

## LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles is a big, densely populated city with a downtown but no dominant center. Los Angeles County, which is comprised of 88 cities, covers more than 4,000 square miles, and with 9.9 million people, has the largest population of any county in the country. Saying that you are going to L.A. is about as geographically descriptive as saying you are heading to Delaware.

L.A. has six general regions: **Downtown**, **West Hollywood**, **West Los Angeles**, **Santa Monica** and the beaches, the **San Fernando Valley**, and **Pasadena**. You could find yourself heading to any one of these areas for business, dinner, or a place to stay.

**Downtown** is home to the financial district, fashion district, and toy district; the L.A. Convention and Exhibition Center and the Staples Center are also located Downtown. Unlike the rest of L.A., Downtown is compact; it's a tight cluster of high-rise offices roughly bounded by the 101, 110, 10, and 5 freeways.

**West Hollywood** centers around Santa Monica and Wilshire boulevards. The Mid-Wilshire District/Miracle Mile is a stretch of Wilshire Boulevard running through the southern part of Hollywood; it has a greater concentration of corporate offices than other areas within central Los Angeles.

**West Los Angeles** is the home of Beverly Hills, Westwood, and the UCLA campus, as well as the Century City area. Century City is a compact, high-rise area sandwiched between West Los Angeles and Beverly Hills. The three main thoroughfares are Century Park East, Avenue of the Stars, and Century Park West.

**Santa Monica** (and Marina Del Ray, just to the south) is home to many of L.A.'s best beach hotels. Aside from staying at the airport, this area is the most convenient to the LAX airport. Media and technology companies, such as Digital Domain and Sony Imageworks, are peppered throughout the Santa Monica, Venice, and Culver City areas.

The **San Fernando Valley** and **Pasadena** are a blend of suburban communities and small cities to the northwest and northeast of Downtown. The San Fernando Valley includes Burbank, Glendale, San Fernando, and parts of northwest L.A. The motion picture industry dominates Burbank's business community with companies such as Disney located there. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the California Institute of Technology are located in Pasadena.

The L.A. metro area is served by five airports: Los Angeles International (one of the largest airports in the country) and four midsize regional airports (Burbank, Ontario, Long Beach, and John Wayne). Southern L.A. County and Orange County are served by John Wayne Airport.

## Fast Facts: Los Angeles

**Time Zone:** Pacific

**Area Codes:** Los Angeles (Downtown), 213 and 323; Los Angeles (west of Downtown, including Beverly Hills and Santa Monica), 310; Long Beach area, 562; San Fernando Valley, 818; Pasadena, 626

**Sales Tax:** 8.25%

**Hotel Taxes:** Ranges around 14%

**Rush Hour:** 6:45 a.m.-10 a.m. and 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

## INFORMATION SOURCES

**Chamber of commerce:** Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce ☎213.580.7500 🌐www.lachamber.org

**Visitors bureau:** Los Angeles County Visitors and Convention Bureau ☎800.228.2452 🌐www.lacvb.com

**Local newspaper:** *Los Angeles Times* 🌐www.latimes.com

**Local weather:** *Los Angeles Times* 🌐www.latimes.com, Los Angeles Weather Information ☎213.554.1212

**Local traffic:** 🌐www.sigalert.com, 🌐trafficinfo.lacity.org, radio station KFWB News 980 AM 🌐www.kfwb.com/traffic.asp

**Restaurant reviews:** 🌐www.calendarlive.com, *L.A. Magazine Online* 🌐www.lamag.com

## GETTING THERE

### LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

## Fast Facts: LAX

**Airport Code:** LAX

📍1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045

☎310.646.5252

🌐www.lawa.org

**LAX Airport Police lost and found:** ☎310.417.0440 (Before contacting LAX Police, first check with any restaurant or retail establishment you may have visited; the LAX Web site lists contact information of all vendors at the airport in the Tenant Directory section.)

**TSA lost and found:** ☎310.665.7382 (for items lost or left at a security screening station)

**Baggage storage:** ☎310.646.0222 (Office is located on the lower/arrival level of Tom Bradley International Terminal; bags are stored off airport grounds.)

**Drive time to Downtown:** 16 miles or about 30 minutes (allow 40-50 minutes in rush hour)

**Drive time to Santa Monica:** 12 miles or about 20 minutes (allow 40+ minutes in rush hour)

**Drive time to West Los Angeles:** 8-10 miles or about 20 minutes (allow 40+ minutes in rush hour)

**Drive time to Pasadena:** 28 miles or about 40 minutes (allow 60 minutes in rush hour)

**Drive time to Burbank:** 25 miles or about 40 minutes (allow 60 minutes in rush hour)

Nestled right next to the Pacific ocean, southwest of the Los Angeles metro area, the gigantic Los Angeles International Airport covers more than 3,000 acres. The LAX complex has nine passenger terminals connected by a U-shaped two-level, two mile-long roadway. Terminals 1-7 serve domestic carriers for both international and domestic flights; the Tom Bradley International Terminal serves international carriers.

Departures are on the upper level; arrivals on the lower. On-airport parking is located in the middle of the complex. Curbside ticketing and baggage check-in are available on the upper departure level. Baggage claim is on the lower level.

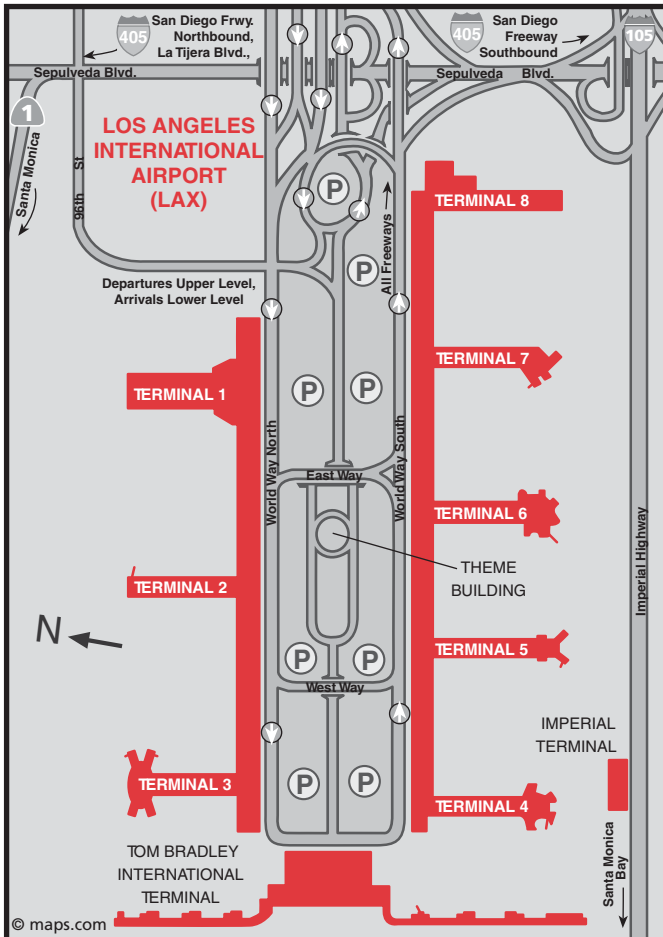
Traffic through the airport and flight check-in lines at LAX can be heavy during peak travel periods 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., and during major holidays. When traffic is heavy, it can take 10 to 20 minutes to drive from the airport entrance to the farthest terminal, Terminal 7, which hosts flights from United and Continental.

