

24-Hours in LA: Where to Stay and What to Do

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When you think of the great state of California, you think Hollywood, you think stardom, you think LA. Which makes it no surprise that the “Entertainment Capital of the World” creates the occasional celebrity sighting and tourism from around the globe.

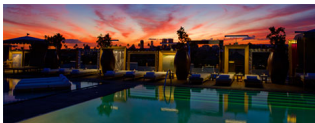


Top LA Restaurant



The Dolce Group, the leader in swanky and tasty LA hotspots, has an array of famed and highly desired restaurants under their belt. But our pick is the red and ultra chic **Ketchup** in West LA. Although the popular eatery dishes out American cuisine, a classic hamburger is not what to expect. Ketchup takes the classic dish to a new and “modern” level with inspiration based on childhood favorites. The food is just as youthful, innovative and fun as the atmosphere. www.dolcegroup.com

Top LA Hotel



Five-star hotels can sometimes feel like an outdated chateau that is, yes, elegant, but no where near chic and savvy. **SLS Hotel at Beverly Hills** takes modern design and sophistication to the next level. Experience five-star accommodations in the heart of LA with nothing but contemporary appeal and decadent class. Indulge in the award-winning fare by Jose Andres or relax in the spa and sip cocktails poolside. It's all here. www.starwoodhotels.com

****Other AFM recommended hotels and resorts in Los Angeles: Hotel Bel-Air, Sofitel Los Angeles, London West Hollywood, The Peninsula Beverly Hills, Shutters on the Beach**

LA Shopping



The world famous **Rodeo Drive** in Beverly Hills is as fashionable as it is pretentious. If you're not in the market to empty your pockets on a stylish piece of garment, then come to Rodeo Drive just to take in the glamorous beauty of the world's top designers. It's so worth it.

Things to Do

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Getty Museum

The J. Paul Getty Museum at the Getty Center in Los Angeles opened just three years ago and houses European paintings, drawings, sculpture, illuminated manuscripts, decorative arts, and European and American photographs. The Villa houses approximately 44,000 works of art from the Museum's extensive collection of Greek, Roman, and Etruscan antiquities, of which over 1,200 are on view. With two locations, the Getty Villa in Malibu and the Getty Center in Los Angeles, the J. Paul Getty Museum serves a wide variety of audiences through its expanded range of exhibitions and programming in the visual arts.

J. Paul Getty Museum
1200 Getty Center Drive
Los Angeles, CA
www.getty.edu

Hollywood Blvd.

Ok you may already know to go to Hollywood Blvd. But it really is great to see all the famed golden stars just under your feet as well as have a drink at one of the trendy local bars at night.

Universal Studios Hollywood

Fun for the whole family and a great way to experience the famed entertainment industry, Universal Studios features thrilling park rides, unforgettable shows, and L.A.'s best shops, restaurants and all-new cinemas at CityWalk. www.universalstudioshollywood.com