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Best After-Hours Eats in LA

West Hollywood, Hollywood, Los Angeles, 1 Day

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: The eateries collected here serve food until at least 1:30am; some are even open 24 hours a day. They are great places for a late night snack!

(Photo of the Original Pantry courtesy of Kevity on flickr)

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Hollywood



Hinano Cafe
Burgers and Wine



Rainbow Bar & Grill
Historic Rock 'n' Roll spot; they serve food until 1:30 am.



101 Coffee Shop
Hip coffee shop/restaurant, open until 3 am.



Canter's Fairfax Restaurant
Classic L.A. Jewish deli with a ton of history, open 24 hours.



Swingers
Hip late night spot, open until 4 am.



Pink's Hot Dogs
L.A.'s most famous hot dog, open until 2 am.



Kitchen 24
24 hour breakfast and DJs



Magnolia
Good place to mingle; open until 3 am.



Ruen Pair Restaurant
Venerable Thai place that is consistently good; open until 3:30am.



Sanamluang Cafe
Famous Thai noodle place; open until 4am.



Fred 62
American, Asian & Vegetarian, open 24 hours.



Garage Pizza
NY-Style thin crust creations, open until 4 am.



BCD Tofu House
A local Korean chain specializing in Soon Tofu



Tommy's Original Hamburger
This one is the original Original



Won Kok
Delicious and popular



The Original Pantry
Time-Tested Methods Don't Disappoint

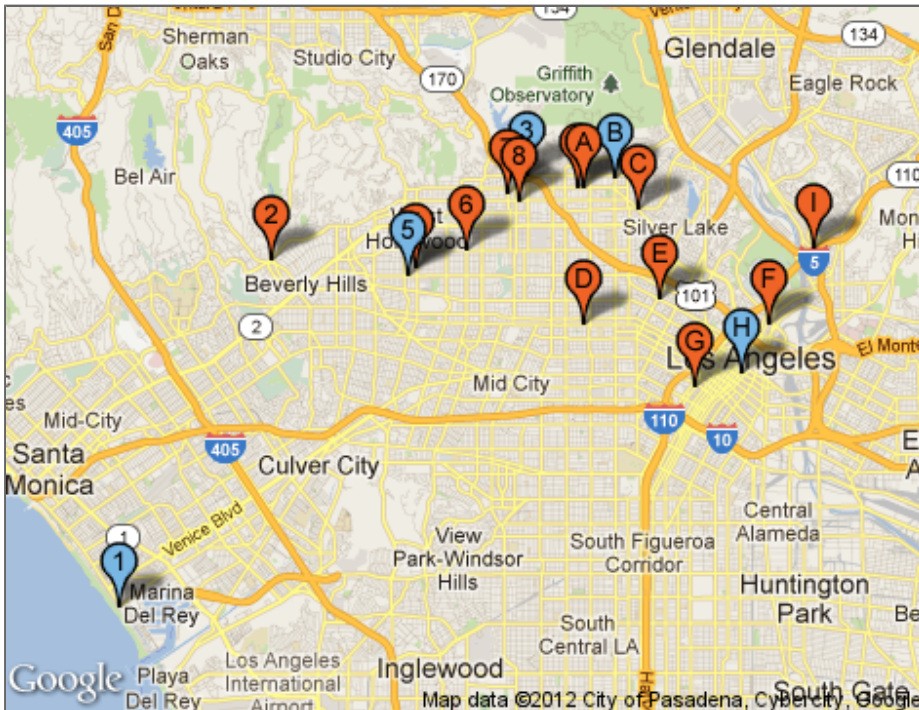


Pete's Cafe and Bar
Popular eatery in the Old Bank district



El Atacor #11
Great potato tacos

Day 1 - Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Hollywood



QUICK NOTE

contact:
tel: +1 310 822 3902

1 Hinano Cafe

location:
15 Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles CA 90292

DESCRIPTION: A traditional bar in the city, Hinano Cafe is extremely popular for its burgers. This local cafe is one of the few dive bars offering the local wine and drinks. The place has a cozy atmosphere and is a complete hang-out for young adults and likes. Live events are a common sight here, specially music concerts and performances. Do visit this bar for a cool evening. © wcities.com

