular show starring only folks over 50 years of age. Near the theater, The Blue Guitar draws large nighttime crowds with blues music and a hardwood dance floor.

Slightly further south, visitors will enjoy a stretch of historical landmarks. The Agua Caliente Cultural Museum showcases artifacts from early Native American tribes. In addition, the McCallum Adobe and Ruddy's General Store, two of Palm Springs' earliest establishments, both now serve as museums.

Palm Canyon Drive eventually turns eastbound, newly dubbed East Palm Canyon Drive. Merv Griffin's Givenchy Spa & Resort is located along this stretch of land. One of the most exclusive and luxurious resorts in Coachella Valley, this establishment hosts Fashions at Merv's Place, a monthly show featuring the latest trends of upscale Palm Springs boutiques.

When East Palm Canyon Drive meets Gene Autry Trail, turn north to find Palm Springs Air Museum, an incredible display of historic planes, highlighting an extensive collection of World War II aircraft.

Tour Two: Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert

While Palm Springs offers countless attractions, its surrounding desert cities also feature notable tourist spots. After visiting the sites along the Downtown Palm Springs tour, simply drive eastbound along

East Palm Canyon Drive into Cathedral City where you will find popular attractions for families. The Desert IMAX Theater shows 3-D movies on a screen that spans six stories in height. Cathedral City also features top-notch public golf courses including the Cimarron Golf Resort and Cathedral Canyon Country Club.

Once you enter Rancho Mirage, visit this community's popular museum for youngsters. The Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert offers dozens of interactive exhibits for kids including an archaeological dig.

Nearby Palm Desert features the most popular attractions on this tour, found along the famed El Paseo Avenue, also called "the Rodeo Drive of the desert." The Gardens on El Paseo is an elaborate shopping center offering everything from clothing and luggage to pottery. Meanwhile, Coda Gallery features contemporary works of art including paintings, sculptures and glass masterpieces.

While El Paseo reigns supreme among the Palm Desert venues, the city hosts a few other notable attractions. The Living Desert is a delightful display of flora and fauna accompanied by a vast range of wild animal species. In addition, McCallum Theater is located in Palm Desert, showcasing cultural and musical events.

Tour Three: Eastern Desert Cities

While Palm Springs and its surrounding desert cities boast a variety of attractions, many tourists come simply to play golf. An abundance of golf courses dominate Coachella Valley. Some of the finest courses are found along PGA Boulevard in La Quinta where the PGA West Resort Courses are located. Tee off on a course designed by Jack Nicklaus or other top-name golfers. In addition, view world-famous golf tournaments such as the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, which is hosted by the Arnold Palmer Course.

Golfing action continues in the community of Indio. While this town is significantly less upscale than La Quinta, the community has earned a favorable reputation for quality public courses. In fact, Indio's Landmark Golf Club hosted the prestigious 1999 Skins Game, an annual professional tournament broadcast on network television. In addition to public golf courses, Indio also hosts the

annual Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival.

Whether you are looking to tee off on a world championship golf course or simply browse through upscale shopping boutiques, select a tour through Palm Springs and its surrounding cities. Each tour offers different highlights, but you will always find variety and sunshine along these tours of the Coachella Valley.

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Travel Tips

Getting There

By Air

Palm Springs International Airport (+1 760 318 3800; <http://www.palmspringsairport.com>) offers transportation to destinations throughout the world. Its terminals house the following airlines:

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Palm Springs' airport navigators assists the traveling public with safe and reliable transportation (+1 760 318 3830) for getting to and from the airport. Hours are from 6a-6p.

By Taxi

Taxis can be easily located outside each terminal. You can also call +1 760 345 8398.

Rental Car Companies

Avis (+1 800 831 2847; <http://www.avis.com>) Budget (+1 800 527 0700; <http://www.budget.com>) Dollar (+1 800 800 4000; <http://www.dollar.com>) Eaglerider (+1 888 900 9901; <http://www.eaglerider.com>) Enterprise (+1 800 325 8007; <http://www.enterprise.com>)

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www.enterprise.com) Hertz(+1 800 654 3131/http://www.hertz.com) Luxury Rent a Car(+1 877 589 8799/http://www.luxuryrentacar.com) National(+1 800 227 7368/http://www.nationalcar.com)

By Train

Amtrak Palm Springs platform is located at N. Indian Canyon Drive just south of 1-10. There is a telephone for passengers' convenience. Call for schedule and reservations(+1 800 872 7245/http://www.amtrak.com)

By Bus Greyhound Palm Springs Bus Depot(+1 760 325 9557) provides daily service with stops in Palm Springs, N. Indian Canyon and Amado and Palm Desert Town Center, Monterey and San Gorgonio. SunLine Transit Agency is the desert's only public transit bus:(+1 760 343 3456)

By Car Palm Springs Airport can be easily accessed by interstate 10, 105, 5, 605, 55 and 111.

Getting Around

Palm Springs is serviced by Greyhound buses, taxis, rental cars and the Amtrak.

