



# HAMMOCK EXPEDITIONS

**Tour:** Los Angeles Explorer  
**Destination:** Los Angeles, California  
**Itinerary:** 6-days / 5-nights  
**Specialization:** History, Science, Arts & Culture  
**Dates:** Year-round

LOS ANGELES EXPLORER				
Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	
1	Travel to Los Angeles, California; transfer to hotel and check-in	Welcome, Safety & Orientation Meeting	Welcome Dinner	Evening Hollywood Sightseeing Tour
2	California Science Center, Space Shuttle Endeavor Pavilion & IMAX	Bicycling in Venice & Santa Monica Beaches	Santa Monica Pier - Dinner & Amusements	
3	La Brea Tar Pits, Excavator Tour & Page Museum	UCLA Campus Visit	Local Dinner	The Griffith Observatory
4	Hollywood Behind-the-Scenes Walking Tour - Redline	Universal Studios Hollywood + Student Backlot Tour		Dinner at Universal's City Walk
5	The Academy Museum of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences	L.A. Natural History Museum, Private Tour & 3D Cinema Experience	Farewell Dinner	Disney's El Capitan Theatre Hollywood
6	The Getty Museum of Los Angeles	Depart Los Angeles for home		



As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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## Day 1

Dinner included

Travel to Los Angeles, California arriving in the late afternoon. After check-in, we'll have our **Welcome, Safety & Orientation meeting** and get settled in.

*Los Angeles...* The undisputed entertainment capital of the world, the City of Angeles invented the magic of movies and television. Discover L.A.'s vibrant regions, incredible diversity of cultures, attractions, hotels, restaurants, museums, and activities; not to mention L.A.'s stunning beaches, picturesque mountains and year-round warm weather when planning your school trip in the City of Angels.

**Sample Hotel: The Freehand Los Angeles** - Historically Unique - Distinctively Local - For a New Generation of Travelers! Housed in the historic Commercial Exchange building, this hotel in downtown Los Angeles is truly one-of-a-kind featuring enhanced bedding, room service, along with convenient valet and attentive bellman ready to give you a hand. Hotel amenities include complimentary Wi-Fi. 24-hour front desk, multilingual staff, daily housekeeping services, rooftop pool & bar, full-service restaurant, specialty coffee bar, Saturday poolside yoga and more.



After arriving, we'll get checked-in to our hotel and then once we are settled in our rooms, have our **Welcome, Safety & Orientation Meeting**. Later in the evening, we'll have dinner and then we're off for a bit of evening sightseeing.

**Hollywood Evening Sightseeing** – With a private guide, we'll board a motorcoach to discover Hollywood history. We'll explore the Sunset Strip, Santa Monica Boulevard, Melrose Place and other famous locales to hear about the dashing history of Hollywood.



## Day 2

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine Los Angeles! This morning we'll visit the amazing California Science Center and then later, explore the stunning California coastline!

**California Science Center** - The California Science Center offers hands-on experiences to learn about human inventions and innovations, the life processes of living things and more. Your group visit will include an IMAX film, a pass to the Endeavor pavilion, plus entry into all standard wings. The facility spans more than 400,000 sq. feet and includes four major exhibit areas. World of Life probes the commonalities of the living world, from the single-celled bacterium to the 100-trillion-celled human being; Creative World examines the ways people employ technology to meet their needs for transportation, communication and structures; and Ecosystems



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features an unprecedented blend of nearly 400 species of live plants and animals, and hands-on exhibits in 11 immersive environments. Ecosystems highlights include a 188,000-gallon kelp tank populated with live kelp, fish, and other marine life, a desert flash flood, and a special gallery dedicated to the urban ecology of Los Angeles. The [Space Shuttle Endeavour](#) guests are able to see and discover some of the science behind this amazing space vehicle while the Oschin Pavilion also features SPACEHAB, a workshop for astronauts while in space, and a space shuttle main engine (SSME) which helped push the shuttle into orbit. [VIDEO](#)



Before entering the Pavilion, guests will be able to enjoy an introductory experience, Endeavour Together: Parts & People, which celebrates Endeavour, the space shuttle program, and the people who helped make the program possible. The exhibit also highlights the shuttle program's strong connection to California, where all the orbiters were built. Endeavour Together includes the Rocketdyne Operations Support Center (ROSC), which monitors the initial segment of every shuttle launch, Endeavour's space potty and galley, the nose cone from a space shuttle external tank, and the tires from STS-134, Endeavour's final mission. In addition to the orbiter, this unique collection of Air and Space Exhibits explores the design of aircraft, spacecraft, and space probes for specific tasks by applying the principles of air, space, and flight.

In the afternoon, we'll head to the beach for some fun in the sun.

**Venice Beach** - Venice Beach is unlike any place on Earth - well known for its artists, [street performers](#) and funky atmosphere. It's a virtual carnival running year-round with free admission. Get ready for fun with the many bizarre and interesting scenes that make Venice truly unique.