hours:
Mo to Su from 10:00 AM to
02:00 AM

contact:
tel: 310 278 4232
fax: 310 278 7754
<http://rainbowbarandgrill.com/>

2 Rainbow Bar & Grill

location:
9015 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles CA 90069

DESCRIPTION: Still commonly known as the "Rainbow Room," this fabled Sunset Strip institution continues to deliver a raunchy good time with live rock shows, late-night dining and diverse people-watching. The roomy interior consists of a dining room, several bars, upstairs dance floor and patio decorated with kitschy rock 'n' roll memorabilia, Christmas lights, burgundy leather booths and even a vintage arcade game. The food offered is an Italian-American fusion of popular munchies such as pizza, sandwiches, steaks, and a surprisingly diverse vegetarian selection. Keep in mind that it is possible to reserve special seating above the stage. Tuesday is karaoke night. © wcities.com

hours:
Mo to Su from 11:00 AM to
02:00 AM



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contact:
tel: 323/467-1175

location:
6145 Franklin Ave
Hollywood CA 90028

3 101 Coffee Shop

DESCRIPTION: A retro coffee shop right out of the early '60s with rock walls, funky colored tiles, comfy booths, and cool light fixtures, all pulled together nicely in a hip yet subdued fashion. Count on tasty grinds until 3am (try the breakfast burritos). © Frommer's



101 Coffee Shop

contact:
http://losangeles.citysearch.com/profile/external/64098/los_angeles_ca/canter_s_fairfax_restaurant.html

location:
419 N Fairfax Ave
Los Angeles CA 90036

4 Canter's Fairfax Restaurant

DESCRIPTION: This L.A. institution is a classic example of the mid-century diner, replete with a kaleidoscopic tree-patterned ceiling and flying saucer-like lamps. Open all night, the sprawling eatery is packed 24/7. After last call, it's loaded with barhoppers slurping away on hangover preventions, and by sun up, it's filled with noshing retirees. The menu has a Talmudic level of complexity, but stay away from traditional diner fare like burgers and fries and stick to the cold cuts--these mile-high deli sandwiches are near godliness. A study in excess, Eddie Cantor's Delight is a skyscraping arrangement of pastrami, corned beef, ham, Swiss cheese and turkey on rye. Mishmosh, a bowl of matzoh ball soup loaded with kreplach, rice, noodles, chicken and carrots, is a full meal bobbing in chicken broth. An artery-clogging masterpiece, the Reuben sandwich is hot corned beef slapped with Swiss cheese and sauerkraut on grilled rye bread.



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contact:
tel: (323) 653-5858
<http://www.swingersdiner.com/>

location:
8020 Beverly Blvd
Hollywood CA 90026

5 Swingers

DESCRIPTION: This hip coffee shop keeps L.A. scene-stealers happy with its retro comfort food. Open daily until 4am. There's a second location at 802 Broadway (at Lincoln Ave.; tel. **310/393-9793**) in Santa Monica. © Frommer's



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hours:
Mon-Sun: 6:30am - 4am

contact:
tel: (323) 931-4223
<http://www.pinkshollywood.com>

location:
709 N La Brea Ave
Los Angeles CA 90036

hours:
Sun-Thurs 9:30am-2am; Fri-Sat 9:30am-3am

6 Pink's Hot Dogs

DESCRIPTION: Pink's is probably the most famous hot dog stand in Los Angeles! Located near the corner of Melrose and La Brea, Pink's can be found by looking for a crowd of people and following the aroma of fresh meaty chili and soft hot dog buns.



