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DRIVING IN LOS ANGELES



BASIC RULES

In the United States, traffic keeps to the right. Although each state sets its own traffic laws, most California traffic laws are the same or similar throughout the country. Drivers must possess a valid U.S. or international driver's license. Speed limits and traffic rules are strictly enforced. If there are no posted signs, the maximum speed is 25 miles per hour on city streets and 65 miles per hour on freeways. California state law requires the use of seat belts in all private vehicles. A right turn on a red light after stopping is permitted unless otherwise indicated.

CELL PHONES

In California, drivers are required by law to use a hands-free device to talk on a cell phone while driving. Sending or reading a text while driving is against the law. This includes text-based communications like e-mails and instant messages. Using your smartphone's GPS or mapping service while driving is permitted, only with the use of a hands-free device.

CHILD SAFETY

Since Jan. 1, 2012, California law requires:

- Children under the age of 8 must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat.
- Children under the age of 8 who are 4' 9" or taller may be secured by a safety belt in the back seat.
- Children who are 8 years and over shall be properly secured in an appropriate child passenger restraint system or safety belt.

It is illegal to leave a child who is 6 years old or younger unattended in a motor vehicle. Someone who is at least 12 years old must supervise the child/children who are age 6 or under. Significant concerns include health risks (e.g. a locked car on a very hot day) and safety issues (the engine is running or the keys are in the ignition).

PARKING

Vehicles parked in violation of posted regulations are ticketed and towed very quickly. Before you park, be sure to carefully read all signs that state the hours and days when parking restrictions are in effect.

- A red curb means no parking
- A green curb indicates parking for a limited time only
- A white or yellow curb indicates passenger loading and unloading, no parking

Parking is often available in garages or parking lots for a fee. Many restaurants and shopping centers offer valet parking for a fee as well.

TRAFFIC

Traffic is usually heavy on the freeways during morning and evening commutes. Weekday morning rush hour is roughly from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The evening rush hour is around 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and later. When freeways are jammed it's advisable to use surface streets as alternate routes. In L.A. a "surface street" is any street that is not a freeway or limited-access highway (aka expressway).

TRANSPORTATION & CABS



Los Angeles Metro main site

<https://www.metro.net/>

Map and timetable of Los Angeles metro system

http://media.metro.net/riding_metro/maps/images/system_map_2016-0520.pdf

Map of Gold Line (Pasadena line)

https://media.metro.net/uploads/map-gold-line_II.jpg

Cabs

City Cab
(626) 584-1000

RESTAURANTS IN PASADENA



Cafe Bizou

B-Man's \$
3007 Huntington Drive, Pasadena
(626) 568-0386
Teriyaki and burgers for a great price.

Mediterranean Café \$
273 Shoppers Lane, Pasadena
(626) 793-8844
Great Middle Eastern food, family-owned, very popular.

Zankou Chicken \$
1296 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
Lebanese and Armenian classics, delicious chicken.

Abricott \$\$
238 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena
(626) 796-1613
French, Thai & Vietnamese fusion of dishes served morning to night in a book-lined space & patio.

Akbar Cuisine of India \$\$
44 N. Fair Oaks Ave, Pasadena
(626) 577-9916
Colorful Indian eatery offering a mix of traditional & contemporary dishes from its tandoor oven.

All India Cafe \$\$
39 S. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 440-0309
Some superb Kashmiri, Punjabi tastes, especially if you order the spiciness to your liking.

Café Bizou \$\$
91 N. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 792-9923
American and Francophile favorites

Seco \$\$
140 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 449-9900
California cuisine. Popular appetizers, burgers, pizzas.

Celestino \$\$
141 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 795-4006
A Huntington favorite, Italian cuisine; consistently excellent pasta, fish, organic meats.

Colonial Kitchen \$\$
1110 Huntington Drive, San Marino
(626) 289-2449
Time-warp 1950s coffee shop & long-time San Marino favorite.

El Cholo \$\$
300 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena
(626-795-5800)
Mexican; Pasadena branch of an L.A. institution founded 1922.

El Portal \$\$
695 East Green St., Pasadena
(626) 795-8553
Authentic Yucatán and traditional Mexican menu.

