

Restaurants, Cafes, Bars, and Cultural Sites Near the Los Angeles Convention Center and the JW Marriott LA LIVE

Restaurants and Eateries

- 1. Grand Central Market, 317 S. Broadway. Diverse emporium hosting food vendors, produce & florists, occasional music and game nights
- 2. Otium, 222 S. Hope Street, a contemporary restaurant next to the Broad Museum by Chef Timothy Hollingsworth featuring New American cuisine, cocktails and high design
- 3. Mendocino Farms, 444 Flower Street. Creative gourmet sandwiches, soups and salads, made with local and seasonal ingredients
- 4. Bottega Louie, 700 S. Grand Avenue. An Italian restaurant, gourmet market, patisserie and cafe. Pizzas, pastas and small plates in a bright, bustling space, plus weekend brunch and macarons to-to
- 5. Redbird, 114 E 2nd St. Innovative New American dishes are paired with creative cocktails & a snazzy, historic setting.
- 6. Manuela, 907 E 3rd St. Manuela unites chef, farmer and artist to create an authentic and original dining experience. Part of the Hauser & Wirth art galleries located in a former flour mill in the downtown Arts District.
- 7. Rice Box, 541 S Spring St #131 in the Broadway Arcade. Casual Cantonese eatery with BBQ, rice bowls, bao, and other offerings.
- 8. Sonoratown, 208 E 8th St. Casual lunch & dinner destination for Northern Mexican—style tacos with grilled meats & vegetables.

- 9. Verve Coffee Roasters, 833 S Spring St. Local craft coffee and pastries in contemporary space.
- 10. Cognoscenti Coffee, 868 S Olive St. Espresso drinks, teas & pour-overs are the draw at this chic, contemporary cafe with lots of light.
- 11. Blossom Vietnamese restaurant, 426 S Main St. Pho & other Vietnamese staples offered in a hip minimalist eatery with sidewalk seating.
- **12.** Bar Amá, 118 W 4th St. Reimagined cantina features Tex-Mex comfort food with an upmarket twist along with a tequila menu.
- 13. Sushi Gen, 422 E 2nd St. Locals line up at this sushi bar in Little Tokyo, known for traditional Japanese preparations & lunch deals.
- 14. Daikokuya Little Tokyo, 327 E 1st St. Rice bowls & ramen have customers lined out the door at this small, no-frills Japanese restaurant.
- 15. Broken Mouth, 718 S Los Angeles St. A homey & hip eatery specializing in Hawaiian-Asian fusion food with California inspiration.
- 16. HomeGirl Cafe, 130 Bruno St. Affiliated with Father Gregory Boyle's Homeboy Industries, this casual cafe offers breakfast fare, salads, sandwiches and baked goods.
- For those craving LA street foods, there is Smorgasbord Los Angeles, an open air food market open every Sunday, 10am-4 pm at @rowdtla. Free entry, family friendly beer garden. 777 South Alameda Street in the ROW DTLA shopping mall. Dozens of food vendors surrounded by upscale shopping in design craft wellness. https://la.smorgasburg.com/
- 17. Philippe, The Original, 1001 N Alameda St., This deli opened in 1903 and is reputed to serve the best French dip sandwich in California. The deli has not changed very much over the years and oozes with charm.
- 18. Langer's Delicatessen, 704 S. Alvarado Street, A 30-minute walk west of downtown (10 minutes by transit) takes you to this historic restaurant in MacArthur Park. It serves excellent pastrami sandwiches.
- 19. Cole's, 118 E. 6th St., This 100-year old treasure takes its clients back to the days of LA noire. The restaurant serves an assortment of sandwiches (French dip, pastrami, etc.). There is also a small bar at the front that serves an assortment of drinks.
- 20. Guisados, 541 S Spring St Suite #101, The excellent taqueria serves tacos of a variety of braised meets and vegetables.

21. Wurstküche, 800 E. 3rd Street, The restaurant serves a variety of delicious sausages, hot dog style. It is in the heart of the Art's District. Outdoor seating provides an opportunity for great people watching.

Bars

- 1. Bonaventure Brewing Company (in the conference hotel), 404 South Figueroa Street, Brewpub offering craft beers, American grub and city skyline view from the 4th floor outdoor patio.
- 2. Upstairs at Ace Hotel, 929 S. Broadway. Perched on the rooftop of the Ace Hotel, with cocktails, all-day menu and poolside, cinematic city views
- 3. Perch, 448 S. Hill Street. Glamorous rooftop setting with French small plates, handcrafted cocktails, grand views of the city and live jazz
- 4. Public School 213, 612 Flower St. Gastropub offers American small bites & craft beers on tap, plus a popular happy hour.
- 5. Mezcalero DTLA, 510 S Broadway St. Small, laid-back joint offering mezcal- & tequila-based drinks, beer & Mexican street food.
- 6. Las Perlas, 107 E 6th St. Stylish Oaxacan-style cantina in the historic Santa Fe Building offering a huge menu of mescal, tequila & cocktails.
- 7. Arts District Brewing Company, 828 Traction Avenue. Lofty brewhouse for house draft beers, outdoor games and specialty hot dogs and burgers in the heart of the Arts District
- 8. Angel City Brewery, 216 S. Alameda Street. Craft brewery located near the Arts District
- 9. Highland Park Brewery, 1220 N Spring St., Excellent craft brewery that is a favorite of Dodger fans. The patio looks onto the State Historical Park and offers extraordinary views of downtown Los Angeles.

