



Welcome to Los Angeles, CA

Los Angeles (LA) is a sprawling Southern California city and the center of the nation's film and television industry. Near its iconic Hollywood sign, studios such as Paramount Pictures, Universal, and Warner Brothers offer behind-the-scenes tours. On Hollywood Boulevard, TCL Chinese Theatre displays the handprints and footprints of famous celebrities, the Walk of Fame honors thousands of luminaries, and vendors sell maps to the homes of movie stars.

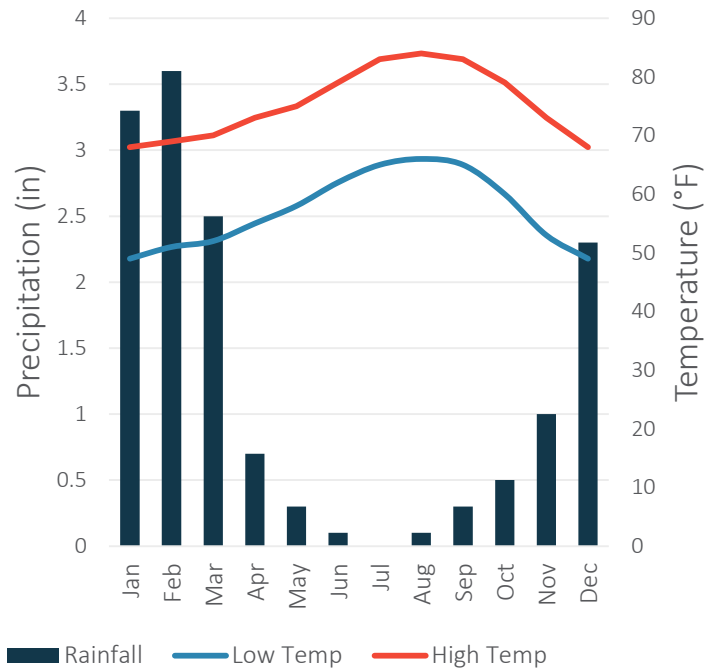
The name Los Angeles comes from the Spanish language meaning "The Angels." The name is an abbreviation from the original name of the place. The original name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Ángeles del Río Porciúncula" (in English, "town of our lady the Queen of Angels of the River Porciúncula"). Los Angeles was founded in 1781 while the area was within the borders of the Viceroyalty of New Spain. The area had earlier been explored by two Franciscan priests named Junipero Serra and Juan Crespi and following the Mexican War of Independence the region passed into the hands of Mexico which subsequently ceded control of California to the U.S. in 1848. On April 4, 1850 California became a state within the United States of America. Los Angeles began half a century of rapid growth after railroads arrived in the city in the 1870s.

There are over 4 million people currently residing in Los Angeles, making it the largest city in the state of California. The city has the second biggest population of cities in the United States, behind New York. Los Angeles is one of the most substantial economic engines within the US, with a diverse economy in a broad range of professional and cultural fields. A global city, it has been ranked 6th in the Global Cities Index and 9th in the Global Economic Power Index. The Los Angeles combined statistical area also has a gross metropolitan product of \$831 billion (as of 2008), making it the third-largest in the world, after the Tokyo and New York metropolitan areas. Los Angeles was home to the Olympic Games in 1932 and 1984. It will host the Olympic Games a third time in 2028.

CLIMATE

Los Angeles has a Mediterranean climate with plenty of sunshine throughout the year, with an average of only 35 days with measurable precipitation annually. The coastal region around Los Angeles has a climate that is comparable to coastal areas of southeastern Spain such as Alicante or Elche, in temperature range and variation, in sunshine hours, as well as annual precipitation levels.