If traveling overseas, take the safety precaution of registering your trip at <https://travelregistration.state.gov> and for helpful, practical advice about traveling technicalities and safety standards check out <http://travel.state.gov/>

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Fun Facts

Palm Springs State: California **Country:** United States

Palm Springs by the Numbers:

Population: 45,000 Elevation: 474 feet Average Winter Temperature: 57 degrees

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Quick Facts: Major Industries: hot springs, desert, tourism, agriculture, natural resources Ethnic Mix: White 78.3%; Asian 8.86%; black 3.93%; other 8.91%

Electricity: 120 volts, 60 cycles, AC **Time Zone:** PST Country Dialing Code: 1 Area Code: 760

Did You Know? More than 2000 years ago, Palm Springs' first residents were the ancestors of today's Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

Orientation: Palm Springs is in the Southern California desert, about 107 miles east/southeast of Los Angeles and 135 miles north east of San Diego. Protected by mountains on three sides, the scenic village of Palm Springs is in the Coachella Valley, 487 feet above sea level.

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Weather

Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temperature C												
Average High	21	24	26	31	35	40	42	42	38	33	26	21
Average Mean	14	16	18	22	26	30	33	33	29	24	18	13
Average Low	7	8	10	13	17	21	24	24	21	16	10	6
Temperature F												
Average High	70	75	80	87	95	104	108	107	101	91	78	70
Average Mean	57	61	65	71	79	87	92	91	86	76	64	56
Average Low	44	47	51	56	63	70	76	76	71	61	50	43
Rainy Days	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Rain Fall (cm)	3.2	2.9	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.7	1.6
Rain Fall (in)	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.6

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Local Info

People either love it, or they hate it--but no matter what, Los Angeles makes no excuses and changes itself for no one. And you've got to admire that. Made up of dozens of communities, there is no one single experience that can sum up the life and the heartbeat of this city. But what can be noticed about Los Angeles by both tourists and locals alike is the hustle-and-bustle lifestyle, the vibrant and unique neighborhoods, and the extreme diversity that sets it apart from any other city. From the eternal sunshine and Hollywood glitz to all the small communities with their own distinct cultural personalities, this City of Angels will forever be many things to many people.

Downtown

While not exactly in the center of town geographically due to the sprawling nature of the city, Downtown Los Angeles is still teeming with activity. There are cultural hotbeds like Olvera Street and Chinatown that are just minutes away from Los Angeles landmarks such as the Bank of America Building and the Walt Disney Concert Hall. And if you have a hankering for more art and culture while Downtown, the Museum of Contemporary Art(MOCA) is a definite must-see.

Hollywood

The big sign just about says it all--Hollywood is glitz, glamour, and unavoidable. While many people are critical of Hollywood, they still can't help but satiate their curiosity by visiting this busy area. The center of things is, without a doubt, Hollywood Boulevard, location of world-famous tourist spots including Mann's Chinese Theater, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the Kodak Theatre where the Oscars are now held annually.

The Miracle Mile/Hancock Park area is another of L.A.'s historical neighborhoods. Here you will find Wilshire Boulevard's Museum Row. The museums are contained within Hancock Park, a small but peaceful oasis in the center of hectic urban activity. To venture into the far distant past, stop by the Brea Tar Pits, La, and to immerse yourself in a famous museum, the LACMA: Los Angeles County Museum of Art is a popular attraction on Miracle Mile.

Ritz West Hollywood is home to one of the city's most famous(or infamous) attractions: the Sunset Strip. Here you'll find most of the city's hippest clubs frequented by up-and-coming actors and socialites, as well as some of the city's finest hotels and shopping, including the upscale Melrose Avenue Shopping District. West Hollywood is also the center of the city's gay and lesbian community, and it puts on one of the flashiest and most exhilarating annual Halloween parades in the state.

Beverly Hills and the Westside

This world-famous city with its world-famous zip code is synonymous with wealth, status, and celebrity. The understated elegance and grace of the residential neighborhoods are balanced out by Rodeo Drive, which offers some of the finest(and most expensive) shopping in the world.

Santa Monica and Beach Cities

Back in the heyday of Route 66, Santa Monica was the end of the line. Today, this beachfront community offers the best in entertainment for all ages on its famous Santa Monica Pier. You can enjoy some carnival-style food and games or take a ride on the ferris wheel for a breathtaking view of the city and shoreline. When you're ready for some shopping, the active Third Street Promenade has a diverse directory of stores and eateries.

The motto of the coastal community of Malibu is "27 miles of scenic beauty," and that about describes it best. The main attraction here is the drive along the Pacific Coast Highway, which takes you past beach after beach on one side of the road and million-dollar hilltop estates on the other. Make sure you have plenty of film and sunscreen. Even at night, the stars just seem brighter.

Venice, just south of Santa Monica, is the city's home to all things eclectic and many things downright bizarre. This small, artsy beach town offers one of the greatest collections of cafes, bars, galleries, antiques and one-of-a-kind shops around. Weekend afternoons on the boardwalk are definitely a memorable experience for any visitor to the city.

