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The following tools are useful and can aid you to save money and time when you want to go out somewhere. Additionally, as always, your IEP hosts are very useful resources. We are always there to help if you ever need to ask anything!

## Travel Resources

### USC TICKET OFFICE

Provides student discounts tickets for many popular places such as Disneyland, Six Flags, Universal Studios, movie theaters, and more.

**Location:** Student Union Building (STU) 100

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

**For tickets and prices, see:** [http://www.usc.edu/bus-affairs/ticketoffice/calendar/entertainment/discount\\_listing.htm](http://www.usc.edu/bus-affairs/ticketoffice/calendar/entertainment/discount_listing.htm)

### WWW.YELP.COM

Provides a list of restaurants near a specified location, including photos, price ranges, distance/location, and customer ratings and reviews. Very useful for finding locations on-the-go and you can search for different types/categories of foods. You can also download the app on your phone.



### WWW.GROUPON.COM

Provides daily deals and coupons/discounts on a wide range of activities including eating, shopping, outdoor/recreational, etc., personalized to your interests once you create profile.

 The Groupon logo, featuring the word "GROUPON" in a bold, white, uppercase, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol, set against a black rectangular background with a white border.
 

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# Transportation

The most convenient way to get around Los Angeles is by car or services such as **Uber and Lyft**. However, public transportation such as the buses or rail lines are also available.

## Los Angeles area public transportation sites:

[www.metro.net/](http://www.metro.net/)

[www.ladottransit.com/](http://www.ladottransit.com/)

## For longer distances, try:

[www.amtrak.com/home](http://www.amtrak.com/home)

[www.metrolinktrains.com/](http://www.metrolinktrains.com/)

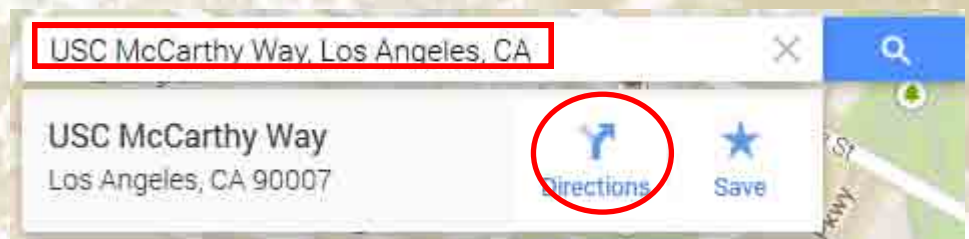


Get the free **Transit App** on your phone for up-to-date bus and train schedules and routes!  
[thetransitapp.com/](http://thetransitapp.com/)

You can also use Google Maps as a great tool for directions at **[maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com)**

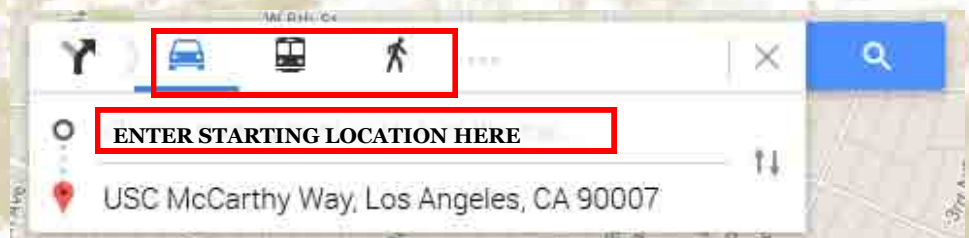
### Step 1:

Enter in your destination address and click "Directions."



### Step 2:

Enter your starting location and choose your travel option (car, bus, walking).



# Tourist Attractions



## GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

**Location:** 2800 East Observatory Road, Los Angeles

Griffith Observatory offers a spectacular view of the City of Angeles from up high. Go at night for a sparkling view of the city or to make use of the telescope to see the night sky. There is also a museum.

## HOLLYWOOD

**Location:** Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood

Take a walk down the Hollywood Walk of Fame and visit fun attractions such as the **Grauman's Chinese Theater**, **Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum**, the Wax Museum, and more! Shopping included.



## BEVERLY HILLS

**Location:** Beverly Hills Area

Check out upscale Los Angeles with a drive through Beverly Hills. Rodeo Drive offers the most extravagant shopping and a stroll through the residential neighborhood gives view of luxurious houses. Maybe you'll glimpse a Hollywood celebrity!