Photo courtesy of Pink's Hot Dogs

contact:
tel: +1 323 465 2424
<http://www.thrillist.com/hollywood/kitchen-24>

location:
1608 North Cahuenga Boulevard
Hollywood CA 90028

hours:
Mo to Su from 12:00 AM to 12:00 AM

7 Kitchen 24

DESCRIPTION: Fancied-up with a DJ booth and light fixtures made of silverware, this spot serves up 24/7 breakfast (Rye-crusted Vegetable Frittata, etc) and lunch (Open-faced meatball sandwich), plus a 'til-2am dinner menu (Chicken Fried Pork Chop!). There's also a full bar operating all-hours but 2-6am, when the law won't allow alcohol, and breakfast/lunch/dinner merge into the meal known as "Please God, don't let me wake up with a headache and this 64-year-old waitress". © Thrillist



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contact:
tel: 1 323 467 0660
<http://www.magnoliala.com/>

location:
6266 1/2 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles CA 90028

hours:
Daily 11a-3a

8 Magnolia

DESCRIPTION: Here is another addition to the long list of restaurants on Sunset Boulevard. Wooden floorings, a huge entrance, leather couches, bright red chairs and hoity-toity Hollywood starlets can all be spotted here. One can satiate the appetite with American fare like pork chops, burgers, steaks and fries. This is also a great place to spot singles, so if it's been a while since you hooked up, then you know where to go! Check the website for details on gift certificates, private parties and Sunday brunch. The restaurant also has a sister concern, The Bar, a little way down the street. But the age limit there is strictly above 21, so make sure to carry a valid ID. © wcities.com



"Photo courtesy of Magnolia"

contact:
tel: (323) 466-0153

location:
5257 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles CA 90027

hours:
Mon-Sun: 10:30am - 3:30am

9 Ruen Pair Restaurant

DESCRIPTION: This affordable and authentic Thai restaurant is a long time favorite for many people. It's located in a little strip mall on Hollywood Blvd in Thai Town (the mini-mall lot is valet only, although the parking fee is very reasonable). Recommended dishes here include the green papaya salad, the morning glory, Tom Yum Goong, Nam Tok beef, and Chinese broccoli with crispy pork. The "rice soup a la carte" dishes are also supposed to be good. Jonathan Gold recommends the Thai-Chinese dishes here (maybe he is also referring to the khao tom style food?) Please note that this restaurant accepts cash only. Open until 3:30 am.

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contact:
tel: (323) 660-8006

A Sanamluang Cafe

location:
5176 Hollywood Blvd
Los Angeles California 90027

hours:
Mon-Sun: 10am - 4am

DESCRIPTION: The wonders of cheap and authentic Thai food in the Thai Town mini-malls on Hollywood Blvd include this great Thai restaurant, which is especially well-known for noodles. The famous dish here is the General's Noodle Soup, which always draws rave reviews. The other noodle soups here all generally get good feedback too, as do many other staples like the Pad See Ew. Cash only. Open until 4 am.

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contact:
tel: 323/667-0062
fax: +1 323 665 3621
<http://www.fred62.com/>

B Fred 62

location:
1850 N. Vermont
Los Feliz CA 90027

hours:
Mo to Su from 12:00 AM to
12:00 AM

DESCRIPTION: Silver Lake/Los Feliz hipsters hankering for a slightly demented take on classic American comfort grub skulk into Fred round-the-clock. © Frommer's