San Fernando Valley

On the other side of the Hollywood Hills sits "The Valley," as known by locals. It features a seemingly endless sea of suburban cul-de-sacs, strip malls, funky shops and restaurants. Hollywood makes its presence known in the cities of Burbank and Universal City, which are home to Warner Bros. Studio and Universal Studios. There are two things you can always count on in the Valley: the earthquakes always feel stronger, and the temperature is always 10 degrees hotter.

South Central and Compton

Although the South Central neighborhood of Crenshaw gained worldwide publicity as the center of the infamous 1992 riots, this area is rich in history and culture. South Central also is home to famous Los Angeles landmarks such as the Watts Towers, the historic Shrine Auditorium, and Exposition Park. Within the famed Exposition Park is the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the California Science Center, and the IMAX California Science Center. It has also long been a place of culture and diversity, as evidenced by the African American Cultural Center.

Long Beach and the South Bay

Long Beach is a fairly large city in its own right and is a neighbor to the well known district of Orange County. Aside from a plethora of shopping and dining options, this beach community is perhaps best known for the Queen Mary, a Titanic-esque ocean liner now permanently docked here and open for tours. They also have many outdoor activities for tourists to take advantage of, as well as museums and beaches that all can enjoy.

The South Bay is made up of smaller beach towns and quiet neighborhoods such as Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Palos Verdes Estates.

Pasadena and Points East

Pasadena is one of the most prominent communities in the entire state of California. Old Town Pasadena provides one of the greatest clusters of bars, shops, cafes and restaurants in the entire L.A. area. The city is also known for the Norton Simon Museum, which is the largest collection

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of art owned by one man, and the Rose Bowl. And every New Year's Day, this not-so-sleepy town becomes the focus of the entire world for the annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

East L.A., as evidenced by its name, forms the eastern edge of the city and is a great example of a neighborhood rich in cultural expression.

LAX and Inglewood

LAX is one of the largest airports in the United States, when it comes to the sheer number of people passing through its hallways. The airport is the main feature of the otherwise-sleepy, suburban neighborhood of Westchester. This pocket of quiet, tree-lined streets and neighborhood schools and churches is a refreshing oasis in an often-frenetic city.

Inglewood features a wide variety of restaurants, music and sports venues. Here you will find Hollywood Park Racetrack and the The Forum arena, an entertainment hotspot. Inglewood also hosts the annual Hollywood Black Film Festival, which pays homage to African-American filmmakers of past, present and future.

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History

California's earliest residents were Native Americans. Prior to the mid-18th century, several native peoples dominated the area, most notably those from the Tongva nation.

The earliest key date in the development of Los Angeles is August 2, 1769. It was on that afternoon that a group of Spanish explorers from the east, led by Juan Crespi and Captain Gaspar de Portola, entered what came to be known as Los Angeles, in the area around Elysian Park. It was then that Crespi realized the potential the area had to become a sizable settlement. Then in 1771, Junipero Serra created the Mission San Gabriel Archangel in the present day San Gabriel Valley. It wasn't until 1781 that the town was founded and named "El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Ángeles del Río de Porciúncula"—quite a mouthful to say and subsequently shortened to Los Angeles.

Throughout the late 18th and early 19th centuries, was only a small farm town that remained part of Mexico, until the Mexican-American War. On March

9th, 1842, Francisco Lopez discovered gold in the Santa Clarita Valley and by 1845, U.S. troops began battling for control of California. On January 9, 1847, Commodore Stockton recaptured Los Angeles for the third and final time, and just days later Mexican general Andres Pico surrendered California to U.S. General John Fremont. A subsequent boundary dispute ensued as to where the borders of the city and county should be, but on April 4, 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated, with California officially entering the union five months later.

The late 1800s and early 1900s saw Los Angeles grow exponentially. One reason for this was the railroads, which finally reached Los Angeles from the East. The railroads resulted in a major expansion of economy and population, as evidenced by the fact that L.A.'s population doubled in the last decade of the 1800s and tripled in the first decade of the 1900s. In 1913, William Mulholland built an aqueduct, which allowed water to be brought to Los Angeles from 200 miles north. This important event, coupled with the earlier railroad boom, is considered to be largely responsible for L.A.'s growth into a major population center.

By the 1920s, many industries were beginning to stake their claim in the city. The most popular of these industries was the budding film industry. Filmmakers from the East came to Southern California for its eternal sunshine and varied landscape. Where else in America could they find perfect weather and largely empty surrounding land, as well as mountains, lakes, forests and beaches all within an hour's drive? As movies and movie-making became more ingrained in American culture during the 1940s and 50s, millions began flocking to L.A. in hopes of becoming a star and striking it rich. By the mid-to-late 1950s, the population of L.A. had reached two million and appeared to be going nowhere but up.

