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## *Bradbury Building*

**304 S BROADWAY, LA 90013**  
**213.626.1893**

Marvel at the brilliantly eclectic design of this downtown building. Commissioned in the 1890s by Lewis Bradbury, a mining millionaire, the Bradbury still functions as a commercial office building. Hollywood has taken notice—films such as *Blade Runner* and the TV series *Pushing Daisies*, used the building as a locale. And why not, it's futuristic glass ceiling beams stunning shafts of sunlight upon the floors below. The original open-gate steam elevators, ornate iron gratings, dressed brick masonry, marble stairs and alabaster lighting sconces recall a 19th century grace with a 21st century vibe. Retrofitted to current CA earthquake codes, the Brad may look ordinary from the outside, but once inside, this building becomes an adventure through the past, present and future.

**HOURS:** Normal business hours

**THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 F4 \* **PARKING:** Metered st, \$ lots

**METRO:** Red Line, MTA 2 \* **WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER****HISTORIC:** National Historic Landmark

## California African American Museum

### EXPOSITION PARK

**600 State Dr, LA 90037****213.744.7432****www.caam.ca.gov**

Unmask the uniqueness of African American culture and history. Designed by 2 African-American architects, Jack Haywood and Vincent Proby, the 44,000-sq-ft building is small compared to the park's 2 museum giants: the CA Science Center and Museum of Natural History. Yet it holds thousands of artifacts detailing the Black experience in the American West—letters, manuscripts, photos, garments, film & music recordings, sculptures and other art objects. Diverse exhibits have focused on the African experience in Mexico, the Peace & Justice movement and the Negro Baseball League. One of only 4 state-operated museums, CAAM offers new exhibits, concerts and workshops throughout the year.

**FREE:** Admission, some concerts, workshops**HOURS:** 10AM to 5PM Tue–Sat, 11AM to 5PM Sun**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Figueroa Corridor \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 674 B2**PARKING:** \$8/car, \$10/bus, enter @ 39th & Figueroa (cash only)**METRO:** DASH F \* **BIKES:** Park racks**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR ACCESS:** FREE Wheelchairs available

## California Science Center

### EXPOSITION PARK

**700 State Dr, LA 90037****323.SCIENCE****www.californiasciencecenter.org**

Unveil the secrets of science at the state's biggest FREE museum. The 245,000-sq-ft science center continues to astound visitors

with its 100+ interactive exhibits. Located on 3 levels, scientific exploration begins even before entering the building. Outside, the center's Science Plaza contains art objects with scientific senses. Inside, Hypar, a 5-story moving sculpture by inventor Chuck Hoberman, greets you. Above, brave visitors pedal a bicycle on a wire 3 stories high. On the upper levels are 2 main galleries: Creative World focuses on technological advances in communications, transportation and structure while World of Life delves into life's mysteries. On weekends, science really heats up with FREE Science Spectacular shows. There's also a 7-story Imax Theater—LA's largest—but that and the high wire bicycle, Cliff Climb and Motion-Based Simulator attractions require paid tix.

**FREE:** Admission for main exhibits; Science Spectacular Shows Fri–Sun 11AM to 3PM**REGULAR ADMISSION: IMAX:** \$8 adults; \$5.75 ages 12-18, students w/ID, seniors 62+; \$4.75 ages 3-11**DISCOUNTS: IMAX:** Groups of 15+, multiple show tickets; Go LA Card**HOURS:** 10AM to 5PM daily, closed Jan 1, Thanksgiving, Dec 25**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Figueroa Corridor \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 674 B2**PARKING:** \$8/car, \$10/bus, enter @ 39th & Figueroa (cash only)**METRO:** DASH F \* **BIKES:** Park racks**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**

## Chinese American Museum

### EL PUEBLO DE LOS ANGELES

**Garnier Building****425 N Los Angeles St, LA 90012****213.485.8567****www.camla.org**

Thousands have sailed through miles of isles searching for the promise that this hard land holds. Many of these uniquely American stories are stunningly told here, inside a building constructed in 1890 primarily for Chinese commercial tenants. Home to numerous educational resources, this depository is rich with heritage, detailing the 150-year Chinese experience in America

and the establishment of a home for many in LA. Special events such as the FREE Lantern Festival, a hugely popular holiday that marks the closing of the Chinese New Year, happen throughout the year. Permanent exhibitions such as re-creations of a general store and herb shop from the 1800s examine Chinese immigration and the origins of this city's evolving Chinese-American community.