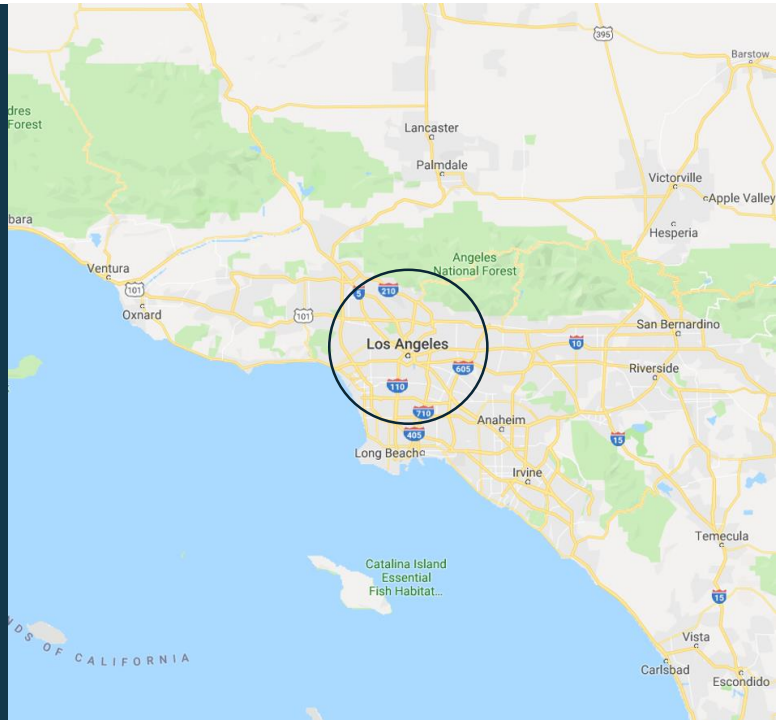
Temperatures in the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys are considerably warmer than the coastal areas of Los Angeles. Hours of sunshine total more than 3,000 per year, from an average of 7 hours of sunshine per day in December to an average of 12 in July.



GEOGRAPHY

Los Angeles County borders 70 miles of coast on the Pacific Ocean and encompasses mountain ranges, valleys, forests, islands, lakes, rivers, and desert. The Los Angeles River, Rio Hondo, the San Gabriel River, and the Santa Clara River flow in Los Angeles County. The primary mountain ranges are the Santa Monica Mountains and the San Gabriel Mountains.

The western extent of the Mojave Desert begins in the Antelope Valley in the northeastern part of the county. Most of the population of Los Angeles County is located in the south and southwest, with major population centers in the Los Angeles Basin, San Fernando Valley, and San Gabriel Valley. Other population centers are found in the Santa Clarita Valley, Pomona Valley, Crescenta Valley, and Antelope Valley.



COST OF LIVING

The [cost of living](#) in Los Angeles is 95.1% higher than the US average.

Housing is the biggest factor in the cost of living difference. Categories in Los Angeles' [cost of living](#) that are lower than or near the US average include groceries, health, utilities, and miscellaneous costs.

KEY HOUSING FIGURES

Median Home Purchase Price

\$799,000

Median Monthly Rent (1 BDRM)

\$2,068

Sources: www.zillow.com – accessed 11/06/2018, www.rentcafe.com – accessed 11/06/2018

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Interstates I-5, I-10, I-105, I-110, I-210, I-405, I-605, I-710

US Highways US-101

State Highways 2, 22, 57, 60, 91, 101, 134, 170

Airports

Los Angeles International Airport (**LAX**)

Bob Hope/Burbank Airport (**BUR**)

Long Beach Airport (**LGB**)

John Wayne International Airport (**SNA**)

Ontario International Airport (**ONT**)

Other Transportation

Buses and Trains: Los Angeles is home to one of the country's best public transportation networks, including subways, light-rail, buses, and shuttles to nearly every corner of Greater Los Angeles. Use the [Metro Trip Planner](#) to plan your transportation.