As the city grew, more people meant more problems. In 1943, a clash between sailors, marines and local Hispanic gangs broke out, known as the Zoot Suit Riots. For several days and nights, downtown Los Angeles was transformed into a battle-zone. Although the riots were finally quelled by police, this would not be the last time the city witnessed large-scale urban unrest. Devastating race riots erupted in 1965 and again in 1992, after the Rodney

King verdict, giving the city its reputation for being a hotbed of racial tensions. Riots, however, weren't the only problems that affected the history of Los Angeles. Runaway air pollution and the damage caused by several earthquakes—the largest and most memorable of which was the Northridge earthquake in 1994, with a total magnitude of 6.7—have also given the city its fair share of crises to deal with over the years. But with the 21st century has come an increase in the improvement and gentrification in many parts of the city.

Certain things can always be counted on to thrive in L.A.: cultural diversity, beautiful weather, the well-known traffic on the 405 Freeway, and eager souls arriving each day to the City of Angels in search of their own piece of heaven.

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Hotel Insights

According to the tired but true axiom, the three most important things in real estate are location, location and location. In the universe of Los Angeles, that cannot be stressed enough, and where you stay will have a tremendous impact on your L.A. experience. The following are some of the most-recommended areas to lodge.

Downtown

Downtown Los Angeles contains the heart of the financial and business districts of the city, and is perfect for corporate travelers. All of the best amenities can be found at the swanky The Standard Hotel which truly gives a new meaning to the word "standard," or at the luxurious Millennium Biltmore. Formerly the Regal and famous since 1923, it was home to the Academy Awards during the Golden Age of Hollywood. Those wanting to stay within a budget but who still want singular and eclectic accommodations, might try the charming Best Western Dragon Gate Inn located right in the heart of Chinatown, the Hotel Figueroa with its funky Southwestern motif, or the elegant Miyako Inn and Spa where you can either gratify yourself with a relaxing massage or have a little late night fun at their karaoke bar.

Beverly Hills

For those with means, there is simply no other place to stay in town. World-class luxury and service can be found

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at the Beverly Hills Hotel, the Beverly Hilton or the Beverly Wilshire Beverly Hills. The world-famous Peninsula is also a high-class, luxurious choice for anyone wanting the best amenities and service. Wherever you choose to stay in this high-end neighborhood, you will be close to some of the very best shopping and dining in the world.

Hollywood

Considering Hollywood's status as a tourist mecca, it should come as no surprise that it offers many places to lodge, especially for those on a budget. The Hollywood Celebrity Hotel and the Best Western Hollywood Hills Hotel offer decent rooms for those who want to keep their costs down. All are close to every famous Hollywood attraction, as well as Universal Studios. You'll be in the thick of the action here, although you may not want to walk alone at night in the darkest parts of Hollywood.

Pasadena

Nestled at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains, Pasadena offers some of the greatest lodging options for those who want to get away from the urban energy of the rest of L.A. If you want only the best, stay in elegant style at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel. The Pasadena Hilton also offers top-notch amenities and great service. For those looking for something other than a large hotel, try the beautiful and charming Artist's Inn and the Bissell House, both offering personalized luxury and service in a bed-and-breakfast setting.

Santa Monica

Maybe it's the sound of ocean waves that help you sleep easier, or maybe it's being near both shopping and recreation, but either way Santa Monica has proven to be the way to go for many visitors to the area. For those with pockets deeper than the sea, consider the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, the Fairmont Miramar or the ultra-luxurious Shutters on the Beach. All three are located within walking distance of all of Santa Monica's wonders, both natural and man-made, and offer the full royal treatment. For those on more of a budget, the Ocean View Hotel and the classic Art Deco Cadillac Hotel (located in nearby Venice) offer more affordable accommodation while sacrificing very little in the way of amenities or location.

West Hollywood

There's always something to be said for being close to the action. For those who long to be in the center of L.A.'s star-studded nightlife, you can't get much closer than a hotel room in West Hollywood. The Chateau Marmont, the Mondrian and the Sunset Tower Hotel offer accommodations fit for a king (with a bill to match). Meanwhile the Hyatt and the rock'n' roll atmosphere of the Standard Hotel offer great rooms at a fraction of the cost of their neighbors. Just about every hotel in the area is located on Sunset and lies within walking distance of the hottest clubs.

Westwood

This high-end neighborhood not only boasts UCLA, but also offers many bars, restaurants and entertainment options. It also features some of the best accommodations at reasonable prices. The Hilgard House offers wonderful accommodations that isn't exactly cheap, but certainly won't cause you to break the bank. The upscale W Los Angeles is a popular choice featuring world-class service and comfort.

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Restaurants Insights

When it comes to dining and drinking, anything that one can possibly dream up can be found in Los Angeles. Celebrity-only seating on the West Side is countered by family-style seating in Silverlake, and cuisines from Ethiopian to Polish are all here somewhere. With so many choices and a limited time frame, here are some highlights that should not be missed.

