



V I S I T O R ' S G U I D E

Good Vibrations abound in Southern California, read on for our favorite restaurants, must-see attractions, and local area recommendations.

Did you know:

The Los Angeles–Long Beach combined statistical area is the largest metropolitan region in the U.S. by land area, spanning 33,954 square miles. This makes it larger than some individual states! This guide has a lot of ground to cover and is unfortunately not exhaustive!

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GETTING HERE



Here are the best options + average travel times for getting to the conference hotel:

- **From LAX:**

- Uber/Lyft/Cab: 30 min; \$60–80
- Public Transportation, 1.5 hrs; \$1.75 one way:
 - Take metro connector to LAX/Metro Transit Ctr
 - Take Metro C Line (green) to Norwalk Station
 - Exit Willowbrook/Rosa Parks (8 stops)
 - Take Metro A Line (blue) to Downtown Long Beach
 - Exit 1st street (9 stops, Platform 2)
 - 0.2 mi walk to Westin Long Beach

- **From Long Beach Airport (LGB):**

- Uber/Lyft/Driving: 12–20 min; \$30
- Public Transportation, \$1.25:
 - Bus: 111 (red line) LKWD–Bdwy to Downtown
 - Exit First & Long Beach Blvd NE (39 stops)
 - 0.1 mi walk to hotel

- **From John Wayne/Orange County Airport (SNA):**

- Uber/Lyft/Driving: 40 min; \$50
- Public Transportation not recommended due to limited options crossing county lines (OC to LA)



[TAP for Public Transit \(link\)](#)



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LA METRO OVERVIEW



[Click Here for the Metro Rider's Guide.](#)

