

328 West Hollywood Halloween Carnival

The much-anticipated West Hollywood Costume Carnival takes place annually along Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood. From divas to drag queens to Dracula, more than 400,000 people participate in one of the world's largest colorful Mardi Gras-style street celebrations. It's truly the place to see and be seen as Halloween revelers show-off their creative flair by strolling the beautiful boulevard in original and outrageous costumes.

WHEN: **October 31, 6:00 p.m. until the ghouls go away**
SITE: Santa Monica Boulevard between La Cienega and Doheny Dr., West Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of West Hollywood
INFO: 323-848-6400, www.visitwesthollywood.com

329 Warner Park Fine Arts and Crafts Show

One hundred artists will display their original work in the beautiful outdoor setting of Warner Park. Work on display will include acrylics, oils, watercolors, sculptures, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, turned wood, and many other mediums of fine crafts.

WHEN: **October 31 & November 1, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Warner Park, 5900 Topanga Cyn. Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: West Coast Artists
INFO: 818-709-2907, www.westcoartists.com

NOVEMBER

330 Los Angeles Storytelling Festival

This is an all-day event celebrating the art of storytelling with concerts and workshops.

WHEN: **November To Be Announced, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Check website
COST: \$40
SPONSOR: LA Storytelling Festival
INFO: www.storytellingfestival.com

331 9th Annual Día de los Muertos Festival



The annual street festival is a traditional cultural event that celebrates the ancient Mexican and Central American traditions of paying homage to loved ones who have passed. Festivities are continuous all day in historic Downtown Canoga Park, recipient of the All-American City Award, and showcase live musical entertainment, vendors, international foods, calaveras, artists' exhibits, altar displays, a children's art pavilion, and a large classic car show.

WHEN: **November 1, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Sherman Way between Canoga and Jordan Ave., Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Main Street Canoga Park, Councilman Dennis P. Zine, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
INFO: 818-346-4892, www.mainstreetcanogapark.org

332 Día de los Muertos en Hollywood

Spectacular altars, theater presentations on six different stages, authentic Mexican cuisine, 20-foot walking skeletons, torch-lit paths, Aztec music, and ceremonial dancers enchant this festival.

WHEN: **November 1, 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
SITE: Hollywood Forever Cemetery, 6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Hollywood Forever Cemetery
INFO: 323-447-0999, www.ladayofthedead.com

333 Día de los Muertos

Colorful, ancient Mexican ceremony in remembrance of departed loved ones, with beautifully decorated altars, entertainment, and a procession. Pre-Colombian Novenario procession and blessings each night beginning October 25 through November 2.

WHEN: **November 1 & 2, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

334 1st Thursday San Pedro ART Walk

On the first Thursday of each month, the artists, entertainers, and business people of San Pedro celebrate the arts with an evening of open galleries, studios, street vendors, and live entertainment in the downtown San Pedro Arts District. Downtown San Pedro is magically transformed into a village of creativity surrounded by historical architecture, including the magnificent Warner Grand Theatre, quaint restaurants and cafes, plus plenty of places to shop for unusual items and gifts. Bring the whole family for an enjoyable evening in this seaside village.

WHEN: **November 5, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown San Pedro between 4th & 8th Sts.
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
INFO: www.1stthursday.com

335 Annual FITLA International Latino Theatre Festival of Los Angeles

This festival is a showcase for Latino Theater in the United States and abroad, giving the opportunity for playwrights, directors, and actors who represent the vast spectrum of Latino cultures to exhibit and compare their works. Ongoing series of forums and workshops are available.

WHEN: **November 6 through 22, Check website for times**
SITE: Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 Cahuenga Blvd, Hollywood; Los Angeles & The Getty Villa
COST: \$20 - \$15
SPONSOR: FITLA
INFO: 323-960-5132, www.fitla.org



336 Undiscovered Chinatown Tour

Tours take visitors to a number of off-the-beaten-track points of cultural and historical interest, and will guide those interested in shopping to some of Chinatown's best bargains and trendiest shops.

WHEN: **November 7, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown
COST: \$20
SPONSOR: Chinatown Business Improvement District
INFO: 213-680-0243, www.chinatownla.com

337 Autumn Festival

Delve into the arts, cuisines, cultures, and marine environments of Asia during the Aquarium of the Pacific's seventh annual Autumn Festival. The event will focus on the traditions and cultures of Japan, China, Korea, and the Philippines through a weekend of learning opportunities and family entertainment to celebrate the richness and diversity of Asian and Asian American cultures. Autumn festival is a joint project of the Aquarium of the Pacific and RYOMA.



Aquarium of the Pacific

WHEN: November 7 & 8, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach
COST: Free with Aquarium Admission. Admission Cost: \$20.95 Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members
SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach
INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org

338 Downtown Burbank Fine Arts Festival

The festival includes the exhibition of 90 artists who will display their original work in Downtown Burbank. All work will be available for purchase. Chalk painting artists and continuous live entertainment will also highlight this event.