**FREE:** Annual Lantern Fest in Feb

**DEAL & STEAL:** \$3 adults, \$2 seniors 60+ & students

**DISCOUNTS:** KCRW Fringe card

**HOURS:** 10AM to 3PM Tue–Sun; closed Mon, all major holidays

**THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 G3 \* **PARKING:** \$ lots, metered st

**METRO:** Any lines leading to Union Sta; Red & Purple Lines; MTA 40, 42, 76

**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**

**HISTORIC:** El Pueblo: State Historic Park, National Register of Historic Places

## *El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument*

125 Paseo de la Plaza (Olvera Street), LA 90012

213.680.2525

213.628.1274 (Tours)

[www.elpueblo.lacity.org](http://www.elpueblo.lacity.org)

[www.olvera-street.com](http://www.olvera-street.com)

Feel the beat of the city's contemporary *corazon* (heart) in the oldest section of LA. Founded in 1781 by 44 *pobladores* (settlers), LA's birthplace is home to world-famous Olvera Street, a Mexican-style marketplace with 11 historically significant buildings open to the public. Stop by the visitor's center for the FREE 18-min film, *Pueblo of Promise*, a history of LA's founding and development. Join a FREE 2-hr guided tour of the Avila Adobe (1818), LA's oldest standing house; the 1855 brick Pelanconi House; the 1887 Eastlake Victorian Sepulveda House; LA's oldest Catholic Church and Old Plaza Firehouse Museum with turn-of-the-century fire-fighting equipment. Or pick up the FREE self-guided tour brochure. Browse Olvera Street's shops and stalls for crafts, cloth-

ing, and jewelry while *mariaichis* and other musicians serenade you. Sample Mexican cuisine at one of 4 sit-down restaurants or 14 eateries selling snacks and sweets.

**FREE:** Tours, museums, strolling

**HOURS:** 10AM to 7PM daily

**GUIDED TOURS:** 10AM, 11AM & Noon, Tue–Sat year round

**THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 G3 \* **PARKING:** \$ lots, metered st

**METRO:** Union Sta across st; Red, Gold, Blue & Green Lines; DASH Downtown

**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**

**HISTORIC:** State Historic Park, National Register of Historic Places

## *Exposition Park Rose Garden*

701 State Dr, LA 90037

213.763.0114

[www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

Inhale the scents from this 7.5-acre sunken bed of roses that blooms March to November. The garden's 10,000 rose bushes (167+ varieties) are formally arranged in an oval around a picturesque central fountain. A one-time horse track turned perennial garden, everything has been coming up roses at this urban oasis since 1927, when local nurseries donated the bushes. The originals are gone but there are varieties dating from the 1940s and 1950s, including a Queen Anne that's 50+ years-old. Each year the garden highlights the All-American Rose Selections top 3 best roses winners. Flanked by the Natural History Museum, California Science Center and California African American Museum, the garden is a popular wedding locale on weekends (permit, fee required).

**FREE:** Admission

**HOURS:** 9AM to sunset daily; closed Jan 1 to Mar 15 for pruning, renovation

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Figueroa Corridor \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 674 B2

**PARKING:** \$8/car, \$10/bus, enter @ 39th & Figueroa (cash only)

**METRO:** DASH F \* **BIKES:** Park racks

**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**

**HISTORIC:** National Register of Historic Places

## *Fidm Museum & Galleries*

### **FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN & MERCHANDISING**

919 S Grand Ave, LA 90015

213.624.1200

[www.fashionmuseum.org](http://www.fashionmuseum.org)

Drool over lush, lavish and intricate costumes used in movies and TV, and fashions from past centuries. FIDM's gallery space on the school's ground floor hosts 3 annual shows. The winter show highlights costumes from the previous year's films, including Academy Award-nominated costumes. The summer show features the art of TV costumes with Emmy-nominated costumes. The fall show varies with items from the 12,000 item collection of costumes, accessories, and textiles from the 18th century onward. Each show runs 10-12 weeks. Smell the fragrance from FIDM's 2nd floor, home of the Annette Green Perfume Museum. Named for one of America's leading fragrance authorities and authors, it's the only known US museum dedicated to the historical and cultural roles of fragrance around the world. It houses Ms. Green's perfume bottle collection ranging from miniatures to huge commercial fragrance displays. About 100-150 items are exhibited at any one time.

