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LA HIGHLIGHTS

SUNSET STRIP

"THIS 1.7 MILES OF THE SUNSET BOULEVARD IS CRAMMED WITH HOT NIGHTCLUBS, HIP ROCK VENUES, AND FASHIONABLE BOUTIQUES. DURING HOLLYWOOD'S GLAMOUR AGE (1930-50), THE STARS TRYSTED AT THE CHATEAU MARMONT, PARTIED AT TROCADERO, AND TALKED SHOP AT SCHWAB'S PHARMACY. TODAY'S HOT SPOTS RUB SHOULDERS WITH SOME HISTORICAL LANDMARKS."

SUNSET PLAZA

THIS TWO-BLOCK STRETCH IS LINED WITH EUROPEAN-STYLE RESTAURANTS AND DESIGNER SHOPS TEEMING WITH HIP CROWDS. CONSIDERED PRIME TERRITORY FOR STAR-SPOTTING.

THE COMEDY STORE

FOUNDED IN 1972 AND STILL OPEN, HOLDING COMEDY EVENTS EVERY NIGHT OF THE YEAR. COMEDIANS LIKE JIM CARREY, HOWIE MANDEL, MICHAEL KEATON, AND DAVID LETTERMAN GOT THEIR START AT AMATEUR NIGHT HERE.

THE ROXY THEATRE

ANYONE WITH A LOVE FOR THE ROCK MUSIC THAT CAME OUT OF THIS AREA IN THE SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES (AND TO THIS DAY) WILL WANT TO MAKE A TRIP DOWN THIS SECTION OF SUNSET STRIP.

WHISKY A GO-GO

A STRIP FIXTURE SINCE 1963, THE WHISKY GAVE THE WORLD GOGO DANCING AND THE DOORS, ITS HOUSE BAND IN 1966. OTHER ICONS SUCH AS JIMI HENDRIX AND JANIS JOPLIN ALSO PLAYED THERE.

RAINBOW BAR & GRILL

THIS ROCK'N'ROLL BAR HAS BEEN A LEGENDARY HANGOUT KNOWN FOR LURING '70S AND '80S ROCKERS LONG ENOUGH TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF HEAVY METAL HISTORY AND STILL REFERENCED IN SONGS TODAY.

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HISTORIC HOLLYWOOD BLVD

"HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, HOME OF THE WALK OF FAME, HAS ALWAYS BEEN SYNONYMOUS WITH THE GLAMOUR OF MOVIE MAKING, ESPECIALLY IN THE 1920S AND 1930S. THE HOLLYWOOD & HIGHLAND COMPLEX IS A MAJOR DRAW, AND EVEN 'OSCAR' HAS FOUND A PERMANENT HOME HERE."

WALK OF FAME

WHERE OVER 2,500 CELEBRITIES HAVE BEEN IMMORTALIZED WITH A MARBLE-ENCASED BRASS STAR IN THE SIDEWALK. STOP BY TO TAKE SELFIES AND POSE WITH PROPS NEXT TO YOUR FAVORITE STARS AT MADAME TUSSAUDS & THE HOLLYWOOD WAX MUSEUM.

TCL CHINESE THEATRE

THE TCL CHINESE THEATRE IS THE MOST ICONIC MOVIE PALACE IN THE WORLD. WITH OVER 50 EVENTS A YEAR, INCLUDING MOVIE PREMIERES, IMPRINT CEREMONIES, AND FILM FESTIVALS, THE THEATRE CONTINUES TO MAKE HOLLYWOOD HISTORY EVERY DAY.

PANTAGES THEATRE

THE PANTAGES THEATER LOS ANGELES HAS A HISTORY AS GRAND AND DIVERSE AS THE STAGE AND SCREEN FARE WHICH AUDIENCES HAVE FLOCKED TO ENJOY THERE FOR HALF A CENTURY.

EL CAPITAN

THE STRIKINGLY ORNATE EL CAPITAN WAS HOLLYWOOD'S FIRST LIVE THEATER. TODAY IT SERVES AS THE VENUE FOR A MAJORITY OF THE WALT DISNEY STUDIOS' FILM PREMIERES.