Downtown

After a prolonged period of economic hardship, downtown L.A. went in for a facelift, replacing the old shabby buildings with new businesses and recreation centers. One of the establishments that helped the downtown comeback is R-23, which quickly gained a reputation for serving unbelievable sushi. Another downtown hot spot is the Water Grill, which offers upscale seafood for the international dining set. If you're looking for a unique and entertaining experience without the sky-high prices, enjoy a meal at Shabu Shabu House Restaurant—a form of Japanese cooking where servers bring you plates of fresh meat, and the customers cook it

themselves in hot pots. And for a more casual but earth-shaking good time, check out Epicentre, which is designed to look like a cafe, post-earthquake.

La Cienega and Beverly Hills

When dining in this celebrity "hot zone," be sure to bring your high-limit credit cards and your best evening attire. Some great options include Chaya Brasserie for a legendary mix of Californian, French and Italian, and of course, the world-famous Spago Beverly Hills headed by Wolfgang Puck. La Cienega Boulevard offers L.A.'s famed "Restaurant Row," which features The Stinking Rose for all your garlic desires, Tokyo Table for delicious but more affordable Japanese cuisine, and the highly favored Fogo de Chao Churrascaria for some Brazilian fare, and many other local favorites.

Hollywood/Melrose

A small step away from the big money of Beverly Hills, these hot spots offer a warmer and hipper version of the same scene. Musso and Frank's Grill offers American cuisine with an old Hollywood style. Joachim Splichal serves the highest of haute cuisine at Patina, and West Hollywood's Asia de Cuba features Asian-Cuban fusion in a dining room decorated all in white. Also in West Hollywood is perhaps the one of the finest Moroccan restaurants in all of Los Angeles, Dar Maghreb, which is more than just dining—it's an unforgettable experience. Finally, for lowbrow gastronomic pleasure that should not be missed, wait in line for the oldest Hollywood tradition, a Chili Cheese Dog from Pink's.

Santa Monica/Venice/Malibu

These beachfront neighborhoods of Santa Monica, Venice and Malibu offer the full range of dining options from earthy-hippie cuisine in Venice to star-studded glamour in Malibu. When not gazing into the deep blue Pacific, be sure to focus your attention on Babalu for down-to-earth Caribbean cuisine, Chez Mimi for one of the most romantic French experiences you will have this side of Paris and Geoffrey's for fresh cuisine with a heart-stopping view of the California coast. Wolfgang Puck's Chinois On Main is a wonderful choice, as well as

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The Lobster for some delightfully simple but sophisticated seafood dishes.

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Nightlife Insights

As the entertainment capital of the world, Los Angeles is overflowing with theater, art, dance, film and television. The city has a variety of options for every entertainment taste.

Theaters

The creative activity in the theaters of Los Angeles proves the naysayers wrong: just because the city's more frivolous side is the most publicized, Los Angeles does indeed have a rich history of culture and soul. The Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County complex in downtown Los Angeles houses many of the city's major theatre venues, including the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the Mark Taper Forum, Pantages Theatre, and the Ahmanson Theatre.

Museums

Los Angeles is indeed multi-faceted: with beautiful beaches on one end, trendy clubs on another, and amazing museums spread throughout, it is no wonder people flock here to get a taste of everything it has to offer. The Getty Center is a breathtaking architectural work before you even see the collections inside. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art has impressive permanent collections as well as top-billed shows. If contemporary art is more your cup of tea, then pay a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) which has featured extremely innovative art exhibitions. L.A. is also home to many smaller, private galleries, concentrated especially in Venice and the Melrose area of Hollywood. If nature and science excite you more than a rare Van Gogh, the California Science Center is a hands-on educational facility that takes science to the extreme while the Natural History Museum has 35 galleries of environmental science displays to explore. For a more serious-minded museum visit, the Los Angeles Museum of Tolerance is a stop for the humanitarian-minded tourist. The museum offers classes in racial diversity and acceptance, and offers tours for school children and interested adults. It is a powerful, moving and informative institution.

For those who have eclectic or more specialized tastes, be sure to check out the Museum of Neon Art, the Vintage Animation Gallery and the Museum In Black.

Cinema

Mann's Chinese Theater on Hollywood Boulevard stands out as one of the most famous cinema houses ever built. Crowds descend upon the faux-Asian theater every day to measure the famous feet and hands imprinted on the sidewalk outside. Across the street from the Mann's Chinese, the Egyptian Theater stands in its Vegas-style glory.

Comedy

With countless small theaters and clubs in Los Angeles, open mic nights for struggling comedians are everywhere. For a more polished performance check out the famous Groundlings. This well-known "training camp" for television shows like Saturday Night Live has an ever-changing lineup of up-and-comers with an occasional star headliner. The Improv and the Comedy Store consistently feature well-known, professional headliners as well as budding new talent.

Music

When they are not out partying on the Sunset Strip, rock and roll musicians can be found performing at several Los Angeles venues. The El Rey Theatre and the Palladium are great for watching shows while in the city. The Forum, the Gibson Amphitheatre and the Staples Center are the location of choice for larger rock shows. Classical and jazz concerts are usually found at the Hollywood Bowl and The Greek Theatre.

Sporting Events

L.A. sports fans have plenty to keep them busy with the Los Angeles Lakers, the Clippers, the WNBA's Sparks, the Dodgers and the Kings. If those sports aren't your bag, check out the Hollywood Park Racetrack for some fast-paced betting fun.

