

# VENICE

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Welcome to

# Venice California

Venice, California, often referred to as Venice Beach, is an exciting, adventurous southern California beach town ideally located just 4 miles from the LAX airport. With Santa Monica to the north, Marina del Rey to the south, and Hollywood and downtown L.A., just a quick Uber drive east, it is the perfect central location for exploring all that Los Angeles has to offer. Three miles of pristine beaches, the world famous Venice Boardwalk, the legendary Venice Recreation area, an oceanfront skatepark, top notch street art, and a 1300' fishing pier are just a few of the many attractions that Venice has to offer.

In addition, the restaurant scene is second to none! A wide variety of world class restaurants line the streets of Venice's eclectic neighborhoods, delighting tourists and locals alike, while attracting foodies from far and wide. Our ocean front hotels offer stylish, comfortable rooms, friendly staffs, and pleasant, relaxing environments.

Come get some beach time and enjoy all the Venice has to offer!

*Alex & Edizen Stowell*

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## ABOUT THE TEAM:

What has become Visit Venice California was started as the Venice Paparazzi photo kiosk on the Venice Boardwalk in 2003. As the business expanded into event photography/photo booths & hard copy/on-line media, the company was divided into two entities: Visit Venice California and Venice Paparazzi. And, both are still thriving today.

VenicePaparazzi.com is the Venice locals' number one trusted, and longest running website, for events, attractions, community info. and more.

VisitVeniceCA.com showcases all that Venice has to offer, providing indispensable resources for tourists, area hotels, travel companies, and more.

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# THINGS TO DO & SEE IN VENICE, CALIFORNIA

There are endless fun things to do in Venice, California. Whether you're visiting, or live in Venice and need a stay-cation, no experience is complete without checking out each of the attractions and unique neighborhoods that make up our town.

Check out the "local favorites" lists curated by Venice Paparazzi.

Enjoy!

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# HISTORY OF VENICE

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**Venice was founded by tobacco millionaire Abbot Kinney on July 4, 1905.**

Kinney's idea was to create a place dedicated to health, higher learning, and education. A place where people would come to relax and enjoy the ocean air while following intellectual pursuits. After opening, Kinney brought in professors and writers to deliver lectures to what he thought would be well attended seminars. Much to his dismay, the idea flopped! It turned out people were much more interested in carnival rides and side show attractions. So, Kinney gave the people what they wanted. He built an amusement park, a pier, a miniature steam train, 16 miles of canals with gondola rides, and more.

Kinney died on Nov. 4 1920 from lung cancer. By 1925, Venice was in shambles, unable to govern itself. So, Venice voted to become part of the City of Los Angeles. In 1930 oil was discovered, and up went the oil rigs. Venice's once pristine air turned into a cloud of toxic fumes and the canals became polluted, dirty eyesores. Venice became known as the "Slum by the Sea."

Time went on, the oil boom dwindled, and WW2 came to an end. The newly remodeled and renamed Lincoln Place apartments were originally built to house WW2 veterans. As the 1950's got going, bodybuilding became all the rage in Venice. The original Muscle Beach in Santa Monica inspired a culture of outdoor fitness, weightlifting, physique contests, and gymnastics in Venice.

In the 1960's the beatniks, followed by the hippies, migrated to Venice. Cheap rent and a vibe of individuality fed a culture of artists, musicians, and poets. Famously, The Doors formed in Venice in the mid 60's and were a staple around the Venice/Santa Monica area.

Then came skateboarding. Originally known as sidewalk surfing, Venice is largely credited as being the birthplace of modern skateboarding. The pioneering Zephyr team, home to Jay Adams, Tony Alva, Stacy Peralta, Jim Muir, and many more, was run by Jeff Ho and Skip Engblom, out of a local shop. They eventually became known world wide as one of the most influential skate teams ever.



Venice's punk rock culture, born in the late 70's continued on into the 80's. Most notably with local band Suicidal Tendencies skyrocketing to international stardom. The aggressiveness of Venice's skate/surf culture was a perfect compliment to the punk rock movement, and both scenes flourished. In the 1980's the crack epidemic hit Los Angeles, and Venice had its own problem with gang wars. This continued into the 90's and Venice's reputation as a rough town was well warranted. In 2000 the city re-did the boardwalk. Part of this process was to tear down the Pavilion, which had been a make shift skatepark for years. People would bring in plywood and make ramps, or just skate on the existing concrete structures. On Oct. 3 2009, after many years of activism on the part of Geri Lewis and others, the famed Venice Skate Park opened on the beach. Through the first two decades of the 2000's, Venice continues to go through changes. A large influx of tech companies has driven up real estate prices and rent in the area, causing many people to move and local businesses to shutter. As well, Los Angeles is currently allowing sidewalk camping and Venice has become a magnet for transients. There are homeless encampments everywhere in Venice, and both violent crime and property crime has skyrocketed. There is a constant dialogue among residents about what is happening to Venice.

## FOR MORE VENICE HISTORY

[veniceheritagemuseum.org](http://veniceheritagemuseum.org)  
[veniceofamerica.org](http://veniceofamerica.org)  
[westland.net/venicehistory](http://westland.net/venicehistory)

# VENICE FUN FACTS

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## DEMOGRAPHICS & GEOGRAPHY:

- Venice has about 40,000 residents
- Venice is the biggest tourist attraction in Los Angeles and second in So.Cal only to Disneyland.
- Venice had about 16 million visitors last year, and 7 million of them were under 35 years old.
- Venice is bordered by Santa Monica to the north, the Pacific Ocean to the west, Marina del Rey to the south and Culver City and Mar Vista to the east.

## POP CULTURE:

- The Doors formed in Venice in 1965
- Venice resident Robert Trujillo was a bass player for Suicidal Tendencies, and currently plays for Metallica.
- Arnold Schwarzenegger, Lou Ferrigno, and Franco Columbo trained for years at Muscle Beach in Venice. Arnold and Lou still frequent the area
- Venice is credited by most as the birthplace of modern skateboarding
- The Red Hot Chili Peppers filmed their video for The Adventures of Rain Dance Maggie in Venice on the roof of the Venice Paparazzi HQ. That is us who created this book!
- World famous, pioneering Zephyr skate team, known as the Z boys, came from the Venice/Santa Monica area, and original members included: Movie producer Stacy Peralta, Dog Town skate board owner Jim Muir, the legendary Jay Adams, Alva brand skateboard owner Tony Alva, pro surfer Allen Sarlo, Peggy Oki, and several others.
- Rydell High, from the movie Grease, is actually Venice High School. As well, the high school in American History X is Venice High as well.

## FILMED IN VENICE:

American History X, Lords of Dogtown, White Men Can't Jump, Californication, Speed, Bay Watch, Jackie Brown, Three's Company, L.A. Story, I Love You Man, Get Shorty, V, Colors, Xanadu, Pumping Iron, Grease, and many more.

## INTERESTING FACTS:

- Venice founder Abbot Kinney acquired the land that is Venice in a coin toss.
- Venice was built as a replica of Venice, Italy, complete with canals and gondola rides.
- Ocean lifeguarding was started in Venice by Hawaiian George Freeth in 1905. He was hired by Abbot Kinney.
- The first documented surfing demonstration on the mainland U.S.A took place in Venice in 1907.



GET  
HIGH  
VENICE, CA

High Rooftop Lounge at Hotel Erwin.  
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# VENICE BEACH

**SPEND A DAY ON THE SAND IN VENICE BEACH!**

The ocean is the thing that makes Venice Beach the most special place on earth. Sure we have great culture and people, but it is the mighty Pacific that makes it all happen. This three-mile beach is manicured daily and the lifeguards are on duty, so grab a towel and head down to the sand.

Surf, swim, body board, and splash around in the Pacific Ocean. Go for a deep sand run or power walk in ankle deep water. Sunbathe & relax. Keep an eye out for dolphins. Volleyball courts are also available. You can rent surf, body, and skim boards at several spots if you do not have your own. Or, grab a Frisbee or a ball for some catch. Marvel at the planet's largest ocean or meditate into your own universe, either way the beach has the perfect spot for everyone.

## ATTRACTIONS:

- **Venice Pier:** The 1,300-foot Venice Pier, built in 1963.
- **Venice Breakwater:** An acclaimed local surf spot, located north of Lifeguard tower 18.
- **Venice Pride Flag Lifeguard Tower** on the beach at the end of Breeze Ave.

**CAN THE TRASH!**  
Keep our beaches  
clean!

## PRO TIPS:

- The beach is open from 6 a.m. - 12 a.m.
- Free beach wheelchairs are provided by the Dept. of Beaches & Harbor. Call (310) 939-0000.
- Have the ultimate beach day experience with BeachNow.me, a beach concierge service.
- Want to take a surf lesson or need beach accessories? JaysRentalsVB.com
- Showers and bathrooms are located by and on the beach at the Venice Pier, North Venice Blvd, 17th St., Market St. Brooks Ave. and Rose Ave.
- Find Injured Wildlife? Do not approach. Call 800.39. WHALE or 310.458.WILD.
- View pages 44- 48 for parking, Venice Info, safety tips, FAQ's, and visitors tips.

LIFEGUARD TOWER



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VOLLEYBALL



VENICE PIER





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# VENICE BOARDWALK

BE ENTERTAINED ON THE WORLD FAMOUS VENICE BOARDWALK!

Stretching about one and a half miles along the pristine sands of the Pacific Ocean, the boardwalk is a large part of what makes Venice unique. On the west side of the “walk” are hundreds of street vendors and performers. You can see everything from break-dancing to broken glass walking, mimes to musicians, jugglers to jesters, and everything in between that make up the human landscape. You can have your fortune read, get a temporary tattoo, or have your name written on a grain of rice, to name a few of fun activities.

If souvenirs are what you are after then the boardwalk is the place to go. The west side offers unique arts and crafts, odds and ends, and one of a kinds only obtainable here. Paintings, photos, rocks of various sorts and sculptures are among the popular offerings.

On the east side are the store fronts of the boardwalk. Here you will find every sort of t-shirt under the sun. From the politically motivated to sexually charged to the plain old Venice Beach t-shirt, there is sure to be one for everybody. In addition, there are tattoo and piercing stores, skate shops, and more. You can buy sun glasses, vaporizers, beer and shoes. This is all in addition to the large selection of restaurants, juice spots and bars. There is reason it is so famous. Come and see for yourself!