Il Fornaio \$\$
24 West Union St., Pasadena
(626) 683-9797
Upscale mini-chain Italian cuisine & bakery, pizza, pasta, rotisserie meats.

La Grande Orange \$\$
S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena
(626) 356-4444
Kid-friendly spot serving generous portions of seasonal American chow in a restored train station.

Twohey's Restaurant \$\$
1224 N. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra
(626) 284-7387
Local institution, fantastic breakfasts, diner fare.

Tops Burgers \$
1792 E. Walnut St., Pasadena
(323) 866-0011
Burgers and fast food in a family-owned setting. Great breakfast burritos.

Dog Haus \$
105 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena
(626) 577-4287
Gourmet hot dogs and burgers with 80s music soundtrack.

Lucky Baldwin's (Old Town) Pub/Café \$\$
17 South Raymond, Pasadena
(626) 795-0652

and its off-shoot:

Lucky Baldwin's Trappiste Pub/Café \$\$
1770 East Colorado, Pasadena
(626) 844-0447
British-style pubs with wine, wide variety of beers.

The Luggage Room \$\$
260 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena
(626) 356-4440
Colorful parlor in a former train-station luggage room, known for unique wood-fired pizzas & gelato.

Malbec \$\$
1001 E. Green Street, Pasadena
(626) 683-0550
Argentinian cuisine. Homemade salads, pastas and fish.

Saladang \$\$
363 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena
(626) 793-8123
Contemporary & traditional Thai food served in high-style, modern concrete setting.

Suriya Thai Restaurant \$\$
123 W. California Ave., Pasadena
(626) 584-0066
Reasonable and delicious fare in a small store front.

Smitty's Grill \$\$
110 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 792-9999
Upscale, higher-end American comfort food.

Paul Martin's American Grill \$\$
455 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena
(626) 773-7600
Steakhouse with great seafood.

Lemonade \$\$
146 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena
(626) 304-7700
Modern American fresh fare served cafeteria-style.

Daisy Mint \$\$
1218 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 792-2999
Thai, Asian fusion in a cute setting.

The Novel Café \$\$
1713 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 683-3309
Breakfast, brunch, and modern American fare. Frequented by college students.



Lucky Baldwin's Pub



El Portal



Smitty's Grill



Daisy Mint



Dog Haus





Parkway Grill

Bistro 45 \$\$\$
46 So. Mentor, Pasadena
(626) 795-2478
Exceptional fine French cuisine, good wines.

Racion \$\$\$
119 W Green St. Pasadena
(626) 396-3090
Spanish Basque regional cuisine.

The Raymond Restaurant \$\$\$
1250 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena
(626) 441-4770
Formal affair with American and European cuisine.

Parkway Grill \$\$\$
510 South Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena
(626) 795-1001
Popular, trendy Pasadena standard, American regional cuisine with French technique.

Standard larger chains in Pasadena:

McCormick & Schmick, California Pizza Kitchen, The Yard House, Du-Par's, Houston's, Buca di Beppo, P.F. Chang, B.J.'s, Starbucks, various fast food chains

ATTRACTIONS



The Getty Museum

The Arboretum
<http://www.arboretum.org>
Peaceful, expansive gardens with lots of peacocks.

Descanso Gardens
<https://www.descansogardens.org>
Lovely botanical garden.

Norton Simon Museum
<http://www.nortonsimon.org/>
Pasadena art museum with wide variety of art, can easily be seen in one day.

The Getty Museum
<http://www.getty.edu/museum/>
One part of the Getty art collections, Middle Ages to the present.

The Getty Villa
<http://www.getty.edu/visit/villa/>
The other part of the Getty art collections, Greek and Roman in a recreation of an ancient Roman home.

NASA-JPL
<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/events/tours/views/>
Reserve a free tour of this internationally-known facility.

Gamble House
<http://gamblehouse.org/>
Great example of American Arts and Crafts architecture.

Rose Bowl
http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/Transportation/Rose_Bowl/
3.3 mile paved recreation loop.

Arroyo Seco
http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/publicworks/arroyo_trails/
Different trails, see maps on the website.

