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/

Cabs
City Cab
(626) 584-1000

NOTE:
The Huntington's Uber/Lyft/Cab pickup and dropoff area is west of the Admissions area facing the parking lot.

OTHER NEEDS

Groceries
Trader Joe's:
345 S. Lake Avenue
Pasadena 91101
610 S Arroyo Pkwy
Pasadena 91105
3035 Huntington Drive
Pasadena 91107

Mail
FedEx
1735 E Colorado Blvd Suite 9
Pasadena 91106

UPS Store (includes mailboxes)
2275 Huntington Drive
San Marino 91108

USPS
2980 Huntington Drive
San Marino 91108

Banks
Bank of America
2180 Huntington Drive
San Marino 91108

An ATM is located near the Admissions Window at The Huntington.

Shopping
Old Pasadena
https://www.oldpasadena.org/
Westfield Santa Anita
400 S. Baldwin Ave.
Arcadia 91007
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.

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.

The Arbour $$  
527 S. Lake Ave., Suite 120, Pasadena  
(626) 396-4925  
Rustic elegant dining paying homage to the extraordinary agricultural bounty of California. Menu showcases relationships with sustainable local farms.

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.

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

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.

Green Street Restaurant $$  
46 Shoppers' Lane, Pasadena  
(626) 577-7170  
American cuisine, excellent salads and sandwiches.

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.

Nick's $$$  
336 South Lake Ave., Pasadena  
(626) 787-1444  
Classic American food in a unique setting.

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

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

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

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

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 pub 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.

Maestro $$  
110 Union St., Pasadena  
(626) 787-1512  
Modern Mexican cooking & mezcal cocktails in a rustic yet refined setting lined with banquettes.

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

Mijares Mexican Restaurant $$  
145 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena  
(626) 792-2763  
The Mijares family has owned/run this restaurant here since 1921.

Mi Piace $$  
25 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena  
(626) 795-7131  
Fresh authentic Italian cuisine.

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

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

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

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

- **Arroyo Seco**
  http://www.arroyoseco.org/HikingAS.htm
  Different trails, see maps on the website.

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

- **Griffith Park**
  https://modernhiker.com/park/griffith-park/
  Several trails that leave from the Observatory.

- **Echo Mountain**
  https://www.hikespeak.com/trails/sam-merrill-trail-echo-mountain/
  Hike up the mountain to the ruins of the former Echo Mountain House, great views.

- **Gabrielino Trail**
  https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/gabrielino-trail
  Long, but rewarding hike.

**ATTRACTIONS**

- **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.

- **Japanese American Cultural and Community Center**
  https://www.jaccc.org/

- **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.

- **Chinese American Museum**
  https://camla.org/
  Shares the history, cultural legacy, and contributions of Chinese Americans.

- **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**
  https://www.rosebowlstadium.com/
  3.3 mile paved recreation loop. Massive flea market 2nd Sunday of every month.

- **La Plaza de Cultura y Artes**
  https://lapca.org/
  Recognizes the enduring cultural influence of Mexicans, Mexican Americans and all Latinas/Latinos in Los Angeles.

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

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

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

- **Venice Beach**
  http://www.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.

- **California African American Museum**
  https://caamuseum.org/
  Contemporary art museum with a rich heritage.

- **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.

- **California Science Center**
  http://californiasciencecenter.org/
  See the space shuttle Endeavor.

- **Pacific Asia Museum**
  https://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu/
  Dedicated to the arts of Asia and the Pacific Islands.

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

- **Monrovia Historical Museum**
  https://www.monroviahistoricalmuseum.org/
  Exhibits on a historic local town.
**HEALTH**

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

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

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

Dr. Kent Wilson (Dentist)
1941 Huntington Dr. #B, South Pasadena
(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**

VCA Mission Animal Hospital
25 W. Mission Road, Alhambra
Nice staff, clean environment.

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

Vet Villa
https://www.vetvilla.com/
2140 Huntington Dr, South Pasadena, CA 91030, USA

**SALONS AND SPAS**

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39 Mills Place, Pasadena
(626) 440-1222
Luxury, relaxing, great massages.

Essence Hair Salon/East 1212 $$
1212 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 395-9900
Trendy atmosphere, great haircuts.

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**LIBRARIES**

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.

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
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

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

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

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

CHILDCARE & PROGRAMS

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

Child Educational Center
www.ceconline.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

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

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

Meredith & Co.
https://www.meredithandcompany.com/
(310) 498-8965

CAR RENTALS

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

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

Budget
570 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena
(626) 578-1287

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.