

SANTA MONICA

WEEKENDER

3PM: LET'S UNWINE'D

Unpack your bags, arrange your swimsuits in rainbow order in the hotel bureau, and head west to Ocean Avenue, which runs along fabled Palisades Park and is home to a lively string of eateries and bars. Look for Blue Plate's cheery striped awning, slip into a patio table, and order up some bivalves and Bordeaux Blanc.

○ **BLUE PLATE OYSTERETTE:** 1355 Ocean Ave. • 310.576.3474 • Daily 11:30a-10p

CELEB-WORTHY, OCEANFRONT, LIVING LIKE A LOCAL,
...MY TOP FIVE SANTA MONICA PILLOW PICKS. ➤

7PM: FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

If you're in the mood for a hint of LA glam, this sexy, buzzy Broadway Street wine bar will do. Have a candlelit aperitif, then take advantage of the warm evening air and walk over to rustic-chic Tar & Roses for a leisurely dinner.

○ **BODEGA WINE BAR:** 814 Broadway • 310.394.3504 • Daily 5p-2a (hh M-F 5-7pm)
○ **TAR & ROSES:** 602 Santa Monica Blvd. • 310.587.0700 • M-Sa 5:30-10:30p, Su til 9:30

9PM: NIGHTCAP

You've slurped, sipped and supped, but you're not ready to turn in yet. Walk the famous Third Street Promenade, catch a flick, or get your nightcap on—here are my five favorite Santa Monica watering holes. (All have A+ happy hours too.)

○ **BAR CHLOE:** (Swanky) 1449 2nd St. • 310.899.6999 • Mon-Sat, hours vary
○ **COPA D'ORO:** (Boisterous) 217 Broadway • 310.576.3030 • M-Sa, hours vary
○ **FATHER'S OFFICE:** (Beeriffic) 1018 Montana Ave. • 310.736.2224 • Daily, hours vary
○ **MICHAEL'S:** (All night happy hour) 1137 3rd St. • 310.451.0843 • M-Sa 5-10:30p
○ **THE MISFIT:** (Classic) 225 Santa Monica Blvd. • 310.656.9800 • Daily, hours vary

SATURDAY, 8AM: BEAN ME UP, SCOTTY

The ever-reliable California sun's up, the palm trees are beckoning, your alabaster legs are thrilled to be in shorts, and you're ready to go...once you've been properly caffeinated, that is. Here's my top downtown coffee shop, plus a nearby juice bar for those forgoing the fruits of the bean in favor of just fruits (and veggies). If you need something sweet with your Americano, head to Huckleberry. And donut devotees—yes, it's worth the walk to DK's for the signature purple yam doughnut.

○ **DEMITASSE:** (Lavender hot chocolate) 1149 3rd St. • 310.260.6308 • Daily 8am-10pm
○ **DK'S DONUTS:** (Ube doughnut) 1614 Santa Monica Blvd. • 310.829.2512 • 24/7
○ **HUCKLEBERRY:** (Salted caramel bar) 1014 Wilshire Blvd • 310.451.2311 • Daily at 8am
○ **NEKTER JUICE BAR:** (The Greenie) 1422 2nd St. • M-F 7am-7pm, Sa-Su 8am-7pm

9AM: BASKETS, BREAKFAST 'N BIKES

Every Saturday morning, local growers set up shop downtown, so take your basket and stock up (bonus points for trying a cherimoya). Next, rub elbows with the loyal patrons of tiny old timey Cora's Coffee Shoppe, walk a few blocks to the Santa Monica Pier and rent a bike at Sea Mist (you'll have to relinquish your ID, so bring backup if you plan on drinking at some point on your ride), then ride along The Strand to quirky Venice for brunch and boutique browsing. Upon return, hit up Soda Jerks for scoops 'n shakes, or famous Chez Jay for Bloody Marys.

