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LOS ANGELES

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

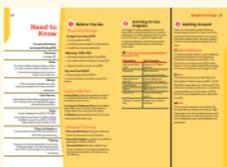
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In This Book

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



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 Los Angeles' best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

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| |  Train |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, self, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Los Angeles. The showpiece is a large painting of Hemingway, painted by Papa Hemingway. The bar is open from 11am to 11pm. Dress code is 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.

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Welcome to Los Angeles

LA runs deeper than the blonde beaches and celebrated hills would have you believe. It's a beacon for small-town dreamers, an open-minded angel best defined by simple, life-affirming moments – a cracked-ice, Jazz Age cocktail on Beverly Blvd or a hike high into the Hollywood Hills sagebrush. And the night music. There is always night music.

Amoeba Music store (p38), Hollywood

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Los Angeles Top Sights

Hollywood Boulevard & the Hollywood Walk of Fame (p24)

In LA stars are more visible on-screen, in high-end restaurants and embedded in this speckled sidewalk than they are in the hazy night sky.

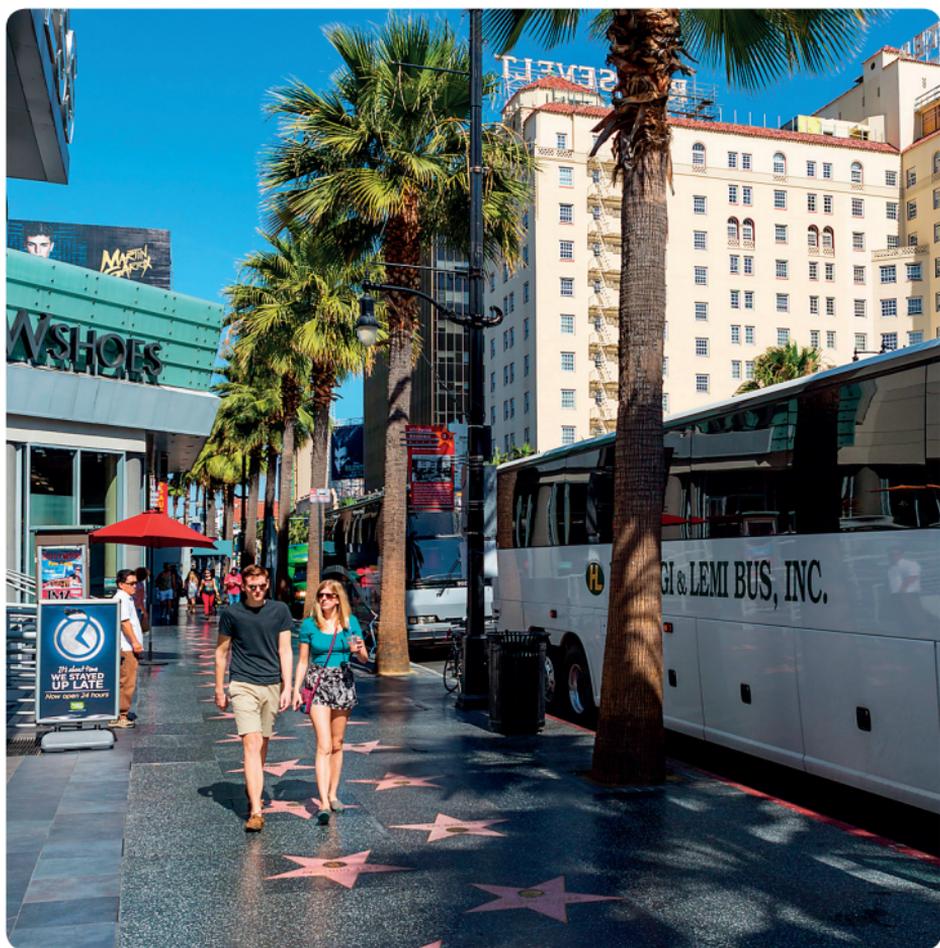




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Griffith Observatory & Hollywood Sign (p42)

Two iconic sights dominate the Hollywood Hills ridgeline. One is a stylish window onto the universe. The other needs no introduction.



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Getty Center (p68)

The Getty Center presents triple delights: a stellar art collection (Renaissance to David Hockney), Richard Meier's cutting-edge architecture and truly captivating seasonal gardens.



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La Brea Tar Pits & Page Museum (p72)

Deep beneath Wilshire Blvd is a gooey treasure trove of crude oil and tusks and bones, where thousands of ice-age creatures perished between 10,000 and 40,000 years ago.