The Encounter Restaurant is located in the futuristic Theme Building in the center of the airport complex. High in the sky, the restaurant features California cuisine in a sci-fi retro setting. The airport is home to a number of both casual and high-profile restaurants, most of which are located post-security, including Boudin Sourdough Bakery (T1, T7, T8) California Pizza Kitchen (T1, T5, T8), Cheers Bar (T2), Chili's Too (T4), El Cholo Cantina (T5), El Paseo (T2), Euro Coffee (T5), Gordon Biersch Brewery, Home Turf Bar (T1, T3, T6), Jody Maroni's (T3, T6), Karl Strauss Microbrewery (T7), La Salsa (T7) Malibu Al's (T5), Redondo Beach Brewing (T6), Ruby's (T6), Starbucks (T1, T3, T4, T6, T7, T8), Tampopo (T2), The Travel Right Cafe[as] (T4), and Wolfgang Puck (T2, T7).

Retail stores and services include Brookstone (T1), WH Smith and/or Waterstone's Booksellers (in every terminal), See's Candy (T3), Sunglass Hut (T1, T4), and The Body Shop (T7). A first aid station is located in the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Note that the Los Angeles area is served by four regional airports (discussed after LAX). If you are headed into Downtown L.A., Hollywood, Pasadena, or the San Fernando Valley, Burbank Glendale Pasadena Airport is your best bet. North Orange County and south L.A. County are served by Long Beach Airport. Eastern L.A. County and San Bernardino are served by Ontario Airport International.

### AIRPORT MAP



## DOMESTIC AIRLINES

LAX is a hub for American, Delta, and United.

| Airline                  | Terminal(s) |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Alaska Airlines          | 3           |
| America West Airlines    | 1           |
| American Airlines        | 3,4         |
| American Eagle           | 4           |
| ATA                      | 2           |
| Continental Airlines     | 6           |
| Delta Air Lines          | 5           |
| Frontier Airlines        | 3           |
| Horizon Air              | 3           |
| Midwest Express Airlines | 3           |
| Northwest Airlines       | 2           |
| Southwest Airlines       | 1           |
| Spirit Airlines          | 5           |
| United Airlines          | 6,7         |
| United Express           | 6,7         |
| US Airways               | 1           |

## INTERNET ACCESS

**High-speed:** The Travel Right Café (terminal 4), Neptune Networks (terminals 3, 7, 8, and Tom Bradley International Terminal)

☀️ **Wi-Fi:** Delta Crown Room Club terminal 5 (T-Mobile) and American Airlines Admirals Club terminal 4 (T-Mobile)

## BUSINESS SERVICES

### The Travel Right Café

☞ Terminal 4 (departure level)

Services include 48 phone jacks/data ports and electrical outlets that can accommodate up to 68 users.

### Neptune Networks

☞ Terminals 3, 7, 8 (upper/departure level), and Tom Bradley International Terminal (mezzanine level)  
☎ 866.463.7886

Services include kiosks that provide high-speed Internet access for \$.25/minute (\$3 minimum). Look for their signs in the gate seating areas.

## AIRLINE LOUNGES

### Alaska Airline Board Room

☞ Terminal 3 (mezzanine level, near gate 31)  
☎ 310.338.8615 ☏ 6 a.m.–9 p.m. Sunday-Friday;  
6 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday

Standard amenities plus a workstation with high-speed access, PC, and printer. One conference room with seating for 8–10.

### American Airlines Admirals Club

☞ Terminal 4 (mezzanine level, between gate 43B and the gift shop) ☎ 310.646.2551 p 5:15 a.m.–11:30 p.m. daily  
Conference room reservations: ☎ 800.237.7971, ext. 529

Seating for 184. Standard amenities plus six individual workstations and FedEx. Business center includes 12 individual work cubicles with laptop ports, plus complimentary use of laser printer, fax machine, and copier. Shower facilities. ☀️ Wireless Internet access provided by T-Mobile.

### Continental Airlines President's Club

☞ Terminal 6 (across from gates 60 and 62)  
☎ 310.568.3006 ☏ 5 a.m.–1 a.m. daily

Standard amenities, workstations (no Internet access), and one conference room.

### Delta Air Lines Crown Room Club

☞ Terminal 5 (mezzanine level, between gates 53 and 55) ☏ 5 a.m.–11:30 p.m. daily

Large facility with standard amenities plus workstations, computers, printer, dial-up Internet access, business center, three conference rooms, and quiet area. ☀️ Wireless Internet access provided by T-Mobile.

### Northwest Airlines WorldClubs Lounge

☞ Terminal 2 (mezzanine level—use elevator next to gift shop) ☎ 310.646.1583 ☏ 5:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m. daily

Standard amenities plus one conference room.

### United Airlines Red Carpet Club

☞ Terminal 7 (across from gate 71A) ☎ 310.342.9560  
☏ 5 a.m.–11 p.m. daily

Standard amenities plus two conference rooms.

### US Airways Club

☛ Upper level (above US Airways ticket counter)  
☎ 310.417.2054 ☏ 5:15 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7 p.m.-12 a.m. daily

Standard amenities plus workstations (Internet access for a fee) and two conference rooms.

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Curbside ticketing and baggage check-in are available on the upper departure level. Baggage claim is on the lower level.

#### Rental Cars

Approximately 40 rental car companies operate out of LAX, with vehicle rental sites located a few minutes from the airport primarily along Airport Boulevard. Shuttle pickups are located at the lower/arrival level islands in front of each terminal, under the purple Rental Car Shuttles sign.

The rental car companies listed here are permitted to pick up and drop off customers curbside at passenger terminals. If you are not using one of these companies, you need to get the LAX-operated courtesy bus, which will drop you off at parking lot C; your rental car company will pick you up from there. Companies located on Airport Boulevard are closest to LAX—although the most time-consuming part of the trip may be the shuttle ride through the airport to and from your rental car location.

**Located at the airport:** Advantage Rent-A-Car (☛ 16200 Hawthorne Blvd.), Alamo Rent-A-Car (☛ 9020 Aviation Blvd.), Avis Rent-A-Car (☛ 9217 Airport Blvd.), Budget Rent-A-Car (☛ 9775 Airport Blvd.), Dollar Rent-A-Car (☛ 5630 Arbor Vitae St.), Enterprise Rent-A-Car (☛ 8734 S. Bellanca Ave.), Fox Rent-A-Car (☛ 10121 Glasgow Place), Hertz Rent-A-Car (☛ 9000 Airport Blvd.), National Car Rental (☛ 9419 Airport Blvd), and Thrifty Car Rental (☛ 5440 W. Century Blvd.)

#### Taxis

Taxis can be found curbside on the lower/arrival level islands in front of each terminal, under the yellow Taxi sign. Cabs charge a \$30 flat fare per trip (group) either

direction between LAX and Downtown (area bounded by Alameda St., Santa Monica Fwy., Harbor Fwy., Cesar E. Chavez, Union Station, and Chinatown). There is a \$2.50 surcharge for all trips originating at LAX. The ride to Santa Monica will run around \$30; you'll pay \$55 to travel to either Burbank or Pasadena.

Taxis serving LAX include Beverly Hills Cab Company (☎ 310.273.6611) and Taxi Coop (☎ 310.715.1968).

#### Limousines

Drivers park in lots across from the terminals and will meet you at your baggage claim holding a sign with your name. You will need to make reservations. Rates to Downtown run about \$50 plus parking and gratuity. (The Los Angeles Limousine Company ☎ 323.465.6366  
www.limousine1a.com.)

