



Southern California Hot Spots: Los Angeles, Greater Palm Springs, & San Diego

7-Day Sample Itinerary

Theme:
Insta-California road trip

Pose. Snap. Upload. We know how important sharing holidays is these days, and California is the perfect backdrop to elevate your feed. This itinerary highlights all the best spots to fill your 'gram with influencer-worthy images, all whilst visiting Southern California most iconic hot spots.



Day 1

Arrival


Fly from your home port to LAX

Morning


Land at LAX and process through Customs and Immigration. Take the free rental car shuttle to car hire depot and pick up hire a car. Drive to West Hollywood (45 mins).

Welcome to West Hollywood! Located at the base of the Hollywood Hills and adjacent to Beverly Hills, the city of West Hollywood is just 5 square kilometres in size and has a population of 36,000. A creative and progressive city, West Hollywood embodies the quintessential L.A. lifestyle. The city is comprised of three main districts: the world-famous Sunset Strip, eclectic LGBTQ+ friendly Santa Monica Boulevard, and the West Hollywood Design District – known for its design showrooms, restaurants and shopping.

The city hosts many noteworthy events, including A-list Oscar and Emmy parties, Halloween Carnival street festival, and one of the largest Gay Pride events in the United States. Thanks to its prime location and hip atmosphere, West Hollywood serves as home and playground to many celebrities. Star sightings are common, whether they're shopping at one of Melrose Avenue's renowned fashion houses or simply picking up their dry cleaning.

2pm


Check in to Mondrian LA (2 nights)
8440 Sunset Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90069

Set amid the Sunset Strip's restaurants and nightlife, The Mondrian LA captures everything 'WeHo' stands for – excitement, invincibility and glamour. Bright, whimsical rooms evoke an edgy parallel universe that's about perpetual possibility and living the perfect moment. A long time spot to see and be seen, the upscale sophistication of Mondrian Los Angeles continues to evolve with its new room renovations unveiling in February 2019 (just in time for us!), retaining its striking design from internationally reclaimed designer Benjamin Noriega-Ortiz.

2pm – 6pm


Rest, relax, refresh, or explore. Check out Mondrian LA's amazing pool deck SkyBar, or wander the Sunset Strip.

6.25pm


Walk to dinner (5 mins)

6.30pm


Dinner at Tower Bar Sunset Tower Hotel

The landmark 15-story Sunset Tower was designed by architect Leland Bryant in 1929, serving as a residence for everyone from Errol Flynn to Claudette Colbert, John Wayne, Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe and Howard Hughes. With its chic restaurant, fabulous Joanna Vargas spa and unrivalled views of West Hollywood, the exceptional environment of the Sunset Tower Hotel offers its guests every comfort.

**After
Dinner**


Walk back to the hotel, or hit the town. Any night in LA there will be plenty of nightlife to explore! Below are some suggestions around West Hollywood

EPLP
Tom Tom
The Abbey
Barney's Beanery



Day 2

Breakfast



At your leisure on property at [Ivory on Sunset](#).

9.30am



Walk to [Bikes & Hikes LA](#) for an Electric Bike Tour of West Hollywood + Beverly Hills
8250 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90046

Bikes and Hikes LA has shown thousands of guests the great city of Los Angeles up close, personal and in an eco-friendly, health conscious way: through guided LA biking and hiking tours. Join the Bikes and Hikes LA team on their 2.5 hour/19 kilometre bike ride on their electric bikes, showcasing the best of West Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Dress in active wear or clothes/shoes that let you move easily.

12.30 –
2pm



Lunch at [Gracias Madre](#)

Gracias Madre is an all vegan eatery (but don't be alarmed!), it's a trendy and delicious take on the household kitchens of Mexico that insists on using only the freshest locally grown ingredients. You are likely to hear the name dropped almost anywhere in Los Angeles – for all the right reasons! Enjoy both their organic fare and exceptional bar program composed of small-batched tequilas and mezcals...and it's likely to come with a side of celebrity spotting!