1800 - 3100 Ocean Front Walk. Venice, CA 90291

**Most stores open  
between 10:00 &  
11:00 a.m., and  
close at sunset.**

## PRO TIPS:

- The Venice Boardwalk is actually named Ocean Front Walk and is governed as a park.
- The boardwalk is closed from 2:00- 5:00 a.m. daily.
- Bathrooms are located at the Venice Pier, North Venice Blvd, 17th St., Market St., Brooks Ave., and Rose Ave.
- Explore Venice with the free activities check list, and itineraries on pages 39-41.
- View our street art and murals tour on pages 13-15.
- For visitors tips, parking, Venice info, FAQ's, and safety, view pages 44-48.



THE BOARDWALK  
AT WINDWARD AVE.



DOGS WELCOME

ART & PERFORMANCES



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BIKE PATH & VENICE BOARDWALK

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BARS & RESTAURANTS



VENICE SKATE DANCE PLAZA



TATTOOS  
& SHOPS

Venice Paparazzi's  
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# VENICE BEACH RECREATION CENTER

VENICE'S OUTDOOR FACILITIES ARE MAGICAL, AND EXCEPT FOR MUSCLE BEACH GYM, THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP FEES!

- **MUSCLE BEACH GYM:** A newly remodeled outdoor gym with free weights, machines, power racks, powerlifting bumpers, & more. Bodybuilder Hall of Fame also found here.
- **VENICE BEACH BASKETBALL COURTS:** 3 regulation & 1 stadium size court.
- **CHILDREN'S PARK:** 2 play areas with swings and slides.
- **BOXING AREA:** 6 speed bag platforms, 2 heavy bag areas.
- **GYMNASTIC AREA:** Also known as the "sand box" includes: 2 ring sets, 5 pull up bars, balance beam, dip racks, and 2 climbing ropes.
- **VENICE SKATEPARK:** 27,000 sq. foot park, including 2 bowls, snake run, rails, and stairs.
- **SKATE PLAZA:** rails, mini-wave, and transitions.
- **VENICE BEACH SKATE DANCE PLAZA:** Live D.J. and dancing every weekend.
- **HANDBALL COURTS:** 4 three wall courts and 3 one wall courts. All courts are first come first served.
- **PADDLE TENNIS COURTS:** 11 courts. Pickle ball on Tues. and Thurs. morning. All courts are first come first served.

1800 Ocean Front Walk. Venice, Ca 90291. (310) 396.6764 or (310) 399.2775 [laparks.org/venice](http://laparks.org/venice)

Keep your belongings with you at all times. Do not leave your things unattended.

## PRO TIPS:

- Opens 8:00 a.m. daily. The park is closed from midnight to 5:00 a.m. daily.
- Arnold Schwarzenegger, Franco Columbo, and Lou Ferrigno used to train at Muscle Beach Gym.
- The park hosts many events every year including: Body building, power lifting, skateboarding, basketball, paddle tennis, handball tournaments, and more. Visit [VeniceBeachFun.com](http://VeniceBeachFun.com) for Venice Events Calendar.
- For visitor tips, parking, Venice info, FAQ's, and safety, view pages 44-48.



SKATE DANCE PLAZA

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BOXING AT THE BEACH



VENICE SKATE PARK



KID'S PLAY STATION ON THE BEACH



PADDLE TENNIS



THE BEACH, SAND BOX,  
BOXING AREA, HANDBALL,  
KID'S PARK, AND  
MUSCLE BEACH GYM

VENICE, CALIFORNIA  
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VENICE ART WALLS



SAND BOX



22 MILE BIKE PATH



GREEN GODDESS

# STREET ART & MURALS

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Venice's streets are home to the work of many artists. Keep your eyes out for these epic murals/street art, and if you take photo, @VeniceBeachFun



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER



PRIDE TOWER



RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS



VENICE BEACH CHORUS LINE

## MURALS on and by the Venice Boardwalk

- Green Goddess Collective mural by Hans Valør, @hvalor
- A Touch of Venice by Jonas Never. @never1959
- Arnold Schwarzenegger by Jonas Never, @never1959
- Jim Morrison by Rip Cronk
- Venice Kinesis by Rip Cronk
- St. Mark - Patron Saint of Venice by Jonas Never, @never1959
- Portrait of Abbot Kinney by Rip Cronk. (A tribute to Venice's founder)
- Endangered Species by Emily Winters
- POW/MIS Veteran's wall
- Muscle Beach wall by Jonas Never. @never1959
- Venice Beach Mural by @Marioetheartist
- Luminaries of Pantheism mural by Levi Ponce
- Dogtown mural on the Paper Scissors Rock building. 1711 Pacific Ave.
- Arthur Reese on Westminster Ave.
- Charlie Chaplin, Abbot Kinney, and Clara Bow on Westminster
- Abbot Kinney Skateboard wheel mural at the Venice V Hotel

## MURALS elsewhere in Venice

- Firestone Walker's Lion and Bear mural by @rabi\_towing
- Love Wall by J. Goldcrown, @jgoldcrown
- "Need \$ for Rent" by Gustavo Zermeno, @gz.jr
- Big Bear by Greg Mike, @gregmike
- Save LA Cougars by Louis Masai, @louismasai
- Mural by PILPELED, @pilpeled

## STREET ART/PUBLIC ART

- Venice Sign
- Venice Art Walls. Program is curated by the STP Foundation
- Venice Pride Flag Lifeguard Tower by Patrick Marston
- 20' Ceramic Sculpture by William Attaway
- Venice Beach House by Frank Gehry architect
- "El Bordello Alexandra" house on Westminster
- Venice Torso by Robert Graham
- 60' V-Sculpture by Mark di Suvero.
- Venice Beach Poet's Monument by Beyond Baroque
- "Tour of Venice Murals" created by SPARC LA.
- Ballerina Clown sculpture by Jonathan Borofsky. (On Rose Ave.)

## STREET ART/PUBLIC ART off the Venice Boardwalk

- Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument on Lincoln Blvd.
- Venice Public Art on Abbot Kinney Blvd. [venicestreetarttours.com](http://venicestreetarttours.com)
- The Venice Beach House by the Venice Pier by Frank Gehry.

## CHECK OUT THE VENICE ARTS PLAZA!

This area houses S.P.A.R.C. (Social And Public Art Resource Center), Beyond Baroque and Pacific Resident Theatre. Details on page 34.



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VENICE KINESIS



TOUCH OF VENICE



JIM MORRISON



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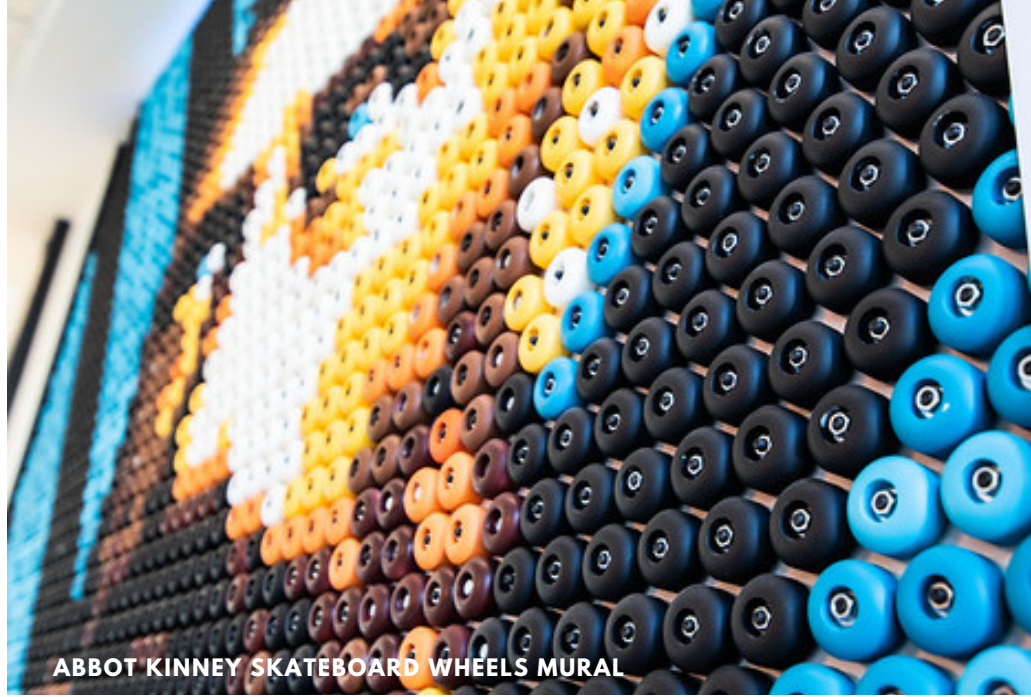
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VISIT VENICE CALIFORNIA



SKATE DANCE PLAZA

DOG TOWN SKATES



ABBOT KINNEY SKATEBOARD WHEELS MURAL



ABBOT KINNEY MURAL



POETRY WALLS



ARTHUR REESE

CHARLIE CHAPLIN, CLARA BOW, & ABBOT KINNEY



JIM MORRISON



BEAR WITNESS



FIRESTONE WALKER

# VENICE BEACH • VENICE SKATEPARK • VENICE BREAKWATER

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## VENICE SIGN LIGHTING: 150 YEARS LAPD

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# VENICE SIGN

JOIN THE GLOBAL CLUB OF FOLKS WHO HAVE A PHOTO WITH VENICE'S MOST RECOGNIZABLE BACK DROP, THE VENICE SIGN.

Wait at the traffic light until the walk signal appears, then run out in front of the sign and strike a pose! You have about a 30 second window to get your shot before the cars start coming. Be safe, tag it, post it, share it @VeniceSign and @VeniceBeachFun

**ABOUT THE VENICE SIGN:** Spanning across Windward Ave. at Pacific Ave., the VENICE Sign in lights is a modern day replica of the one originally installed in 1905 by the legendary Abbot Kinney. It is a defining symbol of Venice, past and present. In 2007, the Venice Sign Restoration Project recreated and installed the contemporary version of this historic sign. Since that time the Venice Chamber has been responsible for the sign and for protecting its trademark. Visitors are invited to photograph the sign for their personal use and enjoyment.

Location: 80 Windward Ave. Venice, Ca (steps from the Venice Boardwalk)

The Venice Sign is a federally registered trademark of the Venice Chamber of Commerce. For more info: [venicesign.org](http://venicesign.org)

The bulbs in the Venice Sign are changed to different colors throughout the year to celebrate various holidays and events

## SIGN LIGHTING DATES:

- Save the date for the Venice Holiday Sign Lighting and block party, the first Saturday in December.
- Venice Chamber changes the Venice Sign bulbs for Valentines, St. Patrick's Day, 4th of July, National Night Out, Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and more!
- Love Venice? Adopt a bulb at [venicesign.org](http://venicesign.org)



#### ABBOT KINNEY FESTIVAL

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# ABBOT KINNEY BLVD.