○ **SM FARMERS MARKET:** Arizona Ave. & 2nd St. • Sat 8:30a-1p (more markets >>)
○ **CORA'S COFFEE SHOPPE:** 1802 Ocean Ave. • 310.451.9562 • Daily 7a-3p
○ **SEA MIST RENTALS:** 1619 Ocean Front Walk • 310.395.7076 • Daily 9a-7p
○ **SODA JERKS:** 200 Santa Monica Pier • 310.393.7632 • Th-M, hours vary
○ **CHEZ JAY:** 1657 Ocean Ave. • 310.395.1741 • Daily, hours vary

12PM: BRUNCH 'N BROWSE

Venice's Abbot Kinney Boulevard is hipness heaven—sip a smoothie or Intelligentsia latte, shop for a pair of Tom's, grab brunch, then get lost in the canals.

○ **GJELINA:** (Wild nettles pizza) 1429 Abbot Kinney • 310.450.1429 • Daily, hours vary
○ **SALT AIR:** (Monkey bread) 1616 Abbot Kinney • 310.396.9333 • Lunch & dinner daily
○ **TASTING KITCHEN:** (Sticky bun) 1633 Abbot Kinney • 310.392.6644 • Daily, varies

IF YOU'D RATHER STICK AROUND SANTA MONICA,
HOW ABOUT TAKING EL TOUR DE TACOS? ➤

2PM: AFTERNOON SNACK

It's hard to resist the bewitching retail labyrinth that is Fred Segal, and winding through its myriad shops can burn a lot of calories, so refuel at adjoining Umami Burger, then sip a digestion-aiding tea or rare coffee just up the way at Funnel Mill.

○ **UMAMI BURGER:** 500 Broadway • 310.451.1300 • M-W 11-10, Th-Sa 11-11, Su 12-10
○ **FUNNEL MILL:** 930 Broadway • 310.393.1617 • M-F 10a-7p, Sa 10a-7p

DIVERSIONS, EXCURSIONS & EVENTS THISAWAY... ➤

4PM: BIRD'S EYE SUNSET

For sips and sunset watching, see and be seen at the Fairmont's beach-facing Bungalow bar, slip up to The Huntley Hotel's Penthouse bar for breathtaking 18th floor views, or stroll The Strand to luxurious Hotel Casa del Mar's waterfront bar, and walk back along the water's edge. Budgeteers, spring for a Groundwork chai latte at The Market at Santa Monica Place, then settle into one of the swankiest outdoor food court booths ever, complete with panoramic ocean views.

○ **THE BUNGALOW:** 101 Wilshire Blvd. • 310.899.8530 • M-F 5p-2a, Sa 2p-2a, Su 2-10p
○ **THE PENTHOUSE:** 1111 2nd St. • 310.393.8080 • Daily, hours vary
○ **CATCH AT CASA DEL MAR:** 1910 Ocean Way • 310.581.5533 • Daily, hours vary
○ **THE MARKET:** 395 Santa Monica Place • M-Th 10a-9p, F-Sa 10a-10p, Su 11a-8p

8PM: DINNER

Tonight, choose from three distinct scenarios. One, some of the best Neopolitan style pizza around, for under \$10—walk a block to Palisades Park, spread a blanket, and have a Palisades picnic. Two, dine farm-to-table style at elegant Rustic Canyon or tiny trendy Milo & Olive. Third, spend your rent fund at opulent Mélisse.

○ **800 DEGREES:** (Filetti pizza) 120 Wilshire Blvd. • 310.566.0801 • Daily 11a-1:30a
○ **MILU & OLIVE:** (Garlic knot) 2723 Wilshire Blvd. • 310.453.6776 • Daily 7a-11p
○ **RUSTIC CANYON:** (Gnocchi) 1119 Wilshire Blvd. • 310.393.7050 • Daily 5:30-10:30p
○ **MÉLISSE:** (Prix fixe) 1104 Wilshire Blvd. • 310.395.0881 • Tu-Sa 6-9:30pm

TAKE A TWILIGHT SPIN ON THE FAMOUS SANTA MONICA
PIER FERRIS WHEEL 'TIL MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAYS. ➤

SUNDAY, 9AM: BRENTWOOD BRUNCH

There's a reason the biggest stars are regularly photographed patronizing the Brentwood Country Mart—it's a delicious Hollywood haven. Go via Montana Avenue and stop along the way for a fresh juice, cappuccino, cheese, and some shopping, perhaps a little something from the \$89 & under store (not kidding).