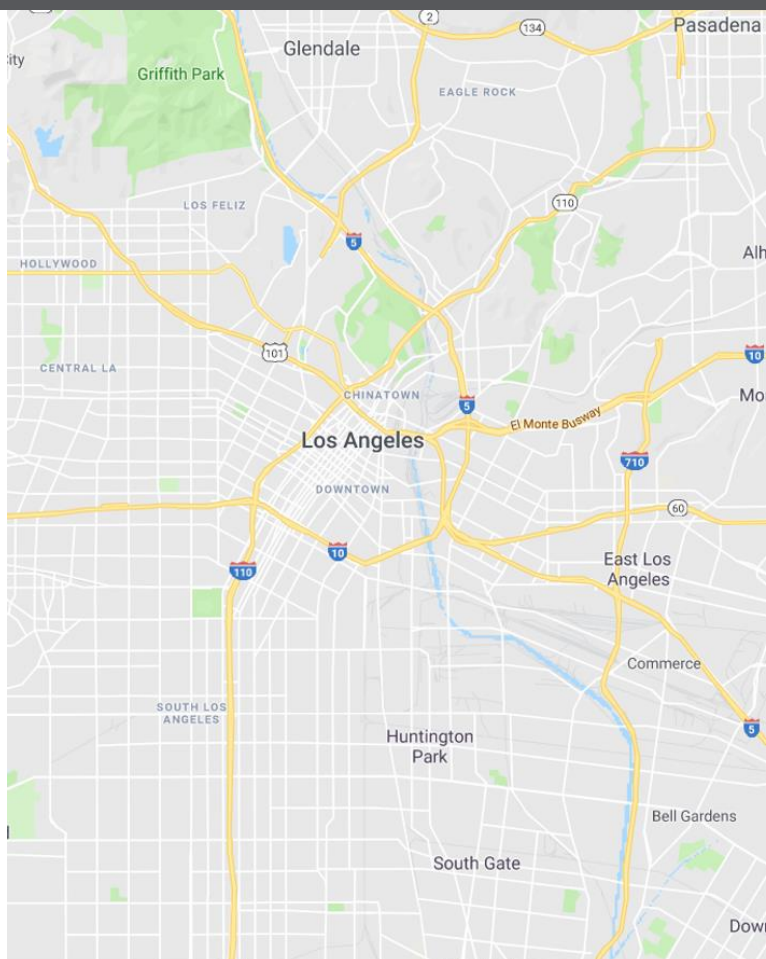
Buses: [City Metro Bus Routes](#)

Trains: [Metro Transportation](#)

[Department of Motor Vehicles](#)

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LIFESTYLE & ENTERTAINMENT



To even begin to sum up all that Los Angeles has to offer is a monumental task, but there are certain highlights that residents and visitors consider the best of this exciting metropolitan area. Santa Monica, located west of downtown, has beautiful beaches and a vibrant nightlife. The beach is fringed by Palisades Park, with views over the Pacific Ocean. Santa Monica Pier is home to the Pacific Park amusement park, historic Looff Hippodrome Carousel, and Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Hollywood, the home of the film industry, has Paramount Pictures, historic music venues like the Hollywood Bowl, and Dolby Theatre, home of the Oscars. Visitors can choose from improv comedy clubs, retro-cool bars, and velvet-roped nightclubs.

Downtown Los Angeles, with its recent resurgence of excellent restaurants, museums, concert venues, sports arenas, and five-star hotels has become a destination in its own right. Local favorites also include the Getty Center, The Grove, Griffith Park, and Olvera Street.

SPORTS

Los Angeles has several professional teams and major venues supporting all types of sports and activities.

Professional Sports Teams

- MLB - [Los Angeles Dodgers](#)
- MLB - [Los Angeles Angels](#)
- MLS - [Los Angeles Galaxy](#)
- NBA - [Los Angeles Clippers](#)
- NBA - [Los Angeles Lakers](#)
- NHL - [Anaheim Ducks](#)
- NHL - [Los Angeles Kings](#)
- NFL - [Los Angeles Chargers](#)
- NFL - [Los Angeles Rams](#)
- WNBA - [Los Angeles Sparks](#)

Major Venues

- [Dodger Stadium](#)
- [The Forum](#)
- [Memorial Coliseum](#)
- [Staples Center](#)
- [StubHub Center](#)



OUTDOORS & ADVENTURE



Parks & Trails

- [Grand Park](#)
- [Griffith Park](#)
- [LA State Historic Park](#)
- [Trebek Open Space](#)
- [San Vicente Mountain Park](#)



Fun on the Water

- [Castaic Lake](#)
- [Echo Park Lake](#)
- [Santa Monica State Beach](#)
- [Super Silly Fun Land](#)
- [Malibu Coastal Adventures](#)



Attractions

- [Hollywood Wax Museum](#)
- [La Brea Tar Pits](#)
- [Universal Studios](#)
- [Disneyland](#)
- [Hollywood Walk of Fame](#)



Discover More

- [Discover Los Angeles](#)
- [LACity.org](#)
- [LACounty.gov](#)
- [TripAdvisor/Los Angeles](#)
- [Visit California](#)

SHOPPING



Shopping is one of the best activities in Los Angeles, whether it's exploring through vintage stores or window-shopping for luxury goods. The shopping experience begins in the sprawling [LA Fashion District](#) in downtown Los Angeles, and from there it's choosing from top shopping centers like The Grove, [Beverly Center](#), Hollywood & Highland, The Americana at Brand, Third Street Promenade, or [Santa Monica Place](#).

