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WHERE TO FIND THE 12 BEST SCENIC VIEWS IN LA

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When people think of LA, they think of beautiful people and beautiful beaches -- and, thanks to hills and valleys and cities and oceans, beautiful views too. Here are some of the best:

Nobu

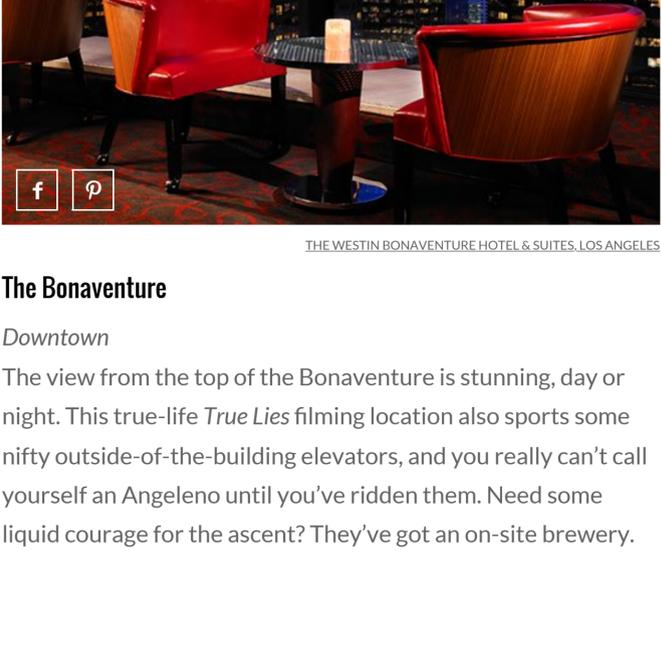
Malibu

If you're willing to spend some big bucks, Nobu offers a Grade-A iconic LA meal paired with a Grade-A iconic view. The sunsets over the Malibu ocean, streaked with every color you can imagine, are nothing short of legendary -- and the same goes for the \$150 omakase dinner, (hey, at least the sunset is free).

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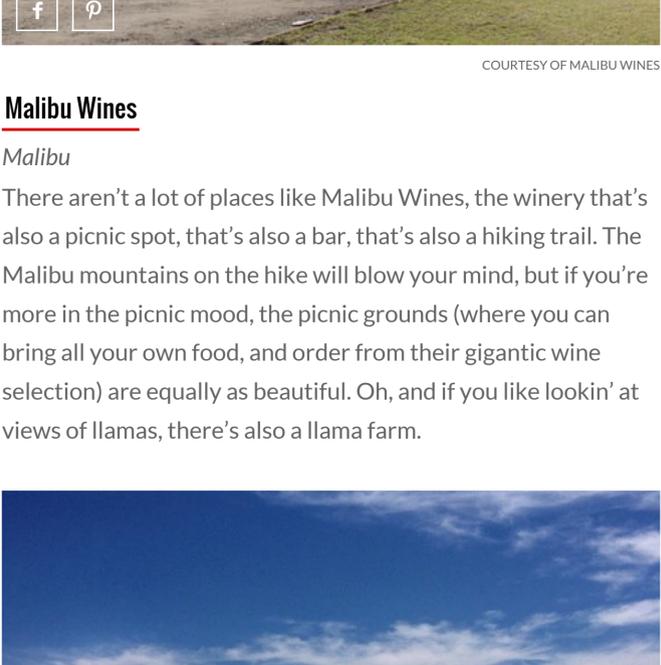


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The Bonaventure

Downtown

The view from the top of the Bonaventure is stunning, day or night. This true-life *True Lies* filming location also sports some nifty outside-of-the-building elevators, and you really can't call yourself an Angeleno until you've ridden them. Need some liquid courage for the ascent? They've got an on-site brewery.

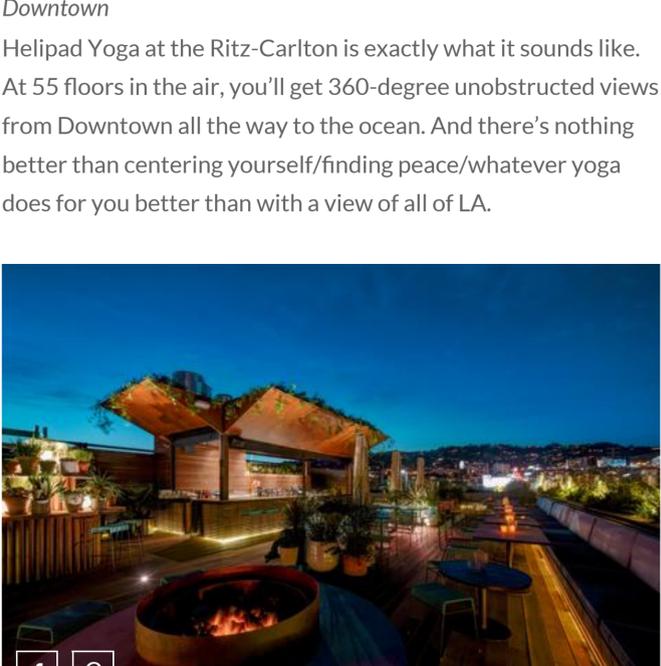


COURTESY OF MALIBU WINES

Malibu Wines

Malibu

There aren't a lot of places like Malibu Wines, the winery that's also a picnic spot, that's also a bar, that's also a hiking trail. The Malibu mountains on the hike will blow your mind, but if you're more in the picnic mood, the picnic grounds (where you can bring all your own food, and order from their gigantic wine selection) are equally as beautiful. Oh, and if you like lookin' at views of llamas, there's also a llama farm.

