



Situated between the Pacific Ocean and Los Angeles, Santa Monica, California offers the ultimate Southern California experience. Besides its beautiful beach and year-round warm weather, its proximity to the greater Los Angeles area makes Santa Monica the ideal base for vacationers and business travellers alike.

### Some of the reasons why Canadians visit Santa Monica are:

- a walkable 8.3 square miles (21.5 square km)
- 3.5 mi (5.6 km) stretch of coastline
- over 280 sunny days each year
- just 8 mi (13 km) north of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)
- numerous non-stop flights from various Canadian gateways via Air Canada, WestJet and Air Transat
- easy to go car free with the Metro Expo Line, extensive bike paths and the Santa Monica Circuit shuttle
- international leader at the forefront of health and wellness
- eight neighbourhoods offering a diverse mix of shopping, dining, recreation and entertainment

### **STAY**

Santa Monica is made up of 41 hotels with most adjacent to or in walking distance of the beach. The Santa Monica hotel collection offers a wide variety of accommodations — from budget to boutique — and a central location in greater Los Angeles – near LAX, Venice, Beverly Hills and Hollywood.

# DINE

With over 400 restaurants in 8.3 square mi (21.5 square km), including Michelin-starred restaurants Pasjoli, Rustic Canyon, and Mélisse, Santa Monica has a flavour for every taste. Visitors (and locals) come to Santa Monica to dine because of the variety of fresh, innovative cuisine - often locally sourced from our own farmers markets - the relaxed, beachside atmosphere and some of the best, undiscovered restaurants and nightlife spots in Greater Los Angeles.

# **SHOP**

Santa Monica shopping covers the spectrum from downtown's Third Street Promenade and Santa Monica Place — home to stores such as Nordstrom, Louis Vuitton, Tiffany & Co. and more — to upscale boutiques along Montana Avenue and the eclectic retail mix on Main Street. Each of the city's eight neighbourhoods offers a distinct character all its own.

# **PLAY**

Fill your days in Santa Monica with museum-hopping and world-class shopping, or relax on the beach and watch the world go by. Beaches, surfing, paddle boarding, running trails, the Original Muscle Beach, and a 22 mi (35 km) bicycle path offer endless opportunities to experience the California lifestyle.



### **PLANNING TOOLKIT**

For itineraries and recommendations on the top things to see, do and eat in Santa Monica, visit santamonica.com/trade.

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