A MILE LONG STRIP OF THE LATEST FASHION, ART, AND FOOD

Abbot Kinney Blvd., named for our town's founder is a mere 1/2 mile from the ocean. Celebrities, foodies, local artists, and bohemians mingle at top-chef eateries and neighborhood haunts alike.

The street is lined with the gamut of International flagship stores and boho-beach chic boutiques, the best of rare and vintage discoveries, stylists, salons, and health and fitness choices to nurture the mind-body-soul. The street's nightlife draws the hip, edgy and celeb-sophisticated from all over LA and beyond. Come visit!

#### FEATURED EVENTS:

- First Friday's on Abbot Kinney, held the first Friday of every month, is a fun night where stores have events, art, music, and it is also L.A.'s premier food truck event.
- Every September is the Abbot Kinney Festival: 350 quality vendors, top food trucks and booths, kids' rides and games, four music stages, five beer gardens, and more.
- Bring the family to Abbot Kinney's Holiday Block Party and Snow Day in December. Special offers throughout the day at Abbot Kinney businesses. Sledding on real snow, kids crafts, face painting, and Santa.

For more info and events: [abbotkinneyblvd.com](http://abbotkinneyblvd.com)

Abbot Kinney Blvd. is named after the founder of Venice who originally laid out Venice to look like a miniature Venice, Italy

#### PRO TIPS:

- Plug into GPS: Abbot Kinney and Venice Blvd, 90291.
- Free street parking is available and limited to two hours. Public parking lots are located throughout the area. Metered parking lots are located between Abbot Kinney Blvd. and Electric Ave., spanning from Venice Blvd. to Santa Clara Ave.
- Enjoy hassle free valet parking on Abbot Kinney for a nominal \$10 fee. Drop off/pick up locations are located along the Blvd.

# VENICE CANALS

**Enjoy a serene walk along the Venice Canals.**

Many of the streets in Venice were once canals. What is left is just a fraction of the once abundant waterways, which were laid out by the City's founder Abbot Kinney to be a miniature version of Venice, Italy.

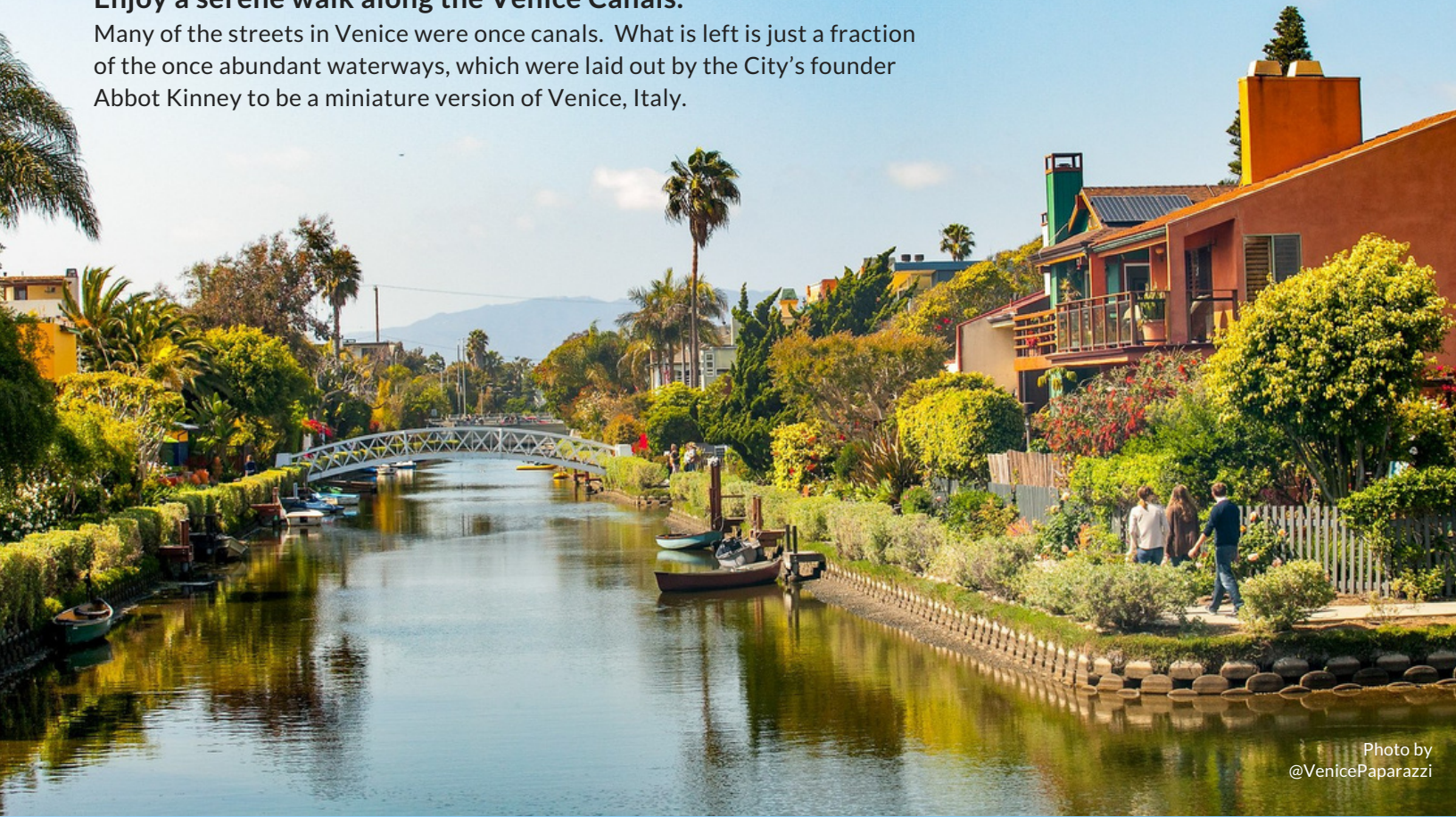


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# KID'S PLAY STATIONS

**Let the kids run free at the play areas by the beach. Venice Recreation and Parks offers two play stations with swings and slides.**

- Play Station One: Right beside the Venice Recreation Center's office west of the end of Windward Ave
- Play Station Two: Rose Ave and the Venice Boardwalk.
- Treat the kids to ice cream at Ben & Jerry's located on the Venice Boardwalk. Or, grab a pizza at Venice Way Pizza, or a meal at The Sidewalk Cafe, all excellent choices for family dining!



Venice Pier

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# WASHINGTON SQUARE

The southern end of Venice is home to the Venice Pier and an upscale area known to locals as Washington Square. The crowds are good looking and the party is steady. Excellent restaurants, bars, coffee shops, surf/bike rentals, and people watching are the main activities in this neighborhood. The Venice Pier and parking is located at the end of Washington Blvd. The Venice Canals are located one block east of the corner of Washington Blvd. and Pacific Ave.

V.P.  
PICKS

- Grab a coffee, smoothie, or tea from the Cow's End Cafe, and walk the Venice Pier.
- Best burgers, brews and live music at Hinano.
- Brunch all day at Nighthawk Breakfast Bar



## BEST PARKING:

Washington Lot, 3100 Washington Boulevard, Venice, Ca 90291  
Metered street parking along Washington Blvd.



# VENICE PIER

Walk the Venice Pier for breath taking coastal views. Go fishing, watch the surfers, or enjoy a beautiful sunset. The 1,300-foot Venice Pier is fully accessible, with lights, benches, fish-cleaning stations, a 120-foot diameter circular end, and special cutouts for fishing and wheelchairs.

- The pier is closed from 2:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. daily
- Fishing is permitted and you do not need a license



VENICE SIGN LIGHTING - LAPD



SKATEBOARDING



POWERLIFTING



ABBOTT KINNEY FESTIVAL



MUSCLE BEACH  
COMPETITIONS

ANNUAL  
EVENTS

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VENICE BEACH MUSIC FEST



NEPTUNE FESTIVAL

LIFE ROLLS ON - THEY WILL SKATE AGAIN

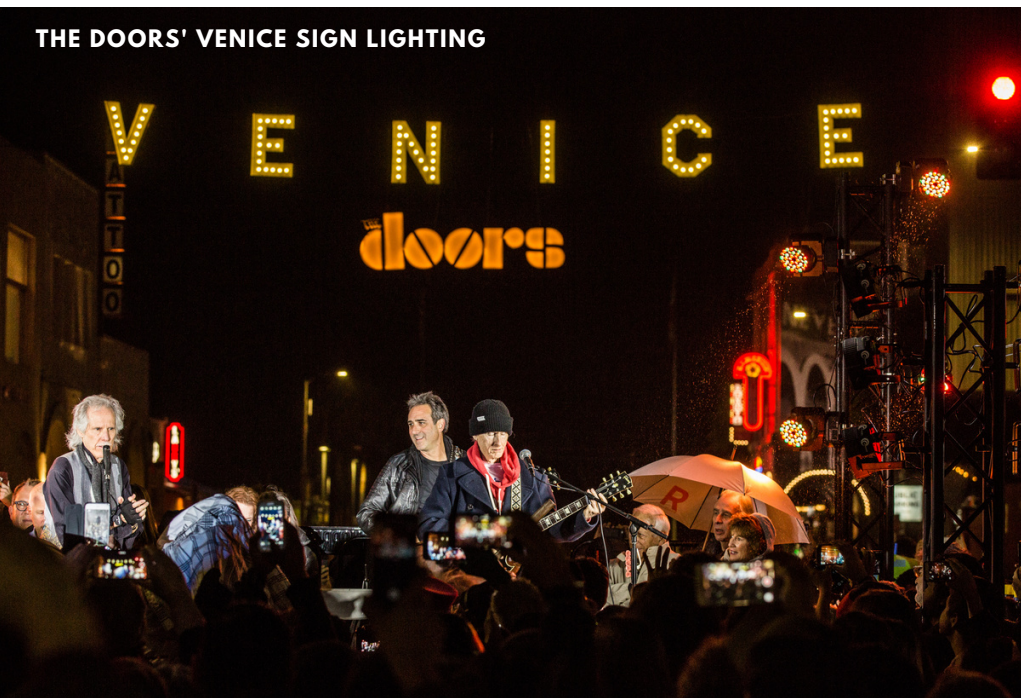


VENICE BEACH SPORTS DAY



ABBOT KINNEY FESTIVAL

THE DOORS' VENICE SIGN LIGHTING



VENICE ART CRAWL & VENICE AFTERBURN



VENICE BEACH MARDI GRAS PARADE



VENICE BOARDWALK



VENICE SURF-A-THON



VENICE DOG-O-WEEN

# PLAY TIME

## VP'S TOP PICKS



### PLAY AT THE BEACH

Surf, swim, body board and splash around in the Pacific Ocean. Go for a deep sand run or power walk in ankle deep water. Volleyball courts are also available. Or, grab a Frisbee or a ball for some catch. Marvel at the planet's largest ocean or meditate into your own universe, either way the beach has the perfect spot for everyone.

