

SANTA MONICA

BASE YOUR L.A. STAY BEACHSIDE



A scenic view of the Santa Monica Pier extending into the ocean at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of pink, purple, and orange. The pier is illuminated with warm lights, and a large crowd of people is visible walking along it. A seagull is captured in flight on the right side of the frame. The waves are breaking gently against the shore.

SANTA MONICA: QUINTESSENTIAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DESTINATION

Santa Monica is Los Angeles' beach city – a charming seaside town with all of the culture, events and urban amenities of a bustling metropolis. The blend of Santa Monica's natural beauty, award-winning dining, incomparable hotel collection and famed shopping options, all nestled along one of California's most iconic stretches of shoreline, offers a truly laidback luxury experience.

SOME OF THE REASONS WHY PEOPLE VISIT SANTA MONICA ARE:

- A walkable 8.3 square mi/21.5 sq km
- Over 280 days of sunshine a year
- Easily accessible public transit, complimentary local shuttles, and ample bike rentals making it easy to go car free

FROM LAX TO RELAXED IN NO TIME

Santa Monica is just eight miles (13 km) from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), yet a world away. Base your stay in Los Angeles' beach city, offering 41 hotels, all centrally located to greater Los Angeles and close to other Southern California attractions.

AVERAGE TRAVEL TIME:

MALIBU/THE GETTY VILLA

5.2 mi/8.4 km
20 minutes (by car)

BEVERLY HILLS

6.6 mi/10.6 km
30 minutes (by car)

WEST HOLLYWOOD

11.7 mi/18.8 km
40 minutes (by car)

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

15.6 mi/25.1 km
46 minutes (via the Metro E line)

HOLLYWOOD

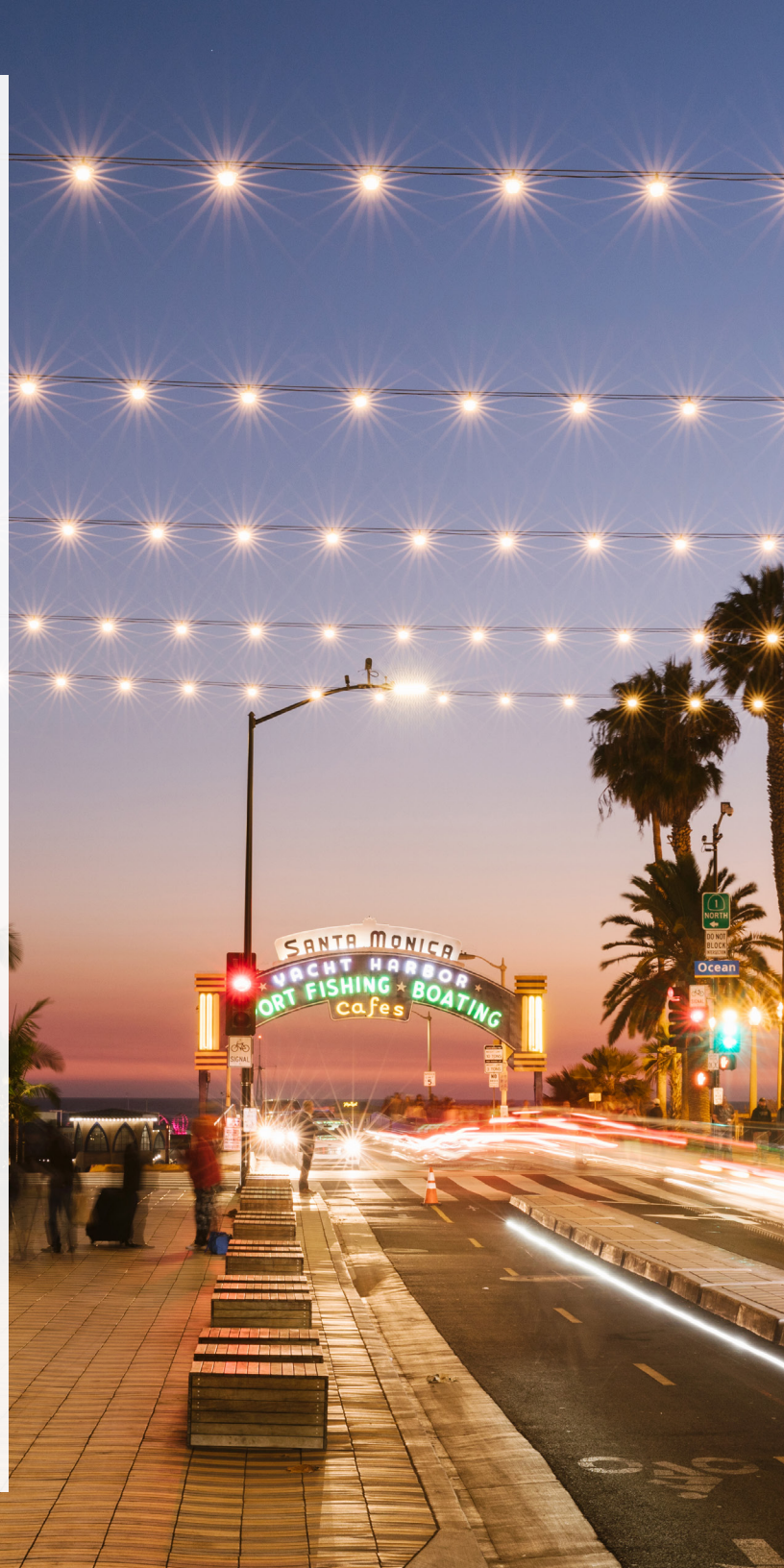
13.8 mi/22.2 km
1 hour & 10 minutes (via the Metro E/B lines)