Below are just a few of the various theme/amusement parks available in Southern California. Some also have seasonal theme event nights such as Halloween. All of these attractions and other locations have student discount tickets at the USC Ticket Office.

## Theme Parks

### DISNEYLAND

**Location:** 1313 S Disneyland Dr, Anaheim

The happiest place on earth! Also with the unique Disney California Adventure Park next door, so you can hit both parks in one trip.



### UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

**Location:** 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City

The world-famous movie studio and theme park features tours, attractions, rides, restaurants, and more.

### SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN

**Location:** 26101 Magic Mountain Parkway, Valencia

A destination for thrill-seekers, Six Flags features numerous roller coasters, various rides, and carnival games.



# Museums



## GETTY CENTER

**Location:** 1200 Getty Center Drive

**Admission:** FREE

The Getty has a collection of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present. It is one of the most visited museums in the United States. (Star Trek was filmed here.)

## LACMA

**Location:** 5905 Wilshire Blvd.

**Admission:** \$10 for students (bring your USC student ID)

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art holds more than 100,000 works of art, spanning from ancient times to the present.



## NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM

**Location:** 900 Exposition Blvd.

**Admission:** \$9 for students (bring your USC student ID)

The museum is the largest in the western United States. Its collections include nearly 35 million specimens and artifacts covering 4.5 billion years of history.



# Shopping

## 3RD STREET PROMENADE

**Location:** Santa Monica

This outdoor mall is located a few blocks from the Santa Monica beach and pier. Oftentimes, many street performers will also set up a show on the strip.



## THE GROVE

**Location:** Los Angeles/La Brea

Experience the ultimate shopping, dining, movies, and entertainment in this picturesque and luxurious shopping strip. **Also, come check out the Christmas decorations around the holiday season.**

## DOWNTOWN PASADENA

**Location:** Pasadena

Old Town Pasadena is a charming district with an eclectic mix of over 200 one-of-a-kind specialty boutiques and exclusive national retailers concentrated in an authentic downtown.



### Other Locations

**Beverly Hills:** Beverly Center, Rodeo Drive, Century City Shopping Center

**Hollywood:** Hollywood & Highland, Universal Citywalk, Melrose Avenue.





# Outdoors

## BEACH SPOTS

Whether it's sunbathing, playing on the sand, or going for a swim, the beaches are a drive away from Los Angeles and are ready for you to explore.

If you wish to swim, we suggest to go early in the semester, since the water will get cold once fall sets in.

- \* **Santa Monica Beach**
- \* **Venice Beach**
- \* **Manhattan Beach**
- \* **Malibu Beaches**

## HIKING TRAILS

After the summer heat starts to die down, hiking can be a great way to explore Southern California away from the city. The following hikes range from 2.5 to 7 miles in distance, round-trip and take you through a range of views. Do some research and choose one you will enjoy!

- \* **Heart-of-Hollywood Hike**
- \* **Topanga State Park Trek**
- \* **Griffith Park Trails**
- \* **Santa Monica Mountains Waterfall Trek.**

Los Angeles has a huge range of restaurants to pamper your palate with. Below are just a few recommendations to get your started. The dollar signs represent price ratings, with \$\$\$\$ being the most expensive category.

# Eateries



## Sugarfish

Sushi

**Address:** 600 W 7th St #150, Los Angeles

**Price:** \$\$\$



## Umami Burger

Specialty burgers

**Address:** 852 S. Broadway Los Angeles

**Price:** \$\$



## TASTE Food Hall

Food Court

**Address:** 735 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles

**Price:** \$-\$\$



## Bottega Louie

Italian, bakery

**Address:** 700 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles

**Price:** \$\$



## In-N-Out Burger

Burgers & fries

**Address:** 13425 Washington Blvd, Culver City (various)

**Price:** \$

A black and white photograph of a city skyline at night. The central focus is a tall, cylindrical skyscraper with a glowing top section. To its left is a building with vertical architectural lines. In the foreground, several palm trees are silhouetted against the city lights. Light trails from traffic are visible at the bottom of the frame. A large orange banner with white text is overlaid in the center.

**Enjoy Your Stay!**