Cultural and Historical Sites

- Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 W. Temple Street. Cathedral of the Roman Catholic Church named in honor of the Virgin Mary
- 2. Angels Flight Railway, 350 S. Grand Avenue. Historic landmark funicular railway running from Hill Street across from the back entrance of the Grand Central Market up to

- California Plaza. There is also an escalator on the corner of W. 4th Street and S. Olive Street going up to California Plaza.
- 3. Olvera Street and El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument, 845 N. Alameda Street. Park commemorating the historic main square of LA since the 1820s including a plaque marking "los pobladores," the original Afro-Latinx pueblo settlers of 1781. On Olvera Street look for the city's oldest building, Avila House, shopping vendors and Mexican food eateries
- 4. Chinese American Museum of Los Angeles, 425 N. Los Angeles Street. Located adjacent to El Pueblo of LA Historic Monument, dedicated to the history and experience of Chinese Americans in California
- 5. Biddy Mason Memorial Park, 333 S. Spring Street. A mini-park commemorating the life of the migrant slave woman who was freed in California and became a nurse, midwife and philanthropist
- 6. Japanese American National Museum, 100 N. Central Avenue. Little Tokyo museum dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Japanese Americans. Look for the open-air Japanese Village Plaza across the street for eateries, karaoke bars and shopping and ramen noodle and sushi eateries on 1st. Street and 2nd Street
- 7. The Bradbury Building, 304 S Broadway An architectural landmark in downtown Los Angeles, California, United States. Built in 1893, the five-story office building is best known for its extraordinary skylit atrium of access walkways, stairs and elevators, and their ornate ironwork. Movie buffs will recognize the zigzagging staircases from the climax of *Blade Runner*.
- 8. Union Station. The building's Mission-styl
- 9. e exterior opens up into a grand waiting area with marble tiles, faux-wood beamed ceilings and Art Deco touches. Wander through its halls and courtyards and you'll find a building rich with history, locomotion and—with the eventual arrival of high-speed rail and a new concourse—progress.
- 10. The Last Bookstore, 453 South Spring St. Airy book & record store offering new & used items in a multilevel space adorned with local art.
- 11. Walt Disney Concert Hall, Designed by Frank Gehry, the hall is the home of the LA Philharmonic and the LA Master Chorale, but the schedule is surprisingly varied throughout the year. Take advantage of the free audio tour, or get lost among the many hidden nooks around the hall, including a hidden garden.

- 12. State Historical Park, 1245 N Spring St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. This former brownfield was recently converted into a well-designed park. It is perfect for strolling and picnicking in the late afternoon. The park is located just northeast of Chinatown and at the bottom of Elysian Park and Dodger Stadium. The park was a flashpoint over gentrification debates.
- 13. MacArthur Park, 2230 W 6th St, Los Angeles, CA 90057. A 30-minute walk west of the conference hotel (10 minutes by public transit) is one of the oldest parks of Los Angeles. The park has become an important hub of the city's Central American community. This area has long housed a cluster of immigrant and labor organizations that have been at the center of the city's vibrant social movements.

Free Live Music

- Grand Performances at California Plaza, 350 S. Grand Avenue. Open air plaza with fountains, open air theater and stage that is the site of Grand Performances, free longrunning summer daytime and nighttime world music, hip hop, jazz and dance events celebrating global cultural diversity. See https://www.grandperformances.org/ in summer 2022 for the program.
- 3. Melissa Polinar and Friends for Grand Performances at **California Plaza** on Saturday, August 6 from 6:00-10:00 pm. She is an Asian American soul/r&b singer songwriter who has collaborated with India Arie and Questlove. You can enter the plaza easily from 350 South Grand Avenue. Or come up from Hill Street on the Angel's Flight Railway stairs, across from the Grand Central Market. There are more stairs and an escalator (not running during pandemic) running up to California Plaza from the intersection of Olive and 4th Street. https://www.grandperformances.org/events/melissa-polinar
- 4. Free summer music events at Grand Park. See their event calendar for more info https://grandparkla.org/calendar/cat ids~47/
- 5. Free summer music and film events at Pershing Square, 532 Olive St. Check website for schedule: https://www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/
- 6. MOCA Music. This concert series is held at both MOCA Grand Avenue and The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA. There will be food trucks, drinks and regular museum programming. For more info visit the MOCA Music website: https://www.moca.org/mocamusic