Echo Mountain
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/echo-mountain-via-the-sammerrill-trail-altadena>
Hike up the mountain to the ruins of the former Echo Mountain House, great views.

Gabrielino Trail
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/gabrielino-trail-altadena>
Flat and shady hike.

Eaton Canyon Natural Area
<http://www.ecnca.org>
Various hikes of different lengths.

Olvera Street
<http://www.calleolvera.com/>
Oldest part of downtown L.A. Fun shopping.

Griffith Observatory
<http://griffithobservatory.org/>
Beautiful monument to astronomy with a fantastic view of the city.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art
<http://www.lacma.org/>
The largest art museum in the western United States.

Venice Beach
<http://venicebeach.com/the-venice-beach-boardwalk/>
Visit the boardwalk for anything from mimes to musicians, from odd shops to fun eateries.

Santa Monica Pier
<http://santamonicapier.org/>
Eateries, a carnival atmosphere, and the ocean breeze.

The Broad Museum
<http://www.thebroad.org/>
Contemporary art, the newest major museum in Los Angeles.

Dodger Stadium
<http://losangeles.dodgers.mlb.com/la/ballpark/>
Buy a Dodger dog and take in a baseball game.

Hollywood Bowl
<http://www.hollywoodbowl.com/>
Great concerts and picnicking under the stars.

Griffith Park
<http://www.modernhiker.com/area-maps/griffith-park/>
Several trails that leave from the Observatory.

Lacy Park, San Marino
http://lacyparkna.org/Lacy_Park_Neighborhood_Association/Home.html
A quiet, well-landscaped park close by, excellent for jogging, kids' bicycle rides (safe), and picnicking.

California Science Center
<http://californiasciencecenter.org/>
See the space shuttle Endeavor.

The Last Bookstore
<http://lastbookstorela.com/>
Massive collection of new and used books.

Catalina Island
<http://www.catalinachamber.com/>
A short boat ride away.



Santa Monica Pier



Rose Bowl



Gabrielino Trail

HEALTH



Caltech Gym

Pasadena Childrens Medical Group
Dr. Jean Lauricella
Dr. Paula Verrette
1145 E. Green Street
Pasadena, CA 91106
(626) 796-9913

Huntington Plaza Pediatric Group
Dr. Audrey Reid
800 Fairmount Ave #110
Pasadena, 91105
(626) 795-7051

Fair Oaks Urgent Care Center
401 S. Fair Oaks Ave.
Pasadena, 91105
626 795-2244
24 hours

Dr. Kent Wilson (Dentist)
1941 Huntington Dr. #B
South Pasadena 91030
626 441-1167

Caltech Gym
1200 E. California Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 395-6146
Offers special rate to Huntington readers, standard gym equipment, track, pools, racquetball, classes.

Yoga House
<http://www.yogahouse.com/>
Classes of all levels in a peaceful setting.

PETS



The Best Little Cat House

Crown City Veterinary
2657 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 296-1001
Nice staff, clean environment.

Pet sitters and Dog Walkers
<http://waggin-tails.net/>

The Best Little Cat House
<http://www.bestlittlecathouse.com/>

Pasadena Pet Sitters
<http://www.pasadenapetsitters.com/>

SALONS



Supercuts

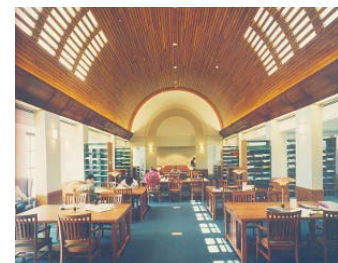
Burke Williams Day Spa \$\$\$
39 Mills Place, Pasadena
(626) 440-1222
Luxury, relaxing, great massages.

Essence Hair Salon \$\$
1212 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 395-9900
Trendy atmosphere, great haircuts, ask for Heidi.

Salon Vero \$\$
940 Huntington Drive, Pasadena
(626) 300-8804
Cute and clean, ask for April.

Supercuts \$
1141 Fair Oaks Ave., South Pasadena
(626) 799-9135
Basic cuts, many Huntington staff members go here.

