

A photograph of the Los Angeles skyline at sunset. The city's skyscrapers are silhouetted against a vibrant orange and yellow sky filled with scattered clouds. The city lights are reflected in the dark water in the foreground.

# LOS ANGELES

*City Guide*

# 75 *Things to Do in Los Angeles*

26. See a movie at Grauman's Chinese Theater
27. Take Pictures with Street Performers at Venice Beach
28. Go Star Gazing at Griffith Observatory
29. Ride the Rollercoaster at Santa Monica Pier
30. Hike Up to the Hollywood Sign
31. Learn how to Surf at Huntington Beach
32. See a Football Game at the LA Coliseum
33. Go See a Show at the Hollywood Bowl
34. Get a bit of culture at the Getty Center
35. Get a bite of the world's best hamburger: In-N-Out
36. Take a shopping trip in Beverly Hills (Rodeo Drive!)
37. Watch a live television taping
38. Enjoy the back lot tour at Universal Studios Hollywood
39. Get a Polaroid picture taken at MacArthur Park
40. Enjoy a hot dog from Pinks Hot Dog's
41. See a horse race at Santa Anita Racetrack
42. Find your inner zen at the Huntington Gardens
43. Go for the rides, not the berries, at Knott's Berry Farm
44. Watch the jets land at Dockweiler Beach
45. Check out multiple food places at Los Angeles Farmers Market
46. Experience Old Town Los Angeles at Olvera Street
47. Get in touch with your inner animal at the Los Angeles Zoo
48. Like Westerns? Try the Gene Autry Museum of the West
49. Walk out of the world of today, into yesterday, tomorrow, and fantasy at, where else? Disneyland!
50. All You Can Eat Korean BBQ
51. Hungry for some sports or a film? Go to LA Live!
52. Rent a bicycle and ride along the Beach at Santa Monica
1. Like gyros? Enjoy a Thursday night at Papa Cristo's Greek Café
2. Get a studio tour at Warner Brothers or Paramount
3. Ride the animatronic bull at Saddleback Ranch Chop House
4. Want a chance to see a shirtless movie star? Try Zuma Beach, Point Dume, or Paradise Cove
5. Speaking of surf, try surf to snow: Surfing in the Morning, and Snowboarding in the afternoon.
6. Listen to a bit of music at the House of Blues.
7. While there is a House of Blues, there is also another house: Roscoe's House of Chicken and Waffles!
8. Stomp on Astaire! Walk on the Hollywood Walk of Stars.
9. Take a picture with your letter in front of California Adventure
10. Like history? Try prehistory at La Brea Tar Pits and the Page Museum
11. Beach volleyball at Hermosa Beach
12. Have a French dip at Phillippe's, the creator of the sandwich!
13. Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena
14. Get in touch with your inner spirit at the Our Lady of the Angels
15. Walk around the rim of the Walt Disney Concert Hall
16. Like magic? Dress up and have dinner at the Magic Castle!
17. Hunt down the famous grilled cheese truck roaming Los Angeles
18. Go open sea kayaking!
19. See the buffalo roam on Catalina Island
20. Go Skydiving!
21. See a Los Angeles Lakers basketball game at Staples Center
22. Have a USC favorite at El Chollo
23. Get a true dose of American Culture at Hooters.
24. Catch a few cheap objects and souvenirs at the Rose Bowl Flea Market
25. Take a hike in the Santa Monica Mountains
53. Sushi in little Tokyo!
54. Haggle in Chinatown
55. Go Clubbing on the Sunset Strip
56. Watch a LA Kings Ice Hockey Game – True North American spirit!
57. Need a creative outlet? Los Angeles County Museum of Art
58. Speed Demon? Check out the history of the car at the Peterson Automotive Museum.
59. Go skiing or snowboarding in Big Bear!
60. Take the gondola from desert to snow at Mt. San Jacinto.
61. You have to be 21 in Las Vegas, but at Casino Morongo, you only need to be 18.
62. Go Star Hunting in Bel Air
63. Watch a Horror Movie in the Hollywood Cemetery
64. Go snorkeling off Catalina Island
65. Buy yourself some peanuts, crackerjacks, and a dodger dog at a LA Dodgers Baseball game!
66. Need a sport you actually know? Los Angeles Galaxy or LA Chivas Soccer!
67. Over 21 ? Do a few sake bombs in one of Little Tokyo's bars.
68. See a band in concert at the Wiltern or Troubadour.
69. See the new Wonderful World of Color at California Adventure.
70. Need extreme thrills? Six Flags Magic Mountain has the most roller coasters out of any theme park on the planet.
71. Go Whale Watching!
72. Want good food and be in a tv show? Get an audience spot in Gordon Ramsay's Hell's Kitchen.
73. Madame Tussaud's Hollywood will get you inches to the stars – just wax ones.
74. Get a bit of downtown life at the club on top of The Standard Hotel
75. Have smores and a beach bonfire!