**FREE:** Admission to museum & galleries

**HOURS: Museum/galleries:** 10AM to 4PM Wed–Sun during exhibit schedule

**Perfume Museum:** 10AM to 4PM Mon–Fri

**THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 D6

**PARKING:** Underneath FIDM building @ 9th St just before Grand Ave for a nominal fee, other \$ lots, metered st

**KID-FRIENDLY:** HS age; some exhibits may interest younger students

**WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**

## *Grammy Museum*

800 W Olympic Bl, LA 90015

213.765.6800

[www.grammymuseum.org](http://www.grammymuseum.org)

Award yourself by hitting this shiny new castle dedicated to the kings & queens of music when admission is FREE. Part of LA Live, the new Downtown hot spot where entertainment and sports intersect, the museum is a pricey one. Exhibits chart the lineage of 150+ genres by connecting all facets of American Popular Music. Examine the evolution of technology as it relates to recorded music, explore the history of music and politics in America or discover the Grammy Experience, an up close, first hand account of the Grammy Awards. FREE public programs are offered monthly, granting entrance without the heavy admission fee. Fun freebies such as The Fender Custom Shop: the art of custom guitar building; Writing Woody: an informative conversation exploring Woody Guthrie's deep and lasting influence on American music; or a tribute to Hawaiian music. Check the Website for upcoming FREE events.

**FREE:** Special public programs

**REGULAR ADMISSION:** \$14.95 adults, \$11.95 seniors 65+ & students w/ID, \$10.95 ages 6-17 & military, FREE ages 5 & under + members

**HOURS:** 11:30AM to 7: 30PM Sun–Fri, 10AM to 7: 30PM Sat

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** LA Live Downtown \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 D5

**PARKING:** Metered st, \$ lots subject to event rates

**METRO:** Red Line 7th St Sta; MTA 2, 217

**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**

## Japanese American National Museum

369 E 1st St, LA 90012

213.625.0414

www.janm.org

Unfold the history of the *Nisei*, (1st generation Japanese Americans), at the only US museum dedicated to preserving and sharing the experience of being an American with Japanese ancestry. Learn about the pioneering *Issei*, (Japanese immigrants), who constructed the Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple that now houses the museum. Once a hub of religious and social activity in Little Tokyo, the temple was used to store belongings of Japanese sent to World War II internment camps. Abandoned, the ornate 1925 temple later became the museum's keystone after a massive renovation and restoration. Much of local Japanese American history was lost due to the internment. The museum works to recover that history and promote a community interest in Japanese heritage. Check the Website calendar for special events and classes (some FREE, some with a fee) such as *taiko* drum sessions, crafting *sakura* (pop-up) cards and making *origami* (paper folding).

**FREE:** Admission all day 3rd Thu, 5PM to 8PM every Thu

**REGULAR ADMISSION:** \$9 adults, \$5 seniors 62+, \$5 ages 6-17 & students

w/ID, FREE under age 5

**DISCOUNTS:** KCRW Fringe card

**HOURS:** 11AM to 5PM Fri–Sun, Noon to 8PM Thu, last admission 30 min before close; closed Mon, Jan 1, Jul 4, Thanksgiving, Dec 25

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Little Tokyo \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 G4

**PARKING:** \$ lots, usually less than \$5 in adjacent areas

**METRO:** DASH Downtown

**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR:** Yes **STROLLER:** If not crowded

## LA Central Library

630 W Fifth St, LA 90071

213.228.7000

www.lapl.org

Browse museum-quality art, stunning architecture and authors' works at the 3rd largest US public library. Resurrected from the ashes of an arson fire, the renovated main library offers its patrons a wealth of FREE media to peruse, including 10,000 magazine subscriptions, 3 million historic photos, 5 million patents and of course, 2.6 million books, just part of the city library system's 6.2 million tomes shared with 71 branches. Borrow materials housed on 89 miles of shelves with a FREE library card (LA residency not required). Take a FREE docent-led tour of the library's vibrant artworks, including a 36' by 36' painted ceiling mural. Walk in the adjacent Maguire Gardens. Check the library's online calendar for hundreds of FREE events, including the library's wildly popular ALOUD series featuring conversations with literati. Read our separate listing for the extraordinary children's literature department, where kids are never bored.