HOLLYWOOD & HIGHLAND

THIS CORNERSTONE OF HOLLYWOOD REVITALIZATION COMBINES SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, NIGHTCLUBS, MOVIE THEATERS, A HOTEL, AND THE 3,400-SEAT DOLBY THEATRE, HOME OF THE OSCARS.

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HOLLYWOOD

"HOLLYWOOD IS AT ONCE A TOWN, AN INDUSTRY, AND AN ILLUSION, AND YOU'LL EXPERIENCE ALL OF THESE ALONG THE FAMED HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD. AT IT'S CORE, HOLLYWOOD IS A MUSEUM – THE HUGE SIGN IN THE HILLS, THE WALK OF FAME, THE BARS THAT HOSTED GREATS – THIS IS STILL THE PLACE TO REKINDLE CHILDHOOD DREAMS ABOUT THE STARS."

CAPITOL RECORDS TOWER

LOCATED AT 1750 NORTH VINE STREET NEAR THE LEGENDARY INTERSECTION OF HOLLYWOOD AND VINE, THE CAPITOL RECORDS TOWER WAS THE FIRST CIRCULAR HEIGHT-LIMIT OFFICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTED IN HOLLYWOOD AFTER WORLD WAR II.

HOLLYWOOD FOREVER CEMETERY

NOT ONLY A WORLD FAMOUS LANDMARK CEMETERY IN THE HEART OF HOLLYWOOD, BUT ALSO AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL EVENT CENTER FOR OUTDOOR CLASSIC FILM SCREENINGS, CONCERTS, LITERATURE EVENTS, LECTURES AND MORE.

THE ACADEMY MUSEUM

THE ACADEMY MUSEUM OF MOTION PICTURES WILL CELEBRATE THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MOVIES –PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. DEVOTED TO THEIR HISTORY AND CULTURAL IMPACT, IT WILL BE THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE MUSEUM OF ITS KIND IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN

FOR MANY VISITORS TO LOS ANGELES, THERE IS NO MORE COVETED PHOTO THAN A SHOT OF THE WORLD FAMOUS SIGN. MANY ARE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT IT'S ILLEGAL TO GET CLOSE TO THE SIGN, WHICH IS SET BEHIND RESTRICTING GATES AND PROTECTED BY SECURITY CAMERAS AND PARK RANGERS. YOU CAN, HOWEVER, HIKE CLOSE ENOUGH TO GET A GREAT SHOT.

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DOWNTOWN LA

"DOWNTOWN LA IS A MICROCOSM OF THE CITY'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. EL PUEBLO COMMEMORATES THE CITY'S ORIGINS, WHILE CHINATOWN AND LITTLE TOKYO ARE VIBRANT COMMUNITIES. THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CENTER, ALONG FLOWER AND FIGUEROA STREETS, SITS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE EARLY 20TH-CENTURY ARCHITECTURE AROUND PERSHING SQUARE. CULTURAL SITES INCLUDE THE RENOWNED MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL, AND THE GALLERIES OF THE ARTS DISTRICT. THE FASHION AND JEWELRY DISTRICTS ALSO ADD THEIR OWN FLAIR, AND DOWNTOWN IS DOMINATED BY L.A. LIVE, A VAST SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT."

CITY HALL

LA'S TALLEST BUILDING FOR OVER FOUR DECADES, IMMORTALIZED IN FILM COUNTLESS TIMES. RENOVATIONS HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADMIRE ITS MARBLE-COLUMNED ROTUNDA ONCE AGAIN.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (MOCA)

A PILLAR IN DOWNTOWN'S CULTURAL RENAISSANCE, DISPLAYING ART IN ALL MEDIA FROM 1940 TO THE PRESENT. WORKS BY JACKSON POLLOCK, ANDY WARHOL, AND ROY LICHTENSTEIN FORM PART OF ITS PERMANENT COLLECTION.

WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL

THE HOME OF THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, CONCEIVED BY FRANK GEHRY, IS A SPECTACULAR ADDITION TO DOWNTOWN'S LANDSCAPE.