#### Share-Ride Shuttles

Two share-ride van companies, Prime Time Shuttle (☎ 800.262.7433  
www.primetimeshuttle.com) and SuperShuttle (☎ 213.688.0444, 800.258.3826  
www.supershuttle.com), operate out of LAX and are authorized to serve all Southern California counties. Reservations are not required for pickup at LAX. Vans pick up passengers on the lower/arrival level islands in front of each terminal, under the orange sign labeled Shared Ride Vans.

Expect to wait about 15 to 30 minutes for a van. One-way fares to Downtown run about \$13; fares to Santa Monica run about \$17.

#### Public Transportation

Public transportation is not a good option for most business travelers in Los Angeles. However, if you are heading to Long Beach, the Los Angeles MTA Metro Rail Green Line Aviation Station is a short shuttle ride from LAX. You can pick up the G shuttle on the lower/arrival level islands, under the LAX Shuttle and Airline Connections sign. If you are heading to the Long Beach area, the train runs frequently, and the trip is about 20 minutes. For specific information, go to the Travelers Aid or Visitor Service Representatives located in booths on the arrivals level near baggage claim in each terminal.

**BURBANK GLENDALE PASADENA AIRPORT****Fast Facts: Burbank Airport****Airport Code: BUR**

📍 2627 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505

☎ 818.840.8840

🌐 [www.burbankairport.com](http://www.burbankairport.com)

Burbank airport is located on the western edge of the San Fernando Valley, about 15 miles north of Downtown L.A. and 25 miles northwest of Santa Monica. The airport is popular for travelers headed to the Valley, Pasadena, Hollywood, and Downtown. The airport has one main terminal; all gates are located along one corridor. There is one full-service restaurant, Air Hollywood Bar and Grill. Dial-up Internet access is available at the airport.

**DOMESTIC AIRLINES**

Alaska Airlines

America West Airlines

American Airlines

Southwest Airlines

United Airlines

**GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

Car rental counters are located in terminal B. Shuttles and cabs are available on the islands in front of the terminal. On-airport rental car companies include Alamo, Avis, Budget, Hertz, and National. SuperShuttle service is available. Cab fare for the 30 to 60 minute drive to Downtown runs \$33 to \$35.



If you really want to avoid sitting in traffic, try the Metrolink train from Burbank to Downtown Los Angeles Union Station (Monday-Friday only). You can take a free shuttle from the airport to the Burbank station, but you'll need to grab a cab or the subway from the end point. Make sure that you check the schedule ([www.metrolink.com](http://www.metrolink.com)) because trains are only frequent during rush hour periods—and then run about every half hour.

## LONG BEACH AIRPORT

### *Fast Facts: Long Beach Airport*

**Airport Code:** LGB

📍 4100 Donald Douglas Dr., Long Beach, CA 90808

☎ 562.570.2600

🌐 [www.lgb.org](http://www.lgb.org)

Located about 20 miles south of LAX, Long Beach Airport is a good alternative for air travel in and out of the west and southern parts of Los Angeles, South Bay, and North Orange County areas. A small airport, Long Beach has one main terminal with two gate areas, North and South. Long Beach has one full-service restaurant, The Prop Room. Dial-up and 📶 Wi-Fi Internet access is available at locations throughout the airport. A public golf course is located across the street from the airport (Skylinks Golf Course ☎ 562.429.0030). Long Beach is a hub for JetBlue Airways.

### DOMESTIC AIRLINES

America West

American Airlines

Horizon Air

JetBlue Airways

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Rental Car companies operating at Long Beach include Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, and National. The rental car lot is located right in front of the main terminal.

## ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

### *Fast Facts: Ontario International Airport*

**Airport Code:** ONT

**ZIP Code:** 91761

☎ 909.937.2700

🌐 [www.lawa.org](http://www.lawa.org)

Ontario International Airport is located about 35 miles east of Downtown Los Angeles and about 20 miles west of San Bernardino. If you are heading all the way to Downtown L.A., Ontario may not be your best bet; the drive time to Downtown with traffic can be up to an hour and a half. With just two domestic terminals, Ontario is easy to navigate. Business Centers are located on the upper level of both terminals.

### DOMESTIC AIRLINES

| Airline                        | Terminal |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Alaska                         | 2        |
| America West                   | 4        |
| American Airlines              | 4        |
| Continental                    | 4        |
| Delta                          | 2        |
| Frontier                       | 2        |
| JetBlue                        | 2        |
| Northwest Airlines             | 2        |
| Southwest Airlines             | 4        |
| United Airlines/United Express | 2        |

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Ontario airport has a shuttle bus that runs between the airport and the ground transportation center where the rental company pickup/drop-off centers are located. Rental companies serving Ontario include Alamo, Budget, Avis, Dollar, Hertz, and National. Taxi and share-ride shuttle pickups are located outside the baggage claim. SuperShuttle requires a reservation. A cab to Downtown will run around \$120. (Call Yellow Cab ☎ 800.305.8294.)

## JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

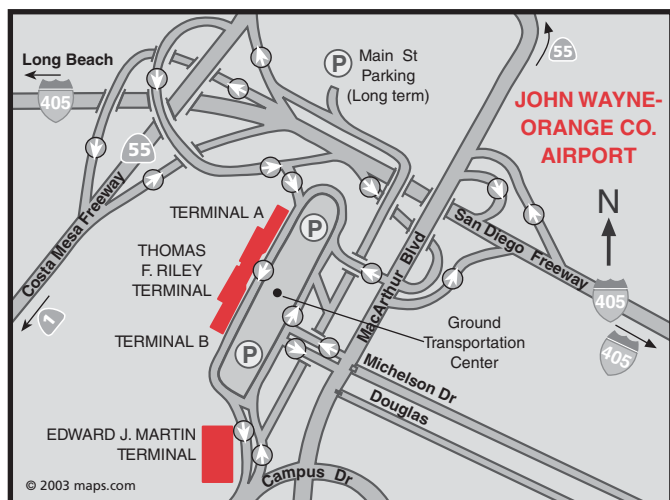
### *Fast Facts: John Wayne Airport*

**Airport Code:** SNA

📍 18601 Airport Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707

☎ 949.252.5200 🌐 [www.ocair.com](http://www.ocair.com)

John Wayne Airport (also referred to as the Orange County airport) is located in Orange County, California, about 40 miles south of Downtown Los Angeles, off the 405 freeway. The airport is just 5 minutes from Irvine and convenient to all Orange County cities, including Anaheim, Fullerton, Santa Ana, and Newport Beach. It is also convenient to locations in the southern L.A. metro area. This is an easy-to-navigate airport, with a three-level terminal (the Thomas F. Riley Terminal) and 14 gates. United Red Carpet Club and American Admirals Club are located on the mezzanine level of the terminal.



## DOMESTIC AIRLINES

| Airline               | Terminal |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Alaska Airlines       | A        |
| Aloha Airlines        | B        |
| America West Airlines | B        |
| American Airlines     | A        |
| American West Express | B        |
| Continental Airlines  | A        |
| Delta Air Lines       | A        |
| Delta Connection      | A        |
| Northwest Airlines    | B        |
| Southwest Airlines    | B        |
| United Airlines       | B        |
| United Express        | B        |
| USAirways             | B        |

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The Ground Transportation Center (GTC) houses all ground transportation services, including buses, taxis, shuttles, and car rental return. The GTC is located in the center of the east parking structure, directly across from the Thomas F. Riley Terminal.

Taxis and shuttle busses are located in the GTC on the lower level. For taxi service, contact John Wayne Airport Yellow Cab Service ☎ 800.535-2211 (flat rates may be provided upon request).

Car rental return for the onsite car rental companies is located on the lower level of parking structures A2 and B2, accessible from the Ground Transportation Center.