WHEN: November 7 & 8, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: 100 San Fernando Blvd. between Magnolia and Olive Ave., Downtown Burbank
COST: Free
SPONSOR: West Coast Artists
INFO: www.westcoartists.com, www.downtown-burbank.org

339 Downtown Art Walk

The Downtown Art Walk is a monthly, self-guided tour of the art exhibition venues in Downtown Los Angeles, which includes commercial art galleries, public museums, non-profit spaces, and grassroots arts venues.

WHEN: November 12, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

340 27th Annual Garifuna Settlement Day

This festival marks the arrival of Garifuna ancestors from St. Vincent to Belize, a dangerous exodus taken to ensure that their rich culture remained intact.

WHEN: November 14, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: St. Raphael Church Yard, 946 W. 71st St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Garifuna Settlement Day Group
INFO: 323-234-8202

341 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last Saturday of the month that brings big crowds to stroll the streets. Over a dozen galleries host receptions and open houses to showcase their latest exhibits and artists. Music, food, wine, and art from 6:00 p.m. on into the evening.

WHEN: November 14 & 28, 5:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
SITE: Garey Park, 2nd & 3rd, Downtown Pomona
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Pomona Arts Colony
INFO: www.metropomona.com

342 12th Annual Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

Situated amid the downtown skyscrapers, the rink will be open for ice skating daily, including holidays. There will also be a variety of free activities, including concerts covering an array of genres, youth hockey clinics, the Winter Holiday Festival, a preview of an upcoming Disney on Ice production, and more.

WHEN: November 19 through January 19, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: \$8 per hour
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Kings & City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 213-847-4970, www.laparks.org

343 12th Annual Mariachi Festival

This is a celebration of the Mariachi tradition with performances, education, and children's art activities to preserve global diversity in Mariachi music.

WHEN: November 22, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
SITE: 1st st. And Boyle, Boyle Heights
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce & Mothers of East L.A.
INFO: 818-509-0088

334 14th Annual Holiday Light Festival

One of the largest holiday-themed events in Southern California, this attraction features a mile-long stretch of lighted displays depicting various seasonal messages. The event can be enjoyed from within a vehicle, a free shuttle on weekends and nightly from December 18 to 30 from the Zoo parking lot, or during a casual walk. Special days have been set aside for bicyclists on November 23 and pedestrians on November 24 through December 6 only. It will be open for vehicles from December 12 to 30, during which time equestrians can go through from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with Park Rangers to keep riders and walkers safe.

WHEN: November 23 through December 30, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Griffith Park, along Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 323-913-4688, www.laparks.org

345 Reindeer Romp

Santa's Reindeer fly into the L.A. Zoo for Thanksgiving and stay until after the New Year. Kids of all ages can get up close to these beautiful creatures, talk to zookeepers, and make their own antlers and holiday crafts. Santa and friends will be available for souvenir photos and guests can ride the L.A. Zoo Choo Choo train.

WHEN: November 26 through January 3, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$12 Adults, \$7 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

346 Bones and Blues

Bones and Blues is a monthly concert series featuring live blues and jazz music, domino tournaments, and a hearty barbecue dinner.

WHEN: November 27, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Center, 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles
COST: \$15 presale, \$25 at the door
SPONSOR: Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)
INFO: 323-563-5639, www.wlcac.org

347 Train Ride to Santa's House

Ring in the season with a trip to the North Pole on the Travel Town Railroad, which will take passengers on a magical ride aboard a miniature train. At the end of the line will be Santa's house, brilliantly decorated with festive light displays and scenes of winter to put visitors of all ages in a jolly holiday mood. The Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum presents this annual holiday celebration.

WHEN: **November 28 - 29, December 4 - 6, 11 - 13, 16 - 23, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

SITE: Travel Town Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park, Los Angeles

COST: \$6 per round trip

SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

INFO: 323-661-8030, www.laparks.org

DECEMBER

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WHEN: **December through January 19, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., Downtown Los Angeles

COST: \$8 per hour

SPONSOR: Los Angeles Kings & City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

INFO: 213-847-4970, www.laparks.org

349 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

The City of Inglewood invites everyone to join Inglewood's Mayor and Council Members for the City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will include entertainment, arts and crafts, refreshments for all, and a special holiday visit by Santa.

WHEN: **December 3, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

SITE: Downtown Historic Market Street, 101 N. Market St., Inglewood

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of Inglewood

INFO: 310-412-8700

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WHEN: **December 3, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

SITE: Downtown San Pedro between 4th & 8th Sts.

COST: Free

SPONSOR: The San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

INFO: www.1stthursday.com