

5 TACO TRUCKS

you must try

- 6 **KOGI**
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
AT: KOGI TAQUERIA
3500 Overland
Avenue #100
Palms ④
+1 424 326 3031
kogibbq.com
- This truck launched the trend for hip food trucks and unexpected street fusion food. Before he became world-famous, Chef Roy Choi perfected Kogi's Korean tacos, which are now emblems of the city itself – and much easier to come by thanks to expansion (four trucks now and two brick-and-mortars).
- 7 **TACOS LEO**
1515 S La Brea Ave
Mid City ③
+1 323 346 2001
leostacotruck.com
- There is often a long line, late into the night, in the gas station parking lot where this truck is parked. The crowds are here for one thing: *al pastor*, marinated pork cooked vertically on a spit that is thin-cut and served on tortillas as tacos.
- 8 **TACOS LA ESTRELLA**
5319 York Boulevard
& Avenue 54
Highland Park ⑬
- In a city of so many fine tacos, sometimes what stands out is simplicity. La Estrella's *carne asada* tacos are straightforward: smoky meat, onion, cilantro, salsa roja. Plus, unlike most that roam nocturnally through the city streets, this truck is permanent (no chasing them down on Twitter) and open during the day.

- 9 **RICKY'S FISH TACOS**
3201 Riverside Drive
Los Feliz ⑩
- A Baja fish taco done right is a thing of beauty and Ricky Piña, a Baja native, is the master. The accolades for this truck are many but who cares about awards? Instead enjoy the most delicious lunch you can find for less than five dollars: expertly fried fish or shrimp with homemade salsas and aqua frescas.
- 10 **MARISCOS JALISCO**
3040 E Olympic
Boulevard
Boyle Heights ⑩
+1 323 528 6701
- Here is another taco that tops every serious foodie's list: the *taco dorado de camarón*, which are deep-fried shrimp tacos topped with avocado and salsa roja. Several other trucks in the neighborhood offer similar tacos, but go for the one most critics deem best. Or try a ceviche, also delicious.





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5 shops for LA STYLE

156 FRED SEGAL

8100 Melrose Avenue
West Hollywood ⑥
+1 323 651 4129
fredsegal.com

This legendary store set the bar for California chic, the laidback luxe that continues to defy trends and inspire new ones. And it's no wonder: Fred Segal has always been ahead of its time. The store's namesake opened the first 'denim bar', back in 1960. Since then Fred Segal has been the place to see and be seen.

157 LOST & FOUND

6320 Yucca Street
Hollywood ⑦
+1 323 856 5872
lostandfoundshop.com

This collection of shops along Yucca has long been a favorite among low-key fashionistas (it was Goop before Goop). The visionary behind it, owner Jamie Rosenthal, started her boutiques back when it was sketchy to hang out in this part of Hollywood. Now, it's a top shopping spot for many of the city's most stylish.



The 5 greatest GOOGIE-STYLE buildings

186 CHIPS

11908 Hawthorne
Boulevard
Hawthorne ⑦
+1 310 679 2947

Googie is an architectural style popular in the mid-20th century and created in LA that captures the futurism of the time with buildings marked by aerodynamic lines, vaulted roofs, and gorgeous signage that played to the automobile age. Chips is a classic example of this popular style and has been in continuous operation since it opened in 1957.

187 NORMS RESTAURANT

470 N La Cienega
Boulevard
West Hollywood ⑥
+1 310 657 8333
normsrestaurants.com

This restaurant, designed by the influential architectural firm of Armet & Davis, exemplifies Googie style. It's also the oldest location of the Norms chain, which has locations around Southern California and is a quintessential California coffee shop.

188 PANN'S

6710 La Tijera Blvd
Inglewood ⑦
+1 323 776 3770
panns.com

Pann's is a perfect California coffee shop. Opened by George and Rena Panagopoulos in 1958 and designed by the legendary Armet & Davis, it's on the way to LAX so always a good way to say goodbye or hello to Los Angeles. The neon sign, like the fried chicken, is a thing of beauty.

189 JOHNIE'S COFFEE SHOP

6101 Wilshire Blvd
Miracle Mile ⑧
+1 323 938 3521

It's worth crossing Fairfax Avenue from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art to see this shuttered example of a Googie coffee house. Designed by Armet & Davis and opened in 1956, this space held a series of coffee shops before closing in 2000. Since then, the building has been used strictly as a film location.

190 JACK COLKER'S 76 STATION

427 N Crescent Drive
Beverly Hills ⑤
+1 310 273 3891

Googie was a popular style, not an elite one, so it's no wonder the finest examples are places of everyday experiences – coffee shops, gas stations, grocery stores. Architect William Pereira originally designed the swooping boomerang-shaped roof for LAX, but when it wasn't used there, he repurposed it here.



The 5 best URBAN HIKES

231 ARROYO SECO

AT: ARROYO SECO
FOUNDATION

570 W Ave 26 #450
Pasadena ⑤
+1 323 405 7326
arroyoseco.org

The beautiful Arroyo Seco watershed snakes down from the San Gabriel Mountains through Pasadena, South Pasadena, and Northeast Los Angeles to the confluence with the Los Angeles River near Elysian Park. There are many different hikes to try covering all kinds of terrain, from urban gritty walks by whizzing freeways to trails in pristine canyons.

232 BALDWIN HILLS SCENIC OVERLOOK

6300 Hetzler Road
Culver City ④
+1 310 558 5547
www.parks.ca.gov

This 500-foot peak is southwest of downtown Los Angeles and offers a short hike to a panoramic view of the entire Los Angeles Basin, the Pacific Ocean, and the surrounding mountains. The native habitat has been restored, so you can envision what LA was like before any of us got here.

233 GRIFFITH PARK

4730 Crystal
Springs Drive
Griffith Park ⑩
+1 323 913 4688
laparks.org/griffithpark

One of the most stunning features of LA is this mostly undeveloped parkland in the middle of the city, where in minutes you can be among rugged hills and wild animals. There's a network of 53 miles of hiking trails here; maps are available online and at the ranger station.

234 RUNYON CANYON PARK

2000 N Fuller Avenue
West Hollywood ⑥
+1 213 485 5572
[laparks.org/park/
runyon-canyon](http://laparks.org/park/runyon-canyon)

Wear something cute to hike here because as far as natural excursions go, this one is a Hollywood scene. There are three entrances to this hillside public facility, a long stretch of terrain from Mulholland Drive to Fuller Avenue. The views of the city are incredible, but you might be distracted by celeb sightings too.

235 VISTA HERMOSA PARK

100 N Toluca Street
Downtown ⑩
+1 213 250 1100
lamountains.com

Few folks even know this hidden gem of a park exists, which allows visitors to enjoy the 10 acres of walking trails, play space, and spectacular skyline views of nearby downtown. Formerly developed land, this space in the city's urban core has been given back to nature.



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EXPERIMENTAL CINEMA

screenings

346 **ECHO PARK
FILM CENTER**

1200 N Alvarado St

Echo Park ⑩

+1 213 484 8846

echoparkfilmcenter.org

This nonprofit media-arts organization is the neighborhood cinema of old Italian films – it’s a place to discover the magic of movies and the people who make them. With a focus on empowering marginalized communities to create their own media, the center offers free educational programs and an eco-friendly mobile cinema.

347 **FILMFORUM**

AT: THE EGYPTIAN
THEATRE

6712 Hollywood Blvd

Hollywood ⑦

lafilmforum.org

It’s possible to see the most famous film in the world at the same theater where you can find the most experimental, non-commercial work. That’s because Filmforum, Southern California’s longest-running screening organization for independent and progressive media, makes its home at the Steven Spielberg Theatre here.



350 WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL / REDCAT

The 5 trendiest HIPSTER hotels

406 ACE HOTEL

929 S Broadway
Downtown ⓘ
+1 213 623 3233
acehotel.com/losangeles

In 2014, the hip hotel came to LA by renovating the historic 13-floor United Artists building. Sleek but homey rooms offer an acoustic guitar or a record player with a selection of vinyl curated by Amoeba Music. Every night, the rooftop bar features DJs, bands, and more.

407 AVALON HOTEL

9400 W Olympic
Boulevard
Beverly Hills ⓘ
+1 310 277 5221
avalon-hotel.com

This mid-century modern oasis offers a secluded escape in the middle of bustling Olympic Boulevard. Kelly Wearstler-designed rooms invite you to West Coast chill, and the stylish Viviane Restaurant features California cuisine. Of course, a 1950s-style cocktail in a poolside cabana is mandatory.

408 THE LINE HOTEL

3515 Wilshire Blvd
Koreatown ⓘ
+1 213 381 7411
thelinehotel.com

Finally, a hotel as interesting as the neighborhood it's in and meant to inspire community. Stripped-down concrete-walled rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows and handmade furnishings reverberate artistic style and LA's casual, laidback culture. Chill by the pool or take in delectable offerings of food-truck pioneer chef Roy Choi.

409 HOTEL COVELL

4626 Hollywood Blvd
Los Feliz ⓘ
+1 323 660 4300
hotelcovell.com

This five-room boutique hotel nestled above the Covell Wine Bar offers an upscale-yet-feels-like-home vibe. Order food from downstairs, watch the sunset from the rooftop deck, head downstairs to enjoy a variety of wine and beer, stumble upstairs to your room and put on a record, fall asleep. Wake up, repeat.

410 HOTEL ERWIN

1697 Pacific Avenue
Venice ⓘ
+1 310 452 1111
hotelerwin.com

A Venice Beach destination since 1975, this cozy hotel is a block from the beach and the Venice Boardwalk. Watch the sun set over the Pacific from your 1970s funky fresh room, then hit the rooftop bar or have a quick bite with travelers from around the world at the Barlo Kitchen.



406 ACE HOTEL

5 top DESERT DESTINATIONS

436 DEATH VALLEY

nps.gov/deva/index.htm

Not a trip for the faint of heart or a summertime destination, Death Valley is the biggest US National Park outside of Alaska and a 200-mile, scenic trip from LA. There's 3.4 million acres of wild country out here to explore, from barren salt flats to rugged mountains. Make plans and bring water.

437 JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

nps.gov/jotr/index.htm

For a magical desert experience closer to LA, this national park with its namesake twisted trees is a study in stark beauty. It's a great place to camp and hike – or if you'd rather stay in a hotel, try the charming Joshua Tree Inn, where singer Gram Parsons passed.

438 LANDERS

yucca-valley.org/visitors

Located in the southeastern Mojave Desert, just north of Joshua Tree, is this desert community. Landers is less visited than other Yucca Valley desert communities. Far-out attractions include Giant Rock, a seven-story-high freestanding boulder (the largest in the world) and the Integatron, the ultimate place for a sound bath.

439 LAS VEGAS

lvcva.com

It's Vegas, baby! What more is there to say? This: you might be tempted to try to road-trip this – unless you've got plenty of time, don't. It's much faster (and sometimes less expensive) to fly from LAX or Burbank.

440 PALM SPRINGS

visitpalm Springs.com

Go for a vintage getaway to this celebrated desert oasis – a mere two-hour drive from Los Angeles, there's lots to see here (The Living Desert Museum, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway), but the best way to holiday is a mid-century hotel with a pool.

