

In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know
Tips for a smooth trip



Neighborhoods
What's where

Explore Los Angeles

The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



Top Sights
Make the most of your visit



Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Los Angeles

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks
See the city on foot



Los Angeles' Best...
The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around
Travel like a local



Essential Information
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|---|---|
|  Telephone Numbers |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours |  Pet-Friendly |
|  Parking |  Bus |
|  Nonsmoking |  Ferry |
|  Internet Access |  Metro |
|  Wi-Fi Access |  Subway |
|  Vegetarian Selection |  Tram |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Los Angeles. The showpiece is a 1920s-era piano, and the bar is named after Papa Hemingway. Open daily from 11am to 11pm. Dress code: smart casual. Website: barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritzy: 6.30pm-2am

Lonely Planet's Los Angeles

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighborhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Los Angeles.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

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Welcome to Los Angeles

Dreams are serious business in LA. Home to Hollywood, this is a city where fantastical thoughts are encouraged; a place gleefully wrapped in endless layers of modern mythology; an electrifying whirlpool of creativity: edgy art spaces, cult-status rock venues, acclaimed concert halls and thought-provoking stages, all fueling a city addicted to the weird, the wonderful and the downright scandalous.

Hollywood Boulevard (p24)
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Los Angeles Top Sights

Hollywood Boulevard & the Hollywood Walk of Fame (p24)

More stars than the night sky.





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Griffith Observatory & Hollywood Sign (p42)

Two iconic sights dominate the Hollywood Hills ridgeline.