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

21.5 mi/34.6 km
1 hour & 15 minutes (via the Metro E/B lines)

PORT OF LOS ANGELES WORLD CRUISE CENTER

28 mi/45 km
1 hour (by car)



DAY ONE

MORNING

Start your morning the way locals do – with a refreshing dip in the Pacific Ocean. Learn to catch a wave as you take a surf lesson with Aqua Surf School. Headquartered in Santa Monica, Aqua Surf provides surfing instruction for all ages and abilities.

Afterwards, enjoy uninterrupted ocean views with the sand beneath your feet as you have lunch at Perry's Beach Café and Rentals. Perry's has served as an icon on the beach scene for 40 years. They offer a full menu of gourmet burgers, fresh sandwiches and salads to satisfy your palate.

AFTERNOON

Take a short stroll to the historic Santa Monica Pier. Set at Santa Monica's westernmost point, the Pier is a staple of this picturesque seaside community. Packed with family-friendly activities, restaurants and shops, it also has over a century's worth of history. Enjoy Pacific Park, an oceanfront amusement park home to the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel, taking in a panoramic view of the coastline from more than 130 feet above.

Now it's time to explore Downtown Santa Monica, just steps from the ocean. Begin at the world-famous Third Street Promenade, an alfresco shopping experience that includes hundreds of shopping, dining and entertainment outlets. This pedestrian-friendly street is also where you'll find a lively scene of musicians and entertainers.

EVENING

For your first sunset in Santa Monica, head to Terrazza at Hotel Casa del Mar for a cocktail with panoramic views as the sun sinks into the Pacific Ocean. As darkness takes hold, stroll a few blocks to Chez Jay, a longtime local favorite dive bar with a retro, peanut-strewn vibe.



DAY TWO

MORNING

Gorgeous topography, temperate weather and miles of bike lanes help make Santa Monica an ideal destination for a two-wheeled adventure. Explore and soak up the fresh air as you pedal on a self-guided bike tour of Santa Monica. Many of our hotels offer complimentary bikes for guests or you can pick up a set of wheels at Santa Monica Bike Center.

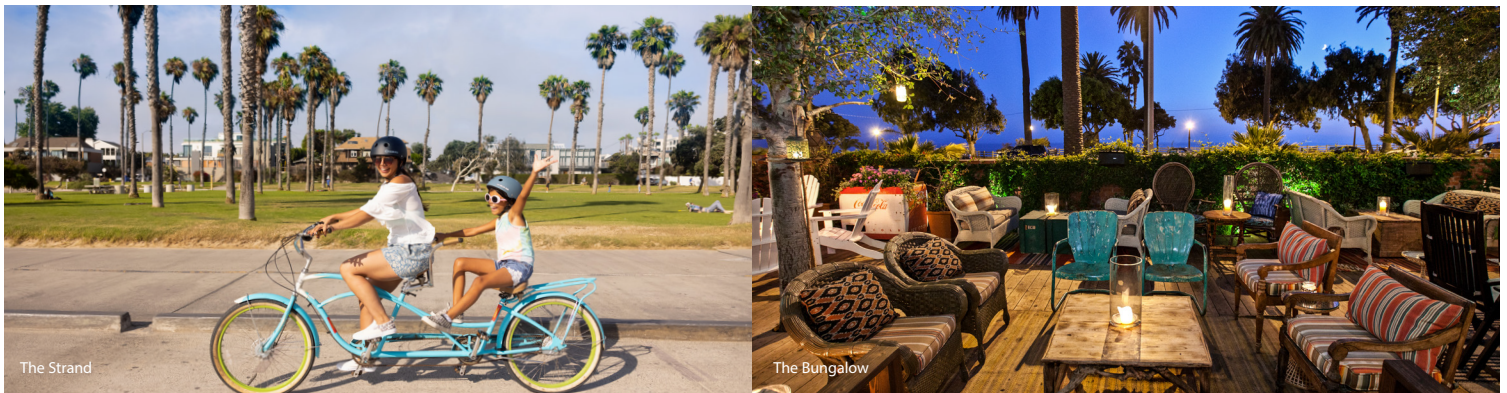
Known to locals as “The Strand,” this iconic path stretches from Torrance in Los Angeles’ South Bay area up to Will Rogers State Park in Pacific Palisades, packing in 22 miles (35 km) of inspiring coastal scenery. The bike path runs along the entire 3.5 miles (5.6 km) of beach in Santa Monica and connects the city with neighboring Venice Beach. As you pedal along, take in Southern California’s beach culture – famous for its surfers, body builders, street performers and spectacular ocean views.