Eclectic shopping neighborhoods can be found throughout Los Angeles, while the city's numerous museum gift shops offer a variety of unique cultural gifts. Upscale retail streets with high-end shops such as [Rodeo Drive](#) in Beverly Hills and [Robertson Boulevard](#) are places to see as well as be seen, with stores and brands such as Balenciaga, Battaglia, Cartier, Chanel, Dior, Dolce & Gabbana, Ermenegildo Zegna, Gucci, Prada, and Rolex.

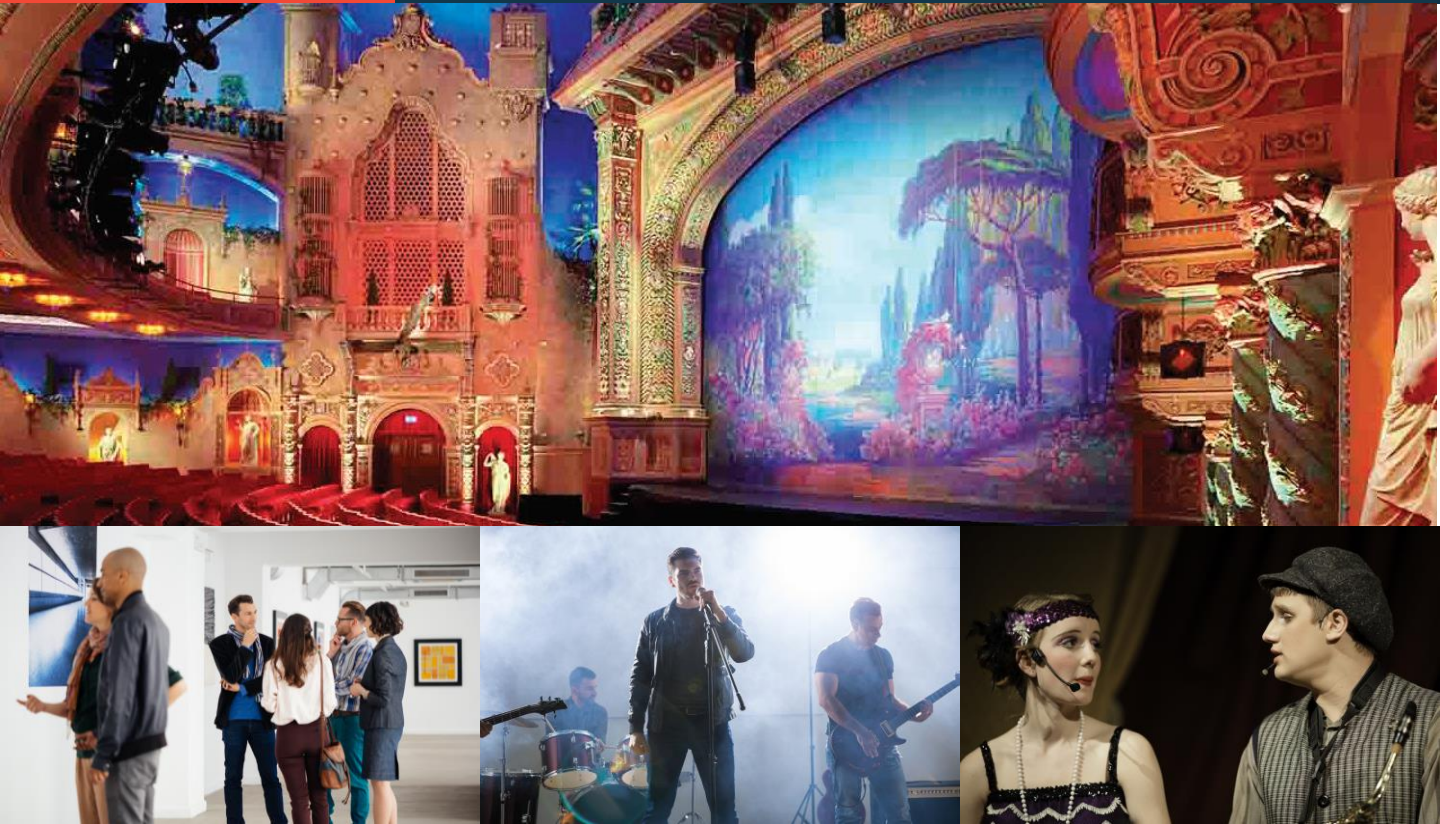
DINING

Los Angeles has one of the most dynamic dining scenes in the country, offering everything from street food to 5-star restaurants. From California cuisine with organic ingredients to the proliferation of food trucks, LA's culinary influence can be felt across the country.

Food aficionados can experience the restaurants of Wolfgang Puck, Thomas Keller, and Nobu Matsuhisa, as well as a new generation of culinary stars like Kogi BBQ Truck founder Roy Choi and Top Chef champion Michael Voltaggio.

Top restaurants in Los Angeles include [Sushi Note](#), located along Ventura Boulevard and featuring a standout wine program to pair with the nigiri that distinguishes the restaurant. [Hippo](#) serves seasonal California fare prepared by James Beard Award winner chef Matt Molina. [Otoño](#) features Spanish dishes from former Racion chef Teresa Montaña, with a wide array of tapas and paellas.





Theatre

The Latino Theater Company operates the historic [Los Angeles Theatre Center](#), a five-theater performing arts complex in the Historic Core District of Downtown Los Angeles. The [Center Theatre Group](#) has three theatres: the Ahmanson Theatre, the Mark Taper Forum, and the Kirk Douglas Theatre. The Group produces and presents the most celebrated Broadway shows, thought-provoking stories, and new plays. The [Geffen Playhouse](#) presents theatrical productions in both the Gil Cates Theater and Audrey Skirball Kenis Theater, ranging from world premieres and commissioned works to reinterpretations of timeless classics.

Ballet, Opera, and Symphony