**FREE:** Admission, events, library card to borrow millions of pieces of media

**HOURS:** 10AM to 8PM Mon–Thu, 10AM to 6PM Fri–Sat, 1PM to 5PM Sun; see

Website for holiday closures

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Financial District \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 E4

**PARKING:** LAPL validation @ 524 S Flower St Garage (must have LAPL library card) Deal & Steal: \$1 flat rate after 3PM wkdays, 10AM to 6PM Sat, 1PM to 5PM Sun

**METRO:** DASH B & E, Red & Blue Lines

**BIKES:** Bike racks Flower St entrance

**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER:** Full access, parking

**WI-FI:** FREE

**HISTORIC:** National Register of Historic Places

## LA Central Library Children's Literature Dept

630 W Fifth St, LA 90071

213.228.7000

www.lapl.org

Once upon a time, in a fantastical, not-so-far-away land, stood an enormous building, that housed a room, that contained magic of the largest sort wherever children explored. Heck, forget the kids—the Children's Literature Dept is darn magical for grown-ups, too! The department boasts 250,000+ books—with the most fairy tales “west of the Mississippi.” Get lost in the historical Mother Goose book collection, or explore the tomes and tchotchkes devoted to Californiana. Dive into 200+ pieces of original children's book illustrations, or satisfy your world-wise kid-let's info-need with 5,000+ titles from 50+ countries in the International Language Picture Book collection. Get wired on one of 23 computers in the Computer Zone. Need a new grandparent? No prob. Drop in to borrow a Library Grandparent who'll read to your child. Don't miss the weekly puppet shows, storytellers, musicians and magicians (see, we told you: MAGIC!).

**FREE:** Admission, events, library card to borrow millions of pieces of media

**HOURS:** 10AM to 8PM Mon–Thu, 10AM to 6PM Fri–Sat, 1PM to 5PM Sun See

Website for holiday closures

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Financial District \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 E4

**PARKING:** LAPL validation @ 524 S Flower St Garage (must have LAPL library card) Deal & Steal: \$1 flat rate after 3PM wkdays, 10AM to 6PM Sat, 1PM to 5PM Sun

**METRO:** DASH B & E, Red & Blue Lines

**BIKES:** Bike racks Flower St entrance

**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER:** Full access, parking

**WI-FI:** FREE

**HISTORIC:** National Register of Historic Places

## LA City Hall

### CIVIC CENTER

200 N Spring St, LA 90012

213.473.3231

213.978.1995 (Tours)

www.lacity.org

Leap in a single bound what used to be LA's tallest building and ake in the best view of the city, on a clear day that is. Built in 1928, City Hall is an icon for the metropolis and played the role of the Daily Planet building in the 1950s Superman TV series. Unless you are Superman, you can't actually do it a single bound. It takes 2 elevator trips and a walk up a marble staircase to reach the 27th floor observation room. But unlike NYC's Empire State Building, the view is FREE. As you enjoy the panorama, consider that the tower's concrete is made of sand from each of CA's 58 counties and water from each of the state's 21 missions. The beam shining atop the 3-tiered architectural award-winner? The original Charles Lindbergh Beacon, once the main aircraft guidance light for planes flying into LA Airport.

**FREE:** Admission; access to Observation Floor w/ permission from guard outside Mayor's Office, 3rd floor

**TOURS:** FREE Schedule ahead with Las Angelenas docents 9AM to noon wkdays; meet at 3rd floor docent desk outside Mayor's Office

**HOURS:** 8AM to 5PM wkdays

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Civic Center \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 G2

**PARKING:** \$ lots, metered st

**METRO:** DASH D, City Hall Shuttle, Red Line

**BIKES:** Free form artist designed bike rack @ Main St entrance

**KID-FRIENDLY:** Somewhat; best for older kids

**WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER:** Not to tower

**HISTORIC:** LA City Historic-Cultural Monument

## Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)

### CALIFORNIA PLAZA

250 S Grand Ave, LA 90012

213.626.6222

[www.moca.org](http://www.moca.org)

If you like your art noisy, electric, animated, controversial, and most of all, challenging, MOCA is for you. Displaying contemporary art from 1940-present, this museum contains over 5,000 works including abstract expressionism, pop art, minimalist, and post-minimalist art. You'll find paintings, sculpture, photography, drawings, and mixed media including pieces by famed artists like Pollock, Hockney, Ruscha, DeKooning and Arbus. The Indian red sandstone building, designed by Arata Isozaki, uses pyramid skylights, glass cubes, and cylinders to create an environment with the right light, color and space to house the quirky art. Lectures provide background on current exhibits and family workshops give kids insight into non-traditional art.