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- Rent surfboards, skim boards or get a surf lesson from **JaysRentalsVB.com**



### POP/PADDLE TENNIS COURTS

Compete in a tournament, play a fun game, or watch some of the world's best paddle tennis players in action at the Venice Beach paddle tennis courts. Also try a game of pickleball. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of Tennis, Badminton, and Ping-Pong, using a paddle and a plastic ball with holes (Wiffle Ball).

Free to the public, open play.  
1800 Ocean Front Walk. 310.399.2775

IG: **pop\_paddle\_venice** Facebook: **Venice-Beach-Pickleball**



### VENICE DRUM CIRCLE

Hundreds of people gather every Sat. & Sun. with their drums, shakers, congas and various percussion instruments, as well as their dancing feet, to have a sunset jam. On the beach by Brooks Ave. **venicedrumcircle.com**

### VENICE BEACH FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded in Venice, California in 2016, Venice Beach Football Club has grown into one of the most unique soccer communities in the country. Bring your talents to the beach and play against top players on the courts at Venice Recreation Center.

**venicebeachfc.com**



### VENICE BEACH SKATE DANCE PLAZA

The Venice Beach Skate Dance Plaza is home to a globally recognized skate dance community. Every weekend people gather at the skate plaza to admire and share in the free skate lessons and solo and group skate performances that have been immortalized in movies, television and music videos.

- Music is provided most weekend and holiday afternoons.
- The Venice Beach Skate Dance Plaza is located across from the Sidewalk Cafe, 1401 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA 90291

**venicebeachsk8dance.org**

# VENICE WORKOUTS

## VP'S TOP PICKS

In this photo: @MuscleBeach athletes



### MUSCLE BEACH GYM

Grab a workout or strike a pose and flex at the iconic Muscle Beach Gym on the Venice Boardwalk. This outdoor gym, where Arnold, Franco, and Lou once trained, has free weights, machines, power racks, powerlifting bumpers, & more. The Bodybuilding Hall of Fame is also located here.

Gym opens at 8:00 a.m. daily. Bring sunblock.

1800 Ocean Front Walk. (on the Venice Boardwalk)  
(310). 399.2775



### GOLD'S GYM

Pump some iron at the world famous Gold's Gym! Gold's Gym Venice is probably the most famous house of iron in the world. And, they have an outdoor area with boxing bags, kettlebells, plyometric equipment, battle ropes and more. This is a must do!

Open daily 5 am to 11 pm!

360 Hampton Drive, Venice, CA 90291.  
(310)392-6004. [goldsgym.com/veniceca](http://goldsgym.com/veniceca)



### MODO YOGA LA

Do some hot yoga at Modo Yoga LA!

Calm. Fit. Inspired. Modo Yoga is a form of hot yoga that combines the precision of therapeutic yoga and the foundations of traditional yoga in a specially heated room. The series is a cardiovascular workout that strengthens, tones and loosens the muscles, while calming the mind and reducing stress.

2570 Lincoln Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90291  
(888) 663-6523 [ModoYogaLA.com](http://ModoYogaLA.com)



### VENICE SANDBOX & BOXING AREA

Get your bar work in at the Venice Sandbox! If bodyweight training is your jam, this is your place. The box includes two rings set, 5 pull up bars, a balance beam, dip racks, and 2 climbing ropes.

And if you like **boxing**, come on down and keep those hands sharp! The boxing area includes: 6 speed bag platforms and 2 heavy bag areas.

Fun fact: Venice Paparazzi's Alex and Edizen met at the heavy bag during one of Alex's workouts in August of 2000.

1800 Ocean Front Walk. (on the Venice Boardwalk)  
Office: 310.399.2775

# VENICE SKATE PARK

**Skate or watch the action!** This 16,000 sq. foot skatepark, built in 2009, is one of the only in the world located on a beach. It features two bowls, a snake run and a street section with steps, rails, and platforms. View the Venice Skate Cam on [facebook.com/theveniceskatepark](https://www.facebook.com/theveniceskatepark)



Photos by:  
@VenicePaparazzi

# VENICE BEACH BASKETBALL COURTS

The Venice Beach Basketball courts house some of the best pick-up ball around. With four full length court there is always a game waiting no matter what your skill level.

Come watch some of the best street ball every Sunday with Venice Ball.  
[VeniceBall.com](http://VeniceBall.com).



# OCEANFRONT BIKE PATH

Cruise the coast! The bike path that runs along the sand in Venice is 22 miles long and extends from Palos Verdes through Pacific Palisades, with a brief in-land detour. Its smooth concrete surface is great for bicycles, roller skates and skateboards alike. Embraced by tourists and locals alike, the bike path is one of the treasures of Venice and is not to be missed.



Photo by  
@VenicePaparazzi



Venice Pier

Photo by  
@VenicePaparazzi

# VENICE ART WALLS

Free to graffiti artists, street artists, and any other creative minds; the Venice Art Walls are open every weekend on a first come, first served basis.  
[veniceartwalls.com](http://veniceartwalls.com)



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@VenicePaparazzi

## BEACH VOLLEYBALL

- 4 courts on the beach between Venice Blvd and Washington Blvd.
- One court on the beach by Breeze Ave.
- 4-6 courts on the beach between Ozone Ave and Rose Ave.
- 6 courts south of the Santa Monica Pier
- Bring your own balls and line. 🏐



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@VenicePaparazzi

# LIFE IS BETTER AT THE BEACH!

Visit [VeniceCA.com](http://VeniceCA.com) and [VeniceBeachFun.com](http://VeniceBeachFun.com)  
IG: [venicebeachfun](https://www.instagram.com/venicebeachfun) @[@venicepaparazzi](https://www.instagram.com/venicepaparazzi)



# FOOD & DRINKS

## VP'S TOP PICKS



### THE SIDEWALK CAFE

The Sidewalk Cafe is the Venice Boardwalk's oldest restaurant and sports bar. Founded in 1976, The family friendly Sidewalk Cafe is the best people watching in Venice. And the food is fantastic as well, with large portions and great prices, they have a super deep menu! Burgers, pizza, Mexican, salads, sandwiches, a full service bar, 18 draft beers, and more, there is something for everyone at the Sidewalk Cafe.

- Happy Hour at the bar, Mon.-Fri. 3 - 7:00 p.m.
- Open 7 days a week. 8 a.m. - midnight
- Validated parking on weekdays (Market and Speedway)

1401 Ocean Front Walk. (On the Venice Boardwalk)  
(310) 399-5547 | [thesidewalkcafe.com](http://thesidewalkcafe.com)



### THE WATERFRONT VENICE

The Waterfront is a super chill restaurant, bar, event and community gathering space on the boardwalk. The Waterfront has many moods – from classic seating on the Boardwalk to watch the world go by, to the playful California Beer Garden with gaming and ocean views, to the Garden Patio dining oasis with lush foliage, fire pit and Mexican blankets. Tacos, oysters, fresh squeezed juice, and beer can chicken are just a sampling of the offerings on their varied menu.

- 5 – 9:30 p.m. Wednesday
- 5 – 11:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Saturday
- 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Sunday

205 Ocean Front Walk. (On the Venice Boardwalk)  
(424) 309-5331 | [thewaterfrontvenice.com](http://thewaterfrontvenice.com)



### HAMA SUSHI

Established in 1979, Hama Sushi can be traced back in time to being one of the first sushi restaurants on the westside. Known for its unique ambience and casual setting, Hama brings the freshest and friendliest service.

Locals, tourists, and newcomers can all enjoy traditional Japanese cuisine with unique fusion dishes. Located on the circle of Windward/Main street, a block from the famous Venice Boardwalk, Hama has been a part of Venice Beach's history for the past forty years.

- Mon.- Sat. 4 -10:00 p.m. Happy Hour at Patio Bar 4 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Check out Hama-wood - Films made in Venice

213 Windward Ave. (By the Venice Sign & Windward Circle)  
(310) 396-8783 | [hamasushi.com](http://hamasushi.com)



### JAMES' BEACH

James' Beach is a Venice Beach institution. An iconic restaurant and bar now celebrating 24 years, it is a ½ block from world famous Venice Beach and the Pacific ocean. James' Beach has over the years earned a loyal following of lovers of American comfort food, great drinks, an award winning wine list and marvelous people watching.

- Weekend brunch. \$7 Bloody Mimosas & Bloody Mary's
- Happy Hours: Wed. -Sat. 4-6:00 p.m. & Sun. 3-6:00 p.m.
- Stop by for Taco Tues., Steak Night Wed & Fried Chicken Thurs
- Dj and Nightlife Friday & Saturdays.

60 N. Venice Blvd. (steps from the beach and boardwalk)  
(310) 823-5396 | [jamesbeach.com](http://jamesbeach.com)

# FOOD & DRINKS

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Photo courtesy of La Cabaña



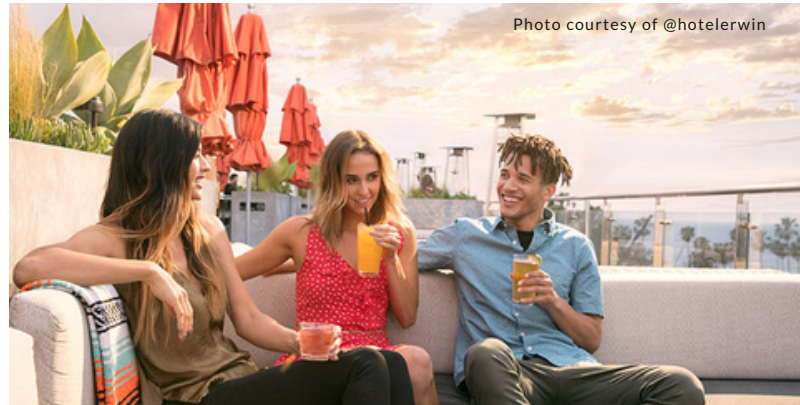
### LA CABAÑA

La Cabaña is proud to say it has been offering a Genuine Taste of Mexico in Venice since 1963. What was once a small thatched roof hut or "cabaña" marked the beginning of the restaurant's history. Over the years, La Cabaña has flourished into a landmark restaurant in Venice, California that has remained true to its heritage.