2:00 –
4.30pm



Instagram content capturing self-tour of West Hollywood and LA. Cruise the streets for the most insta-worthy spots of LA. Suggestions below

- Beverly Hills sign - 9390 N Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
- Rodeo Drive Steps - 270 N Rodeo Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
- Palm tree lined street - 434 S Windsor Blvd, Los Angeles 90020
- Whiskey A Go-Go - 8901 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069
- The Sunset Sign - 8625 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90069
- Made in LA wall - 8025 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90046
- Pink Paul Smith wall - 8221 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90046
- Fairfax Ave Shopping - 457 N Fairfax Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90036
- Pinks Hot Dogs - 709 N La Brea Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90038

4.30 – 5
pm



Quick refresh in your room

5pm



Drive/Uber to Downtown LA (30mins-1hr. with traffic)

6pm



Arrive to [Staples Center](#)
LA Lakers basketball game

9.30pm



Return to Mondrian LA



Day 3

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| Breakfast |  | At your leisure on property at Ivory on Sunset. |
| 8.45am |  | Meet in lobby to walk to activity (15 mins) |
| | | Yoga class at PLAYLIST. Yoga (60 mins). |
| 9.15am |  | <i>PLAYLIST. Yoga is LA's premiere lifestyle fitness brand centred around music-fuelled yoga workouts. Once inside, the lights go down and the volume goes up! We match your breath to the movement and your movement to the music, all while improving your strength, flexibility and endurance. Classes are set to carefully curated music selected by our resident DJ and instructors. Our highly photographed studio space was voted World's Most Instagram-able Studio by Net-A-Porter.</i> |
| 10.30-11.30am |  | Walk back to hotel. Refresh, pack up and check out. |
| 11.30am |  | Depart West Hollywood. Drive to Greater Palm Springs (2 hours) |
| 1.30-3.30pm |  | PIT STOP: Desert Hills Premium Outlets for some epic shopping! 48400 Seminole Dr Cabazon, CA 92230 <i>Lunch on own at the shopping centre.</i> |
| 4pm |  | Back on the road to Palm Springs (30 mins) |
| | | Check in to Kimpton The Rowan Palm Springs Hotel (2 nights) 100 W Tahquitz Canyon Way Palm Springs, CA 92262 |
| 4.30pm |  | <i>An urban oasis that effortlessly blends laidback cool and rugged desert beauty with high style, culture and unrivalled Kimpton hospitality. The 153-room boutique hotel boasts the city's first and only rooftop pool complete with six luxury cabanas, two restaurants and two bars, idyllic views of the San Jacinto Mountains and desert landscape, and more than 16,000 square feet of multipurpose indoor and outdoor space for custom events and meetings. With its prime location anchoring the very centre of the revitalized downtown Palm Springs, Kimpton The Rowan Palm</i> |
| 4.30-6.15pm |  | Rest and refresh |
| 6.15pm |  | Meet in lobby to Uber to dinner (5 mins) |
| | | Dinner at ACE Hotel and Swim Club Palm Springs , followed by trivia with and drag queen bingo. |
| 6.30pm |  | <i>If it's Monday night in Palm Springs – the Ace Hotel & Swim Club is the place to be. First for "Fabulous Bingo" in the King's Highway diner -- a mix of singing, dancing, showbiz razzle dazzle and number-calling hosted by lifelong entertainer, former Fabulous Palm Springs Follies showgirl and recent star of America's Got Talent Shirley Claire. Then for Ace Trivia, hosted by Palm Springs award-winning drag personality Bella da Ball, in the Amigo Room lounge. Ace Hotel & Swim Club is a 179-room hotel, spa & resort located in Palm Springs. It is on the ground of a renovated mid-century modern motel within walking distance to downtown Palm Springs.</i> |
| After |  | Return to hotel via Uber with the group or at your leisure |

