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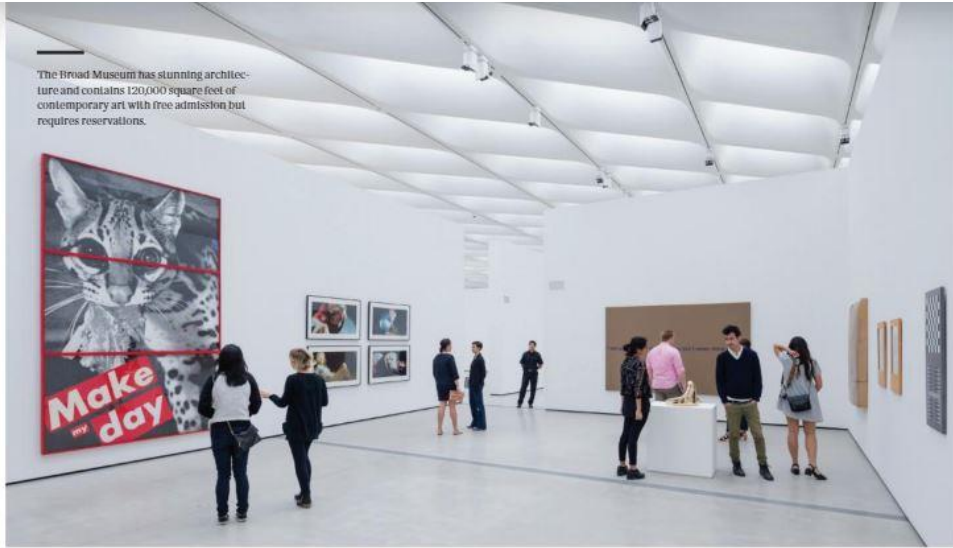
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# REDESCOVERING LOS ANGELES

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
GLAMOUR CAPITAL PERFECTS  
THE ART OF REINVENTION

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The Broad Museum has stunning architecture and contains 120,000 square feet of contemporary art with free admission but requires reservations.

**A**s a travel destination, Los Angeles is an exciting and culturally diverse hotspot. Universally known as L.A., Los Angeles is both a city and a county. The county, with more than 4,000 square miles and nearly 90 distinct cities within its boundary, offers a bounty of engaging and fun opportunities, even for lifelong Angelenos as myself who have lived here for decades -- there's always something new to discover.

Originally founded in 1781 as El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina (translation: town of our lady the Queen of Angels), Los Angeles has rich history but has reinvented itself as a 21st century cosmopolitan hub and cultural trendsetter. Its reputation for quirkiness happily intersects with its glamorous pedigree as the home for countless celebrities.

### DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

During the past few years Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA) has undergone a dramatic transformation and the renaissance continues. With a robust effort of preserving historic buildings through adaptive reuse, many abandoned or neglected buildings are finding a new lease on life as a variety of galleries, businesses or loft apartments. This is bringing new vitality to the downtown core and in turn creating an energetic ambiance.

#### STAY

The Millennium Biltmore Hotel has witnessed L.A.'s ups and downs for 95 years -- it has been the grande dame of Los Angeles since its opening in 1923. With its frescoes, murals and its opulent details, The Biltmore is a slice of the past but is a perfect location to discover DTLA's stellar art, music, shopping, and dining scene.

#### SEE

The Biltmore puts you walking distance to many of DTLA's major highlights -- the Grand Central Market, Union Station, Olvera Street, The Broad Museum, The

Music Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), and historic architecture such as the 1893 Bradbury Building and the 1926 Central Library.

#### SAVOR

Perch LA, the popular rooftop French bistro, offers expansive 360 degree views and a cozy spot with fire pits to enjoy shareable bites and Parisian-inspired cocktails. Bottega Louie, a restaurant, market and French patisserie famous for its macarons, is a lively spot for lunch, dinner or weekend brunch.

### BEVERLY HILLS

It could be said Beverly Hills isn't a city but a state of mind -- one that spells luxury. The tony enclave covers only less than 6 square miles but its name is world-renowned. Yes, Rodeo Drive is probably the world's most famous shopping mecca but the City of Beverly Hills offers visitors many other things to do.

