

# California Welcomes the New InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown

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The new [InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown](#) hotel boasts a number of accolades: It's the tallest building in Los Angeles, and the tallest in the U.S., west of Chicago. And, it's the first LEED gold-certified building in downtown L.A. But beyond "just the facts," the InterContinental provides a singular luxury experience in the heart of L.A. that is unmatched in terms of intentional design, sophistication, and culinary excellence.

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Stretching 73 stories into the L.A. skyline, the InterContinental sits in the heart of downtown, steps away from L.A. Live and its five million square feet of shopping, dining and entertainment. But contained within its walls is a destination unto itself, with five world-class dining options, and an outdoor pool with cabanas and the No Dive Bar, where you can look down 7th and Figueroa, where Spiderman famously swung in the movie. Everywhere you look, there is a new sight to behold.

Oh, the views. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the guest rooms give travelers a bird's-eye view of the landscape. Los Angeles' famous freeways stretch for miles, and look so much better when you're above it all. A three-story light sculpture in the sky lobby is patterned on a schematic of the I-10 and I-110 freeways, with white, amber, and red lights mimicking the traffic lights. The front of the welcome desks transform at night to represent the LA skyline.

The overall design of the hotel pays homage to Southern California's varied lifestyles, from the urban car culture at play in the aforementioned design to the classic beach feel of the No Dive Bar and pool area. Headboards in the guest rooms are billboard-style, depicting classic and iconic California scenes.

You may want to venture out into the city to take in a basketball game or concert, or you can let the nightlife come to you. Spire 73 is the tallest open-air bar in the Western Hemisphere, and one of the hottest spots in the city. With an impressive selection of rare and unique whiskey, and fire pits for s'mores and socializing, along with an outstanding menu accessible with the push of an elevator button, why leave?

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The other dining venues are exceptional as well. Diners can dig into fresh-cut sushi and fine Japanese whiskey while gazing at the Hollywood sign from Sora. Stop into Dekkadance for an international marketplace experience, where you can watch your farm-to-fork creations being prepared by expert chefs. Just try to walk through without sampling one of their outrageous desserts.

InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown's crowning culinary achievement is La Boucherie (pictured), a steakhouse with a French flair. Its opulent menu of top-notch seafood, reimagined French classics and premium steaks is unmatched. The 71st-floor restaurant features private dining in intimate corners, and VIP booths with floor-to-ceiling privacy screens and panoramic views. The wine list features 1,200 labels; there is a charcuterie cave and a cheese atelier, and cuts of grass-fed Wagyu beef tenderloin can be guillotine cut to order.

A destination unto itself in the midst of a vital urban center, the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown is the perfect place to be in the heart of the action, and the ideal destination to get away from it all.