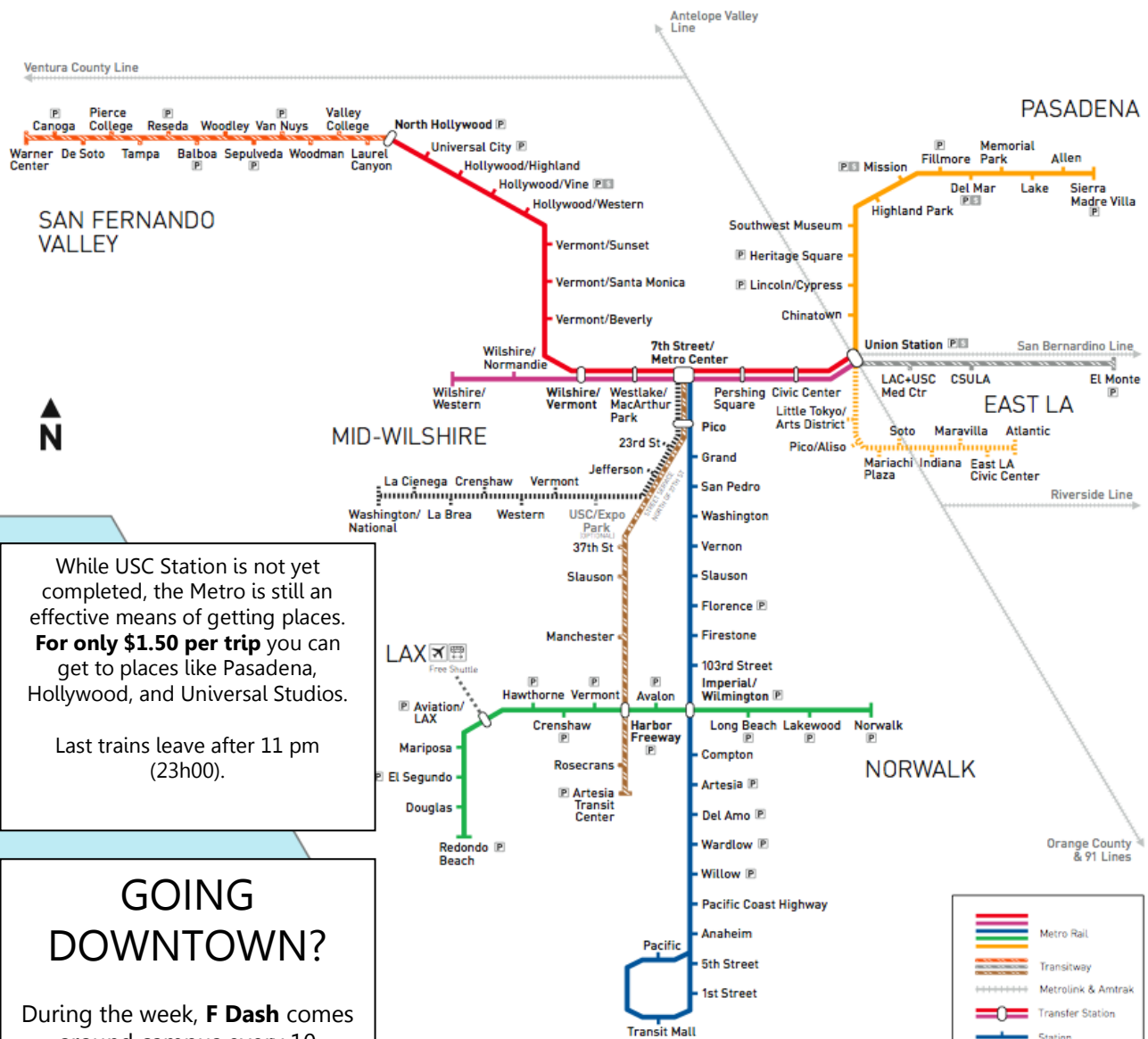
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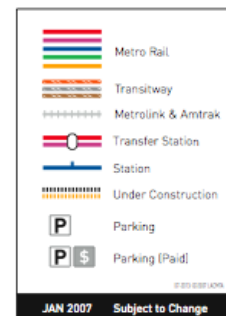


While USC Station is not yet completed, the Metro is still an effective means of getting places. **For only \$1.50 per trip** you can get to places like Pasadena, Hollywood, and Universal Studios.

Last trains leave after 11 pm (23h00).

## GOING DOWNTOWN?

During the week, **F Dash** comes around campus every 10 minutes. For **35 Cents**, you can take this bus to downtown to meet up with the subway at 7<sup>th</sup> and Metro Subway Station.



# MUSEUMS

## OUR FAVOURITE LOCATIONS

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### Getty Center

Opened in the last decade with money from the J.Paul Getty Trust, the Getty Center is one of the most storied museums in LA. With exquisite pieces from all realms of art, you will get a wonderful taste of a history. But most people go to the Getty for the view of Los Angeles, the architecture, and the gardens. Remember College Night for this!

### LACMA + Page

Owned by the county of Los Angeles, LACMA also holds an excellent array of art much like the Getty. However, with added value to this, you also have next door the Page Museum and LA Tar Pits. The tar pits, which over millennia have captured unsuspecting animals, holds skeletons of some of recent millennia's most interesting creatures. Art and sabre tooth tigers? I'm in.