Onsite car rental companies include Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, and National.

## AMTRAK

Operating between Los Angeles and San Diego, the Pacific Surfliner offers new bilevel cars featuring large panoramic windows, comfortable custom-designed interiors, automatic doors for faster boarding, business class, and a modern, spacious café car. There are outlets at every seat for laptop computers. With nearly hourly service, there are 11 daily round-trips (from about 6 a.m. to 9 to 10 p.m.) between the two cities. The trip takes about 2 hours and 40 minutes. One-way fares are about \$31 (less offpeak); an upgrade to business class runs between \$9 and \$12.

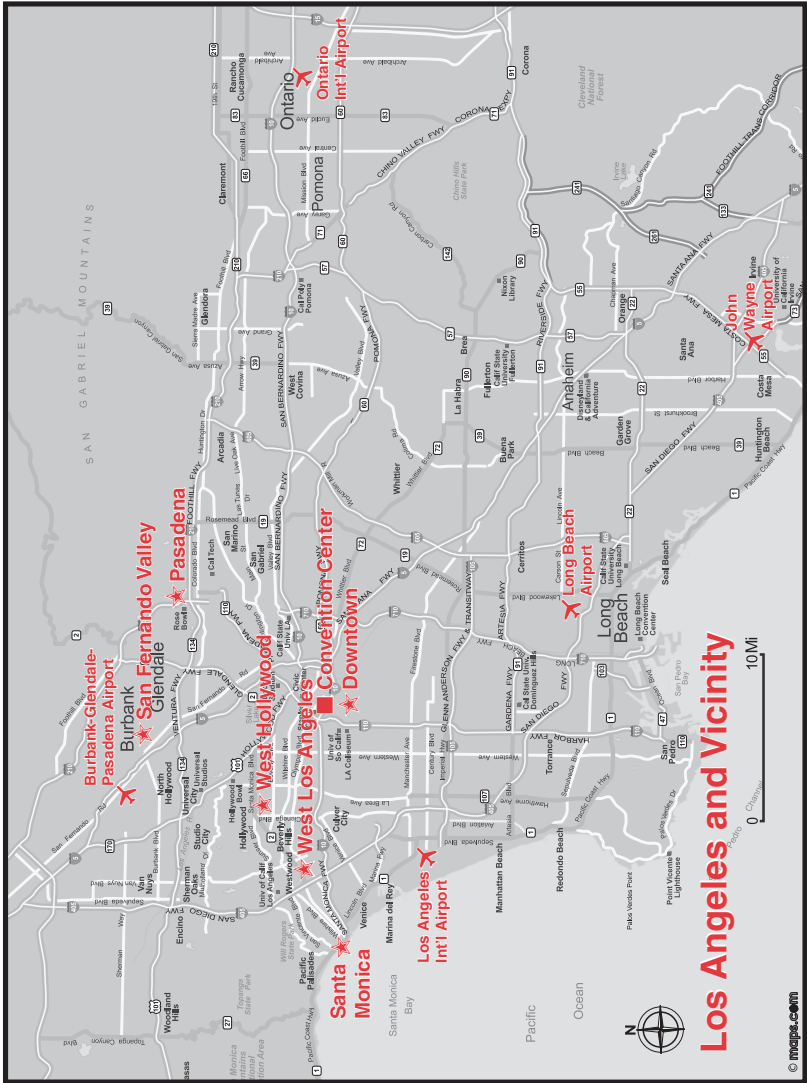
You can board the train at the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal at LAX, or in Downtown Los Angeles (☞ 800 N. Alameda St.).

## GETTING AROUND

The major east-west freeways in L.A. are the 10 (Santa Monica Freeway), which runs between Santa Monica and Downtown, and the 105 (Glen Anderson Freeway), which runs east from LAX. The 405 (San Diego Freeway) runs north-south on the west side of the city, and the 110 (Harbor Freeway) runs north-south through Downtown. The 101 (Hollywood Freeway) and the 5 (Golden State Freeway) run parallel to each other, northwest from Downtown to the San Fernando Valley.



METRO L.A.







### DRIVING, PARKING, AND WALKING

Los Angeles is an automotive town; everyone drives everywhere. If you want to walk in Downtown L.A., keep in mind that distances between blocks are long. Ask before you head out in the heat. And, whatever you do, *do not* jaywalk in L.A.; they take their Walk/Don't Walk signs very seriously. If caught you *will* get a ticket.

In Downtown L.A., numbered streets run east-west, and named streets run north-south. Named-street addresses are straightforward. For example, 400 South Hope is located between 4th and 5th streets on South Hope.

If you are driving within the metro areas, a conservative good rule of thumb is to double the travel time during rush hours. Rush hour runs from 6:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Another good rule of thumb is that it takes at least 45 minutes to drive between most major areas.

When you hear a radio announcement for a *Sig Alert* on a specific highway, it means a big backup because one of the traffic lanes has been closed for more than 30 minutes, usually because of an accident. If you're serious about driving around L.A., you want to be able to avoid the freeways when necessary; for a good guide to L.A.'s surface streets, check out the Thomas Guide Map Los Angeles County (\$19.95, spiral bound). Jumping off the freeway and jumping on one of the major boulevards, such as Wilshire, Venice, or Santa Monica can save you time—and prevent the frustration of bumper-to-bumper freeway crawling.

### RULES OF THE ROAD

The California Basic Speed Law states that you should never drive faster than is safe for current conditions, regardless of the posted speed limit. The maximum speed limit on most California highways is 65 m.p.h. However, for two-lane undivided highways, the maximum speed limit is 55 m.p.h., unless posted for a higher speed. On some highways the maximum speed limit is 70 m.p.h., but only if signs are posted. In business or residential districts, the speed limit is 25 m.p.h. unless otherwise posted.

Many freeways in the L.A. area have designated carpool lanes, also known as High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or “white diamond” lanes. Some of these lanes require cars to have two passengers; others three. Also remember to watch for metered on-ramps. These lights regulate the flow of traffic onto the freeway; cars in HOV lanes can pass the signal without stopping.

Safety belts must be worn by the driver and all passengers. Violation of a self-belt law is a primary offense. Headlights are recommended when it is cloudy, raining, snowing, or foggy.

In California, pedestrians have the right-of-way at corners, whether or not the crosswalks are marked by painted white lines—and pedestrians *will* take advantage of this right, no matter how hazardous.

### PARKING

There are no pithy words of wisdom about parking in L.A. Every area is different—as are areas within areas. In Downtown L.A. you might find metered street parking for a few hours, but more likely you will end up in a public lot or as a visitor in one of the lots for the huge office complexes. Rates can run \$8 to \$15 per day, depending

on the location of the lot. Santa Monica and Beverly Hills have self-park lots and garages. Most meters in these areas are limited to 1 to 2 hours. In general, parking in Los Angeles is much less expensive than other major cities such as Chicago and New York. Most restaurants, where needed, will have valet service for \$3 to \$6.

### TAXIS

Except in the heart of Downtown, cabs usually will not pull over when hailed. Cab stands are located at airports, at the Downtown Union Station, and at major hotels. Call for a cab about 30 minutes in advance.

West L.A. and Downtown are served by Beverly Hills Taxi (☎ 310.273.6611); United Taxi of San Fernando Valley (☎ 818.780.1234) serves the San Fernando Valley. Other companies include Checker Cab (☎ 323.654.8400), Yellow Cab (☎ 213.627.7000), and United Taxi (☎ 213.483.7604). More information is available from the City of Los Angeles Taxi Services (☎ 800.501.0999 [www.taxicabsla.org](http://www.taxicabsla.org)).