- La Cabaña is known for their handmade tortillas, margaritas, and large fiestas!
- Open until 1:00 a.m. on Fri. & Sat

738 Rose Ave., Venice, CA 90291  
(310) 392-7973 | [lacabanavenice.com](http://lacabanavenice.com)

Photo courtesy of @hotelerwin



### HIGH ROOFTOP LOUNGE

Craft Cocktails + Beer + Eats + STUNNING SUNSETS on tap at Venice's #1 beachside rooftop bar.

- Mon.-Thurs. 3 - 10:00 p.m.
- Sat. 3 - 11:00 p.m.
- Sat. 11 a.m. - midnight
- Sun. 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Sat. & Sun. Weekend brunch with live DJ, and a new menu by Exec. Chef Mason Royal. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

1697 Pacific Ave. (Steps from the Venice Sign & boardwalk.)  
(424) 214-1062 | [hotelerwin.com](http://hotelerwin.com)



### VENICE WHALER

The Venice Whaler, a local institution, welcoming locals and visitors alike, since 1944. We've been an escape from reality, a place for celebration, and a favorite watering hole to numerous artists including the Doors, Beatles, and Beach Boys. So whether it's our magical sunsets, our killer margaritas, or our world famous fish tacos that brought you in, we invite you to stay a while and join us in the same toast that we've been raising since 1944 - TO LIFE!

- Open daily! Mon.- Fri. 11:00 a.m. - 2 a.m. and Sat.- Sun. 9 a.m.-2 a.m

10 Washington Blvd. Venice, Ca 90291 (Located by the Venice Pier)  
310-821-8737 | [VeniceWhaler.com](http://VeniceWhaler.com)



Photo courtesy of @hotelerwin

### ERWIN'S GENERAL + VENICE WAY PIZZA @HOTELERWIN

**Erwin's General** offers breakfast, coffee, booze, and snacks.

- Open Wednesday - Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Venice Way Pizza:** Pizza made with seasonal ingredients & all from scratch, house recipes!

- Take out and pick up hours: Wednesday - Sunday | 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Erwin's General and Venice Way Pizza are located at Hotel Erwin.  
1697 Pacific Ave. (Steps from the Venice Sign & Boardwalk.)  
(310) 452.1111. Extension 163 | [hotelerwin.com](http://hotelerwin.com)

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VISIT VENICE CALIFORNIA

# FOOD & DRINKS

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Photo courtesy of Nighthawk

### NIGHTHAWK: BREAKFAST BAR

Nighthawk: Breakfast Bar serves up elevated breakfast-themed fare and cocktails in Venice Beach. The food menu includes items such as a breakfast burger, Benedict fries, candied bacon and tots, and homemade brandy-infused french toast. The cocktail list includes spiked cereal milks, a Banh Michelada, and alcoholic coffee drinks.

- Tues.-Sun, 10:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.
- Endless Pancake Breakfast available Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily and ALL DAY on Fridays
- endless mimosas every Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

417 Washington Boulevard, Venice, CA 90292  
424.835.4556. [nighthawkrestaurants.com](http://nighthawkrestaurants.com)



Photo courtesy of Tony Ps

### TONY P'S DOCKSIDE GRILL

Located on the water in Marina del Rey, Tony P's is a local legend. Steaks, seafood, pasta, burgers, sandwiches, and much more, paired with a full bar, on site sports tavern, and patio with a view of the marina have earned Tony P's the label community favorite. As well, they have all the major sporting events on in Tony P's tavern.

- Sunday brunch with bottomless mimosas and Bloody Mary's. Opens at 9:30 a.m.
- Happy hour is weekdays 3-6:00 p.m. and goes until 7:00 p.m. on Friday.
- Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m. -9/10:00 p.m.

4445 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292.  
(310) 823.4534. [tonyys.com](http://tonyys.com)

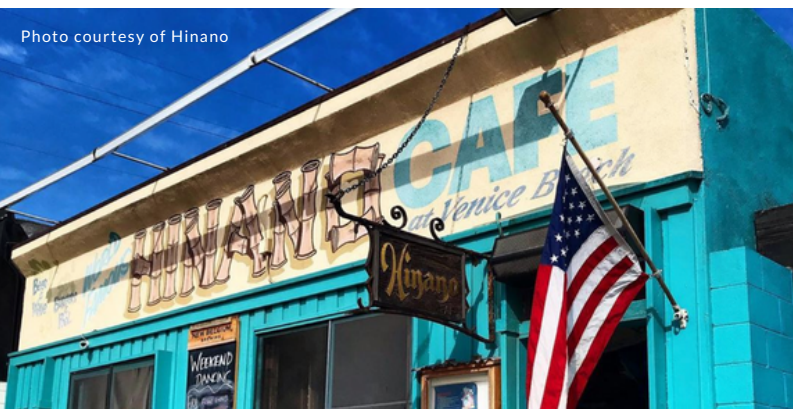


Photo courtesy of Hinano

### HINANO CAFE

We've been serving world-famous burgers and cold beers just steps from the Venice Beach pier since 1962. Notorious for being Jim Morrison's favorite Venice hangout.

- Open daily 8:00 a.m -12:00 a.m. (except Christmas & Thanksgiving)
- Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 4:00 -8:00 p.m.
- Daily Drink Specials
- Daily Breakfast 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

15 Washington Blvd., Venice, CA 90292. (by the Venice Pier)  
(310) 822-3902 [HinanoCafeVenice.com](http://HinanoCafeVenice.com)



Photo courtesy of Firestone Walker -Venice

### FIRESTONE WALKER - VENICE

Firestone Walker Venice, a.k.a. "The Propagator," is a hub of ideas, flavors and beers that are unique to, and inspired by, our Venice neighborhood. Join us here for food, Venice-made exclusive brews, growler fills, FW swag and most importantly, good times

- Taproom (310) 439.8264
  - Store (310) 740.9060
- Open:
- Mon. – Thurs. 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
  - Fri. 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
  - Sat: 11.00am – 10.00pm
  - Sun: 11.00am – 9.00pm

3205 Washington Blvd. Marina Del Rey, CA 90292  
[firestonebeer.com/venice](http://firestonebeer.com/venice)

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Photo courtesy of Nueva



### NUEVA

Nueva is a fun, relaxed Cantina with a modern approach to classic dishes from Mexico from Chefs Vartan Abgaryan and Jonathan Paiz. Nueva also features a vast Tequila, Mezcal, Bacanora, Raicilla, and Sotol collection.

- Mon. -Thurs. 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Fri. 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Sun. 10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Happy Hour in the Bar, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Friday - Sunday

822 Washington Blvd, Venice, CA 90292, (310)-747-6050  
[nuevavenice.com](http://nuevavenice.com)



### THE VENICE WEST

Welcome to The Venice West! Our venue is the culmination of a few longtime local friends who love live music and grew frustrated with having very few places on the west side that could deliver on a consistent basis.

The Venice West is about community. Our goal is simple: create a welcome place for music fans and artists alike to enjoy consistently great food, music, and good times. We are humble in our approach and appreciative of your feedback so please don't be shy and let us know what you think. Thank you and we hope you enjoy the show!

- Open Thurs. - Sun.
- Doors at 5:00 p.m.

1717 Lincoln Blvd. Venice, CA 90291,  
[thevenicewest.com](http://thevenicewest.com)

Photo courtesy of Winston House



### THE WINSTON HOUSE

Winston House began as a grassroots movement to bring more live music to Venice, CA. Before we even had a name or knew what we were doing, we were throwing concerts in living rooms because it's what we loved to do. The growth we've experienced over the last few years has blown us away and we're grateful to every single person who has supported us. The house offers a restaurant, bar, one-of-a-kind live music experiences, and will serve as a community space for artists and music lovers. We look forward to hosting you!

- Open Thurs.- Sat. for dinner 6-9 p.m, reservations required
- Walk ins welcome for dinner or bar after 10:00 pm

23 Windward Ave Venice, CA, 90291  
[winstonhouse.com](http://winstonhouse.com)



Photos courtesy of Chica's Tacos

### CHICA'S TACOS

Chica's Tacos was born in the streets of Los Angeles in 2016 while searching for fresh, healthy versions of the Southern California street tacos we grew up with and love so much. Bold yet balanced tacos rooted in Mexican tradition made fresh daily with better ingredients and wrapped in love – that's Chica's Tacos.

- Open Sun 11:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Brunch served Sat. & Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m

225 Lincoln Blvd. Venice, CA. 902916 (310) 789-2066  
[chicastacos.com](http://chicastacos.com)

# CANNABIS • ICE CREAM • SURF/SKATE

## VP'S TOP PICKS



### THE GREEN GODDESS COLLECTIVE

The Green Goddess Collective is a pioneer in the cannabis industry, one of the original retail locations in Los Angeles and the Nation. Their vision is simple; the highest quality curated products delivered by the most knowledgeable staff in the industry. Shop local at Green Goddess Collective! Serving Venice since 2006!

- Call to place an order at (844)-420-8442. FREE DELIVERY within 5 miles for orders \$50 and up! (\$5 delivery fee if under \$50)
  - Mon. – Thurs., & on Sun.: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fri and Sat.: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 1716 Main Street, Venice CA 90291  
Order online at [GreenGoddessCollective.com](https://www.GreenGoddessCollective.com)



### BEN AND JERRY'S VENICE

Life is better with Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and Ice Cream Cakes! Head into locally owned and operated ice cream shop on the world famous Venice Beach Boardwalk!

Open daily: 12:00-8:00 p.m.  
1307 Ocean Front Walk. Venice, CA. 90291  
[benjerry.com/venicebeach](https://benjerry.com/venicebeach).



### ARBOR COLLECTIVE

Located right by the Venice pier, the Arbor Venice location is the ideal place to see all the newest Arbor Products from snowboards to skateboards and clothing to accessories. Arbor Retail Showroom and HQ offers superior customer service and knowledgeability when it comes to snowboarding, skateboarding, and surfing.

102 Washington Blvd, Venice, California, 90291  
310-577-1131  
[arborcollective.com/pages/arbor-flagship-venice-ca](https://arborcollective.com/pages/arbor-flagship-venice-ca)



### JAY'S RENTALS

Jay's Rental has been assisting tourist and locals in Venice Beach since 1996. Bikes, Boards, Skates and all your beach needs can be found at Jay's Rentals.

1501 Ocean Front Walk. Venice, Ca 90291  
310) 392-7306 | [jaysrentalsvb.com](https://jaysrentalsvb.com)

### BEACH NOW

Consider Beach Now your personal beach concierge to handle everything you need for a stress-free day in the sun. Just show up with yourself and your friends and family, and they will provide the rest!