#### STAY

The Peninsula Beverly Hills will provide you with the quintessential Beverly Hills experience and will make you feel like a rock star. The Sofitel Beverly Hills is technically nestled between West Hollywood and Beverly Hills but its European service mindset and its location across the street from The Beverly Center Shopping Center gives this hotel high marks.

#### SEE

Set on over 18 acres, the Greystone Mansion & Gardens, also known as the Doheny Estate, is one of the crown jewels of the City of Beverly Hills and is open for tours (reservations are required). Built by Edward Laurence Doheny, Jr. in 1928, Greystone is a magnificent way to spend a morning or afternoon strolling the sprawling gardens.

#### SAVOR

For the full Beverly Hills experience, book a lunch reservation at the famed Polo Lounge at the Beverly Hills Hotel. After your meal, stroll the public spaces to see



### TASTE



### STUFF'D

“Dumplings reimagined” is the focus of this fast-casual concept taking inspiration from the lesser known Eastern European dumplings and launched early 2018. Stuff'd is headed by Missy Kim, former Cafe Stella Executive Chef and personal chef for LCD Soundsystem and Arie Emanuel. This quick service, “grab-and-go” restaurant will provide guests with California-inspired, flavorful offerings that are mindfully crafted and sourced purposefully. The menu will include savory and sweet options such as the “Notorious P.I.G.” a Kalua pig and cabbage Dumpling; or the “Seasonal Crumble” Strawberry Rhubarb Dumpling served over vanilla ice cream. Stuff'd has something for everyone, supplementing dumplings with salads, seasonal soups and sides while remaining locally sourced and 100 percent gluten free.

Stuff'd, 6909 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, 323.424.7148, [www.stuffdco.com](http://www.stuffdco.com)

## STAY



### THE HISTORIC CULVER HOTEL

Located in lively downtown Culver City, the Culver Hotel's central and convenient location, boutique setting and charming walkable neighborhood combine for a unique destination in Los Angeles. Whether you are meeting for lunch, enjoying live jazz and cocktails or simply making one of the chic guestrooms your stylish pied-a-terre this historic property is a must visit.

Reimagined and brought back to life by owner and creative director Maya Mallick, the 1924 architectural gem is one of the few places that flawlessly pays homage to its spirited past. The hotel's storied ownership also includes Charlie Chaplin and John Wayne who legend has it, won the hotel for a dollar in a poker game.

Full of artful design and European flair the hotel's uniquely shaped flatiron building feels much like an intimate chateau. Inside each guestroom crystal chandeliers, antique oak armoires and reinvented vintage finds are artfully paired with contemporary custom-made pieces and modern day amenities.

The hotel's buzzing restaurant and bar are a local favorite and a must see for any visitor.

The Culver Hotel is a timeless option whether you're in the mood for an intimate dinner for two, happy hour with friends, or a week-long stay.

*The Culver Hotel, 9400 Culver Blvd., Culver City, 310.558.9400, www.culverhotel.com*



photographs of famous faces. After an afternoon of exploring, treat yourself to The Peninsula's legendary afternoon tea in The Living Room. Take a break from your Rodeo Drive shopping experience with a relaxing respite at the lovely Ladurée Beverly Hills, a tearoom famous for its macarons originating in Paris since 1862.

## SANTA MONICA

Venture further west from Beverly Hills to the coast and you arrive in Santa Monica. Life in Santa Monica is celebrated under the Southern California sunshine and the sparkling Pacific Ocean. Located where the iconic Route 66 meets the Pacific Ocean, this laid back beach town takes fun in the sun to a new level. Santa Monica also revels in its walkable scale so you'll be able to explore the town's attractions and highlights at your own leisurely pace.

## STAY

The Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows offers an ideal home base for exploring Santa Monica, located in the heart of the town minutes from the beach, the pier, and walking distance to shopping and dining options. After being married there many years ago, it was special to see that it hasn't lost its luster but only gotten better with age.