### Huntington Gardens

Originally built by a rail baron, the Huntington Gardens are a series of gardens surrounding a small museum in San Marino California. Known for their exquisite grooming, ancient cactuses, and massive Japanese garden, Huntington is also used for filming a large number of movies that you may recognize. Its free on the third Thursday of the month too!

### Norton Simon Museum

In Pasadena? The Norton Simon is your place. This museum of art is known for its large impressionist collection, and is perhaps one of the highest quality collections in Southern California.

# THEME PARKS

## Disneyland

Southern California's Greatest Attraction, Disneyland is where everyone loves to go to become a kid again. If you have not had one in your part of the world, it is highly necessary you visit as this version is one of the best. If you get a Park-Hopper Ticket, you also have access to the thrill rides of California Adventure, another Disney creation, as well as the new nighttime spectacular: Wonderful World of Color. Expect to spend \$60-100.

## Six Flags

Six Flags Magic Mountain is one of the best thrill parks in the world. The park, which is tied for having the most rollercoaster's is known for creating the first looping roller coaster, breaking records for most loops, highest drop, and speed, and home to one of only two 4<sup>th</sup> dimension roller coasters in the world. Plus, the funnel cake there is unbeatable. Located in Valencia, you need a car to get there. However, with massive discounts available, you shouldn't spend more than \$70 on the ticket and food.

## Universal Studios

Universal Studios Hollywood, while rather expensive, is a great experience for three things: Its studio backlot tram tour, its Water World Stunt Show, and potentially memorable dinner at City Walk. While most of us do not venture there outside of the Halloween bashes, it's a good place to enjoy an afternoon. Expect to spend \$60-100.

## Knott's Berry Farm

Knott's Berry Farm, once again is not known for its berry's any longer, but for its collection of thrill rides. However, what you may enjoy most is the Halloween horror nights at the park, labeled Knott's Scary Farm. Cheesy name, we know, but you'll definitely have a great night being scared out of your mind with friends.

# L.A. FOOD OUR TOP LOCATIONS FOR GOOD EATIN'

## In-n-Out Burger

**Short Overview:** Innout is where you go to understand the true good taste of the hamburger. It is reknowned as one of the best fast food chains and the country, and their burgers have been shipped by plane worldwide for those now addicted to its greatness.

**What to Get:** Double Double, Animal Style Fries

## Pink's Hot Dogs

**Short Overview:** Pink's Hot Dogs are an excellent part of Hollywood. When standing in line (for quite a long time sometimes) you have a fair chance of standing in line with not only regular people like yourself, but directors and film stars as well. Their Chili Dog is considered absolutely amazing.

**What to Get:** Chili Dog

## Philippe's French Dip

**Short Overview:** Phillipe's, located near Union Station, is the inventor of the French Dip Sandwich. While you do have an alternative at Cole's French Dip in downtown, this one you can get to fairly easily and is cheaper. But do not worry, I think it tastes better too, though there is a mini restaurant war happening.

**What to Get:** French Dipped Sandwich

## Roscoe's

**Short Overview:** Roscoes House of Chicken and Waffles will give you two opportunities: a great taste of soul food in the form of fried chicken, and a nice tasty waffle. Go for it! It is delicious!

**What to get:** Chicken and Waffles, what else?

# ATTRACTIONS

## Santa Monica

Santa Monica is known for shopping and its pier with several rides built on it. However, you can also have a relaxing afternoon there on the beach. One of your goals while here should be to ride the rollercoaster!

## Hollywood

Before I start on Hollywood, beware of the tourists and preconceptions. Hollywood is a great place to see the walk of stars and Grauman's Chinese Theater. Do not forget your camera for this one. However, there is not much there other than this to do at Hollywood. What we recommend is going to see a movie at the Chinese Theater, and if your lucky, you may get to see a premier if you come early or have connections in the film school.

## Venice Beach

Known for street performers and the heavy-lifting mecca of Muscle Beach, Venice Beach is a quirky part of Los Angeles people love to enjoy. While you are going to be fighting for spots with tourists, the weekend is the best for performances here. You can also do a traditional biking trip along the beach or rent some roller blades.

## Malibu

The Beach Boys made it famous, and the surfers continue to flock here. Read ahead of time where the surf is at, and go to Malibu to either watch surfers ride waves or learn how to do it yourself. Lessons are rarely over \$60 and when else can you say "I learned how to Surf in California!"



CAN YOU FINISH  
THE TOP 75?

The image is a composite of two night photographs. The top photograph shows a single, tall palm tree in the center, its trunk and fronds silhouetted against a dark sky. A bright, curved light streak, possibly from a satellite or a light trail, arcs across the upper right portion of the frame. The bottom photograph shows a dense grove of palm trees of various heights. They are illuminated from below by warm, yellow streetlights, creating a glowing effect on their trunks and fronds. A similar curved light streak is visible in the sky above the trees. The text "CAN YOU FINISH THE TOP 75?" is overlaid in a large, black, sans-serif font across the center of the image, spanning both photographs.