Amusement and Theme Parks

Los Angeles and its surrounding areas are home to many world-famous and exciting amusement parks. The most well-known the world over is Disneyland, America's Magic Kingdom and Disney's

California Adventure. Experience the magic of moviemaking at Universal Studios and check out the good-time rides and attractions of Knott's Berry Farm. For roller-coaster thrills go to Six Flags Magic Mountain, and for watersliding chills, don't miss Raging Waters. **Nightclubs**

What's hot in this city changes almost overnight, and word of mouth is everything. However, for a good sampling of what L.A. has to offer, be sure to check out: Area, The Knitting Factory, LAX, and Beauty Bar.

Shopping and Hanging Out

People-watching in Los Angeles can definitely be considered a spectator sport. Although it bears no resemblance to the former hit television show, Melrose is the best sidewalk spectacle. Crammed full of sidewalk cafes, bars, coffeehouses and boutiques, the street is always full of activity and unusual characters.

If true Hollywood stars and Über-Glam shopping are what you are looking for, Rodeo Drive is the ultimate destination. The world-renowned street is always bustling with film stars in baseball caps trying to blend in and Hollywood wives in diamonds trying to stand out. Gucci, Prada and Tiffany & Co. are all represented here, so if you have buying in mind be sure to bring all of your credit cards.

If the ultra-chic shops and thousand-dollar price tags aren't exactly what you seek, Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade offers shoppers a wide variety of upscale boutiques and well-known chains, all under the shining sun of this beach town. Universal City Walk is the Valley's answer to great shopping and entertainment along a stretch of pedestrian walkways. And if you're looking for something downright bizarre or unique, don't leave town without checking out Necromance for all of your Gothic, bone jewelry and dead animal specimen needs or the Wound & Wound Toy Company specializing in amazing wind-up toys from past and present.

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Things to Do Insights

Walking around Los Angeles is not an easy task. As the world's largest metropolis, Los Angeles has become as famous for cars and traffic as it is for its film industry. So

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grab a rental, and make your way out to these tourist hot spots.

Downtown

Located in the heart of downtown, the modest Pueblo de Los Angeles remains the city's oldest structure. Built in 1818, it serves as a historical monument to the mission era of California, and also provides tourists with the perfect reason to visit downtown and not miss one of the city's best-kept sightseeing secrets. Located in the middle of the historic pueblo is Olvera Street, an L.A. landmark since the early 1930s. Any day of the year the cobblestone street is alive with inexpensive Mexican delicacies, kitschy shopping and several wandering mariachi bands. If too many hours on Beverly Hills/Rodeo Drive Shopping District have strained the magnetic strip(or the limit) of your credit card, the Garment District offers a great low-cost shopping alternative. The Cooper Building and Santee Alley house designer outlet stores and clothing in all styles, labels and sizes.

Hollywood

The Griffith Observatory is one of the largest in the country. At night you can stargaze from balconies on the outside of the building, as well as from on the roof. Face north in the parking lot and you will get a spectacular view of the Hollywood Sign. Take Hollywood Boulevard approximately three blocks to Vine. At this famous intersection begins the Hollywood Walk of Fame, so named for the bronzed stars placed into the pavement that bear the name of a legendary entertainer in music, movies and television. L'Orangerie is a classy French restaurant near here. Continuing up Hollywood Boulevard you will come to Mann's Chinese Theater, more famous for the front courtyard than for any film ever shown there. The footprints and handprints outside include so many stars, and create such a stir, it's sometimes hard to squeeze your way in.

Malibu and Santa Monica

The beach community of Santa Monica offers great shopping and dining. The Third Street Promenade and The Pier are major centers of activity. Here you can ride roller coasters, shop, eat, fish or just take in the ocean air. Beurivage is a fantastic restaurant with ocean views. When you're ready to hit the coast, head north on the

beautiful Pacific Coast Highway. A few miles north of Malibu is Leo Carillo State Beach. This unique inlet features rock formations and tide pools overflowing with some of the most unusual aquatic life in the world. If you are lucky, you will also be able to see dolphins frolicking just offshore. When you are done here, head south to Venice City Beach.

Mount Wilson

The 110 freeway north ends at Colorado Boulevard, where you will turn right and head into Old Town. In addition to being a quaint historical city, Old Town Pasadena Shopping District is known for world-class restaurants, thriving theater and many antique shops. One of the best features of Old Town is the architecture. An elegant dining option nearby is Bistro 45, which has contemporary French options on its menu. For those who feel confined by gravity and want to get a different perspective of Pasadena, simply follow signs to the Angeles Crest Highway and head up--straight up! This winding(and at times treacherous) mountain road takes you through the Angeles National Forest en route to the Mount Wilson Observatory, some 5000 feet above sea level.