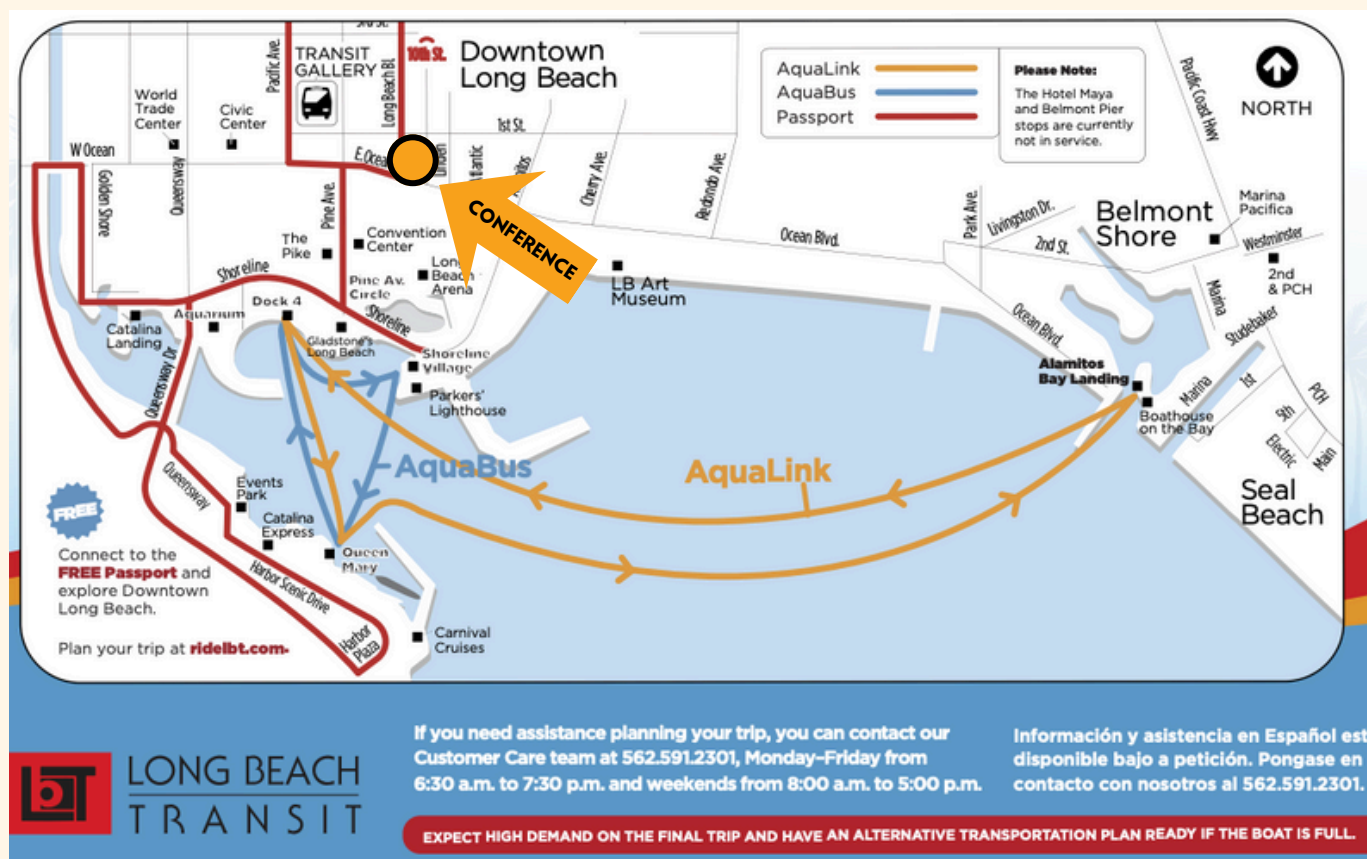


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LONG BEACH WATER TAXI



For Local Travel:
Click Here for info on Long Beach's Water Taxis!



Look for this icon throughout this guide for local attractions you can reach via water taxi!

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LOCAL DINING



Near the Hotel

Quick Bites + Short Walks:

- Creme de la Crepe (French)
- Wa Wa Restaurant (Chinese)
- Naree Thai (Thai)
- Oscar's Tacos (Mexican)

At the Pike Outlet Mall:

- Bubba Gump
- The Auld Dubliner
- Island's
- Gladstone's
- PF Changs
- and more!

FOODIE TIP:

Don't forget to check apps like the Michelin Guide and Resy when you're looking for a standout meal!

Finer Dining:

- 555 East American Steakhouse (\$\$\$)
- L'Opera Italian Restaurant (\$\$\$)

Here are some nearby areas full of great dining + shopping:

- Belmont Shores (2nd street)
- Seal Beach (Ballast Point Brewery, The Beach House)
- Shoreline Village
- 2nd & PCH (mall with In-n-Out, Shake Shack)



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CLASSIC LA BITES



Foodie-Musts When Visiting LA (car highly recommended)

Restaurants:

- In-n-Out (multiple locations, google their secret menu!)
- Philippe's The Original french dip sandwiches (Kobe's favorite)
- Randy's Donuts (Take a picture with the giant donut!)
- Roscoe's Chicken & Waffles
- Din Tai Fung (Taiwanese. Get the XLB!)
- Porto's (Cuban bakery/restaurant. Get the cheese rolls & potato balls!)
- Lawry's Prime Rib

You can find just about any type of cuisine here in SoCal!

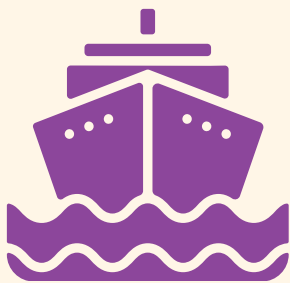
Some general recommendations include:

- Mexican anywhere: baja fish tacos, street tacos, california burritos, street dogs
- Asian: Sushi, Korean BBQ, dumplings, hot pot, pho, thai, ...
 - Head to Garden Grove for Vietnamese food
 - San Gabriel Valley for Chinese/Taiwanese
 - Buena Park or K-Town in LA for Korean Food
- Mediterranean & Middle Eastern:
 - Open Sesame nearby in Belmont Shores is a local lebanese favorite
 - Head to Glendale for Persian & Armenian

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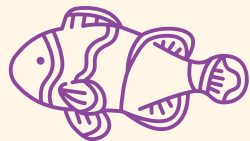
NEARBY ATTRACTIONS



Queen Mary

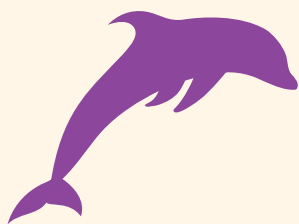


The Queen Mary extends beyond the physical, embodying a spirit that has been sailing through generations. It is a unique blend of historic charm meeting modern eyes, turning moments of novelty into future history. An immersive experience, it encapsulates not only the tangible past and present but also engages with the intangible weave of our collective history and the evolution of society.



Aquarium of the Pacific

The Aquarium of the Pacific is Southern California's largest aquarium. It displays about 12,000 animals and more than 100 exhibits that celebrate the planet's largest and most diverse body of water, the Pacific Ocean. Its galleries represent the frigid waters of the Northern Pacific, the temperate Southern California/Baja region, and the warm coral reefs and lagoons of the Tropical Pacific.



Whale Watching with Harbor Breeze

Harbor Breeze Cruises is the top destination for whale watching in Long Beach, bringing stunning sea life up close and personal to spectators on our fleet of safe and comfortable boats. You never know what you might see! No matter the time of day or season, creatures of the sea are never far from view, from Blue Whales, Orcas, Fin Whales, Minke Whales to dolphins, and so much more.