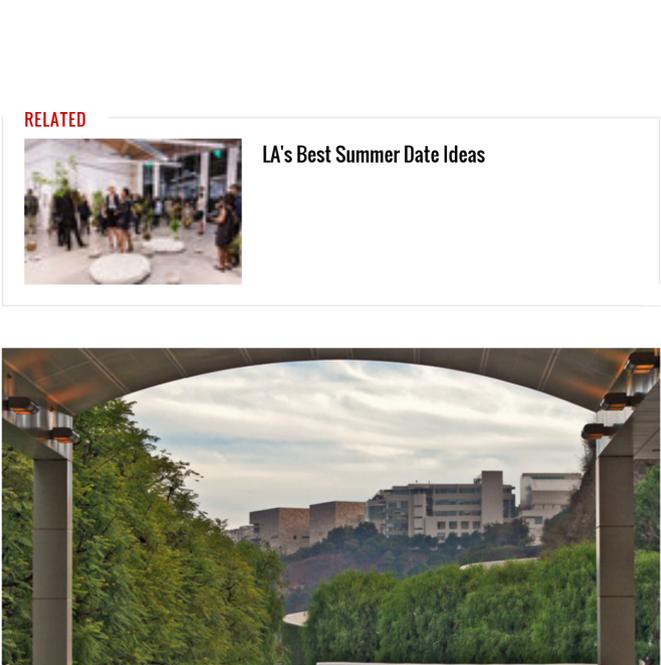


COURTESY OF THE RITZ-CARLTON

Helipad Yoga at the Ritz-Carlton

Downtown

Helipad Yoga at the Ritz-Carlton is exactly what it sounds like. At 55 floors in the air, you'll get 360-degree unobstructed views from Downtown all the way to the ocean. And there's nothing better than centering yourself/finding peace/whatever yoga does for you better than with a view of all of LA.



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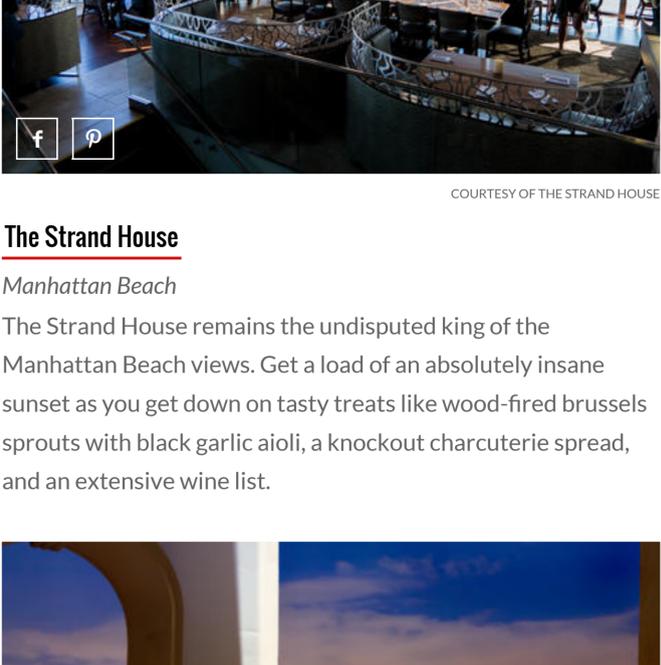
West Hollywood

The views of the Hollywood Hills that you can catch from LP's 5,500sqft rooftop are pretty much unparalleled, especially at night. Literally eat some Asian-inspired street food (like a crispy pork with chili jam, cilantro, pickled carrot & daikon bao) and drink a tasty drink (like a Life Cultivated Old Fashioned, with Japanese whisky, cinnamon, ginger, lime zest, and cardamom bitters) while you figuratively eat and drink in the sights that our city has to offer.

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The Getty Center

Brentwood

You're probably thinking that there aren't enough free museums that you ride a roller coaster to get to the entrance of. Well, the Getty's tram isn't quite a roller coaster (at least, not with that attitude), but it's still fun to ride up to the top where you can overlook Brentwood, Bel Air, and even some of Topanga State Park. And did you even read the part about it being free?



COURTESY OF THE STRAND HOUSE

The Strand House

Manhattan Beach

The Strand House remains the undisputed king of the Manhattan Beach views. Get a load of an absolutely insane sunset as you get down on tasty treats like wood-fired brussels sprouts with black garlic aioli, a knockout charcuterie spread, and an extensive wine list.

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Griffith Observatory

Griffith Park

There's a reason Griffith Observatory is famous, and it's not just because of that scene from *The Rocketeer* (people still