

Los Angeles Stopover Itineraries

From City Sights to Coastal Strolls — See LA Your Way

Explore a collection of suggested day trips and multi-day stopovers designed for travellers staying near LAX, the beaches, or Marina del Rey. Choose from guided city tours, self-drive coastal adventures, or laid-back local discoveries. Includes mileage, travel times, and transport options for stress-free planning.



Suggested Itineraries — A Day in Los Angeles

From Century Boulevard (LAX Hotels)

Option 1: LA City Highlights Tour Day

- **Morning:**
Grab breakfast at your hotel or walk (if you're keen) to **In-N-Out Burger** for plane spotting.
- **9:00am:** Hotel pick-up for **Half-Day LA City Highlights Tour**. See Hollywood Sign, Walk of Fame, Beverly Hills, Rodeo Drive.
- **1:00pm:** Get dropped in **Santa Monica** — enjoy lunch at **The Albright** or **Blue Plate Taco**.
- **Afternoon:** Walk the beach to **Venice Boardwalk** (approx. 30 mins), stop for coffee at **Menotti's**.
- **Evening:** Uber/taxi back to Century Blvd to avoid freeway traffic.

Option 2: Car-Free Layover Day

- **Morning:**
Flight Path Museum or **Westfield Century City Mall** (taxi/Uber recommended).
 - **Afternoon:** Relax by the hotel pool or watch planes from a runway view room.
 - **Evening:** Casual dinner at **Trifecta Lounge (Marriott)** or the **Daily Grill (Westin LAX)**.
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From El Segundo

Option 1: El Segundo Stroll & LA Half-Day Tour

- **Morning:**
Explore **Downtown El Segundo** shops & grab breakfast at **Blue Butterfly Coffee**.
- **10:00am:** Visit **El Segundo Museum of Art (ESMoA)**.
- **12:00pm:** Lunch at **Rock & Brews**.
- **1:00pm:** Pick-up for Half-Day LA Highlights Tour.
- **Evening:** Back in El Segundo, enjoy craft beers at **El Segundo Brewing Company**.

Option 2: Self-Drive South Bay Day

- **Morning:**
Rent a car, drive to **Terranea Resort (Palos Verdes)** for coffee and incredible clifftop views.
 - **Afternoon:** Head down to **San Pedro's Korean Bell of Friendship**, or beach hop Hermosa to Redondo.
 - **Evening:** Return car before 6:00pm to avoid peak traffic. Dinner at **Saulal** or **¡Jaime! Taqueria**.
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From Marina del Rey

Option 1: Water + Coastal Tour Day

- **Morning:**
Coffee at **Cafe Buna**, then rent a kayak or paddleboard from **Mother's Beach**.
- **12:00pm:** Lunch at **Tony P's Dockside Grill**.
- **1:00pm:** Half-Day LA Tour pick-up or self-drive to **Santa Monica** for shopping & beach.
- **Evening:** Sunset cocktails at **SALT Restaurant & Bar**.

Option 2: Marina Meander

- **Morning:**
Walk **Burton Chace Park** and explore **Fisherman's Village**.
- **Afternoon:** Bike ride along **The Strand** to Venice Beach.
- **Evening:** Dinner at **The Warehouse Restaurant**.

From Manhattan Beach / Hermosa Beach

Option 1: Beach Day + City Tour

- **Morning:**
Stroll **The Strand** to **Manhattan Beach Pier**, coffee at **Two Guns Espresso**.
- **Late Morning:** Visit **Roundhouse Aquarium**.
- **1:00pm:** LA City Highlights Tour pick-up from Century Blvd hotel (short Uber ride).
- **Evening:** Return and dine at **The Strand House** (reserve for sunset!).

Option 2: Self-Drive Pacific Coast Drive

- **Morning:**
Rent a car locally (Enterprise in Manhattan Beach area) or Century Blvd.
- **Drive to:** Malibu via **Santa Monica** and **Pacific Coast Highway**.
- **Stop at:** **El Matador State Beach** for photos.
- **Lunch:** At **Malibu Farm** on the pier.
- **Afternoon:** Return via Topanga Canyon or I-10 (aim to be back by 3:00pm).
- **Evening:** Relax at **Hermosa Pier Plaza**, dinner at **Palmilla Hermosa Beach**.



Suggested Itineraries – 2 or 3 Days

Classic LA 2-Day Stopover

(Choice of Rental Car, Tours, or Walkable)

Base locations: Century Boulevard / El Segundo / Marina del Rey / Manhattan Beach

Day 1:

- **Morning:** Arrivals and check-in
- **Late Morning:** Hollywood & Beverly Hills Tour

- **Lunch:** The Grove / Farmers Market
(Approx. **2 miles / 10 mins** from Hollywood Blvd)
- **Afternoon:** Santa Monica Pier & Beach (walkable area)
(Approx. **8-10 miles / 25-35 mins** from The Grove)
- **Sunset:** Venice Beach Boardwalk stroll
(Approx. **3 miles / 10-15 mins** from Santa Monica)
- **Dinner:** Marina del Rey waterfront
(Approx. **3 miles / 10 mins** from Venice Beach)

Day 2:

- **Morning:** Downtown LA — Walt Disney Concert Hall, Grand Central Market, The Broad
(Approx. **17-20 miles / 30-45 mins** from LAX/Marina del Rey)
- **Lunch:** Grand Central Market (on foot)
- **Afternoon:** The Getty Center (**15 miles / 25-35 mins** from Downtown)
or Griffith Observatory (**12 miles / 25-40 mins** from Downtown)
- **Evening:** Optional dinner in Manhattan Beach / Marina del Rey
(Approx. **5-8 miles / 15-25 mins**)

Optional Transport: Rental car, Starline Tours, Big Bus LA, Ubers/taxis

Classic LA 3-Day Stopover (Add-on Day 3 Options)

Day 3 Add-on Choices:

- **Santa Barbara Day Trip** — via Amtrak Pacific Surfliner (**2.5 hrs one way**) or rental car (**95 miles / 2 hrs** each way)
- **Palm Springs Day Trip** — (**110 miles / 2-2.5 hrs** one way), shop Desert Hills Premium Outlets, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
- **More LA** — Malibu (**25-30 miles / 45-60 mins**), Getty Villa, or Pacific Palisades hikes

Extended Options outside LA

3-Day Santa Barbara Getaway

Day 1: Arrive in LA, head to Santa Barbara (**95 miles / 2 hrs**)

Day 2: Explore Downtown, Funk Zone, State Street, beaches

Day 3: Visit Solvang (**35 miles / 45 mins**), stop at Malibu (**70 miles / 1.5 hrs**) for lunch on return to LA

3-Day Palm Springs Escape

Day 1: Arrive LA, drive to Palm Springs (**110 miles / 2-2.5 hrs**) via Cabazon Outlets

Day 2: Aerial Tramway, architecture tour, pool time

Day 3: Joshua Tree National Park morning tour (**40 miles / 50 mins**), drive back to LA via Desert Hills Outlets (**115 miles / 2 hrs**)

3-Day LA to San Francisco via Pacific Coast Highway

Day 1: LA > Santa Barbara (**95 miles / 2 hrs**) > Solvang (**35 miles / 45 mins**) > Pismo Beach (**55 miles / 1 hr**)

Day 2: Pismo Beach > Big Sur (**90 miles / 2 hrs**) > Monterey / 17 Mile Drive (**30 miles / 45 mins**)

Day 3: Monterey > Santa Cruz (**45 miles / 1 hr**) > San Francisco (**75 miles / 1.5 hrs**)

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