**FREE:** 5PM to 8PM every Thu, 1st Sun family workshops

**REGULAR ADMISSION:** \$10 adults, \$5 ages 65+ & students w/ID, FREE under age 12

**DISCOUNTS:** KCRW Fringe card

**HOURS:** 11AM to 5PM Mon & Fri, 11AM to 8PM Thu, 11AM to 6PM Sat–Sun; closed Tue & Wed, Jan 1, Jul 4, Thanksgiving, Dec 25

**THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 F3

**PARKING: Wkdays:** \$8 3/hrs w/MOCA validation @ Disney Concert Hall garage lower Grand Ave (\$17 deposit required upon entry; \$9 refund) **Wkends:**

Same; FREE for MOCA members @ California Plaza garage, enter on Olive

**METRO:** Red Line

**KID-FRIENDLY**

**WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER:** Wheelchairs, strollers available 1st come, 1st served @ info desk; sign language interpreter available w/10 days advance notice

## Natural History Museum of LA County

### EXPOSITION PARK

900 Exposition Bl, LA 90007

213.763.DINO

[www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org)

Enter into one of *FREE LA's* favorite places to hang out—LA's 2nd oldest cultural institution and the West's largest natural and historical museum. The venerable 1913 building with its wide sweeping marble staircases holds 35 million specimens and artifacts and is in varying states of renovation. Three floors of permanent exhibits include rare dinosaurs and fossils, giant dioramas of preserved African and American mammals, an interactive bird hall and marine animals. The Discovery Center hosts live snakes, fish, lizards and the largest live Insect Zoo in the West. Kids spend hours making fossil rubbings, touching animal pelts and handling nature specimens here. The Gem & Mineral Hall glitters with the largest US collection of gold. The popular Dino Hall is closed until 2011. The museum hosts several new exhibits and events each year.

**FREE:** Admission every 1st Tue

**REGULAR ADMISSION:** \$9 adults, \$6.50 ages 13–17, students 18+ w/ID & seniors 62+, \$2 ages 5–12, FREE under age 5

**DISCOUNTS:** KCRW Fringe card

**HOURS:** 9:30AM to 5PM daily, closed Jul 4, Thanksgiving Day, Dec 25, Jan 1

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Figueroa Corridor \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 674 B1

**PARKING: Wkdays:** \$8 @ Menlo Ave lot south of Exposition Bl, east of Vermont Ave **Wkends:** \$3 museum members, \$5 non-members @ museum west lot USC Football Game Days: Parking difficult, check Website for game days

**Metered Street:** available all days

**METRO:** DASH F \* **BIKES:** Park racks \* **KID-FRIENDLY**

**WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER:** Ground floor staff entrance; wheelchairs available for

## Old Plaza Firehouse

### EL PUEBLO DE LOS ANGELES HISTORIC MONUMENT

126 Paseo de la Plaza, LA 90012

213.485.6855

[www.elpueblo.lacity.org](http://www.elpueblo.lacity.org)

Enter the oldest part of LA and visit the city's 1st fully equipped fire station. Built in 1884, the firehouse is one of the monument's 27 historic buildings and one of 4 restored and turned into a museum. Housing firefighting equipment from the late 19th century, the small museum features a horse-drawn fire engine and a wall of firefighting hats. One of 3 LA museums devoted to firefighting and 1 of 300 in the US.

**HOURS:** 10AM to 3PM, Tue–Sun

**THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 G3 \* **PARKING:** \$ lot, metered st

**METRO:** Union Sta across st; Red, Gold, Blue & Green Lines; DASH Downtown

**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**

## San Antonio Winery

737 Lamar St, LA 90031

323.223.1401

[www.sanantoniowinery.com](http://www.sanantoniowinery.com)

Sip FREE wine at CA's first winery to offer FREE tastings. LA's oldest (est. 1917) and last remaining winery of 100+ that once dotted the LA River Basin, offers daily complimentary tastings. Taste 3 sweet wines, at least 1 white and 1 red. Step it up with an artisan tasting for \$8. Wines are produced from the winery's own Napa vineyard and grapes grown on Monterey vineyards. On a FREE tour discover how 4 generations of the Riboli family have maintained the winery at its original location. View retired 100+ year-old CA redwood tanks, and see how stainless steel tanks have changed production. Learn the difference between French and American oak casks (small barrels) where the wine ages. On weekdays, watch 90 bottles a minute spin through the bottling

process then view the Heritage Cellar's old family photos. Hungry? Go for Italian/Californian at the Maddalena Restaurant, named for the family matriarch.