THE BROAD

THE 120,000-SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING FEATURES TWO FLOORS OF GALLERY SPACE AND IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE BROAD ART FOUNDATION'S WORLDWIDE LENDING LIBRARY, WHICH HAS BEEN LOANING COLLECTION WORKS TO MUSEUMS AROUND THE WORLD SINCE 1984.

BROADWAY HISTORIC THEATER DISTRICT

SHOWCASING MOVIE PALACES AS ARCHITECTURAL MARVELS FROM THE SILENT ERA.

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PARKS

GRIFFITH PARK

GRIFFITH PARK IS A 6-SQ-MILE NATURAL PLAYGROUND OF RUGGED HILLS AND GENTLE VALLEYS, DRAPED WITH NATIVE OAK TREES, MANZANITA, AND SAGE. AS WELL AS HIKING AND HORSEBACK TRAILS, THERE ARE PICNIC AREAS, GOLF COURSES, TENNIS COURTS AND AN OUTDOOR POOL. THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST URBAN PARK OWES ITS EXISTENCE TO GRIFFITH JENKINS GRIFFITH. IN 1896, GRIFFITH DONATED A LARGE PORTION OF HIS ESTATE TO THE CITY WITH THE PROVISIO THAT IT BECOME "A PLACE OF RECREATION AND REST FOR THE MASSES." SOME OF IT'S MAIN ATTRACTIONS ARE THE AUTRY MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN WEST, THE LOS ANGELES ZOO, THE MOUNT HOLLYWOOD TRAIL, THE GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY AND PLANETARIUM, THE TRAVEL TOWN MUSEUM, THE GREEK THEATHRE, THE MERRY-GO-ROUND AND THE BRONSON CAVES.

RUNYON CANYON PARK

THIS 160-ACRE PARK OFFERS SCENIC VISTAS OVERLOOKING THE CITY AS WELL AS OFF-LEASH AREAS FOR DOGS. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR HIKING DESTINATIONS IN LOS ANGELES. IT OFFERS SOME MODERATELY DIFFICULT TRAILS AND A COLORFUL HISTORY - THE RUINS NEAR THE FULLER STEET ENTRANCE WERE BUILT IN 1930 BY OPERA STAR JOHN MCCORMACK, AND ERROL FLYNN LIVED IN ONE OF THE POOL HOUSES IN THE LATE 1950S.

FRANKLIN D. MURPHY SCULPTURE GARDEN

TUCKED AWAY IN THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE UCLA CAMPUS, THIS DELIGHTFUL LITTLE OASIS IS DOTTED WITH 70 SCULPTURES BY SOME OF THE GREATEST 19TH- AND 20TH-CENTURY EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN ARTISTS.

(OTHER SUGGESTIONS COULD BE THE LA STATE HISTORIC PARK, ECHO PARK LAKE AND MANY MORE...)

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MUSEUMS

THE GETTY CENTER

A SPECTACULAR ART COLLECTION, SUPERB ARCHITECTURE, AND LOVELY GARDENS COMBINE WITH A HILLTOP LOCATION TO CREATE ONE OF LA'S FINEST CULTURAL DESTINATIONS. DESIGNED BY RICHARD MEIER, THE GETTY CENTER OPENED IN DECEMBER 1997 AFTER 14 YEARS OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION. IT UNITES THE ENTITIES OF THE GETTY TRUST CREATED BY J. PAUL GETTY, INCLUDING RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION INSTITUTES. AT ITS CORE IS THE MUSEUM, WITH ITS EXQUISITE EUROPEAN ART FROM ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS TO CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY.

(OPEN TUE-SUN 10AM-5PM)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART (LACMA)

THE LARGEST ENCYCLOPEDIA ART MUSEUM IN THE WESTERN US, LACMA WAS FOUNDED IN 1910 AND MOVED TO ITS PRESENT HOME IN 1965. ITS VAST COLLECTION FEATURES EUROPEAN, AMERICAN, AND LATIN AMERICAN ART; AND WORKS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA. THERE IS A LIVELY SCHEDULE OF CONCERTS, LECTURES, AND FILM SCREENINGS, TOO. IN 2010, THE RESNICK PAVILION WAS ADDED, A VAST OPEN-PLAN SPACE DESIGNED BY RENZO PIANO THAT HOUSES ROTATING EXHIBITIONS.