Day 4

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| 7.15am |  | Meet in lobby to drive to breakfast |
| Breakfast at <u>Parker Palm Springs</u> 4200 East Palm Canyon Drive Palm Springs, CA 92264 | | |
| 7.30am |  | <i>Set on a 13-acre (5.25ha) complex and featuring decor by designer Jonathan Adler, this chic, upscale resort is just moments from downtown Palm Springs. The hotel's dining options include, Norma's, offering indulgent comfort food and breakfast all day while Mister Parker's restaurant is a dark, sexy and seductive setting serving fabulous bistro food. Other amenities include 3 pools, tennis courts, as well as spa treatments and lawn games.</i> |
| 8.45am |  | Drive to activity (5 mins) |
| 9 – 11.30am |  | Horseback riding adventure with <u>Smoke Tree Stables</u> 2500 Toledo Avenue Palm Springs, CA 92264 <i>Experience a few quiet hours of "getting away from it all" on over 240km of convenient riding trails that provide both solitude and breathtaking beauty. Located in Palm Springs near the Indian Canyons, Smoke Tree Stables offers guided rides by the hour or for the entire day.</i> |
| 11.45am |  | Drive to Lunch |
| 12 noon |  | Lunch at <u>Trio Restaurant</u> 707 N Palm Canyon Drive Palm Springs, CA 92262 <i>Located in an historic mid-century building in Palm Springs sophisticated Uptown Design District, TRIO is lively and up beat all year round. Locals love its varied menu combining traditional Midwest comfort food with a California contemporary edge.</i> |
| 1.30 – 3.30pm |  | Free time to explore downtown Palm Springs and/or relax at hotel pool. |
| 3.30 – 6pm |  | Instagram content capturing self-tour of Greater Palm Springs. Location suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palm Springs Sign - 2901 N Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92262 • Orange Twist - 1492 N Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92262 • Saguaro Palm Springs - 1800 E Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92264 • Airstream at Hotel Paseo - 45-400 Larkspur Ln, Palm Desert, CA 92260 • Art Pop Gallery - N Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92262 • The Cactarium - 1701 S Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92264 • #PSpinkwall - 1345 N Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92262 • Palm Springs Air Museum - 745 N Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92262 • Parker Hotel driveway. 4200 East Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264 |



Day 4 continued

6 – 7.45pm  Return to hotel to rest and refresh

7.45pm  Meet in lobby to depart for dinner (5 min walk)

8pm  Dinner at Las Casuelas Terraza
222 South Palm Canyon Drive,
Palm Springs, CA 92262

The recipient of numerous awards for food, service, and architecture, Las Casuelas Terraza is a favourite of locals who consistently vote it Palm Springs' "Most Popular Restaurant." Terraza's two leafy patios, live music, delicious food and fresh drinks, make it ideal for a romantic date, a festive lunch, or fun family night out.

Day 5

7.30am  Check out. Drive to breakfast (30 mins)

Breakfast at Sands Hotel and Spa
44-985 Province Way
Indian Wells, CA 92210

8am  *Designed by re-owned interior designer Martyn Lawrence Bullard, one of Architectural Digest's Top 100 designers in the world, the property is located in close proximity to the Indian Wells Tennis Gardens, El Paseo Shopping District as well as a short drive to Coachella Polo Grounds. The property features 46 guest rooms, the Pink Cabana restaurant and bar, full-service spa and private wedding & event garden.*

9.30am  Depart to Metate Ranch
38635 Monroe St
Indio, CA 92203

10am – 12.15pm  San Andreas tour with Desert Adventures Red Jeep Tours (meet jeep tour guides in lot) *Desert Adventures has provided the most talked-about outdoor adventures and unique desert events in the Greater Palm Springs area. Desert Adventures offers a variety of unique and fun tours, activities, and events for any taste, interest, or budget. **Please note:** Wear shorts or jeans, closed toe walking or tennis shoes, hat and sunscreen.*

12.15pm  Depart for lunch

12.30 – 1.30pm  In-N-Out Burger
72265 Varner Rd
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
You can't go on a road trip in California without a stop at the famous In-N-Out Burger. Classic California-based burger chain serving customizable patties, hand-cut fries & thick shakes.