[BeachNow.me](https://BeachNow.me)

# ART • THEATRE • BOOK STORE

## VP'S TOP PICKS



### BEYOND BAROQUE

Beyond Baroque is one of the leading independent literary arts centers and public spaces dedicated to expanding the public's knowledge of poetry, literature, and art through cultural events and community interaction. The center offers a diverse variety of literary and arts programming including readings, workshops, new music, and education, plus a bookstore.

Founded in 1968, Beyond Baroque is based out of the original Venice City Hall building. [beyondbaroque.org](http://beyondbaroque.org)



Photo courtesy of PRT  
RIP Orson Bean

### PACIFIC RESIDENT THEATRE

Celebrating over 30 years in Venice, CA, PRT is a resident company of actors, directors, and playwrights dedicated to producing rarely seen gems and new plays for our mainstage season, developing new works and re-invigorating classics in our co-op workshop space and providing opportunities for artists and craftsmen to nourish and enrich their skills.

For tickets and calendar: [pacificresidenttheatre.com](http://pacificresidenttheatre.com)



### S.P.A.R.C. SOCIAL AND PUBLIC ART RESOURCE CENTER

SPARC's intent is to examine what we choose to memorialize through public art, to devise and innovate excellent art pieces; and ultimately, to provide empowerment through participatory processes to residents and communities excluded from civic debate. SPARC's works are never simply individually authored endeavors, but rather a collaboration between artists and communities, resulting in art which rises from within the community, rather than being imposed upon it.

Founded in 1977, SPARC is based out of the Old Venice Police Station. [sparcinla.org](http://sparcinla.org)



### SMALL WORLD BOOKS

Small World Books is an unusual purveyor of literature, dedicated to the principle that the book you want is the book you should have. We are a general bookstore and carry a wide selection of titles published by both major and small presses.

Located on the Venice Boardwalk, next door to The Sidewalk Cafe, 1401 Ocean Front Walk. [smallworldbooks.com](http://smallworldbooks.com)

### VENICE ART CRAWL

The Venice Art Crawl's goal is to share, inspire and promote collaboration within the Venice community through mixers and art events. For event dates: [veniceartcrawl.com](http://veniceartcrawl.com)

# VENICE NIGHTLIFE

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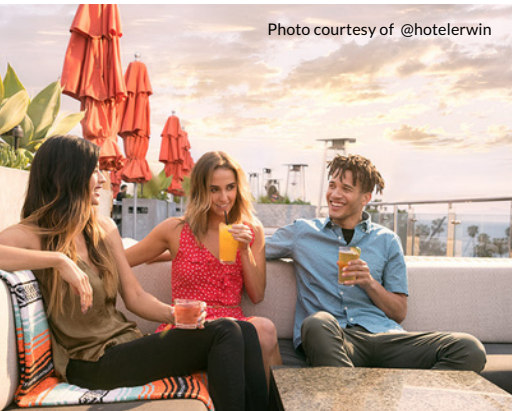


Photo courtesy of @hotelerwin

### SUNSET, DJ AND COCKTAILS AT HIGH ROOFTOP LOUNGE

As the only rooftop bar in Venice Beach, you can count on epic sunset views year round. The chill vibe changes nightly and our bartenders keep the drinks flowing. No cover charges and new seasonal menus, along with great programming and curated music have earned High accolades such as Best Ambiance, the Best Hot Spot and the Best Scenic View in Venice.

[hotelerwin.com](http://hotelerwin.com)



### LIVE MUSIC AT THE VENICE WEST

Venice's newest live music venue pays tribute to the Beatnik era in Venice. Cool decor, and showcasing a wide variety of musical genres, the acts never disappoint. Whether it is dinner and a show, or a punk rock concert, The Venice West is a must do. Open Thurs. - Sun. Doors at 5:00 pm

[thevenicewest.com](http://thevenicewest.com)



Photo courtesy of Winston House

### LIVE MUSIC AT THE WINSTON HOUSE

A home for live music in Venice. Open Thurs. - Sat. A house band, guest acts, dinner, late night dining, and more. Reservation recommended. Doors at 6:00 pm

[winstonhouse.com](http://winstonhouse.com)



### NIGHTLIFE HUBS

#### Boardwalk & Windward Ave:

The Waterfront, Venice Beach Bar, The Sidewalk Cafe, The Winston House, Townhouse, Hama Sushi, Belles Beach House

#### Washington Square:

Hinano, The Venice Whaler, Cabo Cantina, Baja Cantina, Mercedes's Grill

#### Abbot Kinney:

The Brig, Nueva, The Otheroom

#### Lincoln Blvd :

The Venice West, Firestone Walker Venice, La Cabana



### VENICE UNDERGROUND COMEDY + BOOTLEG BOMBSHELLS BURLESQUE

The Townhouse Del Monte features the crème de la crème of live entertainment including live music, DJ's, comedy and burlesque, five to seven nights per week. Wednesday night is home to their long running stand up comedy (9pm) & burlesque show (11 pm).

[townhousevenice.com](http://townhousevenice.com)  
[bootlegbombshells.com](http://bootlegbombshells.com)  
[facebook.com/veniceuground](https://facebook.com/veniceuground)



### DJ & COCKTAILS AT JAMES' BEACH

This iconic Venice restaurant turns into a nightlife hotspot on Fri. & Sat. night, complete with a DJ.

[jamesbeach.com](http://jamesbeach.com)

*Venice Events Calendar*  
VENICEBEACHFUN.COM

# & ONGOING EVENTS

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### LIVE MUSIC VENUES

#### On/by the Venice Boardwalk

- **Winston House.** [winstonhouse.com](http://winstonhouse.com)
- Townhouse
- Venice Beach Bar

#### On Washington Square (By the Venice Pier)

- **Hinano.** [hinanocafevenice.com](http://hinanocafevenice.com)

#### Off the Venice Boardwalk

- **The Venice West.** [thevenicewest.com](http://thevenicewest.com)



### FARMERS MARKET

#### Venice Farmers Market every Friday.

7:00-11:00 a.m. at Venice Blvd. and Venice Way.  
[venicefarmersmarket.com](http://venicefarmersmarket.com)

#### Mar Vista Farmers Market every Sunday.

Open Every Sunday Rain or shine. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Grand View @ Venice Blvd.  
[imavistafarmersmarket.org](http://imavistafarmersmarket.org)

#### Santa Monica Farmers Markets every Sunday

8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at 2640 Main St.  
[smgov.net/portals/farmersmarket](http://smgov.net/portals/farmersmarket)



### FOOD TRUCK EVENTS

#### First Fridays on Abbot Kinney Blvd.

Dozens of A-list Food Trucks.  
Every First Friday of the month.  
[abbotkinneyblvd.com/firstfridays](http://abbotkinneyblvd.com/firstfridays)

#### California Heritage Museum Food Trucks

Every Tuesday. 5-9 p.m.  
[bestfoodtrucks.com/lots/calmuseum](http://bestfoodtrucks.com/lots/calmuseum)

#### Marina del Rey's Beach Eats

Every Thursday, 5-9 p.m.  
[visitmarinadelrey.com/beacheats](http://visitmarinadelrey.com/beacheats)



### VENICE OCEANARIUM

The Venice Oceanarium hosts a variety of events aimed at attracting visitors to the beach and encouraging them to discover and learn about the ocean and the shore

The Venice Oceanarium sets up an exhibit at the Venice Pier most Sundays from approximately 11:30am - 2:30pm. Come join us and view our ever-changing presentation and display.

[veniceoceanarium.org](http://veniceoceanarium.org)



### BEST SPORTS BARS

#### On the Venice Boardwalk

- The Sidewalk Cafe, [thesidewalkcafe.com](http://thesidewalkcafe.com)

#### On Washington Square (By the Venice Pier)

- Hinano. **Pool table** also available.  
[hinanocafevenice.com](http://hinanocafevenice.com).

#### In the Marina/Marina del Rey

- Tony P's Tavern, [tonyps.com](http://tonyps.com)



### VENICE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE

Bring your bikes and lights. Pedicabs for families & beach cruisers are available to rent. Meet on the boardwalk at Windward Ave. every Sunday @ Sunset!

[veniceelectriclightparade.com](http://veniceelectriclightparade.com)

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[VENICEBEACHFUN.COM](http://VENICEBEACHFUN.COM)

# BEST BOARDWALK HOTELS

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*Spend the night  
in Venice!*

Partying, visiting, or just want a change in scenery? Make the end of your day the perfect get a way. You owe it to yourself. Indulge! Get a room in Venice Beach, and wake up to a beautiful sunrise on the majestic shores of the Pacific!



## HOTEL ERWIN

Venice is different. Sure, it's California, but it's an area of California unlike any other; an area that Hotel ERWIN has personified since the '70s with its eclectic décor, friendly staff, and predominant location right on Venice Beach and adjacent to the world-famous Venice Beach Boardwalk. From day one, Hotel ERWIN has offered guests an experience that could not be found anywhere else, and now, decades later, the hotel is still a go-to hotspot for locals, out-of-towners, and SoCal day-trippers.

1697 Pacific Ave, Venice, CA 90291  
Reservations: 800.786.7789. General Info: 310.452.1111  
[hotelerwin.com](http://hotelerwin.com)



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## VENICE BREEZE SUITES

Located in the heart of Venice Beach, Venice Breeze Suites offers comfortable hotel accommodations for short or long-term stays, including accessible guest rooms. All rooms feature flat-screen TVs with cable, kitchens, private bathrooms, cozy beds, and complimentary Wi-Fi. Enjoy a cup of coffee in your guest room while looking out at the sea or city. More on-site amenities include laundry facilities and a rooftop deck with the most gorgeous ocean views.

2 Breeze Avenue, Venice Beach, CA 90291  
Reservations: 310-566-2222  
[venicebreesesuites.com](http://venicebreesesuites.com)



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Experience Venice Beach like a local at the V— Venice's only beachfront lifestyle hotel, designed in a reimagined 1915 landmark that's just steps from Venice's legendary skate park, surf, eclectic dining, and entertainment.

5 Westminster Ave., Venice, Ca. 90291  
Reservations: 310.912.6488  
[VeniceVHotel.com](http://VeniceVHotel.com)

# VENICE'S NEIGHBORS & TOURS

## VP'S TOP PICKS



### MARINA DEL REY

Venice's neighbor to the south is the gem of L.A. and the crown of the coast. Whether you want sailing, fishing, paddle boarding, yachting, or any number of water based things, Marina del Rey is the jam. MDR. Fun fact: Marina del Rey's the Marina is the world's largest man-made small craft harbor with 19 marinas.