(OPEN MON-TUE 11AM-5PM, THU 11AM-5PM, FRI 11AM-8PM, SAT-SUN 10AM-7PM)

THE HUNTINGTON

THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS FORM ONE OF THOSE RARE PLACES THAT MANAGES TO PLEASE THE EYE, STIMULATE THE MIND, AND NOURISH THE SOUL ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

(OPEN WED-MON 10AM-5PM)

(OTHER SUGGESTIONS COULD BE THE PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM, THE HAMMER MUSEUM, THE NORTON SIMON MUSEUM, THE LA BREA TAR PITS AND MUSEUM AND MANY MORE...)

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STUDIOS

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD

THE WORLD'S LARGEST MOVIE AND TELEVISION STUDIO STARTED IN 1915 MAKING SILENT FILMS. TODAY, UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD GETS MORE VISITORS THAN ANY OTHER ATTRACTION IN LA COUNTY.

DISNEYLAND

"DISNEYLAND IS DEDICATED TO THE IDEALS, THE DREAMS, AND THE HARD FACTS THAT HAVE CREATED AMERICA, WITH THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE A SOURCE OF JOY AND INSPIRATION TO ALL THE WORLD." WALTER E. DISNEY, JULY 17, 1955

WARNER BROS TOUR

THIS EXCELLENT TOUR PROVIDES A THOROUGH LOOK AT BOTH THE GLAMOROUS HISTORY AS WELL AS THE DAY-TO-DAY WORKING REALITY OF A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE STUDIO.

SONY PICTURES STUDIO TOUR

THIS GIANT MOVIE LOT WAS THE HISTORIC HOME OF THE FAMOUS MGM, PRODUCER OF WELL-KNOWN CLASSICS SUCH AS THE WIZARD OF OZ, UNTIL PURCHASED BY SONY IN 1990.

PARAMOUNT PICTURES STUDIO TOUR

THE ONLY MAJOR MOVIE STUDIO STILL LOCATED IN HOLLYWOOD. IT BEGAN MAKING MOVIES WITH THE PARAMOUNT LOGO IN 1916.

(OPEN DAYS AND TIMES MAY VARY - RESERVATIONS/TICKETS RECOMMENDED IN ADVANCE)

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BEACHES

SANTA MONICA BEACH

THIS EASY TO ACCESS BEACH IS ONE OF LA'S BUSIEST. FAMILIES LOVE THE SANTA MONICA PIER WITH ITS PRETTY HISTORICAL CAROUSEL AND AMUSEMENT PARK. FITNESS FANS CAN GET THEIR KICKS FROM PEDALING OR SKATING DOWN A PAVED PATH RUNNING PAST THE RESTORED MUSCLE BEACH, THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXERCISE CRAZE BACK IN THE 1930S.

VENICE BEACH

KNOWN FOR ITS BOHEMIAN SPIRIT AND ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS. VENICE BEACH'S OCEAN FRONT WALK (OR BOARDWALK) SPANS TWO MILES PACKED WITH STREET PERFORMERS AND SMALL SHOPS, PLUS A SKATE PLAZA AND MUCH MORE. THE VENICE CANALS ARE ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE THINGS TO ALSO EXPERIENCE.

MALIBU LAGOON STATE/SURFRIDER BEACH

WEDGED IN BETWEEN THE MALIBU PIER AND THE MALIBU COLONY GATED CELEBRITY ENCLAVE, THIS POPULAR BEACH OFFERS MANY DIVERSIONS. WATCH SURFERS SHRED THE WAVES AT SURFRIDER BEACH. THE EPONYMOUS LAGOON IS A STOPOVER FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS, WHILE THE NEARBY ADAMSON HOUSE WITH ITS IDYLIC GARDENS OVERLOOKS MALIBU PIER AND MALIBU LAGOON.