AFTERNOON

Shhh... We’re letting you in on a local secret. On a Sunday morning there’s no better place for a leisurely stroll than Montana Avenue, a tree lined boulevard that’s home to a stretch of more than 150 restaurants and retailers. From unique home boutiques to high-end cosmetic stores, the area from 7th to 17th Street is a hotspot for the latest beauty trends, fashion and healthy eateries. Stop in at Primo Passo Coffee before you stroll past local favorites such as Andrew’s Cheese Shop and Larissa Love Cosmetics.

EVENING

Montana Avenue is the perfect place to grab dinner at a variety of casual neighborhood joints. Eat like a local as you enjoy a burger at Father’s Office. This popular American gastropub serves the much celebrated ‘Office Burger’, along with 36 craft beers on tap. For one last cocktail before you call it a night, stop in at The Bungalow Santa Monica. Whether you sit at one of their two bars, indoor lounge, or warm patio, the cocktails here are truly phenomenal.



The Strand

The Bungalow



DAY THREE

MORNING

What could be a more soothing start to the day than yoga on the beach? If you enjoy moving your body, being outdoors and breathing in the fresh air, then beach yoga is for you. Beach Yoga SoCal provides private lessons as well as group classes. You'll walk away feeling rejuvenated, after feeling the sand in your toes and listening to the sounds of the ocean.

AFTERNOON

This afternoon it's time to hit the shops at Santa Monica Place, a luxury shopping center with three levels of premier stores and dining. From Nordstrom to an array of the city's best shops – Louis Vuitton, Tiffany & Co., Nike, Hugo Boss, Uniqlo, Tory Burch, and more – Santa Monica Place is the epicenter of relaxed, celebrity-inspired style.

Cook up a scrumptious meal of your own with ingredients from Santa Monica's four weekly farmers markets during a cooking class at The Gourmandise School. This beloved institution offers hands-on cooking classes for beginners to professionals.

EVENING

For a different view of the sunset, take a stroll through Palisades Park. This 26.4-acre (10.7-hectare) public space stretches along the bluffs of Santa Monica, offering uninterrupted vistas of the coastline. End your evening with dinner at Birdie G's, located in Santa Monica's Mid-City Neighborhood. With a diverse menu designed by Award-Winning Chef Jeremy Fox, dishes pay homage to midwestern comfort food – with a Southern California twist.

HOTELS

Santa Monica hotels range in price and budget depending on their location and amenities. Hotels that are closer to the beach or Santa Monica pier may be more expensive, whereas neighborhood locations may be more affordable depending on their proximity to the beach.

Santa Monica offers a better value than other areas of Los Angeles/Southern California because:

- It offers beachfront and oceanfront hotel access
- It provides a centrally located base for your Greater Los Angeles visit
- Most hotels offer a high-quality product and experience
- The city is compact and walkable with a variety of surrounding quality amenities such as restaurants and shopping



LUXURY HOTELS IN SANTA MONICA INCLUDE:

- Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows
- The Georgian Hotel
- Hotel Casa del Mar
- Huntley Santa Monica Beach
- Le Merigot Santa Monica Hotel
- Oceana
- Regent Santa Monica Beach
- Santa Monica Proper Hotel
- Shore Hotel
- Shutters on the Beach
- Viceroy Santa Monica