**Best MDR bar/restaurant/sports tavern:**

Tony P's Dockside Grill, [tonyps.com](http://tonyps.com)

[visitmarinadelrey.com](http://visitmarinadelrey.com) [beaches.lacounty.gov](http://beaches.lacounty.gov)



### SANTA MONICA PIER

Venice's neighbor to the north is Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Pier contains Pacific Park, a family amusement park with a solar powered ferris wheel. It also has a carousel from the 1920s, shops, entertainers, a video arcade, a trapeze school, & more. [santamonicipier.org](http://santamonicipier.org)

### HEAL THE BAY'S AQUARIUM

With over 100 local species on exhibit, hands-on activities for small fry, and daily educational programs, our award-winning Heal the Bay Aquarium is the perfect place to immerse yourself in marine science without getting your feet wet. [healthebay.org/aquarium](http://healthebay.org/aquarium)



### MAIN STREET SANTA MONICA

A Block Away From the Beach, A World Away From the Ordinary!

Main Street Santa Monica is a unique and eclectic collection of restaurants, boutiques, cafes, and various services stretching for about a mile from Pico south to the Santa Monica City limit.

[mainstreetsm.com](http://mainstreetsm.com)



### Venice Tours

[venicebiketours.com](http://venicebiketours.com)  
[venicebeachwalkingtours.com](http://venicebeachwalkingtours.com)  
[venicestreetarttours.com](http://venicestreetarttours.com)  
[venicepublicart.com](http://venicepublicart.com)

### FREE TOURS IN THIS MAGAZINE:

Pages 13-15. Venice Street Art & Murals Tour  
Pages 39-40. Venice Activities Checklist and Map  
Pages 41-42. Itineraries by Venice Paparazzi's Alex Stowell

# EXPLORE VENICE WITH OUR ACTIVITIES CHECKLIST & MAP!

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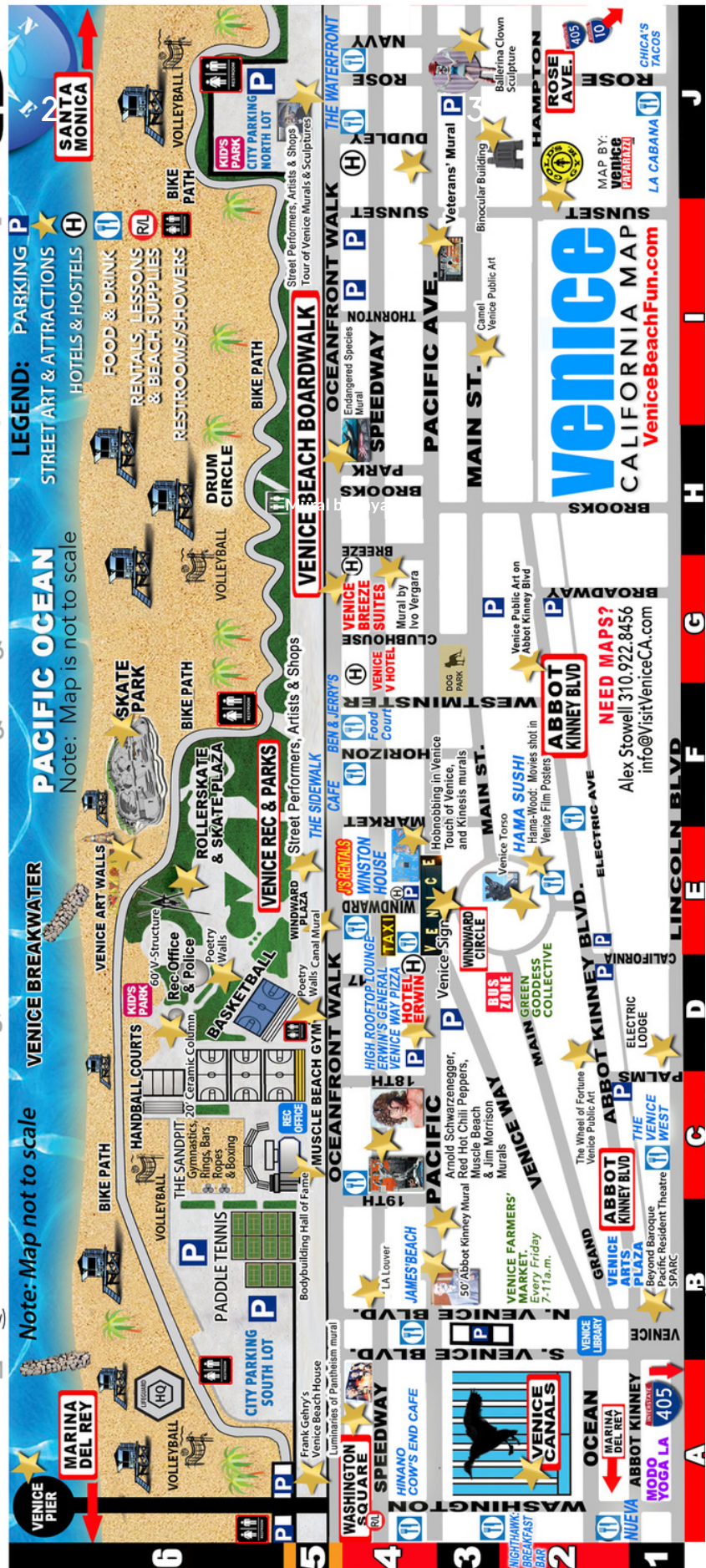
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# WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

## ITINERARIES AND IDEAS

There are a lot of super cool things to do in Venice. And, everybody has a different take on what the funnest activities are. So, we here at VisitVeniceCa.com have taken the liberty to design the perfect day for everyone! That is right. We have selected activities and made a schedule for you, based on your interests. Yes you! How cool! Whether you are an athlete or an artist, have kids or dogs, we have the perfect itinerary for you to maximize your day in the Venice. Enjoy!

### THE ATHLETE

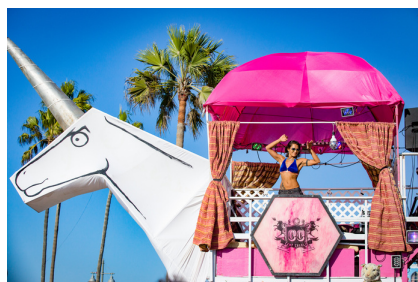


Wake up early, grab a 6:00 a.m. coffee at The Cow's End Cafe and hit the beach for a run and stretch. Or get a bodybuilder's start to day with a Cow's End protein shake or breakfast burrito. Then, get a day pass at either the world famous Muscle Beach Gym or Gold's Gym and grab a workout!

Afterward, you can go to the Sand Box at Muscle Beach (free) and stretch out, box, or do some bar work. Post workout, hit up one of the many rad restaurants in the area for all your recovery needs, and eat big! The head to the beach and rest. Perhaps take a swim in the mighty Pacific Ocean to loosen up and float your body. Later, you can get a second light workout in with an easy bike ride up the coast or slow jog on the beach. Or, you could hit up a hot yoga class at Modo Yoga LA to put the icing on the cake. As well, if you are into jiu jitsu, boxing, or kick boxing, there are a handful of training centers in the area that allow drop ins, and some even give a free class.

When it is time to eat, Hama Sushi, Chica's Tacos, Nueva, Nighthawk Breakfast Bar, and The Waterfront all have options with the lean and mean in mind! Now get some rest and let's go hard again tomorrow.

### FEEL GOOD, EXPLORE, AND CHILL



Start your day with a drip coffee on Abbot Kinney Blvd. and hit the 6:30 or 8:00 a.m. hot yoga class at the Modo Yoga LA. Then grab a juice at The Cow's End for your stroll to the beach, after which you chill out and handle your computer business. An afternoon of exploring includes the Venice Pier, Oceanfront Walk, Abbot Kinney Blvd, Washington Square, and our street art tour on pages 21-22.

**Do you like cannabis?** The Green Goddess Collective has a fantastic selection of flowers and edibles to choose from, so stop by and add a little elevation to your day!

Now it's time to get in the ocean and become one with the mighty Pacific! Float, swim, or splash around, you will be glad you did. Follow this with a walk or jog up the beach while watching the sunset.

By now it's time for a drink. Head to High Rooftop Lounge, grab an organic cucumber cocktail and relax. You might as well get a room in the super chic world famous boutique hotel so that you can walk to the many local night life spots, including The Winston House.

### THE ART AFFICIANDO



Wake up, grab a coffee at The Cow's End Bar and drink it down while walking out famous self guided street mural tour on pages 21-22.

Next head to the beach front graffiti walls and giant V structure for some more super cool paintings. Spend the afternoon gallery hopping around Rose Ave., Abbot Kinney Blvd. and N. Venice Blvd which are all home to a slew of galleries. James Beach would be a good choice for dinner. They showcase local artists throughout their restaurant and are right across the street from LA Louvre and Schumalt Gallery. As well, the walls are adorned with paintings by owner Danny Samakow, who is a Cal Arts graduate.

For the evenings entertainment hit the world famous Pacific Resident's Theatre for a show. Then head to with The Winston House, Hinano or The Venice West for live music.

# DAY TRIPS

ITINERARIES & IDEAS

*Who are you rolling with?*

## TODDLERS IN TOW



Wake up early and head to the kids play area on the beach. There are swings, slides, monkey bars, and more for your kids play on and explore. Next up, head to the beach. There is probably nothing more fun than a day spent swimming, splashing, riding waves, building sand castles, and spotting dolphins. And while you are on the beach, take a few minutes to walk over to the ocean front skate park and watch the action. Next, head to The Cow's End for a free children's sing-a-long/music class. (M. & Th. 10:30- 11:15 a.m.)

When lunch time rolls around, head to The Sidewalk Cafe! The boardwalk's oldest restaurant has great prices, big portions, is family friendly, and has the best people watching around. For the afternoon adventure, rent some bikes at Jay's Rentals and cruise the coast! They have kids bikes of all makes and models, including passenger carts.

For Dinner, La Cabana, Venice Tap room at Firestone Walker, or Tony P's in the Marina are three of the best family restaurants around. And, they have adult beverages as well, which you will probably be looking forward to at this point. Rinse and repeat!

## FAMILY FUN WITH TEENS AND TWEENS



Get up early and head straight to the beach! Let the kids blow off some steam by body surfing and playing ball! Next up, skateboard lessons!

Hit up Jay's Rentals and treat your youngsters to an hour of upping their skate game in the town that started it all. Explore Venice with the free Venice Activities Checklist and map on pages 41 & 42.