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| 2pm |  | Depart for San Diego (2.5 hour drive) |
| 4.30pm |  | Check in to <u>InterContinental San Diego</u> (2nights) 901 Bayfront Court San Diego CA 92101 |
| Evening |  | On own to explore the <u>Little Italy</u> district of San Diego, or rest. |

Day 6

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| 8am |  | Breakfast at <u>Vista</u> restaurant on property |
| | | Walk across the street to <u>USS Midway</u> . |
| 9.30 – 11am |  | <i>A retired aircraft carrier that is now permanently docked and open to visitors along the city's Embarcadero. The deck of the enormous ship is covered with naval aircraft from World War II through Operation Desert Storm—not just for looking at but for climbing inside and exploring, too. Other interactive exhibits include you-are-there-style recordings of real conversations between military pilots and a chance to ride in a flight simulator.</i> |
| 11.15am |  | Uber to Old Town San Diego (15 mins) |
| | | <u>Tequila, Tacos and Tombstone Tour</u> with <u>So Diego Tours Inc.</u> Meet at Café Coyote. 2461 San Diego Ave. Ste. #200 San Diego CA 92110 |
| 11.30am |  | <i>Tequila, Tacos, and Tombstones combine food and history into one of a kind, unforgettable experience. Travel back in time with us as we explore the Birthplace of California and the events and people who have transformed Old Town San Diego into the cultural destination it is today. Come with us on one of the most in-depth tours of Old Town as your knowledgeable tour guide takes you on a journey through the historical eras, from the early Spanish settlements to the establishment of Mexican Independence to the California Gold Rush.</i> |
| 1.45pm |  | Depart Old Town for the San Diego Zoo (15 min drive) |
| | | Inside <u>Look</u> tour followed by free time at the <u>San Diego Zoo</u> . |
| 2 – 5pm |  | <i>Visiting this expansive zoo in San Diego's Balboa Park is more than a chance to see animals from all over the world: it's a chance to see one of the world's finest facilities for seeing and learning about rare and endangered species, all in carefully naturalized enclosures spread across 40 hectares in Balboa Park. More than 3,700 animals from 650 species are showcased here, including crowd-pleasers like giant pandas and fuzzy koala bears and intriguing oddities like naked mole rats.</i> |



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| 5pm |  | Return to hotel for rest and refresh time |
| 7pm |  | Depart for dinner in ubers (10 mins) |
| 7.15pm |  | Dinner at <u>Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens</u> 2816 Historic Decatur Road Ste. 116 San Diego CA 92106 |
| Evening |  | Following dinner, head into the Gaslamp Quarter or head back to the hotel. |

Day 7

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| 8am |  | Check out, load luggage into cars, and drive to breakfast (20mins) |
| 8.30am |  | Breakfast at <u>Hotel Del Coronado</u> 1500 Orange Ave Coronado, CA 92118 |
| 10.30am |  | Depart for activity (20 min drive) |
| 11-1pm |  | <u>Speed Boat Adventure tours</u> - where you will drive your own speedboat on a narrated tour of San Diego bay. 1450 Harbor Island Dr. Suite 205 San Diego CA 92101 |
| 1.15pm |  | Depart for lunch (10 mins) |
| 1.30pm |  | Lunch at <u>Kona Kai Resort & Spa</u> 1551 Shelter Island Dr San Diego CA 92106 |
| 3.30pm |  | Depart San Diego for LAX along California's most spectacular coastline. Drive though famous seaside communities like Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, and Huntington Beach. Possible stops along the way if you have time. |
| 7pm |  | Arrive at LAX and return hire cars. Take the car hire shuttle to Tom Bradley International terminal 9775 Airport Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90045 |
| 10pm |  | Depart for home port |