

TOP 10 LOS ANGELES

1 Red Line Tours
During these daily walking tours led by knowledgeable guides, you are made to wear special audio-systems to cut out traffic noise. Catch up on Hollywood history, and learn about the grand old days of downtown and its exciting new architecture.

2 LA Conservancy Tours
The LA Conservancy conducts wonderful architecture-themed guided walking tours of downtown every Saturday morning.

3 Neon Cruise
For an “illuminating” look at LA, join the night tour organized by the Museum of Neon Art (see p76), which takes you through neon signs, both historic and contemporary, and sparkling movie marquees.

4 Boat Tours
Fisherman’s Village in Marina del Rey, San Pedro’s Ports O’ Call Village, and Shoreline Village in Long Beach are all departure points for various boat cruises, including spins around the harbors and whale-watching trips.

5 Gondola Getaway
Sample the pleasures of the canals of Long Beach’s Naples neighborhood aboard an authentic Venetian gondola.

6 Starline Tours
This company offers classic narrated bus tours of LA, including the popular two-hour Movie Stars’ Homes Tour and the 5 1/2-hour Grand Tour of Los Angeles. Tours depart throughout the day.

7 Architecture Tours LA
Laura Massino’s in-depth tours explore the unique architecture of the city. The tours are organized by area – choices include Hollywood, Silver Lake, Pasadena, and Downtown – and depart daily at 9:30am and 1:30pm.

8 Santa Catalina Island Company Discovery Tours
This company organizes several land- and sea-based excursions lasting from one to four hours. Options include a glass-bottom boat tour and the excellent Island Tour.

9 Art Museum Tours
LACMA in midtown (see pp16–19) offers up to five different gallery talks daily. The Getty (see pp12–15) also runs daily art, architecture, and garden tours.

10 Take My Mother Please
Personal tour guide Anne Block custom-designs tours of LA – you’ll be chauffeured in great style to bars, cafés, clubs, museums, or whatever else takes your fancy.

Directory

Red Line Tours
• Hollywood: 6773
Hollywood Blvd
• Downtown: 304 S
Broadway, 323-402-1074

LA Conservancy Tours
• 213-623-2489, www.laconservancy.org

Neon Cruise
• Sat (Jun–Nov),
MONA: 213-489-9918,
www.neonmona.org

Boat Tours
• Hornblower Cruises:
13755 Fiji Way, Marina
del Rey; 310-301-6000
• Spirit Cruises: 429
Shoreline Village Dr,
310-548-8080
• Fiesta Harbor Cruise:
Ports O’Call Village,
Berth 79, San Pedro;
310-831-1906

Gondola Getaway
• 5437 E Ocean Blvd,
562-433-9595, www.gondolagetawayinc.com

Starline Tours
• 800-959-3131,
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Tours LA**
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**Santa Catalina
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• 800-626-1496

**Take My Mother
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• 323-737-2200,
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