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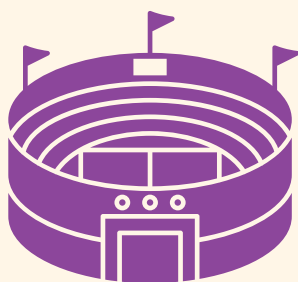


NOTABLE ATTRactions



Hollywood Bowl

Arguably one of the most iconic outdoor music venues in North America, the Hollywood Bowl hosts a broad variety of both orchestral and popular music artists each Summer. Getting in and out can be tricky, but a must-visit at least once in your lifetime! [UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR HERE](#)



Dodger Stadium

Home of Shohei Ohtani and the current back-to-back World Series Champions, [experience baseball history and iconic LA views at Dodger Stadium](#). Nestled in Chavez Ravine, the stadium offers breathtaking vistas of the downtown skyline and San Gabriel Mountains, a rich legacy of legendary moments, and modern amenities alongside its classic charm, making it a must-visit for sports fans and tourists alike for games, concerts, and unforgettable memories.



Disneyland!

Traveling with kids? Disneyland is an obvious choice! Take your pick of classic Disneyland Resort or California Adventure- you could spend a full day at either one! Tons of shops and dining options also abound at nearby Downtown Disney featuring Salt & Straw ice cream and a brand new Din Tai Fung!

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CATALINA ISLAND

Getting There

Schedule a trip on the easy, 1-hr ferry between Long Beach and Avalon via the Catalina Express. Keep an eye out for dolphins and whales along the way!



Water Taxi to Catalina Express!

Upon arrival you'll find yourself in the heart of Catalina where restaurants, shops, and golf carts abound! From there you can venture a bit further out for

- a beach day at Descanso Beach Club
- activities like water tours or ziplining
- eco-tourism and seeing the island's herds of bison

Things to Do

- [Visitcatalinaisland.com](https://www.visitcatalinaisland.com) is the best resource for booking activities and adventures throughout the island.
- [CatalinaConservancy.org](https://www.catalinaconservancy.org) is another great resource for eco-tours while supporting conservancy efforts.

~1 hr activities

- Golf Cart Tour (\$70)
- Undersea Expedition (\$50)
- Falconry Experience
- Glass-bottom boat

~2+ hr activities

- Conservancy Jeep Eco-tour (\$97)
- Zipline Eco-tour (\$150)
- Bison Expedition (\$120)
- Kayak/paddle/snorkel
- Descanso Beach Club

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HWY 1: PACIFIC COAST HWY



North from Long Beach

Heading North you'll cut through the Rancho Palos Verdes Peninsula and soon find yourself at classic LA beaches:

- Redondo
- Hermosa
- Manhattan
- Marina del Rey
- Venice Beach (muscle beach)
- Santa Monica (pier)
- beyond here you'll find yourself in Malibu and towards Ventura County.



South from Long Beach

While LA beaches have their history and charm, Orange County beaches are some of the most beautiful:

- Seal Beach
- Sunset Beach
- Huntington Beach
- Newport Beach
- Laguna Beach
- Dana Point
- San Clemente
- San Onofre
- beyond here you'll find yourself heading into San Diego County.

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SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS



Home of Champions

LA is home to:

- 2 NBA teams
- 2 NFL teams
- 2 MLB teams
- 2 NHL teams
- 2 MLS teams
- 1 WNBA team

As such, we have a lot of great sports venues to explore while you're in town!

- Crypto Arena (LA Lakers, LA Kings, concerts)
- SoFi stadium (Chargers, Rams, concerts)
- Intuit Dome (LA Clippers, concerts)
- Dodgers Stadium (Dodgers)
- BMO Stadium (LAFC, concerts)
- Rose Bowl (UCLA football + concerts)
- LA Coliseum (USC football)
- Kia Forum (past home of the Lakers, now concert venue)
- Dignity Health Sports Park (LA Galaxy)
- Angels Stadium (Angels)
- Honda Center (Anaheim Ducks)
- COSM (immersive sports & entertainment experience)

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ICONIC LOS ANGELES



- Hollywood Walk of Fame
- TCL Chinese Theatre
- Hollywood Sign
- Griffith Observatory



- UCLA
- USC
- The Huntington Museum



- Angels Flight Railway
- Little Tokyo
- The Broad
- Olvera Street



- LA Zoo
- LACMA (LA County Museum of Art)
- La Brea Tar Pits
- The Getty Museum



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LIVE MUSIC



Disney Concert Hall



The Hollywood Bowl



The Greek Theatre



Sunset Strip (Roxy, Whisky-a-Go-Go, Troubadour, etc.)

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THEME PARKS & SHOPPING



Amusement Parks

- Disneyland
- Universal Studios + studio tour
- Six Flags Magic Mountain
- Knott's Berry Farm
- Top Golf (El Segundo)
- Santa Monica Pier



Shopping:

- The Grove
- Rodeo Drive (Beverly Hills)
- Century City Mall

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