Meter fares in L.A. run \$2 per flag drop (1/10 mile or 32 seconds or fraction thereof), \$.20 for each additional 1/10 mile or part, and \$.20 for each 32 seconds of waiting or traffic delay time. Expect to pay around \$35 for fares between major commercial areas, such as Downtown-to-Santa Monica and Downtown-to-Burbank. For rides during rush hour, add an additional \$10.

### RENTAL CARS

There are rental car companies everywhere in Los Angeles, and you can rent just about any type of car from a luxury automobile to a beat-up pickup. Rates outside the airports are very competitive.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Los Angeles does have public transportation. In fact, there are three separate systems—the L.A. DOT, the L.A. County MTA, and the Metrolink.

The L.A. Department of Transportation ([www.ladottransit.com](http://www.ladottransit.com)) runs the L.A. Subway, as well as the DASH bus throughout Downtown L.A. In the Financial District, the DASH bus has 10 stops with buses running every 5 to 10 minutes. For \$.25 a ride, it is not a bad way to get around within the Downtown area.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (☎800.COMMUTE 🌐www.mta.net) run rail service throughout L.A. County, including Green Line service to and from LAX.

MetroLink (☎800.371.5465

🌐www.metroinktrains.com) is a regional rail system with five lines that run throughout Los Angeles County. The Green Line provides service from Burbank Airport to Downtown.

## IN TOWN

### CONVENTION CENTER

#### LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER

The Los Angeles Convention Center is located at the intersection of the Santa Monica Freeway (10) and the Harbor Freeway (110). It has three main exhibit halls—South Hall, Kentia Hall (located below South Hall), and West Hall. The three halls are connected by a two-story meeting room concourse.

The Center has three food courts, a full service business center, and an Executive Conference Room. High-speed Internet access is available throughout the facility. Shuttle bus pickup and drop-off areas for South Hall are on Pico Drive and in front of the entrance for West Hall. The closest hotels to the Convention Center are the Holiday Inn and Figueroa Hotel. Ample covered parking is available onsite for \$10.

📍1201 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90015  
☎213.741.1151 🌐www.1acc1ink.com

### HOTELS

#### DOWNTOWN

##### *Holiday Inn City Center*

Los Angeles's city center is experiencing a renaissance, and this nine-floor high-rise budget inn is in the middle of it. Located across the street from the Staples Center, it's just steps from the convention center and Downtown's vibrant financial center. The 195 guest rooms are spacious and basic, featuring city views and large beds. Touches such as free Gold's Gym membership, a small gift shop, and a newsstand make this a convenient stay for business travelers.

📍1020 S. Figueroa Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90015  
☎213.748.1291 🌐www.holiday-inn.com

Singles and doubles, \$218 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

##### *Hyatt Regency Los Angeles*

If you want or need to be in the heart of Downtown L.A., the Hyatt Regency is a comfortable and attractive choice. The L.A. Convention Center is nearby, as are the Music Center, museums, the Flower Mart, Garment District, Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Olvera Street, and the Staples Center. The Polaris rooftop banquet facility offers 360-degree views of the city, and there are more than a dozen well-equipped meeting rooms.

📍711 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, CA 90017  
☎213.683.1234, 800.233.1234 📠213.629.3230  
🌐www.hyatt.com

Singles and doubles, \$155-\$210; suites, \$235-\$550  
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##### *The Standard*

A new era of revitalization for Downtown L.A. arrived with the opening of the Downtown Standard hotel. During the weekends, most of the 207 guest rooms are booked by fun-loving hipsters; during the week, business types fill much of the hotel, carefully tucked away in rooms where they won't be affected by noise from party-goers. Amenities for business travelers include 14-foot work desks with free T-1 connection, cordless two-line speakerphones with data ports, and meeting rooms and conference facilities.

📍550 S. Flower St., Los Angeles, CA 90071  
☎213.892.8080 📠213.892.8686  
🌐www.standardhotel.com

Singles, \$95-\$325; doubles, \$165; suites, \$450-\$500  
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#### EAST L.A./COMMERCE

##### *Wyndham Garden Hotel Commerce*

Located southeast of Downtown Los Angeles in the Citadel, an Assyrian castle-themed outlet mall used as a backdrop for the 1959 film *Ben Hur*, this large neoclassical hotel offers 201 spacious guest rooms and 20 suites. Special amenities include soft pillow-top mattresses, WebTV, and stylish Herman Miller Aeron chairs. A health club with sauna is near a large Jacuzzi and heated outdoor pool, graced with so much tropical foliage you'll forget you're in an industrial area.

📍5757 Telegraph Rd., Commerce, CA 90040  
☎323.887.8100 🌐www.wyndham.com

Singles and doubles, \$242-\$252; suites, \$262-\$272  
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**HOLLYWOOD/WEST HOLLYWOOD****Hotel Sofitel**

Well-located across the street from the Beverly Center and close to trendy Third Street and Beverly Boulevard, Hotel Sofitel is a good location for L.A. visitors who want to be able to walk, not just drive, while they're in town. The comfortably appointed rooms are decorated in a sort of combination country French and California theme. Among the hotel's amenities are a heated outdoor pool, sauna, fitness center, massage facilities, and numerous meeting rooms.

📍 8555 Beverly Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90048  
 ☎ 310.278.5444, 800.521.7772 📠 310.657.2816  
 🌐 www.sofitelbeverlyhills.com

Singles and doubles, \$319-\$349; suites, \$400-\$750  
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**Le Montrose Suite Hotel**

Tucked into a quiet West Hollywood residential area adjacent to Beverly Hills, Le Montrose offers a unique departure from the ordinary for celebrities and others seeking friendly, personalized service and attention to detail. The 131 suites feature sunken living rooms, fireplaces, refrigerators, color TV with VCR, twice-daily maid service, state-of-the-art multiline phones with data port and voice mail, in-suite Nintendo/fax, and Internet access. Most include a fully equipped kitchenette, and many offer private balconies.

📍 900 Hammond St., West Hollywood, CA 90069  
 ☎ 310.855.1115, 800.776.0666 📠 310.657.9192  
 🌐 www.lemontrose.com

Suites, \$290-\$460 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🔍

**Renaissance Hollywood Hotel**

The newest addition to the revamp of Hollywood Boulevard, this 20-story building rises out of the Hollywood and Highland complex, which contains the Kodak Theatre (home to the Academy Awards) and an assortment of shops and restaurants. With renovations completed in 2002, the 637 guest rooms feature Hollywood sign and city views, and have a space-age feeling 1950s style decor.

📍 1755 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028  
 ☎ 323.856.1200  
 🌐 www.renaissancehollywood.com

Singles and doubles, \$169-\$199; suites, \$209-\$5,000  
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**Sunset Marquis Hotel and Villas**

This Mediterranean-style hideaway is located near the Sunset Strip, and its 3 1/2 acres include lush gardens with fish ponds, exotic birds, and tropical foliage, and two swimming pools with cabanas, a health spa, sauna, and Jacuzzi. The Sunset Marquis attracts a low-key but upscale crowd from the music, fashion, advertising, and entertainment industries, frequently for extended stays, especially in the private villas. There's an in-house recording studio to serve the spontaneous needs of creative guests; other amenities include 24-hour room service, two-line phones, complimentary security parking, airport meet and greet service, and 24-hour business services.