Photo courtesy of Fred 62

contact:
tel: (323)668-1190
<http://www.garagepizzala.com/>

C Garage Pizza

location:
4339 1/2 W Sunset Blvd
Los Angeles CA 90029

DESCRIPTION: Just because you don't want morrels and lemon-grass cuttlefish on your pizza shouldn't mean you're stuck with a pizza so boring, you'll only eat 7/8ths of it. Creatively mashing up the traditional, Garage Pizza. GP's a tiny, rock influenced joint (music docs like Decline of Western Civilization play on the flatscreen) in a Silverlake strip mall, run by two LA pizza vets (Cappriccio, Hard Times, etc) who wanted to showcase the custom pies they'd perfected during pizzeria slow periods (i.e., marijuana shortages). Their blinged-out, diamond-plate gas oven produces NY-style thin-crusters overrun with novel combos like: the Game (pepperoni/bell pepper/onion/mushroom/bacon), the Annihilator (meatball/pepperoni/ground beef/red onion/bell pepper/mushroom/feta), and the Hot 'N Sweet Pepperoni with pineapple and jalapeno (sub in pablanos for the "Pab Dole"). Secret, off-menu pies include the Burger (ground beef, onion, tomatoes, pickle) and a dessert-ish banana, cinnamon, honey, and mozzarella concoction -- for when you wake up pregnant and craving a Pizza Inn "Pizzert". For dipping sauce, GP offers "Jay's Elbow Grease," a sweet, tangy, yellowish mystery that contains "less than 5 ingredients" -- so delicious, it'll push even a cuttlefish pie into the 8-out-of-8 range. © Thrillist



Photo courtesy of
Garage Pizza

contact:
tel: (213) 382-6677
http://losangeles.citysearch.com/profile/11410/los_angeles_ca/bcd_tofu_house.html

location:
3575 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles CA 90010

hours:
Daily 24hrs

D BCD Tofu House

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

This is an accessible 24 hour Korean restaurant. By the way, the egg is raw and you break into the Soon Tofu soup right when you get it, while the soup is still super hot.

DESCRIPTION: Quick service, sit-down Korean eatery attracts office workers, late-night diners with traditional menu items like hot tofu dishes, bibimbap, bulgogi.



Photo courtesy of kimi-

contact:
tel: (213) 389-9060
http://losangeles.citysearch.com/profile/external/86306/los_angeles_ca/original_tommy_s.html

location:
2575 Beverly Blvd
Los Angeles CA 90057-1020

hours:
Daily 24hrs

E Tommy's Original Hamburger

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

This one at Beverly and Rampart dates from 1946. Their chili burger does have its charms; perhaps it is best appreciated late at night after a drink or two.

DESCRIPTION: The Scene

The original Original Tommy's is a far cry from the sanitized, white-tile chain it spawned. The kitchen is a shack, the dining room is a parking lot, and Angelenos couldn't be happier. At any hour of the day or night, expect to find folks from all walks of life wiping their satisfied mugs with paper towels from dispensers located every two feet along the outdoor stand-up counter.

The Food

When Mom cooks, the extra ingredient is love. When Tommy's cooks, the secret's in the chili. Give in to your inner glutton and enjoy a meaty burger smothered in the orange, gloppy stuff. The medium-thick beef patty oozing chili con carne, cheddar cheese and mustard redeems itself with diced raw onion, dill pickles and a thick-cut slice of beefsteak tomato. Perfectly plumped all-beef dogs, hefty tamales and chunky golden fries are absolutely delicious when coated with the industrial-strength chili.



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contact:
tel: 1 213 613 0700

location:
210 Alpine Street
Los Angeles CA 90012

hours:
11a-3a

F Won Kok

DESCRIPTION: This Chinese restaurant is very popular, always lively, serving up authentic Cantonese food at reasonable prices. Try one of the many noodle dishes or its rice porridge, thick and just the ticket if you are looking for something plain to fill your stomach. The fact that it is open late makes it popular with the club crowd that comes here with appetites after a night of dancing. © wcities.com

contact:
tel: (213) 972-9279
fax: +1 213 972 0187
<http://www.pantrycafe.com/>

location:
877 S Figueroa St
Los Angeles CA 90017

hours:
Daily 24hrs

G The Original Pantry

DESCRIPTION: This bastion of blue-collar cooking has been serving huge portions of comfort food 'round-the-clock since 1924. The cash-only Pantry is popular with politicians, who come here for weekday lunches, and with conferencegoers en route to the nearby L.A. Convention Center. The well-worn restaurant is also a welcoming beacon to clubbers after-hours, when Downtown becomes a virtual ghost town. A bowl of celery stalks, carrot sticks, and whole radishes greets you at your Formica table, and creamy coleslaw and sourdough bread come free with every meal. The menu? It's a chalkboard hanging on the wall. Famous for quantity rather than quality, the Pantry serves huge T-bone steaks, densely packed hamburger loaf, macaroni and cheese, and other American favorites to an already overfed crowd. A typical breakfast -- served all day -- consists of a huge stack of hotcakes, a big slab of sweet cured ham, home fries, and coffee. © Frommer's