**FREE:** Daily tastings, tour

**REGULAR ADMISSION:** \$8 artisan tasting, \$12 private tour & tasting (10 person min), \$ restaurant

**HOURS: Wine shop tastings:** 9AM to 7PM daily Tours: On the hour noon to 2PM Mon–Fri, 11AM to 4PM Sat–Sun **Restaurant:** 10AM to 7PM daily, closed major holidays

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Outer downtown \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 J2

**PARKING:** FREE on site \* **METRO:** DASH, MTA 76

**KID-FRIENDLY:** Restaurant \* **WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**

**HISTORIC:** LA Historic-Cultural Monument

## Sketch Foundation Gallery

### EXPOSITION PARK

700 State Dr, LA 90037

323.SCIENCE

[www.californiasciencecenter.org](http://www.californiasciencecenter.org)

Wing it to LA's premier aerospace museum. Located on the east end of the California Science Center's Exposition Park complex, you can't miss the Frank Gehry designed concrete and metal building with a Lockheed Starfighter F-104 perched on its side. A monument to flight, the museum's aircraft hang as if in flight from the vaulted 75-ft ceiling, including the last F20 Northrop jet fighter in existence and a 1902 Wright Glider flying replica. See an actual Gemini 11 capsule, flown by astronauts Pete Conrad and Dick Gordon and a Mercury-Redstone 2 capsule, which carried Ham, a chimpanzee, on a short flight. Interactive exhibits educate and entertain visitors about the science of flight in air and space.

**FREE:** Admission for main exhibits

**HOURS:** 10AM to 5PM daily; closed Jan 1, Thanksgiving, Dec 25

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Figueroa Corridor \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 674 B2

**PARKING:** \$8/car, \$10/bus, enter @ 39th & Figueroa (cash only)

**METRO:** DASH F \* **BIKES:** Park racks**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**

## Union Station

**800 N Alameda St, LA 90012****213.617.0111****www.metro.net**

Breathlessly majestic in scope, vision and design, this cultural mash-up blends Moorish styling, Streamline Moderne, Spanish and Dutch Colonial Revival styles with Art Deco. The results are stunning. The floor plan is a cross, its cathedral ceilings raised 100+ ft high. Outdoor waiting rooms feature beautifully tiled fountains and seating areas. There is no echo inside as the walls are lined with cork. No wonder this spot has served as a backdrop for such Hollywood flicks as *Speed*, *Blade Runner*, and TV series *24*. One of the “Last of the Great Railway Stations” in the US (1939), the western hub for rail travel in the 1940s faded with the advent of auto and air travel. Now serving as a focal point for Amtrak, Metrolink and Metro Rail, the station is an apt metaphor for the city itself: warm, huge, expansive with a host of artistic influences gracing its walls. Tip: Look for FREE fun @ the station in May for National Train Day.

**FREE:** To walk through, admire wall murals, watch trains**HOURS:** 24/7**THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 G3 \* **PARKING:** Short term, hourly rates**METRO:** Amtrak; Metrolink; Red, Purple, Gold Lines; MTA Buses**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER****HISTORIC:** LA Historic-Cultural Monument, National Register of Historic Places

## Wells Fargo History Museum

**333 S Grand Ave, LA 90071****213.253.7166****www.wellsfargohistory.com**

An American legend lives on in downtown LA. More than 150 years ago in New York City, Henry Wells and William G. Fargo founded a company that included a bank, express delivery of real gold and a stagecoach line that would serve gold hungry Californians. The red 2,500-lb horse-drawn coaches crafted in Concord, NH continue to be the finance company's symbol. Made by Abbott-Downing, each coach was individually numbered. See #599 that rolled through southern Kentucky from 1897 to 1915. Gaze at the 27-oz gold Challenge Nugget, walk inside a historically re-created agent's office and view a panoramic painting of LA as it looked in 1859.

**FREE:** Admission, audio guide**HOURS:** 9AM to 5PM Mon–Fri, closed bank holidays**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Bunker Hill \* **THOMAS GUIDE:** 634 F4**PARKING:** Metered st, \$ lots**METRO:** DASH A & B, Red Line**KID-FRIENDLY \* WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER**