

5 places to FEED YOUR SOUL

51 CAFE GRATITUDE

**639 N Larchmont
Boulevard
Larchmont Village** ⑦
+1 323 580 6383
cafegratitude.com

There are several locations of this plant-based restaurant in LA, a vegetarian cafe you can comfortably take carnivores to (there's even a play on In-N-Out's Double Double burger on the menu). It's the kind of hippy-dippy health-food joint LA is known for and while the sentiments are real, they are also done with a wink.

52 INN OF THE SEVENTH RAY

**128 Old Topanga
Canyon Road
Topanga**
+1 310 455 1311
innoftheseventhray.com

Situated in what feels like a deep, enchanted forest, this is not only one of LA's most beautiful restaurants, it's one of the most vibey. Food is prepared 'charged with the vibration of the violet flame of the Seventh Ray' and might transport you to a higher plane. From my magical times there, I'd say yes.

53 GRACIAS MADRE

**8905 Melrose Avenue
West Hollywood** ⑥
+1 323 978 2170
graciasmadreweho.com

This Mexican vegan restaurant (cofounded by the folks from Cafe Gratitude) eschews any 'crunchy' aesthetic – the space is airy and chic. Especially interesting is the beverage program with its creative cocktails, including boozed-up snow cones.



53 GRACIAS MADRE

5 traditional TIKI BARS

- 81 **DAMON'S**
317 N Brand Blvd
Glendale ⑩
+1 818 507 1510
damonsglendale.com
- This Polynesian-themed steakhouse has been family-owned for nearly 76 years, half of which have been in its current location. So the vibe here isn't retro – it's real. This is a classic neighborhood steakhouse, albeit with a serious tiki theme and the requisite tropical drinks and cuisine. Happy hour is a deal.
- 82 **LUAU LARRY'S**
509 Crescent Avenue
Catalina Island
+1 310 510 1919
luaularrys.com
- A great day trip is to take the ferry to nearby Catalina Island; ports in San Pedro, Long Beach, Newport Beach, and Dana Point will get you there. This tiki-themed oyster bar (and institution) in Avalon will make you feel as if you've traveled far – though you'll spy the city's lights in the distance.
- 83 **TONGA HUT**
12808 Victory Blvd
North Hollywood ⑩
+1 818 769 0708
tongahut.com
- Once again, there's no faux retro vibe here: this is an original tiki bar, opened in 1958, when the tiki craze was at its height. Today, they are still doling out neon-hued tropical drinks that pack a serious punch and the décor retains its mid-century glory.

- 84 **THE PACIFIC SEAS**
AT: CLIFTON'S REPUBLIC
648 S Broadway
Downtown ⑩
+1 213 627 1673
cliftonsia.com/
pacific-seas
- One of many bars in the wonderland that is Clifton's, this homage to tiki is also a tribute to the cafeteria chain's history, featuring artifacts from an original Pacific Seas and other legendary departed tiki bars. The fantastic visual feast pairs perfectly with the Singapore Slings and Mai Tais.
- 85 **TIKI-TI**
4427 Sunset Blvd
Los Feliz ⑦
+1 323 699 9381
tiki-ti.com
- One of the most beloved bars in town also happens to be the smallest – there are only twelve stools and a handful of tables. But at this bar, family-owned and-operated since 1961, the recipes for several of the most famous drinks – Zombie, Navy Grog – descended directly from the original Don the Beachcomber.





ABBOT KINNEY BOULEVARD

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5 golden-era MOVIE PALACES

- 181 **EGYPTIAN THEATRE** This gem of a movie theater – now owned by Netflix but still in operation with the American Cinematheque – is often overlooked by the hordes of tourists visiting the famous Chinese Theatre up the street. Like the Chinese, it was managed by impresario Sid Grauman, who staged elaborate performances for film premieres in the beautiful courtyard.
- 6712 Hollywood Blvd
Hollywood ⑦
american
cinematheque.com



- 182 **WARNER GRAND THEATRE** Now a thriving performing arts venue, this gorgeous, 1500-seat Art Deco movie theater still hosts film screenings as well. The same team that designed the Hollywood Pantages Theatre and Los Angeles City Hall built this historic landmark.
- 478 W 6th Street
San Pedro ⑱
+1 310 548 2493
grandvision.org

- 183 **MILLION DOLLAR THEATRE** Opened in 1918, this was Sid Grauman's first LA venue and one of the earliest (and largest) movie palaces in the USA. It anchors the impressive Broadway Theatre District and is used for special events such as the LA Conservancy's Last Remaining Seats film screenings.
- 307 S Broadway
Downtown ①
+1 213 617 3600

- 184 **FOX VILLAGE THEATRE (REGENCY VILLAGE)** This Spanish Mission-style theater was opened in 1931; its tower is a Westwood landmark. Since then the 1400-seat theater has been a prestigious site for movie premieres. Across the street is the Bruin Theater, opened in 1937, so studios could run simultaneous screenings in both theaters for premieres.
- 961 Broxton Avenue
Westwood ⑤
+1 310 208 5576
regencymovies.com

- 185 **VISTA THEATRE** Opened in 1923, the Vista's decor was inspired by the discovery of King Tut's tomb in 1922. Now owned by film director Quentin Tarantino (who also owns the New Beverly Cinema), this beloved neighborhood movie theater has a mini version of Grauman's 'Forecourt of the Stars', in front featuring handprints from local film stars.
- 4473 Sunset Drive
Los Feliz ⑦
+1 323 660 6639
vintagecinemas.com/
vista

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

This beautiful 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 on 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 offers a panoramic view of the entire Los Angeles Basin; it's also a stop on the 13-mile Park to Playa Trail, which connects a series of parks to the Pacific Ocean. To get to the view, you can hike a trail or climb the stairs from the parking lot, or just drive to the visitor center at the top of the hill.

233 GRIFFITH PARK

4730 Crystal
Springs Drive
Griffith Park ⑫
+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 LOS ANGELES STATE HISTORIC PARK

1245 N Spring St
Chinatown ⑪
+1 323 441 8819
lashp.com

Once the site of the city's first rail depot, this 32-acre park in Chinatown has an incredible view of downtown and a pedestrian walkway. Wander the paths, checking out public artworks such as *Endless Orchard*, fruit trees that the public can harvest, and *Psychic Body Grotto*, a bronze sculpture perfect to picnic beneath.

235 VISTA HERMOSA PARK

100 N Toluca Street
Downtown ⑩
+1 213 250 1100
lamoutains.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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INTERDISCIPLINARY

art centers

346 **LA PLAZA DE
CULTURA Y ARTES**
501 N Main Street
Downtown ⓘ
+1 213 542 6200
lapca.org

Almost half of all Angelenos are Latino/a/x and this museum and cultural center, dedicated to the Mexican, Mexican American, and Latino history of Los Angeles, honors the enduring influence of these cultures and how they continue to shape the city. Along with the museum, the complex includes a large outdoor garden with a performance stage and is part of the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument.

347 **2220 ARTS +
ARCHIVES**
2220 Beverly Blvd
Historic
Filipinotown ⓘ
+1 213 277 1987
2220arts.org

This community arts center serves as the home for several important nonprofit art organizations, music and film series, and archives. Among them is Filmforum, Southern California's longest-running screening series for experimental and progressive media, and the Poetic Research Bureau, which hosts readings and 'sundry intellectual exchanges'. Many events are free to the public.



350 WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL / REDCAT

The 5 most ECO-FRIENDLY hotels

421 LOS FELIZ LODGE
1509 N Hoover Street
Los Feliz ⑦
+1 323 660 4150
losfelizlodge.com

A welcome alternative to the traditional hotel, here you will feel like a *La La Land* starlet in one of the cozy bungalows or villas. Each charming, bright room features a kitchen, bath, and plenty of space for family and friends. Only available for monthly rentals, so plan to stay a while.

422 SHORE HOTEL
1515 Ocean Avenue
Santa Monica ②
+1 310 458 1515
shorehotel.com

This boutique hotel is enclosed by beautiful wood and glass – with clear ocean views even from the shower. The Shore Hotel is LEED Gold Certified, and a leader in offering luxury without waste – from the solar-heated pool, to the sustainable wood furniture to their partnership with Clean the World Foundation.

423 TERRANEA RESORT
100 Terranea Way
Rancho Palos Verdes ⑯
+1 866 547 3066
terranea.com

This Mediterranean-inspired escape – the only luxury eco-resort in the LA area – is situated on a 102-acre peninsula surrounded by the Pacific. The well-appointed bungalows, casitas, and villas are nestled between four pools, eight restaurants, spa facilities, and a golf course.

424 1 HOTEL WEST HOLLYWOOD
8490 Sunset Blvd
West Hollywood ⑥
+1 310 424 1600
1hotels.com

Made with 75 tons of wood from fallen trees and operating with LEED Silver certification, this hotel chain has a commitment to sustainability down to the details (the hangers are made of recycled materials). It's also a great location with a lot of green (plants!) as well as sweeping views and a rooftop restaurant.

425 WESTIN BONAVENTURE HOTEL & SUITES
404 S Figueroa St
Downtown ⑩
+1 213 624 1000

This massive, luxury landmark has more than 1300 rooms – it's a true city within the city. As LA's first hotel to reach the environmental standards set by Green Seal, it's also lux with a conscious. Plus, you can take the *True Lies* elevator to the revolving bar on the top floor for a 360-degree view.



The 5 top TRAIN TRIPS

466 GOLETA gogoleta.com

A two-and-a-half-hour train ride up the Pacific coast will land you at this laidback beach town just north of Santa Barbara. If gardens are your thing, there are plenty of them. There's also the Goleta Butterfly Grove. Plus, the beautiful Goleta Beach.

467 RIVERSIDE riversidecvb.com

From Union Station, the Metrolink commuter train travels to this vibrant city in the Inland Empire. Visit the incredible Spanish Mission-style Mission Inn Hotel and Spa, a national historic landmark from the early 1900s. Wealthy travelers came from around the world to stay here, and Hollywood loved to use the stunning hotel as a setting for films.

468 SAN CLEMENTE sanclementeguide.com

Halfway between LA and San Diego, the ride to San Clemente on Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner is pretty much the perfect rail trip – it's less than two hours and offers incredible views of the Pacific. No car needed, as the train station is within walking distance of downtown San Clemente.

469 SAN DIEGO sandiego.org

It's only a two-hour car drive from LA to San Diego – provided there's no traffic. There's *always* traffic, so take the train instead, and in roughly the same amount of time you will arrive at the seaside city with its wealth of attractions refreshed and relaxed instead of full of freeway rage.

470 SAN LUIS OBISPO visitslo.com

For a real rail adventure, this six-hour ride up the coast on Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner route will give you unspoiled views of the California coast. At the end of the line is this popular resort town, and many of the nicer hotels offer complimentary bicycles that you can use to get around (or rent one).