Photo courtesy of The Original Pantry

contact:
tel: 1 213 617 1000
<http://www.petescafe.com/>

location:
400 South Main Street
Los Angeles CA 90013

hours:
M-F 11:30a-2a, Sa-Su 11a-2a

H Pete's Cafe and Bar

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:
They serve food until 1:30am

DESCRIPTION: This cafe-cum-bar is located in the Old Bank District in downtown Los Angeles. Styled after the popular bistros in New York, it serves American cuisine in a relaxed setting. Worthy of mention are the beef carpaccio, spinach and sweet apple salad, flat iron steak with bleu cheese fries, and crispy shoestring fries. Have your meal either inside the main dining room, at the bar counter, or outdoors. Enjoy the live music and ask the waitstaff for recommendations from the wine list. There is ample parking nearby, so drive here for an enjoyable late night meal. © wcities.com



Pete's Cafe and Bar

contact:
tel: (323) 441-8477

location:
2622 North Figueroa Street
Los Angeles CA 90065

hours:
Mon - Sun: 7am - 4am

I El Atacor #11

DESCRIPTION: The potato tacos here are kinda famous. And rightly so as they are delicious. They arrive crispy and fried with a filling of mashed potatoes, served over lettuce and tomatoes, and garnished with cheese and guacamole. They are a very satisfying and affordable treat to eat! This taqueria has its act together: this place is clean and they stay open really late (4am). Great spot for a cheap dinner or a late night snack. © NileGuide



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Los Angeles Snapshot

Local Info

People either love it, or they hate it--but no matter what, Los Angeles makes no excuses and changes itself for no one. And you've got to admire that. Made up of dozens of communities, there is no one single experience that can sum up the life and the heartbeat of this city. But what can be noticed about Los Angeles by both tourists and locals alike is the hustle-and-bustle lifestyle, the vibrant and unique neighborhoods, and the extreme diversity that sets it apart from any other city. From the eternal sunshine and Hollywood glitz to all the small communities with their own distinct cultural personalities, this City of Angels will forever be many things to many people.

Downtown

While not exactly in the center of town geographically due to the sprawling nature of the city, Downtown Los Angeles is still teeming with activity. There are cultural hotbeds like Olvera Street and Chinatown that are just minutes away from Los Angeles landmarks such as the Bank of America Building and the Walt Disney Concert Hall. And if you have a hankering for more art and culture while Downtown, the Museum of Contemporary Art(MOCA) is a definite must-see.

Hollywood

The big sign just about says it all--Hollywood is glitz, glamour, and unavoidable. While many people are critical of Hollywood, they still can't help but satiate their curiosity by visiting this busy area. The center of things is, without a doubt, Hollywood Boulevard, location of world-famous tourist spots including Mann's Chinese Theater, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the Kodak Theatre where the Oscars are now held annually.

The Miracle Mile/Hancock Park area is another of L.A.'s historical neighborhoods. Here you will find Wilshire Boulevard's Museum Row. The museums are contained within Hancock Park, a small but peaceful oasis in the center of hectic urban activity. To venture into the far distant past, stop by the Brea Tar Pits, La, and to immerse yourself in a famous museum, the LACMA: Los Angeles County Museum of Art is a popular attraction on Miracle Mile.