📍 1200 N. Alta Loma Rd., West Hollywood, CA 90069  
 ☎ 310.657.1333, 800.858.9758 📠 310.657.1330

Suites \$280-\$360; villas \$600-\$1,200 🍷 🍷 🍷

**LAX AIRPORT/TORRANCE****Crowne Plaza Hotel Los Angeles Airport**

This 15-story full-service hotel features 615 rooms, conveniently located adjacent to Los Angeles International Airport, approximately 30 minutes from Downtown. Rooms boast coffeemakers, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards, two telephones, modem access, in-room fax service, and voice mail.

📍 5985 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045  
 ☎ 310.642.7500, 888.315.3700 📠 310.417.3608  
 🌐 www.basshote1s.com

Singles and doubles, \$95-\$149; suites, \$179  
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**Hilton Los Angeles Airport**

Besides being conveniently close to LAX, the Hilton offers complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport 24 hours a day. There's also a 24-hour state-of-the-art business center with IBM and Macintosh computers and printers. The 1,236 guest rooms are tastefully appointed and comfortable, with amenities that include cable TV and pay-per-view, weekday newspaper, and phones with voice mail and data ports. Additional amenities in HHonors rooms and suites include two-line phones, work desks with lamps, complimentary beverages, and (in suites) refrigerators.

📍 5711 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

☎ 310.410.4000, 800.HILTONS 📠 310.410.6250

🌐 www.hilton.com

Singles, \$119-\$164; doubles, \$139-\$184; suites, \$275-\$375 🍷 🍷 🍷

### **Hilton Torrance South Bay**

If you need to be near the South Bay and LAX, the newly renovated Hilton Torrance offers a convenient location. It's also only a couple of miles from the beach; near the corporate headquarters of Toyota, American Honda, and Nissan (Japanese is one of several languages spoken by the multilingual staff); and situated amid the also recently renovated Del Amo Fashion Center, the second largest shopping center in the country. Guest rooms are pleasant and comfortable with such amenities as work desks, telephones with voice mail and data ports, cable TV, pay-per-view and video games, weekday newspaper, and coffeemakers.

📍 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503

☎ 310.540.0500, 800.HILTONS 📠 310.540.2065

🌐 www.hilton.com

Singles and doubles, \$119-\$169; suites, \$290-\$550

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### **Sheraton Gateway Hotel at Los Angeles Airport**

This hotel's main attraction is its proximity to the airport. The 610 rooms are compact with minimalist decor; the 91 suites are spacious and comfortable. Shuttle to and from LAX is complimentary. This hotel is a suitable choice for those whose focus is efficiency rather than atmosphere and frills.

📍 6101 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

☎ 310.642.1111, 800.325.3535 📠 310.410.1267

🌐 www.sheraton.com

Singles and doubles, \$84-\$179; suites, \$250-\$600

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## **LGB AIRPORT/LONG BEACH**

### **Hilton Long Beach**

The Hilton's location next to the World Trade Center is within blocks of the shops and restaurants of Pine Avenue Downtown, the Long Beach Aquarium of The Pacific, Long Beach Convention Center, and the Queen Mary. Business

travelers will find well-appointed, comfortable accommodations that include weekday newspapers, two 2-line phones with voice mail and data ports, and cable TV. Business-class rooms include morning breakfast, complimentary use of the WTC Health Club (the hotel also has its own 4,500-square-foot fitness center, heated pool, and spa), and in-room fax/printer and photocopier.

📍 Two World Trade Center, Long Beach, CA 90831

☎ 562.983.3400, 800.HILTONS 📠 562.983.1200

🌐 www.hilton.com

Singles and doubles, \$129-\$264; suites, \$475-\$1,400

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### **Hyatt Regency Long Beach**

This hotel, with its modern exterior and lush gardens with palm trees, is geared for business travelers. The Long Beach Convention Center is next door, though the hotel also offers 27,000 square feet of meeting space, including three ballrooms, with state-of-the-art technology. The 521 guest rooms are comfortable and efficient, with such amenities as phones with voice mail and data ports, video account review and checkout, and cable TV and pay movies. The hotel also has a business center and offers secretarial support services.

📍 200 S. Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802

☎ 562.491.1234, 800.233.1234 📠 562.983.1491

🌐 www.hyatt.com

Singles and doubles, \$109-\$189; suites, \$350-\$750

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## **PASADENA**

### **The Ritz-Carlton, Huntington Hotel and Spa**

This historic property (originally opened in 1907), ideally located at the base of the San Gabriel mountains and convenient to Downtown Los Angeles and the Valley, was restored to its turn-of-the-century grandeur by Ritz-Carlton in 1991. Its 387 guest rooms, 22 suites, and 6 cottages offer business and leisure travelers the high-quality accommodations and personal service associated with the Ritz-Carlton name. Guest rooms feature oversized closets, marble bathrooms with hair dryers and top-quality toiletries, three telephones with voice mail, work desk, and more. More than 30,000 square feet of meeting space is available for conferences, business meetings, weddings, and other social events.

📍 1401 S. Oak Knoll Ave., Pasadena, CA 91106  
 ☎ 626.568.3900, 800.784.3748 📠 626.568.3700  
 🌐 www.ritzcarlton.com

Singles and doubles, \$195-\$245; suites, \$395-\$2,000



### The Westin Pasadena

Just a few blocks east of Old Pasadena with its shops and restaurants and a few blocks west of the growing Lake Avenue business district, this modern hotel offers 350 spacious, bright rooms and two elegant suites. In addition to being close to the local museums and the Rose Bowl, it's not far from Downtown L.A. and the movie and TV studios of Burbank. Rooms are nicely appointed with window-seat sofas, plantation shutters, and amenities that include in-room coffeemakers, cable TV with pay-per-view movies, voice mail, and modem connections. The Pasadena courts and civic center are just a block away, and major freeways are easily accessed from this convenient location.

📍 191 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101  
 ☎ 626.792.2727, 800.222.8733 📠 626.304.1422  
 🌐 www.westin.com

Singles and doubles, \$189-\$339; suites, \$650-\$1,000



### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY/GLENDALE/SHERMAN OAKS/UNIVERSAL CITY/WOODLAND HILLS

#### Hilton Glendale

Just blocks from Glendale's Galleria, large bookstores, music shops, cinemas, and myriad restaurants, this 19-floor high-rise hotel caters to the business crowd, especially Hollywood studio executives, by offering travelers a sophisticated urban feel, a central Valley location, moderate prices, and state-of-the-art soundproofed business centers with high-speed Internet access and continual refreshment service.

📍 100 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91202  
 ☎ 818.956.5466 🌐 www.hilton.com

Singles and doubles, \$193-\$220



#### Radisson Valley Center Hotel

Located at the juncture of the 405 and 101 freeways, this hotel is near Universal Studios and the Getty Center, in

the heart of the San Fernando Valley. The comfortable rooms include cable TV with free HBO and Disney Channel, computer data ports, and balconies—many with lovely mountain views. Business services include fax, photocopying, and secretarial services. Eleven meeting rooms and a ballroom provide up to 10,000 square feet of space.

📍 15433 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91403  
 ☎ 818.981.5400, 800.333.3333 📠 818.981.3175  
 🌐 www.radisson.com

Singles and doubles, \$119-\$190; suites, \$250-\$375



#### Sheraton Universal Hotel

Planning on spending some serious time at Universal Studios and CityWalk? This modern 436-room hotel is just the spot. It's also convenient to Dodger Stadium, Hollywood Bowl, Downtown, the Valley, and the Westside. The hotel's 19 meeting rooms offer ample space for conferences of all sizes, and there's a full business center. All guest rooms were recently renovated and are spacious and comfortable.