○ **CAFFE LUXXE:** (Caffe Nico) 925 Montana Ave. • 310.394.2222 • M-F 6a-6p, S-S 6:30-6
○ **ANDREW'S CHEESE:** (Picnic) 728 Montana Ave. • 310.393.3308 • Daily from 11am
○ **PRIMO PASSO COFFEE:** (Espresso) 902 Montana Ave. • 310.451.5900 • Daily 6:30-6
○ **KREATION KAFE:** (Glow juice) 1023 Montana Ave. • 310.458.4880 • Daily 7a-7p
○ **FARMSHOP:** (Shirred egg) 225 26th St. • 310.566.2400 • Daily 7a-9p
○ **SWEET ROSE CREAMERY:** (Banana split) 225 26th St. • 310.260.2663 • Daily 11a-11p

MINI ROAD TRIP TIME—TAKE THE PCH TO LAKE
SHRINE FOR OOHs AND OHMS, AND THE GETTY VILLA
FOR ART, VIEWS, AND OVER-THE-TOP OPULENCE.

1PM: SAND-WICH

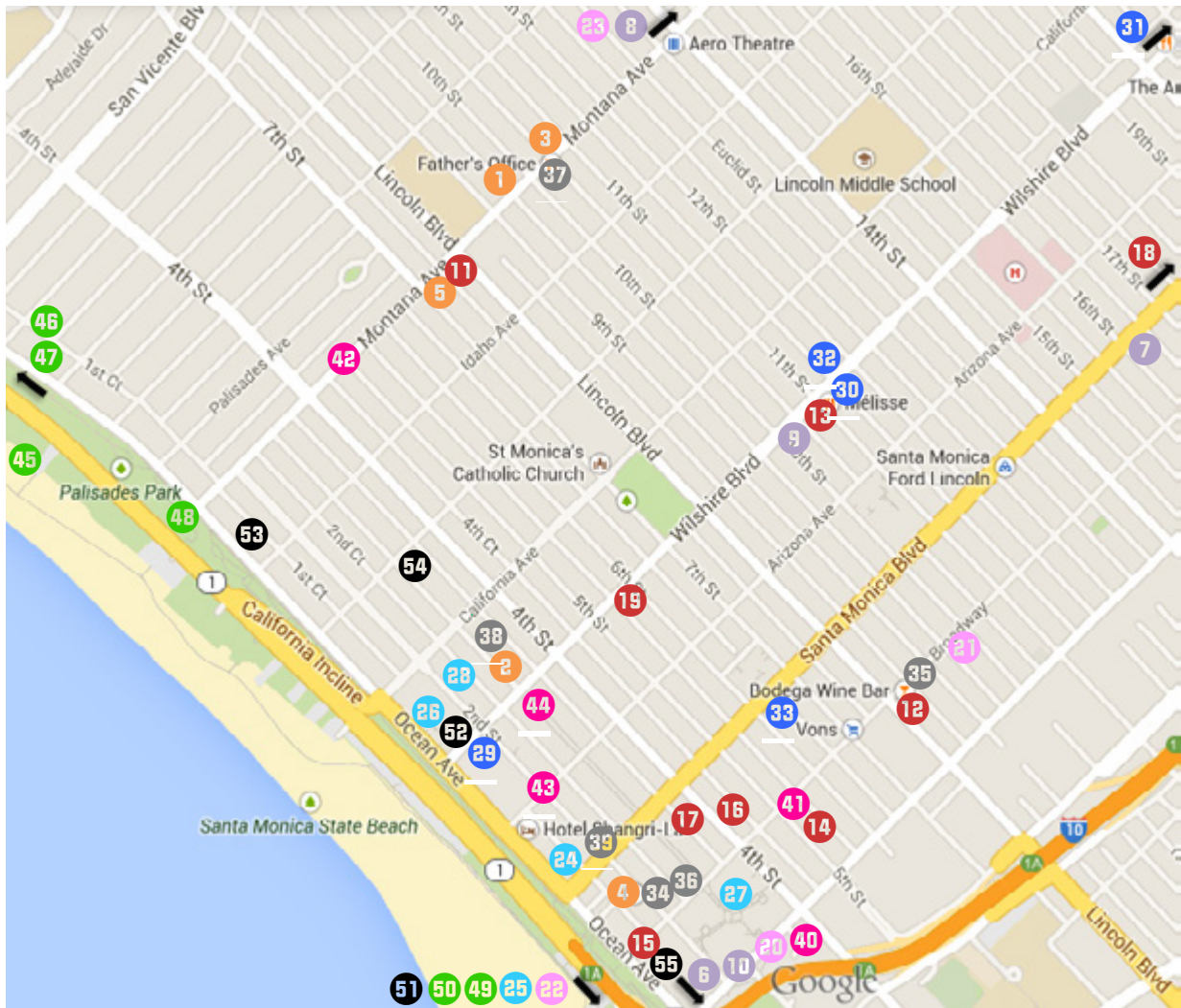
Have a final rendezvous with the Santa Monica shoreline and either a fish-forward feast to-go from SM Seafood, or one of Bay Cities Deli's grand sandwiches (I'm partial to The Godmother). While waiting for them to call your number, stuff your picnic basket with Italian picnic delicacies for the road (or you know, now).

