

# The Regions of L.A.

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# NEIGHBORHOODS

*Los Angeles is a big city, but spend time in any of its many neighborhoods, each with its own unique vibe and character, and you'll see that L.A. offers something for everyone*

## SILVERLAKE

**REGION:** HOLLYWOOD

BOHEMIAN, TRENDY SILVERLAKE borders Hollywood and Downtown, near Glendale. Dubbed "America's Best Hipster Neighborhood 2014" by Forbes.com, it's home to food trucks, yoga studios, cafes, and boutiques. Winding streets mix Old Hollywood bungalows with Spanish-style, Craftsman, and Mid-Century Modern houses.

The Sunset Junction area offers fair-trade coffee, fine cheeses, comic books, vinyl records, vintage glassware, restaurants, and more. Hyperion Avenue, another dining hub, dishes up sushi, rustic American, and Italian. Sunset and Glendale boulevards have wine bars, lounges, live music, and Flamenco. For nature-seekers, the reservoir features a walking path and a dog park.

## VENICE

**REGION:** BEACH CITIES/LAX

LOCATED BETWEEN SANTA MONICA AND Marina del Rey along the Pacific Ocean, Venice is famous for its boardwalk, once called "the Coney Island of the Pacific." With a funky vibe, Venice Beach attracts an eccentric gathering

of street vendors, bodybuilders, musicians, mimes, and jugglers. Artistry can be found everywhere from the lifeguard towers to the murals and street art.

Built to resemble Venice, Italy, the neighborhood features a network of canals and colonnade architecture. Abbot Kinney Boulevard, named "one of the coolest blocks in America" by *GQ* magazine, has art galleries, hip clothing stores, stylish eateries, bars, and cafes.

## CENTURY CITY

**REGION:** WESTSIDE

BORN FROM THE 20TH CENTURY FOX backlot, Century City adjoins Beverly Hills, West L.A., and Westwood. Its pristine high-rises and hotels attract movers and shakers.

Catch a free exhibit, lecture, or documentary film at the Annenberg Space for Photography. Shop the weekly farmers' market on Avenue of the Stars. Dine at a celebrity-chef spot like Craft or Hinoki & the Bird, or at longtime local pub fave The Cellar.

Westfield Century City is an upscale, open-air mecca of retail stores, a movie multiplex, and eateries serving gourmet burgers, mozzarella from Italy, Asian dishes, and handcrafted beers.

## NORTH HOLLYWOOD

**REGION:** THE VALLEY

"NOHO," NEXT TO TOLUCA LAKE AND STUDIO City, three miles from Burbank Airport, boasts a vibrant arts district. Dozens of theaters present classical and new plays. The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences hosts the Emmy Awards, while NoHo Tours gives a backstage glimpse of showbiz.

View art at the NoHo and Lankershim arts centers or see the *Great Wall of Los Angeles* mural. The Iliad Bookshop tempts with 125,000 titles; "Antique Row" beckons vintage shoppers.

Dining options include Italian, Spanish, French, and Indian. Nightlife ranges from spoken word to comedy, jazz to reggae, taverns to tiki bars.

## KOREATOWN

**REGION:** DOWNTOWN

WEST OF DOWNTOWN AND SOUTH OF Hollywood, "K-Town" is a thriving scene. Shop for bright street fashion, K-pop music, or mocha buns. For everything under one roof, visit the Korean Galleria or Koreatown Plaza.

Relax at a Korean spa or in the Koreatown Pavilion and garden. Seoul International Park hosts an annual music and dance festival.

Food is a serious pursuit with Korean BBQ, dumpling houses, and pork-belly tasting menus. Sing at one of K-Town's renowned karaoke bars or visit a glam speakeasy. See a show at the iconic Wiltern Theater or bowl at the retro Shatto 39 Lanes.

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