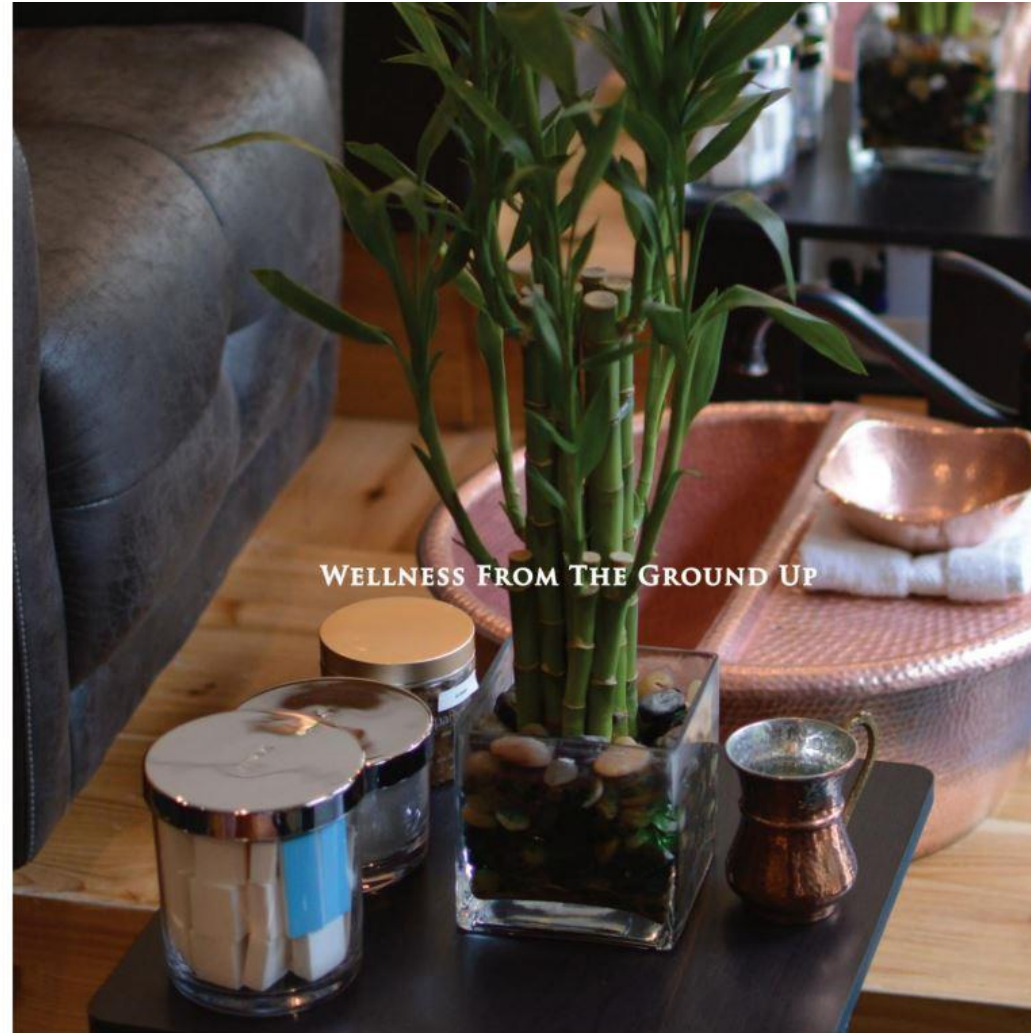
## SEE

The Santa Monica Pier is one of Southern California's most popular attractions with more than 6 million annual visitors. With fun for all ages, you'll find restaurants, an arcade, and an amusement park that features a five-story roller coaster, a nine-story Ferris wheel, and a historic carousel. At the 3rd Street Promenade, a pedestrian esplanade, watch a variety of street performers, shop trendy boutiques, and people watch from the many sidewalk cafes.

## SAVOR

From casual fare to fine dining, Santa Monica is a foodie haven. Fig Santa Monica at the Fairmont Miramar features a tempting menu of fresh and organically grown ingredients. The Sonoma Wine Garden on the rooftop at Santa Monica Place is the perfect place to gaze at forever views while enjoying California/Mediterranean cuisine and a global wine selection.

*Travel Tip: Los Angeles is a city that is so spread out you'll definitely want to rent a car. If you plan to arrive by air to LAX, consider making your LA headquarters at the airport-close. You'll be a close drive to all points in LA.*



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