Museum Row

This stretch of Wilshire Boulevard is also known as Museum Row, and with good reason. Most of the city's main museums are located here, as well as several small but influential, art galleries, such as the Vintage Animation Gallery and the Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions. After checking them out, take a quick drive up Fairfax to another Los Angeles historical monument, Canter's Deli. This Jewish-American diner has been a long Hollywood tradition. After your first bite of a Canter's Deli sandwich you will know why stars, locals and tourists have made this eatery a Los Angeles must-see location. After indulging in all the best that Canter's has to offer, finish the day off with the astounding glamour of the mansions in Hancock Park, a neighborhood dotted with homes built in the golden years of Hollywood. If you'd like to do something more adventurous, the La Brea Tar Pits are just a short drive away.

If you are planning on checking out a few centrally-located things, going on foot is fine. However, if you want to explore the parts of this sprawling city that are hard to

get to, planning a day with a tour company is recommended.

Walking Tours Los Angeles Conservancy(+1 213 623 2489/ <http://www.laconservancy.org/>) OffN Running Tours(+1 310 246 1418/ <http://offnrunningtours.com>) Red Line Tours(+1 323 402 1074 x31/ <http://www.redlinetours.com/>)

Trolley Tours Beverly Hills Trolley Tour(+1 310 285 2438/ http://www.beverlyhills.org/presence/connect/CoBH/Homepage/For+Visitors/What+to+Do/Cultural+Events,+Activities+and+Tours/LG-CM-Trolley_Tours)

Studio Tours Universal Studios(+1 800 8 6483 7725/ <http://www.universalstudioshollywood.com>) Warner Bros. Studio Tour(+1 818 972 8687/ <http://www2.warnerbros.com/vipstudiotour/>) Paramount Studio Tour(+1 323 956 1777/ <http://www.paramount.com/studio/>) Sony Pictures Studio Tour(+1 323 520 8687/ <http://www.sonypicturesstudios.com/>)

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Adventure Tours Catalina Adventure Tours(+1 310 510 2888/ +1 562 432 8828/ <http://www.catalinaadventuretours.com/>) Descanso Beach Ocean Sports(+1 310 510 1226/ +1 310 510 1588/ <http://www.kayakcatalinaisland.com/>)

Fishing Tours Discovery Tours--Flying Fish Boat Trip(+1 310 510 2000)

Boat Tours Los Angeles Harbor Cruise(+1 310 831 0996) Star Party Cruises(+1 562 799 7000/ <http://www.reggae-boat.com/>) Crystal Cruises(+1 866 446 6625/ <http://www.crystalcruises.com/>)

Air Tours Helitac Aviation(+1 213 483 6898/ <http://www.helitac.com>) Hollywood Aviators(+1 818 994 2004/ <http://www.hollywoodaviators.com/>)

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Getting There

Air

Los Angeles International Airport(LAX)+1 310 646 5252<http://www.lawa.org/lax/>

LAX is located 16 miles from downtown.

Bob Hope Airport(BUR)+1 818 840 8840<http://www.burbankairport.com/>

BUR is located three miles from downtown.

LAX provides service to the following airlines:

Aeromexico(+1 800 237 6639/<http://www.aeromexico.com/>) Air New Zealand(+1 800 262 1234/<http://www.airnewzealand.com/usa/>) Airtran Airways(+1 800 247 8726/<http://www.airtran.com/>) American(+1 800 433 7300/<http://www.aa.com/>) Alaska Airlines(+1 800 252 7522/<http://www.alaskaair.com/>) British Airways(+1 800 247 9297/<http://www.britishairways.com/>) China Airlines(+1 800 227 5118/<http://www.china-airlines.com/>) Continental(+1 800 525 0280/<http://www.continental.com/>) Delta(+1 800 221 1212/<http://www.delta.com/>) Frontier(+1 800 265 5505/<http://www.frontierairlines.com/>) Hawaiian Airlines(+1 800 367 5320/<http://www.hawaiianair.com/>) Japan Airways(+1 800 525 3663/<http://www.jal.co.jp/>) Korean Airlines(+1 800 438 5000/<http://www.koreanair.com/>) Lufthansa(+1 800 241 6522/<http://www.lufthansa-usa.com/>) Northwest(+1 800 225 2525/<http://www.nwa.com/>) QANTAS(+1 800 227 4500/<http://www.qantas.com.au/>) Singapore Airlines(+1 800 742 3333/<http://www.singaporeair.com/>) Southwest(+1 800 435 9792/<http://www.southwest.com/>) Sun Country(+1 800 359 6786/<http://www.suncountry.com/>) United(+1 800 241 6522/<http://www.ual.com/>) US Airways(+1 800 428 4322/<http://www.usairways.com/>)

BUR provides service to the following airlines:

Alaska Airlines(+1 800 252 7522/<http://www.alaskaair.com/>) Aloha

Airlines(+1 800 367 5250/<http://www.alohaairlines.com/>) American(+1 800 433 7300/<http://www.aa.com/>) Southwest(+1 800 435 9792/<http://www.southwest.com/>) United(+1 800 241 6522/<http://www.ual.com/>) US Airways:(+1 800 428 4322/<http://www.usairways.com/>)

Airport Parking Service: Park'N Fly at Park One(+1 800 763 6895/<http://www.pfnetwork.com/>)

Shuttle: A free shuttle bus service provides transportation from the airport to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Bus Center(+1 800 266 6883/<http://www.mta.net/>). From there, city buses are available to serve the Los Angeles area. Other Public bus companies include Culver City Bus Lines(+1 310 253 6500), Santa Monica Big Blue Bus(+1 800 266 6883) and Torrance Transit(+1 800 266 6883). The shuttle can be picked up under the LAX Shuttle& Airline Connections sign on the Lower/Arrival Level in front of each terminal.

