

✈ LAX Airport Area – Places to Stay

When stopping over at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), choosing the right place to stay depends on your travel plans, budget, and how much of LA you want to experience during your layover. Here's a breakdown of popular areas around the airport and what they offer.



Century Boulevard (Hotel Row at LAX)

Distance from LAX: Adjacent to airport terminals (1–2 miles / 3–5 mins)

Travel time: 5 mins by complimentary hotel shuttle

Approximate transport cost: Free shuttles available

Overview:

Century Boulevard runs directly along the northern side of LAX and is lined with large, full-service hotels like the Hyatt Regency, Sheraton Gateway, Hilton LAX, and Courtyard by Marriott. It's the most convenient option for travellers who need quick airport access.

Pros:

- ✓ Closest to LAX — ideal for late arrivals and early departures
- ✓ Most hotels offer complimentary 24-hour airport shuttles
- ✓ Good selection of on-site restaurants and bars
- ✓ Full-service hotels with amenities like pools, gyms, and business centres

Cons:

- ✗ No beach or LA sightseeing appeal — it's a business hotel zone
- ✗ Limited walkable entertainment or dining outside hotel premises
- ✗ Traffic congestion around the area

Traveller Type:

Perfect for business travellers, overnight transit passengers, and those prioritising proximity to the airport over local experiences.

Accommodation Range & Pricing:

- Mid-range to upscale airport hotels
- Approx. **USD \$160–\$300 per night**

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El Segundo

Distance from LAX: 3–5 miles (10–12 mins by car)

Travel time: 10–15 mins (many hotels offer complimentary shuttles)

Approximate transport cost: Free shuttle or \$15–\$20 by rideshare

Overview:

Just south of LAX, El Segundo offers a mix of chain hotels, business parks, and local dining spots. It's a quieter, cleaner, and slightly less hectic option than Century Boulevard.

Pros:

- ✓ Many hotels provide free airport shuttles
- ✓ Safer, more residential feel than Century Boulevard
- ✓ Local breweries, eateries, and small-town vibe
- ✓ Cheaper parking and accommodation rates

Cons:

- ✗ Limited tourist attractions
- ✗ Not much nightlife
- ✗ Slightly longer travel time to airport

Traveller Type:

Good for families, leisure travellers on a budget, and anyone wanting a quieter overnight without straying too far from LAX.

Accommodation Range & Pricing:

- Budget motels to mid-range hotels (Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Aloft)
- Approx. **USD \$120–\$220 per night**

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 Manhattan Beach & Hermosa Beach

Distance from LAX: 5–7 miles (15–20 mins by car)

Travel time: 15–20 mins (no shuttles — rideshare or taxi needed)

Approximate transport cost: \$20–\$30 by rideshare

Overview:

Chic, laid-back beach towns just south of LAX with beautiful stretches of sand, casual restaurants, and beachside shopping.

Pros:

- ✓ Classic Southern California beach experience
- ✓ Beachfront restaurants, bike paths, and piers
- ✓ Relaxed, coastal vibe within 20 mins of LAX

Cons:

- ✗ No complimentary airport shuttles
- ✗ Hotels can be pricey, especially in peak season
- ✗ Limited public transport

Traveller Type:

Ideal for couples, solo travellers, and families who want to soak up a bit of SoCal beach life during their stopover.

Accommodation Range & Pricing:

- Boutique hotels, beach motels, and a few larger properties (Shade Hotel, The Sea View Inn, Beach House Hermosa Beach)
- Approx. **USD \$200–\$450 per night**

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 Marina Del Rey

Distance from LAX: 5 miles (12–15 mins by car)

Travel time: 12–15 mins (no shuttles — rideshare or taxi needed)

Approximate transport cost: \$20–\$30 by rideshare

Overview:

A relaxed marina community offering waterfront dining, yacht-filled harbours, and easy access to Venice Beach.

Pros:

- ✓ Scenic marina views and outdoor dining
- ✓ Close to Venice Beach and Santa Monica
- ✓ Stylish hotels and waterside cafés

Cons:

- ✗ No free airport shuttles
- ✗ More expensive than Century Boulevard or El Segundo
- ✗ Limited nightlife

Traveller Type:

Great for couples, solo travellers, and leisure visitors wanting a stylish, coastal stopover without venturing far from the airport.

Accommodation Range & Pricing:

- Mid-range to luxury hotels (Jamaica Bay Inn, Marina del Rey Hotel, Ritz-Carlton)
- Approx. **USD \$220–\$500 per night**

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Summary Comparison

Area	Distance (Miles)	Travel Time	Shuttle	Price Range (USD)	Vibe / Traveller Type
Century Boulevard	1–2	5 mins	✓	\$160–\$300	Business, overnight stopover, convenience
El Segundo	3–5	10–15 mins	✓	\$120–\$220	Families, budget-conscious, casual stopovers
Manhattan Beach & Hermosa Beach	5–7	15–20 mins	✗	\$200–\$450	Beach lovers, couples, leisure travellers
Marina Del Rey	5	12–15 mins	✗	\$220–\$500	Stylish, waterside, leisure, couples

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