



## EXPERIENCE DOWNTOWN LA . . . .

**GRAND CENTRAL MARKET** - Feeding Los Angeles since 1917 - Experience the international diversity of Los Angeles with 42 stalls featuring produce, dried goods, spices, meats, poultry, seafood and 13 ethnic eateries. 317 S. Broadway 213-624-2378

**LA CENTRAL LIBRARY (a.k.a. Richard Riordan Library)** – LA's most significant and historic structure with inventive architecture and vivid paintings and an extraordinary collection of books and periodicals...this is not just an ordinary library, 630 West 5<sup>th</sup> St. 213-228-7000

**MAGUIRE GARDENS** - LA's version of central park in the heart of downtown LA...take an afternoon break or dine at *Café Pinot* which sits in the heart of the gardens 700 W. 5th St. 213-622-3566

**CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF ANGELS** - Designed by renowned architect Jose Rafael Moneo and built to last 500 years, this magnificent structure represents the diversity of LA and is reminiscent of the sun baked adobe walls of the California missions. Enjoy lunch from the Café at the Plaza and browse the Cathedral Gift Shop. 555 W. Temple St. 213-680-5200

**LA SPORTS** - *Staples Center* – voted the nation's #1 arena it is home to the NBA World Champion Los Angeles Lakers, as well as the LA Clippers, NHL's Los Angeles Kings, Arena Football's LA Avengers and the WNBA World Champion LA Sparks 1111 S. Figueroa St. 213-742-7340  
*Dodger Stadium* home to the Los Angeles Dodgers remains one of the quintessential spots to catch a game in the United States. 1000 Elysian Park Ave. 323-224-1448

**CATCH A SHOW** - LA is not just a movie town!! LA is home to a vibrant Theatre and Performing Arts scene and that is no more evident than in Downtown at the *Music Center*. The *Mark Taper Forum* presents new and cutting edge drama, the Ahmanson Theatre hosts fabulous musical theatre while the *Dorothy Chandler Pavilion* is home to the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Opera and Los Angeles Master Chorale. New to the Music Center in October 2003 will be the addition of the magnificent *Walt Disney Concert Hall*. 135 North Grand Ave. 213-972-7211

**RED LINE TOURS** – Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Downtown Los Angeles and experience the authentic style and history of this world-renowned city. This unique tour allows you to take a closer look at both the outside and the inside of LA's many famous landmarks . . . rich in both architectural style and history. Tours must be booked by 9:00pm the evening prior. 323-402-1074, Ext. 32  
[www.redlinetours.com](http://www.redlinetours.com)

**L.A. FASHION DISTRICT** – *A bargain shopper's dream!* The LA Fashion District is an 82-block wholesale and retail shopping center with apparel and accessories for the entire family. Most stores are open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. The LA Fashion District is from Main/Spring Streets to the west, San Pedro Street to the east, 7th to the North, and the Santa Monica 10 Freeway to the south. 213-488-1153

**L.A. JEWELRY DISTRICT** – The center of the jewelry trade in Los Angeles. Amazing bargains abound on diamonds, pearls, watches, gold and silver. A treasure chest just waiting for you. Closed Sundays. Hill Street between W. Fifth and W. Seventh Streets

**EL PUEBLO DE LOS ANGELES/OLVERA STREET** – Site of LA's first settlement. The monument contains 27 Historic Buildings including the city's first fire station. This is also home to Olvera St., a festive open air marketplace where traditional Mexican goods can be found along with fabulous eateries like the *La Golandrina* famous for its strolling mariachis. North Alameda and Spring Street 213-628-1274

**CHINATOWN** – The Chinatown area of Downtown Los Angeles teems with activity night and day. Experience fragrances of herbs and incense, dim sum; shop for magnificent jade! Locals will tell you the 'Slippery Shrimp' at *Yang Chow's* should not be missed!! Between the 700 and 1000 blocks of Broadway and Hill Street 323-222-0856

**SHOP LA** - In addition to the great bargains that can be found in the Fashion and Jewelry Districts Downtown LA boasts mainstream shopping for the Shopaholic in you. *Macy's Plaza* features *Macy's* as well as 30 additional shops and boutiques 750 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St 213-624-2891 7<sup>th</sup>+*FIG* is an open-air center with *Robinsons - May* as its anchor and a myriad of additional shops, restaurants and a convenient food court featuring a variety of quick service restaurants. Thursday's it is home to the *Farmers Market* 11am-4pm. 735 S. Figueroa St. 213-955-7150

**MUSEUMS – Los Angeles is home to more Museums than any other city in the World. Here is a sampling of the diverse collections located just in Downtown:**

*California African American Museum* – Visit treasures of African American art, history and culture. 600 State Dr. 213-744-7432

*California Science Center & IMAX Theater* – Contemporary science and technology museum features exhibits on aerospace, science, mathematics, chemistry, health and computers. Currently the museum is home to a special engagement of '*Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit*' through September 1, 2003. 700 State Dr. 323-724-3623

*Geffen Contemporary* - Contemporary itself, the museum was converted from warehouse space by one of Los Angeles' finest artists, Architect Frank Gehry. Although the collection exhibited is remarkable, so is the Gehry design. It houses an array of contemporary art. 153 North Central Ave. 213-621-2766

*Japanese American National Museum* – A national museum dedicated to sharing the experience of American Japanese ancestry as an integral part of US History. 369 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. 213-625-0414

*Museum of Contemporary Art* – Permanent collection and thematic exhibitions of international scope includes painting, sculpture and environmental works created since 1940. 250 S. Grand Ave. 213-626-6222

*Museum of Neon Art* - Exhibits, documents and preserves contemporary fine art in electric media and outstanding examples of neon signs. Founded in 1981, MONA is the only permanent institution of its kind in the world. 501 W. Olympic Blvd. 213-489-9918

*Natural History Museum* – The third largest museum of it's kind in the country housing more than 35 million artifacts and specimens. 900 Exposition Blvd. 213-763-3466

**HAPPY HOUR** – *Point Moorea* in the lower lobby of the *Wilshire Grand Hotel* has \$2.00 appetizers from 5:00pm-7:00pm Monday-Friday. 930 Wilshire Blvd. 213-833-5100 *McCormick and Schmick's* in the Library Tower offers daily food specials Mon-Thurs from 3:00pm-7:00pm and from 9:00pm-11:00pm as well as Friday from 3:00pm-11:00pm. 633 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. 213-629-1929 *Ciudad* – they feature a jazz band on Wed & Fri. Mon-Fri from 3:00pm-6:30pm. 445 S Figueroa St.. 213-486-5171

**HIGH TEA** – Escape the city's urban bustle and savor traditional afternoon tea in the ornate Rococo surroundings of the *Millennium Biltmore Hotel's Rendezvous Court*. Served daily from 1:00pm-5:00pm. 506 S. Grand Ave. 213-624-1011

**MOVIES LA** - What better place to catch a recent release than the hometown of the Movie industry!! *Laemmle's Grand* features 4 Screens. 345 South Figueroa St. 213-617-0268

**NIGHTLIFE** – Experience the sights and sounds of downtown on the rooftop of the *Standard Downtown Los Angeles*. Or for something a bit more low key try their Lobby Lounge. Both are open daily until 2:00am with DJs starting at around 5:00pm. 550 S. Flower St. 213-892-8080

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