📍 333 Universal Terrace Pkwy., Universal City, CA 91608  
 ☎ 818.980.1212, 800.325.3535 📠 818.985.4980  
 🌐 www.sheraton.com

Singles and doubles, \$129-\$250; suites, \$375-\$1,000



#### Warner Center Marriott Woodland Hills

This is a huge hotel that attracts a mostly corporate clientele, so there's an emphasis on business and convention facilities, with 20 meeting rooms to accommodate meetings and groups of all sizes. The 463 guest rooms have TVs, phones with voice mail and data ports, in-room movies, complimentary weekday newspaper, and in-room coffee. The many large companies located in the immediate vicinity include Blue Cross, Health Net, Prudential, and Litton.

📍 21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
 ☎ 818.887.4800, 800.228.9290 📠 818.340.5893  
 🌐 www.marriott.com/LAXWC/

Singles and doubles, \$144-\$183; suites, \$350-\$1,000





## SANTA MONICA/MARINA DEL REY

### *The Fairmont Miramar Hotel Santa Monica*

This is one of Santa Monica's better-kept secrets. Originally a private mansion owned by the founder of Santa Monica, Senator John P. Jones, the Fairmont Miramar has welcomed high-profile guests, including Greta Garbo, Humphrey Bogart, Clark Gable, Howard Hughes, and Senator and Mrs. John F. Kennedy, for more than a century. The 302 rooms in this international and family-oriented hotel, formerly the Miramar Sheraton, are divided between the older—and more charming—brick Palisades building, the contemporary Ocean Tower, and 32 bungalows.

📍 101 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401  
 ☎ 310.576.7777, 800.441.1414 📠 310.458.7912  
 🌐 [www.fairmont.com](http://www.fairmont.com)

Singles and doubles, from \$229; suites and bungalows, \$450-\$1,195 🍷 🍴 🏠 🚗

### *Hotel Oceana*

A fresh, bright, airy and comfortable alternative to the massive—and usually impersonal—corporate hotels, Hotel Oceana is across the street from the bluffs overlooking the Santa Monica beach. Overflowing with charm and style evocative of the Côte d'Azur, the all-suite hotel recently underwent a \$1 million refurbishment that included adding new furnishings, artwork, accessories, and lighting. Comfortable living rooms feature Art Deco-inspired furnishings, an executive work area, a high-tech media center, and fully equipped kitchens stocked and replenished as requested. In-suite lunch and dinner service is provided by the nearby Wolfgang Puck Café

📍 849 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90403  
 ☎ 310.393.0486, 800.777.0758 📠 310.458.1182  
 🌐 [www.hoteloceana.com](http://www.hoteloceana.com)

Suites, \$305-\$535 🍷 🍴 🏠 🚗

### *Marina Beach Marriott*

This beautiful location is a favorite destination with business travelers and sports teams, as well as tourists and even locals who want to relax by the pool, hit the beach, shop at boutiques in nearby Venice, or even skate along the Venice boardwalk. The 371 comfortable guest rooms are geared for business travelers under Marriott's *The*

*Room That Works* program. The hotel has more than 16,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space and a refreshing outdoor pool.

📍 4100 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292  
 ☎ 310.301.3000, 800.228.9290 📠 310.301.6890  
 🌐 [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

Singles and doubles, \$179-\$189; suites, \$275-\$500  
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### *Radisson Huntley Hotel Santa Monica*

This Santa Monica hotel is within walking distance of the Third Street Promenade and just a block away from the beach. Some of the clean, comfortable 213 rooms offer great ocean views, as well as cable TV with free HBO and data ports on the phones.

📍 1111 Second St., Santa Monica, CA 90403  
 ☎ 310.394.5454, 800.333.3333 📠 310.458.9776  
 🌐 [www.radisson.com](http://www.radisson.com)

Singles and doubles, \$169; suites, \$450 🍷 🍴 🏠 🚗

### *The Ritz-Carlton Marina del Rey*

This luxurious and comfortable destination, with its casual-chic beachfront setting and muted Ritz-Carlton elegance, is just a short distance from LAX. The 306 rooms are furnished in classic good taste, and many include balconies with French doors, allowing guests to relax and watch the boats peacefully moored in their slips. The 46 premium guest rooms on the hotel's two top floors include special key access and amenities such as Bose Wave Radios, a dedicated concierge, and access to the Club Lounge with complimentary meal presentations, snacks, and beverages throughout the day.

📍 4375 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292  
 ☎ 310.823.1700, 800.241.3333 📠 310.823.2403  
 🌐 [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com)

Singles and doubles, \$280-\$355; suites, \$550-\$2,500  
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### *Shutters on the Beach*

Business and leisure travelers appreciate the respite from Southern California's freeways and bustle offered by this retreat that's right on the beach. All rooms and suites include stereos, video players, 27-inch TVs, and three two-line telephones with data ports. In addition to a complete business center, amenities include a beautiful swimming

pool, deck and spa with beach view, Jacuzzi, state-of-the-art health club, and complete spa. Meeting spaces include three rooms that open onto an outdoor terrace.

📍 One Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405  
 ☎ 310.458.0030, 800.334.9000 📠 310.458.4589  
 🌐 www.shuttersonthebeach.com

Singles and doubles, \$335-\$550; suites, \$750-\$2,500



## WEST L.A./BEVERLY HILLS/CENTURY CITY/WESTWOOD

### Avalon Hotel

Most recently known as the Beverly Carlton, this complex of buildings has been everything from apartments (Marilyn Monroe lived here) to a retirement facility. In 1998, Elkor Properties took it over and did a complete renovation, creating a hip retro-fifties-style hotel. Most of the 88 guest rooms and suites, including two penthouses, face the courtyard pool; there's a small conference room, and the restaurant Blue on Blue that completes the fifties' theme.

📍 9400 W. Olympic Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212  
 ☎ 310.277.5221, 800.535.4715 📠 310.277.4928  
 🌐 www.avalon-hotel.com

Singles, doubles, and suites, \$150-\$235 📞 📠 📺 📺

### Carlyle Inn

In this pleasant boutique hotel, named after the 19th-century poet Thomas Carlyle, the staff is friendly and accommodating. The Carlyle's 32 compact but well-appointed rooms offer intimacy and relaxed sophistication, as well as state-of-the-art amenities that include hair dryers, in-room coffee, minibars, in-room safes, daily newspaper, data port, VCRs, and more. The inn is convenient to Century City, Beverly Hills, and the freeways; ask about free room upgrades, depending on availability.

📍 1119 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035  
 ☎ 310.275.4445, 800.322.7595 📠 310.859.0496  
 🌐 www.carlyle-inn.com

Singles and doubles, \$99-\$218 📞 📠 📺 📺

### The Century Plaza Hotel and Spa

Many U.S. Presidents and members of international royalty have stayed at this glitzy destination, with its 1960s architecture and sweeping curved facade. The Century

Plaza is located in the heart of Century City on L.A.'s fashionable Westside, next door to Beverly Hills and Rodeo Drive, just across the street from the ABC Entertainment Center, Shubert Theatre, and the Century City Shopping Center. A recent upgrade of guest rooms and suites in the Plaza building includes new schemes emphasizing soft, warm colors in varied tones and textures, enlarged bathrooms including glass counters, state-of-the-art TVs, two-line phones (three phones in each room) with data ports, and large desks to accommodate in-room business meetings.