The [LA Phil](#) is internationally renowned and performs at the Hollywood Bowl and the Walt Disney Concert Hall. [Los Angeles Ballet](#) is known for its superb productions of the Balanchine repertory, stylistically meticulous classical ballets, and its commitment to new works. [LA Opera](#) is the nation's fourth largest opera company, and produces world-class opera that preserves, promotes and advances the art form.

Museums

[J. Paul Getty Museum](#) is one of the city's premier destinations, focusing on art history and conservation practice, and promoting knowledge and appreciation of art. J. Paul Getty's will turned his namesake museum into the wealthiest art museum in the world. Los Angeles is filled with major museums, including:

- [The Broad](#)
- [California Science Center](#)
- [Hammer Museum](#)
- [Los Angeles County Museum of Art](#)
- [Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County](#)

Venues

[The MacArthur](#) is a historic special events venue in Los Angeles, conceived in the Gothic Revival architectural style. [The Music Center](#) has four iconic theaters and four renowned resident companies including Center Theatre Group, the LA Master Chorale, the LA Opera, and the LA Philharmonic. The [Hollywood Bowl](#) has been the premier destination for live music in Southern California, hosting a variety of acts under the silhouette of its concentric-arched band shell.



NOTABLE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

ELEMENTARY & HIGH SCHOOL



[California State University](#)

Los Angeles, CA

The Los Angeles educational system consists of 432 public schools, 304 private schools, and 157 post-secondary schools in Los Angeles.

**COLUMBIA
COLLEGE
HOLLYWOOD**

[Columbia College Hollywood](#)

Los Angeles, CA

The student to teacher ratio of Los Angeles public schools is 20:1, compared to 20:1 in California, and 16:1 across all of the United States.

LMU|LA
Loyola Marymount
University

[Loyola Marymount University](#)

Los Angeles, CA

A total of 74.4% of students have completed high school, 32.5% have completed a bachelor's degree, and 4.0% have completed a doctorate degree.

UCLA

[University of California – LA](#)

Los Angeles, CA

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