Ritz West Hollywood is home to one of the city's most famous(or infamous) attractions: the Sunset Strip. Here you'll find most of the city's hippest clubs frequented by up-and-coming actors and socialites, as well as some of the city's finest hotels and shopping, including the upscale Melrose Avenue Shopping District. West Hollywood is also the center of the city's gay and lesbian community, and it puts on one of the flashiest and most exhilarating annual Halloween parades in the state.

Beverly Hills and the Westside

This world-famous city with its world-famous zip code is synonymous with wealth, status, and celebrity. The understated elegance and grace of the residential neighborhoods are balanced out by Rodeo Drive, which offers some of the finest(and most expensive) shopping in the world.

Santa Monica and Beach Cities

Back in the heyday of Route 66, Santa Monica was the end of the line. Today, this beachfront community offers the best in entertainment for all ages on its famous Santa Monica Pier. You can enjoy some carnival-style food and games or take a ride on the ferris wheel for a breathtaking view of the city and shoreline. When you're ready for some shopping, the active Third Street Promenade has a diverse directory of stores and eateries.

The motto of the coastal community of Malibu is "27 miles of scenic beauty," and that about describes it best. The main attraction here is the drive along the Pacific Coast Highway, which takes you past beach after beach on one side of the road and million-dollar hilltop estates on the other. Make sure you have plenty of film and sunscreen. Even at night, the stars just seem brighter.

Venice, just south of Santa Monica, is the city's home to all things eclectic and many things downright bizarre. This small, artsy beach town offers one of the greatest collections of cafes, bars, galleries, antiques and one-of-a-kind shops around. Weekend afternoons on the boardwalk are definitely a memorable experience for any visitor to the city.

San Fernando Valley

On the other side of the Hollywood Hills sits "The Valley," as known by locals. It features a seemingly endless sea of suburban cul-de-sacs, strip malls, funky shops and restaurants. Hollywood makes its presence known in the cities of Burbank and Universal City, which are home to Warner Bros. Studio and Universal Studios. There are two things you can always count on in the Valley: the earthquakes always feel stronger, and the temperature is always 10 degrees hotter.

South Central and Compton

Although the South Central neighborhood of Crenshaw gained worldwide publicity as the center of the infamous 1992 riots, this area is rich in history and culture. South Central also is home to famous Los Angeles landmarks such as the Watts Towers, the historic Shrine Auditorium, and Exposition Park. Within the famed Exposition Park is the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the California Science Center, and the IMAX California Science Center. It has also long been a place of culture and diversity, as evidenced by the African American Cultural Center.

Long Beach and the South Bay

Long Beach is a fairly large city in its own right and is a neighbor to the well known district of Orange County. Aside from a plethora of shopping and dining options, this beach community is perhaps best known for the Queen Mary, a Titanic-esque ocean liner now permanently docked here and open for tours. They also have many outdoor activities for tourists to take advantage of, as well as museums and beaches that all can enjoy.

The South Bay is made up of smaller beach towns and quiet neighborhoods such as Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Palos Verdes Estates.

Pasadena and Points East

Pasadena is one of the most prominent communities in the entire state of California. Old Town Pasadena provides one of the greatest clusters of bars, shops, cafes and restaurants in the entire L.A. area. The city is also known for the Norton Simon Museum, which is the largest collection

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of art owned by one man, and the Rose Bowl. And every New Years' Day, this not-so-sleepy town becomes the focus of the entire world for the annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

East L.A., as evidenced by its name, forms the eastern edge of the city and is a great example of a neighborhood rich in cultural expression.

LAX and Inglewood

LAX is one of the largest airports in the United States, when it comes to the sheer number of people passing through its hallways. The airport is the main feature of the otherwise-sleepy, suburban neighborhood of Westchester. This pocket of quiet, tree-lined streets and neighborhood schools and churches is a refreshing oasis in an often-frenetic city.

Inglewood features a wide variety of restaurants, music and sports venues. Here you will find Hollywood Park Racetrack and the The Forum arena, an entertainment hotspot. Inglewood also hosts the annual Hollywood Black Film Festival, which pays homage to African-American filmmakers of past, present and future.

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