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THE POST-MODERN LUNCH

Vespertine may be “the most talked-about restaurant” in Los Angeles, but at \$330 per person (excluding drinks), you could be forgiven for giving it a pass.

But if you’re still determined to sample the superb cuisine of its chef, Jordan Kahn, you’re in luck. He has just opened an even more adorable little gem right across the street: Destroyer.

Open every day for breakfast and lunch, Destroyer offers exquisitely delicious bowls of food and dishes served on custom-made ceramics.



DESTROYER
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No reservations, walk-in only

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THE CRAZIEST LA MUSEUM IS IN A MANSION

One of our favorite gems is also one of LA's best-kept secrets. The Weisman Art Foundation is a major museum in Holmby Hills that most city residents haven't even heard of. It includes at least one piece by every major artist of the late 20th century (Picasso, Bacon, Hockney, Magritte, de Kooning, Rothko, Warhol, Stella and more).

Frederick Weisman was an entrepreneur born in Minnesota and raised in Los Angeles, where he began collecting art in the mid-1950s with Marcia Simon Weisman. He later married Billie Milam, a former conservator at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) and the Getty Museum, and together they amassed one of the most beautiful post-war art collections in the country.

The best and most unique part of this foundation is how the artwork is displayed. Visitors get to see the art in the Weismans' home, just as the couple lived in it from 1982 to 1992. The domestic setting, which includes original furniture, is a pleasant change from the starker setting of a museum gallery. For that reason, the only way to visit is to contact the foundation in advance to book a tour.



**FREDERICK R. WEISMAN
ART FOUNDATION**



They will give you the address upon
reservation (Holmby Hills)

Mandatory free advanced reservation by email or phone:
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THE PERFECT CALIFORNIAN HOME

There it is, the picture-perfect house ... the one that made everyone on the planet want a house with a pool in the Los Angeles hills: The Stahl House. The photographer of the house, Julius Shulman, probably didn't realize the impact his images would ultimately have on modern design.

When you're actually there, the Stahl House is smaller than you may have expected. Nonetheless, Case Study House #22, designed by Pierre Koenig, is still incredibly photogenic sixty years after its construction. It was made for a family with "champagne tastes and a beer budget," using inexpensive materials of the time.

Booking in advance on the website weeks ahead is essential if you want to visit the house during the day or during the coveted sunset hours.



**STAHL HOUSE
CASE STUDY HOUSE #22**



Afternoon
and evening tour

Mandatory paid advanced
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They will give you the address upon
reservation (West Hollywood)

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THE POLE-DANCING CLUB WHERE **COURTNEY LOVE MET KURT COBAIN**

It's impossible to dissociate Hollywood from Rock 'n' Roll. Jumbo's Clown Room is designed to celebrate just how much these two worlds intertwine. The room is a legendary musicians' haunt. It's a tiny bar with seriously skilled, badass pole dancers (but don't expect any nudity or striptease), dancing to rock and indie music hits by such greats as Radiohead, Queens of the Stone Age, and Led Zeppelin.

Legend has it that Courtney Love used to work here as a dancer and met Kurt Cobain when he came to the bar one night.



EAT YOUR BURGER THE CALIFORNIAN WAY

Despite its healthy reputation, it was Los Angeles that invented the fast-food burger restaurant, a natural fit with the city's car-forward culture. McDonald's can certainly take credit for exporting this idea, but In-N-Out Burger is the chain that has won the hearts and stomachs of LA locals, critics, and chefs alike.

Unlike McDonald's, which famously uses franchises, In-N-Out Burger owns all its restaurants and maintains high quality standards, including the fact that the meat is never frozen.

At any time, day or night, you can find an endless line of cars waiting at In-N-Out's drive-throughs, while their competitors nearby remain empty. But so you don't end up looking like a burger bumpkin, we recommend respecting the fine art of ordering right (see next page) ...

IN-N-OUT BURGER
7009 SUNSET BLVD,
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(and many other locations)



No reservations, walk-in only

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THE SECRET MENU AT IN-N-OUT

In-N-Out is known and celebrated for its simple offering: burgers, fries, soda, and shakes. That's it. But you would seriously miss out if we didn't tell you something that every Californian already knows: they have an extensive "secret" menu that you can also find online. Here are some of the most requested ones:

"Double double animal style":

2 patties, 2 cheese slices, animal style (with their signature burger spread made from mayonnaise, ketchup, relish, and vinegar) with caramelized onions.



"Grilled cheese":

sandwich with two slices of cheese and optional add-ons such as spread, tomatoes, lettuce, chopped chilies, and onions.

"Fries animal style":

fries with 2 melted cheese slices on top with animal-style spread and caramelized onions.



"Neapolitan shake":

milkshake with chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry flavors mixed.



"Protein burger":

with lettuce leaves instead of a bun.





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THE HOTEL NEXT TO YOUR SURF SPOT

Just a stone's throw from the Pacific, the Gjelina Hotel offers its guests a wealth of options: excellent restaurants (part of the Gjusta/Gjelina group), a morning jog along the beach, a bike ride or a surf session ...

You could almost forget you're in the middle of a sprawling city.

Created by fashion photographer Glen Luchford, the hotel was later bought by the Gjelina group, who decorated the rooms in a minimalist-hippie-Venice Beach style that's both chic and



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THE SHOP THAT EMBODIES THE VENICE BEACH LIFESTYLE

This is the place to find the perfect Venice Beach souvenir. The store, opened in 2012 by couple Hannah Henderson and John Moore, celebrates Californian makers at their finest.

It offers a selection of well-curated books, ceramics, denim, dresses, jewels, magazines, vintage books, terrariums, and posters. Most of what is sold is made locally and picked for its high quality.



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WE TESTED 1,000 PLACES, AND CHOSE ONLY THE BEST

Access a secret Malibu beach, relax at a gigantic Korean spa open 24/7, watch Tarantino's movie collection, eat your burger the Californian way, meditate at Elvis and George Harrison's peaceful getaway, shop a vinyl and a vintage dress in the same spot.

Hidden hotels, outstanding restaurants, secret bars, off-the-radar strolls ... In this guide you'll find a carefully curated, eclectic selection for every budget. Designed for both travellers and locals, it reveals handpicked addresses chosen by local writers – each place a gateway to discovery, far from the crowds and off the beaten path. A fresh take on the art of travel.

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