📍 2025 Avenue of the Stars, Century City, CA 90067  
 ☎ 310.277.2000, 800.228.3000 📠 310.551.3355  
 🌐 www.centuryplaza1a.com

Singles and doubles, \$350-\$375; suites, \$500-\$2,500; Tower singles and doubles, \$400-\$450; Tower suites, \$1,200-\$5,400 📞 📠 📺 📺 🔍

### Crowne Plaza Beverly Hills

This 12-story high-rise hotel, ideally situated in the heart of the Beverly Hills shopping district, offers 258 spacious rooms and 10 one-bedroom suites that feature king-sized beds, wet bars, microwave ovens, and city views. The helpful staff speaks six languages, ideal for international guests.

📍 1150 S. Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90035  
 ☎ 310.553.6561  
 🌐 www.sixcontinentshotels.com

Singles and doubles, \$114-\$200; suites, \$250



### Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills

Located across the street from the Beverly Hills city limits, this is one of the area's best hotels, offering all the amenities, style, and splendid service that are a tradition with Four Seasons hotels. After a recent renovation, the 285 spacious rooms and suites, each with its own balcony, feature not only new furnishings but also high-speed Internet access, a wireless-connect telephone system, and videocassette and CD players, along with TVs in the bedroom and bathroom. The business center offers state-of-the-art computer and Internet-access facilities, and several grand public rooms are available for business and social functions, along with a separate kosher kitchen.

📍 300 S. Doheny Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90048  
 📞 310.273.2222, 800.332.3442 📠 310.274.3891  
 🌐 www.fourseasons.com

Singles and doubles, \$325-\$455; suites, \$525-\$4,300  
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### Merv Griffin's Beverly Hilton

Singer/actor/talkshow host/gameshow mogul Merv Griffin transformed what was threatening to be a has-been back into a star. After a complete facelift to the lobby, landscaping, and rooms a few years back, the place now looks a lot younger than its 40-plus years. Perched on the edge of Beverly Hills, this hotel is just a short walk from Century City and Rodeo Drive and a half-hour drive from both the beach and Downtown.

📍 9876 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
 📞 310.274.7777, 800.922.5432 📠 310.285.1313  
 🌐 www.hilton.com

Singles and doubles from \$199; suites, \$365-\$815  
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### The Peninsula Beverly Hills

This discreet luxury hotel, related to the venerable Peninsula in Hong Kong, features an elegant yet not stuffy decor, lovely grounds, and near-flawless service. The 196 rooms and suites are equipped with such luxuries as down comforters, fine linens, and VCRs; many feature fireplaces, spas, and private terraces. The hotel's Club Bar is ground-zero for wheeling and dealing in Beverly Hills; you can manage your business affairs through the state-of-the-art Business Center.

📍 9882 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212  
 📞 310.551.2888, 800.462.7899 📠 310.788.2319  
 🌐 www.peninsula.com

Singles and doubles, \$325-\$450; suites and villas, \$500-\$3,000  
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### W Los Angeles

Located in Westwood Village, just minutes from Rodeo Drive, Geffen Playhouse, and UCLA, the former Westwood Marquis has been transformed into the stylish, all-suite, W Los Angeles. The elegant furnishings of the 258 spacious suites include the W bed with a pillow-top mattress, 250-thread-count linens, and a fluffy goose-down comforter and pillows. Amenities also include coffeemakers,

daily newspaper, CD players, 27-inch TVs with ultra-fast Internet access, first-run movies on demand, VCRs, and an extensive selection of available videos and CDs. In addition to work desks in each suite, business travelers will appreciate the three phones (one with data port and speakerphone, a 900 MHz cordless dual-line phone, and a standard phone in the bathroom), laptop hookups, and high-speed, Ethernet Internet connection. Arrangements can be made for a fax, printer, or scanner in your room. Six meeting salons provide 5,000 square feet of indoor space, and there's an additional 4,000 square feet of outdoor space amid the hotel's 2 acres of lush gardens.

📍 930 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024  
 📞 310.208.8765, 800.421.2317 📠 310.824.0355  
 🌐 www.whotel.com

Suites, \$249-\$850  
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## RESTAURANTS

Los Angeles has some of the hippest restaurants in the country. There is no central restaurant district; great restaurants can be found in all upscale locales. Like the city, LA cuisine is a fusion of culture and creativity. Individual chefs create their own style of cooking, which may combine elements of several different cuisines. Many top restaurants have renowned chefs with unique styles. When you are making a reservation in a place with a famous chef, check to make sure that he or she will be there.

### TOP FIVE BUSINESS RESTAURANTS

#### Gardens (West L.A./Beverly Hills)

**Cuisine:** California. **Features:** Great wine list, heart-healthy dishes, outdoor dining, full bar, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Business casual. **Open:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily; brunch Sunday.

📍 The Four Seasons Hotel, Los Angeles at Beverly Hills, 300 S. Doheny Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90048  
 📞 310.273.2222

#### Michael's (Santa Monica)

**Cuisine:** California. **Features:** Great wine list, heart-healthy dishes, outdoor dining, full bar, reservations required. **Attire:** Jackets required. **Open:** Lunch Monday-Friday; dinner Monday-Saturday.

📍 1147 Third St., Santa Monica, CA 90403  
 📞 310.451.0843

**L'Orangerie (West Hollywood)**

**Cuisine:** French. **Features:** Great wine list, outdoor dining, entertainment Tuesday-Thursday, full bar, private room(s), reservations required. **Attire:** Jackets required. **Open:** Dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

☎ 903 N. La Cienega Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069  
☎ 310.652.9770

**Spago Beverly Hills (West L.A./Beverly Hills)**

**Cuisine:** California, Pan-Asian. **Features:** Great wine list, outdoor dining, full bar, private room(s). **Attire:** Casual. **Open:** Lunch Monday-Saturday; dinner nightly.

☎ 176 N. Canon Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
☎ 310.385.0880

**Water Grill (Downtown)**

**Cuisine:** Seafood. **Features:** Great wine list, entertainment, full bar, private room(s). **Attire:** Jackets suggested. **Open:** Lunch Monday-Friday; dinner nightly.

☎ 544 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90071  
☎ 213.891.0900

**BUSINESS SERVICES AND SUPPLIES****BUSINESS SUPPORT AND COMPUTER/INTERNET ACCESS****Kinko's****Burbank**

☎ 101 N. San Fernando Blvd., Burbank, CA 91502-1208  
☎ 818.558.3900 ☎ 818.558.3939 ✉  
usa0330@kinkos.com

**Downtown**

☎ 835 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 100, Los Angeles, CA  
90017-2603 ☎ 213.892.1700 ☎ 213.892.1777  
✉ usa1010@kinkos.com 📍

**Pasadena**

☎ 855 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101-2106  
☎ 626.793.6336 ☎ 626.793.5237  
✉ usa3701@kinkos.com

**Santa Monica**

☎ 601 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401-1501  
☎ 310.576.7710 ☎ 310.576.7768  
✉ usa1161@kinkos.com

**West Los Angeles**

☎ 2139 S. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90064-1105  
☎ 310.826.8122 ☎ 310.826.5583  
✉ usa1163@kinkos.com

☎ 1520 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024-5602  
☎ 310.475.0789 ☎ 310.470.2667  
✉ usa5927@kinkos.com 📍

☎ 5575 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230-5513  
☎ 310.313.2578 ☎ 310.313.2438  
✉ usa0360@kinkos.com

**Starbucks**

There are close to 500 Starbucks in the L.A. metro area, of which about three out of every four have T-Mobile wireless hotspots. Go to [www.starbucks.com](http://www.starbucks.com) for specific locations.

**Mail Boxes, Etc.****Burbank**

☎ 1317 N. San Fernando Blvd., Burbank, CA 91504  
☎ 818.845.3332

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☎ 556 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105  
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