Metropolitan Express(+1 800 338 3898) is a bus service that provides transportation from LAX to downtown Los Angeles. Union Station/LAX FlyAway(+1 866 435 9529) is a 24 hour service that provides airport shuttle service from Union Station to LAX for a small fare.

Taxi: The following companies provide taxis that can easily be located at the Lower/Arrival Level in front of each terminal:

Authorized Taxicab Supervision(ATS) (+1 323 776 5324) Beverly Hills Cab Company(+1 310 273 6611) Independent Taxi Owners Association(+1 213 666 0045) L.A. Taxi/United Checker Cab(+1 213 627 7000;+1 310 715 1968)

Car Rental: Alamo(+1 800 327 9633/<http://www.goalamo.com/>) Avis(+1 800 331 1212/<http://www.avis.com/>) Budget(+1 800 527 0700/<http://www.budget.com/>) Dollar(+1 800 800 4000/<http://www.dollar.com/>) Enterprise(+1 800 736 8222/<http://www.enterprise.com/>) Hertz(+1 800 654 3131/<http://www.hertz.com/>) National(+1 800 227 7368/<http://www.nationalcar.com/>)

Car-Share

Another attractive ground transportation option is Zipcar, which operates in certain U.S. cities. This new breed of rental car allows you to rent on an hourly basis rather

than a daily basis. Be sure to register online before your trip. Zipcar(+1 877 353 9227/<http://www.zipcar.com/>)

Train

Amtrak(+1 800 872 7245/<http://www.amtrak.com/>), located at 800 N Alameda Street, provides service to Los Angeles via several national routes including Coast Starlight, Pacific Surfliner, Southwest Chief and Sunset Limited.

Bus

Greyhound(+1 800 231 2222/<http://www.greyhound.com/>) accesses Los Angeles from major cities around the country. The downtown bus station(+1 213 629 8401), located at 1716 E 7th Street, is open 24 hours daily.

Car

Approach Los Angeles from the east by Interstate 10, from the northeast and southwest by Interstate 5 and south via Interstate 5 and take Interstate 110 from the south.

Getting Around

Public Transit

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority(+1 800 266 6883/<http://www.metro.net/>) provides local and express bus service throughout Los Angeles and to major surrounding attractions including Disneyland and Universal Studios Hollywood. Other services include the Green Line light rail and the Metro Red Line subway.

If rollin' like a celebrity is your wish, call on New Century Limo(+1 800 250 9434/ <http://www.newcenturylimo.com/>).

Traffic Information

To find out city traffic information go to<http://www.traffic.com/>

If traveling overseas, take the safety precaution of registering your trip at<https://travelregistration.state.gov> and for helpful, practical advice about traveling technicalities and safety standards check out<http://travel.state.gov/>.

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Fun Facts

Los Angeles State: California **Country:** United States

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Los Angeles By The Numbers:

Population: 3,849,368(city);
13,000,000(Metropolitan) Elevation: 256 ft/
78 m Average Annual Rainfall: 14 in/ 36 cm
Average January Temperature: 57°F/ 14°C
Average July Temperature: 72°F/ 22°C

Quick Facts:

Major Industries: tourism,entertainment,
communications, shipping, manufacturing,
finance,oil Electricity: 110 volts, 60Hz,
standard two pin plugs Time Zone:
GMT-8(GMT-7 daylight saving time); Pacific
Standard Time(PST) Country Dialing Code:
1 Area Codes: 213, 310, 323, 626, 818(1
and the area code must be dialed even for
local calls)

Did You Know?

Los Angeles allows visitors to glimpse
millions of years of geologic history. At
theLa Brea Tar Pits you can see residue of
the days when dinosaurs walked the Earth,
and the tar is still oozing in some places.
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Weather

Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temperature C												
Average High	19	20	20	22	23	25	28	29	28	26	22	19
Average Mean	14	15	15	17	18	20	23	23	23	20	17	14
Average Low	9	10	11	12	14	16	18	18	18	15	11	9
Temperature F												
Average High	95	94	98	106	102	112	107	105	110	108	100	91
Average Mean	58	60	60	63	65	69	74	75	73	69	63	58
Average Low	28	34	35	39	46	50	54	53	51	41	38	30
Rainy Days	6	6	6	3	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	5
Rain Fall (cm)	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5
Rain Fall (in)	2.9	3.1	2.6	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.3	2.0	2.0

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