LAGUNA BEACH

THE CITY'S TOPOGRAPHY IS UNIQUE TO OTHER CALIFORNIA COASTAL CITIES WITH ITS SEVEN MILES OF COVES AND BEACHES WHERE VISITORS CAN EXPLORE SEA CAVES, TIDE POOLS, OCEAN SIDE BLUFFS, NATURAL TIDE POOLS AND OF COURSE, SANDY BEACHES, ALL WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

(OTHER SUGGESTIONS COULD BE MANHATTAN BEACH, REDONDO BEACH, MATADOR BEACH AND MORE...)

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SHOPPING

BEVERLY CENTER

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S QUINTESSENTIAL FASHION AND DINING DESTINATION WITH OVER 100 DISTINCTIVE SPECIALTY BOUTIQUES AND RESTAURANTS.

(OPEN MON-SAT 11AM-8PM, SUN 11AM-6PM)

THE GROVE

A FAVORITE SHOPPING, DINING AND LIFESTYLE DESTINATION. EXPLORE A MIX OF RETAIL, RESTAURANTS AND ENTERTAINMENT IN AN OPEN-AIR ENVIRONMENT PULSING WITH STYLE AND ENERGY.

(OPEN MON-THU 10AM-9PM, FRI-SAT 10AM-10PM, SUN 11AM-8PM)

RODEO DRIVE

A STROLL ALONG THIS FABLED LOS ANGELES SHOPPING STREET IS A MUST. ALL THE BIG NAMES IN HAUTE COUTURE HAVE STAKED OUT THEIR TURF ON RODEO.

MELROSE AVENUE

VINTAGE CLOTHING, ECCENTRIC CLUBWEAR, AND JEWELRY IN STORES BETWEEN LA BREA BOULEVARD AND FAIRFAX AVENUE.

WEST THIRD STREET

THIS MILELONG SHOPPING STRIP IS ONE OF THE HIPPEST IN LA. THE BOUNTY RANGES FROM GIFT STORES TO LOCAL LA-MADE FASHION BOUTIQUES.

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KIDS

CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER (AT EXPOSITION PARK)

LOCATED IN EXPOSITION PARK, THIS INTERACTIVE MUSEUM MAKES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FUN. FEEL A SIMULATED EARTHQUAKE, DESIGN A CAR, AND MARVEL AT THE INNER WORKINGS OF A 50-FT LONG ROBOT NAMED TESS. THE ADJOINING AIR AND SPACE GALLERY FOCUSES ON THE PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT AND SPACE EXPLORATION.

(OPEN DAILY 10AM-5PM)

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM (AT EXPOSITION PARK)

THIS ENGAGING MUSEUM PAYS HOMAGE TO THE ENTIRE ANIMAL KINGDOM, INCLUDING EXTINCT SPECIES SUCH AS THE PERENNIALY POPULAR DINOSAURS. SPECIAL CHILD-ORIENTED FACILITIES INCLUDE THE DISCOVERY CENTER, STOCKED WITH PUPPETS, STORYBOOKS, AND A FOSSIL-RUBBING STATION, AND THE INSECT ZOO, HOME TO A HOST OF CREEPY CRAWLIES.

(OPEN WED-MON 9.30AM-5PM)

LOS ANGELES ZOO (AT GRIFFITH PARK)

KIDS LOVE THE ELEPHANTS OF ASIA EXHIBIT AND THE WINNICK FAMILY CHILDREN'S ZOO, BOTH AT THE LA ZOO. PET BARNYARD ANIMALS AT MURIEL'S RANCH, GREET THE BABY ANIMALS IN THE NURSERY, AND DRESS UP FOR INTERACTIVE PLAY AND STORYTELLING AT THE ADVENTURE THEATER THERE.

(OPEN DAILY 10AM-5PM)

(OTHER SUGGESTIONS COULD BE NICKELODEON UNIVERSE, THE SANTA MONICA PIER, THE GETTY CENTER FAMILY ROOM, THE LA BREA TAR PITS AND MORE...)