Now it is time for a game of basketball on the world famous Venice Beach Rec. Center courts.

Ball rental is free with I.D. at the park office. Lunch at the Sidewalk Cafe is perfect! They are a fantastic, family friendly choice with excellent people watching.

Head to the Venice Pier and check out the Venice Oceanarium, an educational experience for kids.

For dinner, grab pizza slices at Venice Way Pizza and take it on a long sunset walk on the boardwalk to check out all the fantastic street art and take in the sights. Get those kids to bed early and do it again the next day!

## A DAY WITH DOGS



Start off with a trip to the dog park and do some socializing. Venice has a giant, off leash dog park located on Pacific between Westminster and Horizon. After that, grab some breakfast to go at Erwin's General or chill outside with your pup at Hinano's. Then it is time to see the sights! Take a nice long stroll along the boardwalk from the Venice Pier all the way north to the Santa Monica border. There are many stores along the way that provide water for dogs, and right at the end of your walk is The Waterfront, a kick ass, dog friendly restaurant with amazing food and ice cold tasty beverages. Chill here for a while and enjoy! A second trip to the dog park is always a welcome idea, or the large grass patch directly east of the Lifeguard HQ in the Venice Blvd. County parking lot has a bustling dog scene as well. Eat up, rest up, and do it again!

# VENICE SUNSETS

Every sunset brings a promise of a new day!

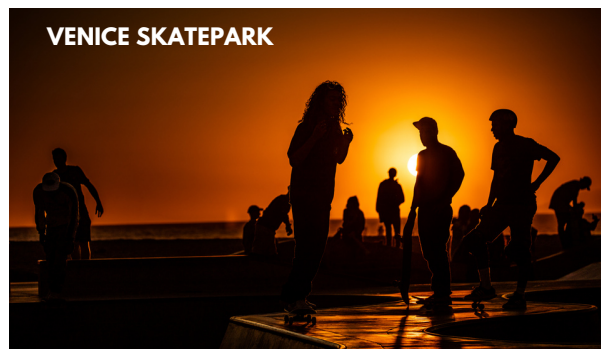




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ADMISSION IS FREE.



**VENICE SKATEPARK**



**VENICE BOARDWALK AT WINDWARD AVE.**



**VENICE PIER**



**MARINA DEL REY**



**THE BEACH**



**VENICE BREAKWATER**





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# VENICE INFORMATION

## GENERAL INFO:

- Professional lifeguards begin patrolling from 8:00 am 'til sunset (6 pm) and in summer from 7 am 'til sunset (around 8:30pm). (Daylight hours)
- The Venice Boardwalk and Venice Pier are closed from 2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. everyday.
- Performing and vending on the boardwalk in the properly zoned area, north of 17th ave. - Navy is permissible from 9:00 a.m. - sunset each day.
- Stores and shops on the east side of the boardwalk open between 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., and usually close around sunset. Tattoo shops stay open later.
- Venice Recreation Center opens at 8:00 a.m. daily. The park is closed from midnight to 5:00 a.m.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- Visit Venice California: (310) 745.1064
- Venice Recreation Center: (310) 399.2775 or (310) 396.6774
- LAPD: 911
- LAPD Substation. 1530 Ocean Front Walk (310)-392.5131
- Beaches and Harbors at (424) 526.7777
- Lifeguard Emergency: (310) 394.3261
- Venice Bid: 310.396-VBID (8243)

## WEBSITES:

- [VisitVeniceCA.com](http://VisitVeniceCA.com)
- [VenicePaparazzi.com](http://VenicePaparazzi.com), a.k.a. [VeniceBeachFun.com](http://VeniceBeachFun.com)
- [venicechamber.net](http://venicechamber.net)
- [laparks.org/venice](http://laparks.org/venice)
- [beaches.lacounty.gov/venice-beach](http://beaches.lacounty.gov/venice-beach)
- [visitcalifornia.com/attraction/venice](http://visitcalifornia.com/attraction/venice)
- [venicebeachbid.com](http://venicebeachbid.com)
- [abbotkinneyblvd.com](http://abbotkinneyblvd.com)

## LIVE CAMS:

- Live cam of the Venice Boardwalk from the Sidewalk Cafe on [westland.net/beachcam](http://westland.net/beachcam)
- Live surf cam of the Venice Pier, Venice Beach, and the Venice Breakwater on [surflife.com](http://surflife.com)
- Live cam of the skatepark on [facebook.com/theveniceskatepark](http://facebook.com/theveniceskatepark)
- Live cam of Muscle Beach Gym, Venice Beach, and the Boardwalk on [MuscleBeach.com](http://MuscleBeach.com)

## FREE BOARDWALK & BEACH WIFI:

- Select "Oh, Ranger!Wi-Fi" Network



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# FAQ'S & VISITORS TIPS

## BOARDWALK INFO:

- The Venice Boardwalk is actually named Ocean Front Walk and is governed as a park.
- Venice Boardwalk/Ocean Front Walk is closed from 2:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.
- No animals allowed in children's play area
- Do not walk on the Venice Bike Path. It is meant for bikes only!
- No bicycles or scooters on the Ocean Front Walk. Use the bike path or speedway (street east and parallel to the Venice Boardwalk)
- No smoking, or using electric smoking devices on park grounds, the beach, and anywhere west of the Venice Boardwalk. These areas are smoke free zones.
- Smoking is prohibited in outdoor dining areas in the City of Los Angeles, including restaurant patios, cafes, food courts, and the public space surrounding food carts, food kiosks, and mobile food trucks.

## WEATHER:

- The weather in Venice is unpredictable. Bring a sweater. Sweatshirts can run as low as \$19.99 and can be purchased a number of shops along the boardwalk.

## BEACH INFO:

- No alcohol or smoking/vaping on the beach
- No BBQ pits on Venice Beach
- Ask the lifeguard about rip currents
- Look for the swim/surf flags and stay in the proper area
- Beware of rip tides (a strong flow of water near the shore). Escape the current by swimming in a direction parallel to shore.
- Wear plenty of sunscreen.
- Stay out of the surf zone marked off by flags and signs
- If you need more tips, ask a lifeguard before you go in the water.

## CONCIERGE, RENTALS & STORAGE:

- Jay's Rentals offers luggage storage, bike, blades, boards, beach wheel chairs, and all beach rentals. 1501 Ocean Front Walk. (310) 392-7306 [jayrentalsVB.com](http://jayrentalsVB.com).
- Have the ultimate beach day experience with BeachNow.me, a beach concierge service. They will bring you chairs, umbrellas, games, towels, and more.

## NEED A VACATION PHOTOGRAPHER?

- Hire Venice Paparazzi to capture your Venice Beach fun moments. [HireVP.com](http://HireVP.com), 310.922.8456



# BOARDWALK/BEACH PARKING

## LA COUNTY BEACHES & HARBORS MANAGES THE 3 PUBLIC LOTS ON THE VENICE BOARDWALK.

- **Venice Parking Lot** near Venice canals, Venice Recreation & Parks, Muscle Beach Gym, skate park, paddle & hand Ball courts. 2100 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, Ca 90291. (end of Venice Blvd. approximately 4 miles from the 405 freeway)
- **Rose Parking Lot:** 300 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, Ca. 90291. (end of Rose Ave.)
- **Washington Lot.** Near Venice Pier, Washington Square, and Venice canals. 3100 Washington Blvd., Venice, Ca 90291

**COST OF PARKING:** \$5-9 Winter months. \$5-18 Summer months.

For more info: [beaches.lacounty.gov/parking](https://beaches.lacounty.gov/parking) or Modern Parking at 310-821-1081

## PRIVATE PARKING LOTS BY THE BEACH

There are private parking lots near that can cost anywhere between \$5-\$30 per day. Be sure to state clearly how long you will be staying for and make sure the rate applies for the full time of the visit.

## HERE'S HOW TO AVOID GETTING PARKING TICKETS !

- Remember to be carefully read all signs when parking your car in Venice.
- Beware of the "red" no parking zones and "street cleaning" days.
- Avoid parking where the curbs are painted red, red means no parking.
- Pay attention to when your parking meter expires, the parking attendants are on it.

Parking in Venice fills up quickly, so come early to find street parking!

## DISABLED PERSON PARKING:

Vehicles displaying a legal disabled person placard or license plate may park for free at LA County-operated beach parking lots, only on non-holiday weekdays.



## ON DEMAND TRANSPORTATION:

- **CIRCUIT:** These are 5 passenger electric shuttles that offer free transportation everyday from 12 -9 p.m. They move between the Venice Pier, Abbot Kinney Blvd. and the marina. To get a ride, download the app "Circuit"
- **LANow** is an on demand shared-ride service. To get a ride, download the "LANow" app, phone 818-493-6211, or go online at [ladottransit.com/lanow](http://ladottransit.com/lanow)

## DOG INFO:

- Unfortunately dogs are not allowed on the beach
- Dogs are prohibited on Ocean Front Walk from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m on Sat., Sun. between Memorial Day & Labor Day.
- Pick up your dog's defecation or get a ticket!
- Check out Westminster off leash dog park, 1234 Pacific Ave. 2 blocks from beach. [venicedogpark.org](http://venicedogpark.org)
- The nearest vet is VCA Marina Bay Cities Animal Hospital, 2506 Lincoln Blvd. Venice, Ca. 310-306-8707
- It is cruel and against the law to leave your dog unattended in a car on a hot day.

## FIND INJURED WILDLIFE:

- Do not approach! Call 800.39. WHALE or 310.458.WILD or 310.457.9453

## SMOKING/VAPING/ALCOHOL

- No smoking/vaping or alcohol allowed anywhere in the park or on the beach.

## GROCERIES

- Venice Farmers Market every Friday, 7:00-11:00 a.m. at Venice Blvd. and Venice Way.

## BEER

Firestone Walker brews craft beer right here in Venice! Stop by the Taproom for a taste and get some to go at the Propagator. [firestonebeer.com/venice](http://firestonebeer.com/venice)

## TIPPING AT RESTAURANTS:

- 18-20% of your bill

## DON'T GET SCAMMED!

- When you park your vehicle, lock it. Hide it. Keep it!
- Don't leave your belongings unattended on the Venice Boardwalk.
- If someone walks up to you and hands you a CD and asks you your name and where you are from, they are going to write your name on the CD and demand money. So, if you don't want it, don't take it in your hands.
- The CBD stores on the boardwalk do not sell marijuana, they sell CBD products that contain no THC and do not get you high.

## KEEP VENICE CLEAN!

- Throw your trash in the garbage bins or take it home with you. Please don't litter!

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