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The irresistibility of California lies somewhere between its glittering Pacific Ocean beaches and the snowcapped Sierra Nevada mountains. Whether you come for the surf breaks or big breaks, the chilled vibe or the chilled wine, prepare to

**EXPERIENCE CALIFORNIA DREAMING AT ITS FINEST.**



Carlsbad's beaches are a stunning backdrop for family fun.

## Featured City LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles is best known for its glamorous side, but the City of Angels, which packs in 9.9 million residents (second only to New York City), also offers a rich mix of culture and cool. Known as the Creative Capital of the World, L.A. lives up to the name with its innovative dining, invigorated art scene, and high-wattage talent.

### SIP

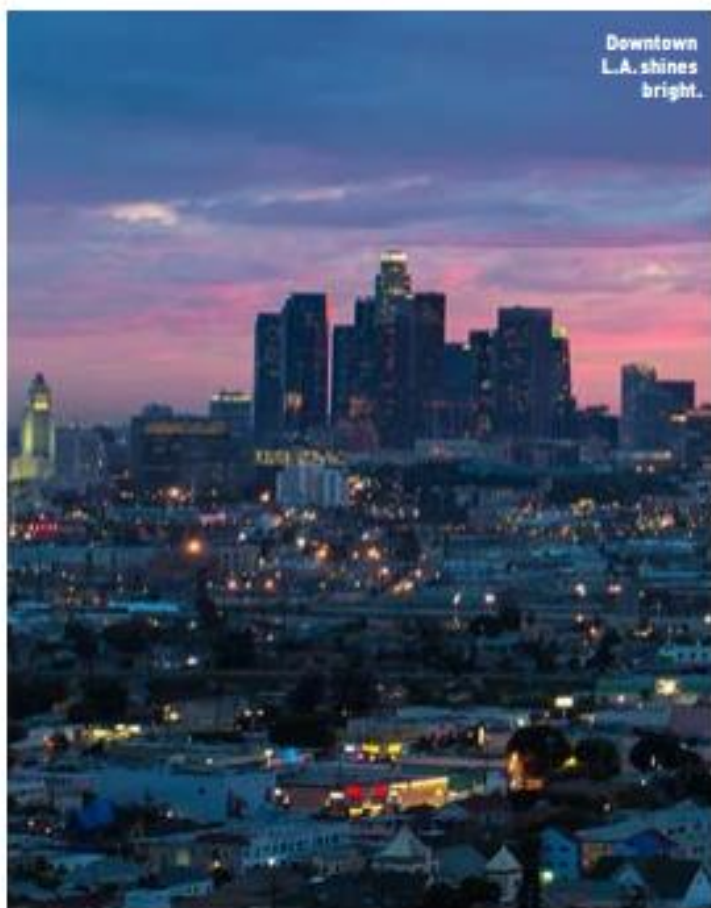
Hip hotel pools are as plentiful as A-listers in Tinseltown. Park yourself in a poolside cabana at the tucked-away Kelly Wearstler-designed Avalon Hotel Beverly Hills, where the freshly muddled mojitos flow from the hotel restaurant and bar Oliverio.

### CHEW

Food is serious business in L.A., including ones on four wheels. Lines hundreds of people deep wrap around the cult Korean and Mexican street food fusion food truck Kogi, best known for its short-rib taco. Angelenos are currently loving the seasonal California cuisine at downtown's Alma restaurant, lauded for being *Bon Appétit's* 2013 pick for Best New Restaurant in America.

### DO

With more museums than any city in America, you can make a day out of gallery-hopping in the NoHo Arts District and at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) for its outdoor Friday jazz nights. Because celeb sighting is a quintessential L.A. pleasure, guarantee your odds with a visit to Madame Tussauds Hollywood. With 120 interactive wax figures and experiences, find your favorite stars, including the newest figure of internationally renowned DJ Tiësto. You never know whom you'll bump into during the two-hour Warner Bros. Studio VIP Tour, a behind-the-scenes peek inside sound stages, prop closets, and film sets.



Downtown  
L.A. shines  
bright.

### CHUMASH

Escape the city lights of L.A. for laid-back Santa Barbara, just a scenic 95-mile drive north. Host a girlfriend getaway at the AAA Four Diamond awarded Chumash Casino Resort, set in the heart of the Santa Ynez Valley wine country. The Spa promises the ultimate recharge with a Chumash Indian-inspired Samala Stone Massage, while The Willows restaurant offers maximum indulgence with the saffron-laced cioppino,

best paired with a local pinot noir. Let the 2,000 slot machines and dozens of game tables round out the weekend, along with live performances by

Grammy-winning R&B singer Gladys Knight and Mexico's beloved band Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, before retiring to one of 106 well-appointed rooms.

