

Los Angeles 4-day itinerary:

The must-see sights in greater Los Angeles



If you're spending a few days in Los Angeles and want to get the most of your trip there are plenty of must-see sites to keep you busy! Day trips are chosen by proximity and are designed to get the most out of each day, but they can be done in any order, enjoy!

Day 1: Northern Los Angeles



LACMA: Los Angeles Museum of Art

LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States. The art varies from ancient artifacts, Asian and Islamic art, to post-modern, modern and pop art. Be sure not to miss the two iconic art sculptures: Urban Lights and Levitated Mass, located outside the museum.



La Brea Tar Pits

Located adjacent to LACMA the La Brea Tar Pits are the only active paleontological site in the United States. Explore the tar pits for free or enter the Page Museum to gain a much deeper understanding of the fossil history.



Beverly Hills

A trip to Los Angeles is not complete without a visit to Beverly Hills. Take a selfie at the Rodeo Drive street sign and head over to Barney's NY to walk up their famous Regency-style white staircase.

Day 2: Hollywood and Downtown



Hollywood Sign

Originally known as "Hollywoodland" this iconic sign dropped the ending after it was renovated in the 1940's. The best view of the Hollywood sign is from the hillside located just below the sign. Access is only on foot and will take you about 2-3 hours round trip. Park on N. Beechwood Dr. and access the trail through the gate at the end of the road. On weekends parking is restricted, park below the Beachwood Café to avoid a ticket.



Hollywood Boulevard

Take a photo of your favorite star on Hollywood Blvd and Vine street. The LA times "Hollywood Star Walk" is the best guide to locating your star. Check out the TCL Chinese Theater and the Hollywood Museum or jump on a Starline bus for a tour of Hollywood's most famous movie star homes.



Downtown



Architectural and cultural opportunities abound in the heart of the City of Angels. For Architecture you are going to want to check out the Disney Concert Hall, Union Station, and Los Angeles City Hall. For a quirky bookstore go upstairs in The Last Bookstore. Duck inside the Bradbury Building for some stunning woodwork. When you're all finished head over to the Grand Central Market for the widest variety of food in downtown.

Day 3: The Getty Museums



The Getty Center



When J. Paul Getty, one of the richest people on earth, donated a large portion of his wealth to establishing the Getty Museum. The Getty Center is a vast 24 acre campus that houses the bulk of the Museum's collection. Visit both Getty Villa and Center in one and only pay for parking once.



The Getty Villa

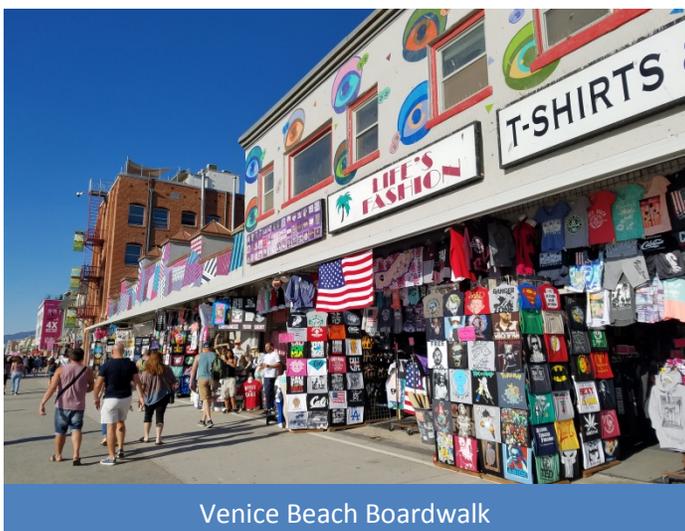
The original showcase for the J. Paul Getty museum collection. The bulk of the artwork was transferred to the Getty Center when the collection became too expansive to house here. The villa is a recreation of an ancient Roman countryhouse near the town of Pompeii. The architectural plans were derived from a villa preserved by the famous eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79. It currently houses the bulk of the Getty Museum's Roman, Greek and Etruscan collection.

Day 4: Beaches and Boardwalks



Venice Canals Historic District

The canals were designed in 1905 by an ambitious developer to bring the feel and appearance of Venice Italy to California. While you won't find any gondolas you will however find a beautiful and peaceful neighborhood to take an afternoon stroll.



Venice Beach Boardwalk

Labeled as 'a cultural hub known for its eccentricities' Venice Beach receives millions of visitors per year. Take a self-guided tour of the murals that contribute to LA's moniker of 'Mural Capital of the World.'

The Venice Beach Boardwalk is the best place in Los Angeles to people watch. While you're here watch pro skateboarders shred it up at the Venice Skate Park, say hi to the bearded woman and world's smallest man at the Venice Beach Freakshow and get your "Greencard" at one of the many dispensaries.



Santa Monica Pier

Opened in 1909 the Santa Monica Pier has gone through several renovations, the most current dating from the 1990's. Check out the original 1920's carousel, the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium and video arcade. You won't want to miss Pacific Park, the only amusement park on the west coast of the United States located on a pier and it's free! Featuring 12 rides and the world's only solar powered Ferris wheel.



The Beaches

Santa Monica beach is over 245 acres of pristine sandy beach covering 3 miles. The beach features a boardwalk and bike path connecting Santa Monica to Venice Beach. The more adventurous can pump some iron at muscle beach or take a class at the TSYN Trapeze School. Check out the Santa Monica Surf School if you're a beginner looking to catch your first wave.