

Insider's L.A.

Tour guides divulge their favorite sights and hideaways around the city

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While many Los Angeles-area landmarks are known the world over, the city's full of great architecture, vistas, and hangouts that few tourists—or residents—ever see. In our chart below, four tour guides offer a fresh look at the City of Angels, from

views to hideaways to hot spots where Hollywood stars might show up. *For more information or for maps and brochures about the L.A. area, contact the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau: 685 S. Figueroa St.; www.lacvb.com, (800) 228-2452, or (213) 689-8822. ♦*

Tour guide	Anne Block Take My Mother Please , (323) 737-2200 or www.takemymotherplease.com . 	Rochelle Mills Architours , www.architours.com or (323) 294-5821. 	Marlene Gordon The Next Stage , www.nextstageatours.com or (626) 577-7880. 	Eric Lynxwiler Los Angeles Conservancy Walking Tours , www.laconservancy.org or (213) 623-2489. 
Points with a view	Chinese Moon Bridge 1632 Bellevue Ave. in Echo Park. "Watch skyscrapers light up at dusk."	Ennis-Brown House 2655 Glendower Ave. in Los Feliz, (323) 660-0607. "See all the way to Catalina."	Metropolitan Transit Authority Building 1 Gateway Plaza, (213) 922-2000. "See the skyline of Los Angeles."	Wilshire Boulevard , as seen when looking east from Commonwealth Ave. or Hoover St. "Vintage, rooftop neon, like Raymond Chandler's L.A."
Blocks to walk	Carroll Avenue ▶ Between Douglas St. and E. Edge-ware Rd. in Angelino Heights. "Victorian enclave." 	Grand Boulevard Between Temple and Fifth Streets. "A camera is a must!"	El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument ▶ Olvera St. between Cesar Chavez Ave. and Alameda St. (213) 628-1274. "Enjoy a cup of Mexican hot chocolate." 	Broadway between Sixth and Seventh Streets . "Stunning facades." 
City oases	Biddy Mason "Pocket" Park Broadway and Third St. "Wall sculpture tells L.A. history."	California Plaza Water Court 300 S. Grand Ave. "Lazy and relaxing."	Japanese Garden at the New Otani Hotel 120 S. Los Angeles St. (213) 629-1200. "A thousand shades of green."	Grand Hope Park ▶ Bordered by S. Grand Ave., S. Hope St., Olympic Blvd., and Ninth St. "Walk shady paths surrounded by modern art."
Shoppers' paradise	Sunset Junction ▶ 3600-4000 Sunset Blvd. "Eclectic, eccentric shopping and noshing." 	The Grove at Farmers Market 6333 W. Third St. (323) 933-9211. "Kitsch to glamour."	The "Alley" area of Eighth and Ninth Streets At S. Los Angeles St., Maple Ave., and Santee St. "L.A.'s answer to the Casbah."	Macy's Downtown 750 W. Seventh St. (213) 628-9311. "Perpetual sales racks."
Built to last	Bullocks Wilshire Building 3050 Wilshire Blvd. (213) 738-8240 (reservations recommended for a tour). "The pinnacle of art deco design."	Bradbury Building 304 S. Broadway, (213) 626-1893. "Built in 1893 as a futuristic building."	Union Station ▶ 800 N. Alameda St. "I love the Mediterranean-style architecture." 	Commercial Exchange Building 416 W. Olive St. "10-story-tall neon sign."
Celebrity hangouts	Hollywood Sunday Farmers Market . Ivar St. between Sunset and Hollywood Boulevards. "Spotted Uma Thurman, Ethan Hawke, and Leonardo DiCaprio."	Whole Foods Market 6350 W. Third St. (323) 964-6800. "Where all cool foodies go."	Chateau Marmont 8221 Sunset Blvd. (323) 656-1010. "Legendary castlelike hotel."	Theatre of Note 1517 N. Cahuenga Blvd. (323) 856-8611. "Recent sighting: Jack Black."