LIBRARIES



Caltech Library

Pasadena Public Library, Central Branch
285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena
Large, open spaces.

Crowell Public Library
1890 Huntington Dr., San Marino
Very close to The Huntington.

The Getty Research Institute
1200 Getty Center Dr. #1100, Los Angeles
Extensive collection of art-related materials.

Caltech Library
1200 E. California Blvd., Pasadena
Bring your reader card to receive a library card.

Fuller Seminary Library
135 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena
Bring your reader card to receive access.

USC Libraries
3550 Trousdale Pkwy., Los Angeles
(for long-term fellows only)

UCLA Libraries
405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles
(for long-term fellows only)

BICYCLES



Pasadena Cyclery

Pasadena Cyclery
1670 E. Walnut St., Pasadena
Repair and sales.

VELO Pasadena Inc.
2562 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
Repair and sales.

Incycle Bicycles
175 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena
Rentals, sales, repair.

Target
777 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
3121 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
Inexpensive bikes.

COMPUTERS



DI-NO Computers

Silution
1472 E. Walnut St., Pasadena
www.silution.com

PC House
1667 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 568-8585

DI-NO Computers, Inc.
2091 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
www.di-no.com

Micro Trends
1108 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
www.micro-trends.com

Hi-Tech Computer Rental
172 W. Verdugo Rd., Burbank
www.htcr.net

CHILDCARE & PROGRAMS



Children's Center at Caltech

Tom Hindle, babysitter
(contact Steve Hindle)
Laney & Tai Carter, babysitters
(contact Steve Hindle)

Child Daycare Directory
www.child-daycare-directory.com

Child Educational Center
www.ceonline.org
(818) 354-3418

Children's Center at Caltech
<http://ccc.caltech.edu/>
(626) 395-6860

Huntington Nannies
<http://www.huntingtonnannies.com/>
(626) 799-1300

Tom Sawyer Summer Day Camp
www.tomsawyercamps.com
(626) 794-1156

Huntington Library Summer Explorer Program
<http://www.huntington.org/explorers/>
(626) 405-2104

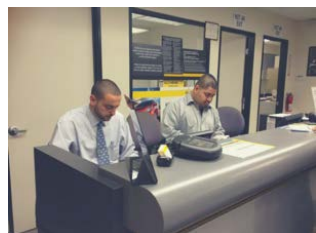
All Saints Children's Center
www.ascc4kids.org
(626) 449-0985

Kids Klub Pasadena
www.kidsklubcdc.com
(626) 795-2501



Huntington Explorers

CAR RENTALS



Hertz Local Edition

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
1890 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 405-0900

Hertz Local Edition
2070 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 578-0443

Budget
750 S. Arroyo Pkwy., Pasadena
(626) 449-0226

Auto Insurance
<http://Insurance4carhire.com/>

NOTE: Other major national rental agencies usually have offices at both the Los Angeles and Burbank airports. Readers should call their toll-free numbers for more information.

AIRPORT INFORMATION



Super Shuttle

From LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Service from LAX is available to Pasadena through Super Shuttle. For \$30-\$40 plus tip depending on your destination, Super Shuttle will transport you from Los Angeles International Airport directly to your destination in Pasadena. At LAX, collect your baggage and then walk to the Shuttle Stop area on the airport lower level. For advance reservations, call (800) 554-3146 or visit www.supershuttle.com. The driver will accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diner's Club, Discover, and cash.

From BURBANK AIRPORT:

For approximately \$20-\$30 plus tip, Super Shuttle also services Burbank Airport to your destination in Pasadena. Advance reservation one day before flight arrival is required for transportation from Burbank Airport at (800) 554-3146 or at www.supershuttle.com. The driver will accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diner's Club, Discover, and cash.

FLYAWAY BUSES LAX/LOS ANGELES UNION STATION

FlyAway Buses leave from Bay 9 at the Patsaouras Transit Plaza and drop off at LAX Departure/Upper Level. Arrival pick-up on Lower Level. \$9.00 one way. 24 hour service. Gold Line Metro service from Union Station into Pasadena. Visit <http://www.lawa.org/flyaway>



Flyaway Bus