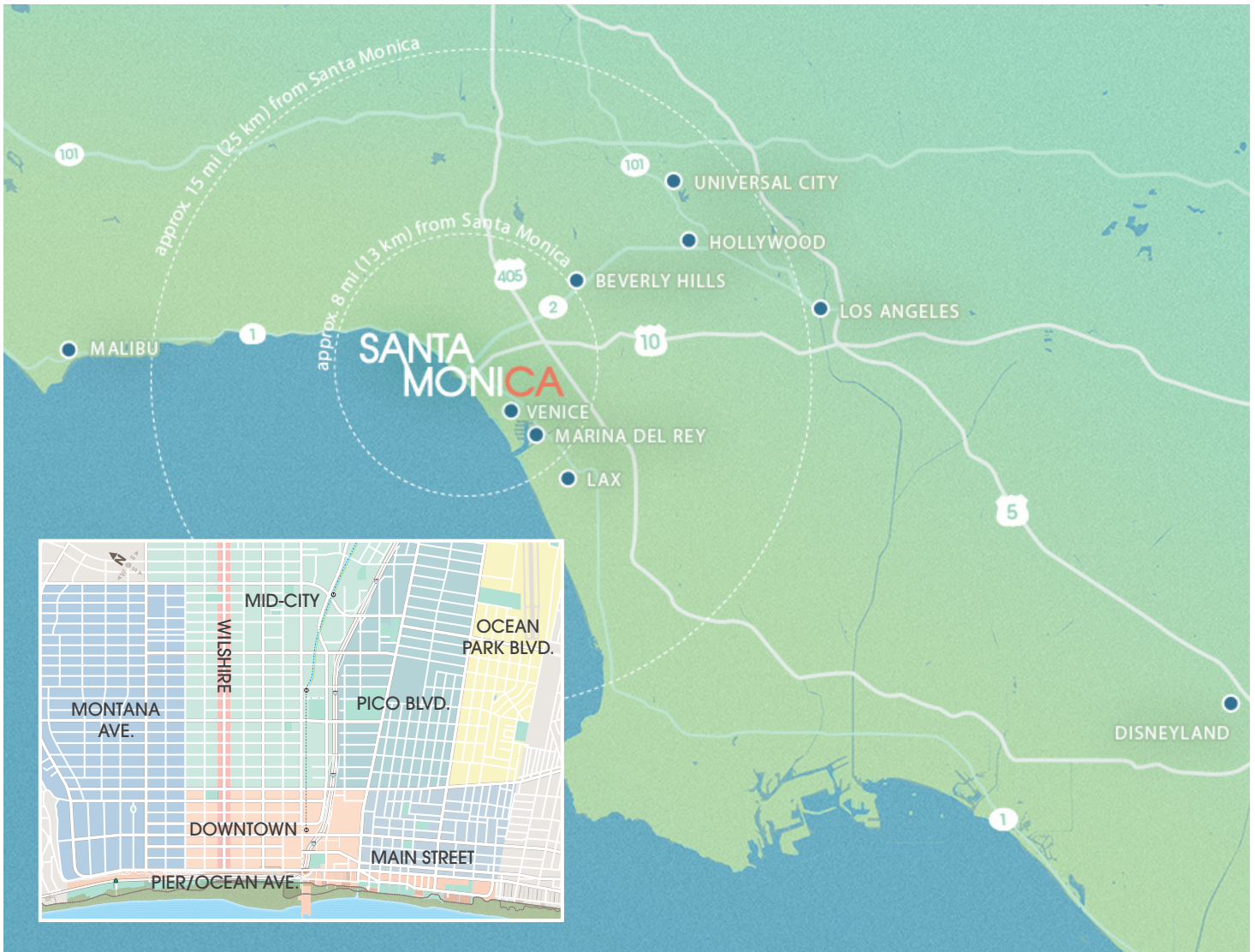
BOUTIQUE AND MID-RANGE HOTELS IN SANTA MONICA INCLUDE:

- The Ambrose Hotel
- Bayside Hotel
- Cal Mar Hotel Suites
- The Cottage Santa Monica
- Courtyard by Marriott Santa Monica
- Gateway Hotel Santa Monica
- Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Santa Monica
- Hilton Santa Monica Hotel & Suites

- Hotel Carmel
- Le Méridien Delfina Santa Monica
- Ocean View Hotel
- Palihouse Santa Monica
- The Pierside Hotel Santa Monica
- Sea Blue Hotel
- Sonder The Beacon

BUDGET HOTELS IN SANTA MONICA INCLUDE:

- American Motel
- Comfort Inn Santa Monica-West Los Angeles
- Days Inn Santa Monica/Los Angeles
- Holiday Motel
- Hostelling International LA/Santa Monica
- Ocean Lodge Hotel Santa Monica Beach
- Ocean Park Hotel
- Ocean Park Inn
- Palm Motel
- Pavilion Motel
- Rest Haven Motel
- Santa Monica Hotel
- Sea Shore Motel
- Seaview Hotel
- SureStay Hotel by Best Western Santa Monica




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