○ **BAY CITIES DELI:** 1517 Lincoln Blvd. • 310.395.8279 • Tu-Sa 9a-7p, Su 9a-6p
○ **SANTA MONICA SEAFOOD:** 1000 Wilshire Blvd. • 310.393.5244 • Daily 11a-8p

EXCEPTIONAL JOB, MY DEAR FACESTUFFER.
YOU DONE ME PROUD.

FACESTUFFER MAP

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COFFEE & JUICE

- 1 Caffè Luxxe
- 2 Demitasse
- 3 Kreation Kafe
- 4 Nekter Juice Bar
- 5 Primo Passo

BREAKFAST/BRUNCH

- 6 Cora's Coffee Shoppe (off map)
- 7 DK's Donuts
- 8 Farmshop (off map)
- 9 Huckleberry
- 10 Gjelina, Salt Air, Tasting Kitchen (off map)

LUNCH

- 11 Andrew's Cheese Shop
- 12 Bay Cities Deli
- 13 Santa Monica Seafood
- 14 Umami Burger

TOUR DE TACOS

- 15 Blue Plate Taco
- 16 Border Grill
- 17 Mercado
- 18 Tacos Punta Cabras (off map)
- 19 Tinga

TEA, TREATS, & MIDDAY TIPPLES

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- 21 Funnel Mill
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- 23 Sweet Rose Creamery (off map)

SUNSET SIPS WITH A VIEW

- 24 Blue Plate Oysterette
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- 28 The Penthouse

DINNER

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- 32 Rustic Canyon
- 33 Tar & Roses

NIGHTCAP

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- 36 Copa d'Oro
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SHOPPING

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- 43 Santa Monica Farmers' Market
- 44 Third Street Promenade

SIGHTSEEING

- 45 Annenberg Community House
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- 49 Santa Monica Pier (off map)
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LODGING

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- 52 Fairmont Miramar
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- 55 Shore Hotel

EXTRA CREDIT

Immerse yourself in the Santa Monica life with these 10 fun activities. ➤