**Beach Boardwalk Bicycling** – Our groups will enjoy bike rentals to cruise the boardwalk while soaking up that California sunshine! Climb onboard and take a spin down California's most recognized beaches. Tonight, we'll dine on the Santa Monica Pier.



**Santa Monica Pier** – Santa Monica is home to the famous Santa Monica Pier with its historic carousel and Pacific Park Amusement Park, the outdoor, pedestrian-oriented Third Street Promenade, the panoramic coastline and beach, beautiful parks, and more than 400 restaurants and four distinct shopping districts.



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After parking our bikes, we'll head over to the Santa Monica Pier for dinner and fun!

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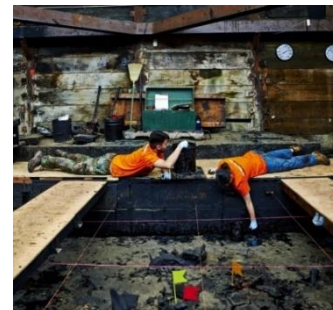


### **Day 3**

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning California! Today, we are in for viewing some amazing research. We'll start with the world-famous La Brea Tar Pits and then carry on to the fabulous UCLA campus!

**La Brea Tar Pits** - Right in the heart of L.A. sits the world's most powerful gateway to the Ice Age. The asphalt seeps at La Brea Tar Pits are the only active urban fossil dig site in the world. Plants and animals from the last 50,000 years are discovered here every day. Outside, you can watch excavators carve fossils out of the asphalt. Inside the museum, the staff prepares these discoveries in the see-through Fossil Lab. You'll see the final result in the exhibitions: extraordinary saber-toothed cats, mammoths, dire wolves, and mastodons, as well as the tiny, but scientifically significant, microfossils of insects, plants, mammals, and reptiles. The Tar Pits help us understand life around Wilshire Boulevard long before we got here, and what lies ahead as climate and habitats continue to change.



**Excavator Tour** – While visiting, our groups will participate in an Excavator Tour. Explore how excavators and scientists find fossils and then piece together Ice Age L.A. This guided tour will take a deeper look into the Fossil Lab, Lake Pit, Observation Pit, and Project 23. Start at the Fossil Lab where you will see the scientists at work on everything from Zed, the near-complete Columbian mammoth, to tiny microfossils. Get the inside story of the famous Lake Pit, step inside the Observation Pit to see what a tar pit looks like, and discover what scientists are finding right now at Project 23, an active dig site.

Additionally, groups will get an opportunity to visit the 3D theatre.

**Titans of the Ice Age** - Journey to a world lost in time, buried in ice, and ruled by giants. In this exciting 3D adventure, narrated by Christopher Plummer, discover an icy world on the brink of extinction, where humans share the frozen tundra with majestic beasts. Encounter some of the Earth's most awe-inspiring mammals, from saber-toothed cats and dire wolves to giant sloths and the iconic mammoths that lived 10,000 years before modern civilization. [VIDEO LINK](#)



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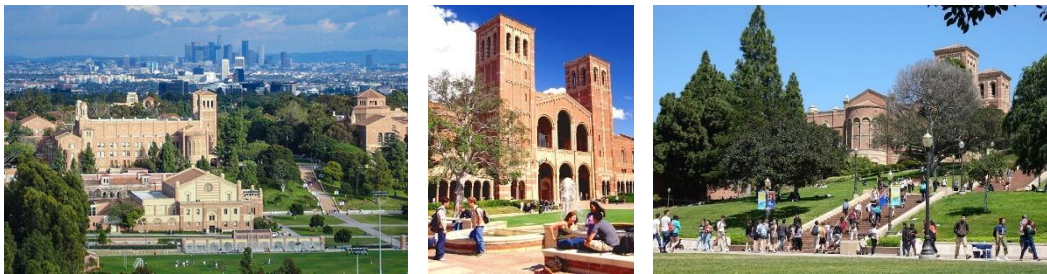


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Next, we will visit UCLA!

**The University of California Los Angeles** – “For nearly 100 years, UCLA has been a pioneer, preserving through impossibility, turning the futile into the attainable. We doubt the critics, reject the status quo and see opportunity in dissatisfaction. Our campus, faculty and students are driven by optimism. It is not naïve; it is essential. And it has fueled every accomplishment, allowing us to redefine what's possible, time after time. This can-do perspective has brought UCLA 14 Nobel Prizes, 15 MacArthur Fellows, 118 NCAA titles and 261 Olympic medals. The faculty and alumni helped create the Internet and pioneered reverse osmosis. And more than 140 companies have been created based on technology developed at UCLA. [SELF GUIDED TOUR MAP](#)

“What inspires MacArthur Fellows and Rhodes Scholars? What gave Jackie Robinson the courage to become the first African American in Major League Baseball? What was the catalyst that spurred Vint Cerf and Leonard Kleinrock's dream of the Internet? **The answer is optimism. And it is in our DNA.** It is what enables us to push forward and redefine what's possible. It pervades our focus on education, research and service and, in turn, opens limitless opportunities to every student. And through its eye-opening lens, we see beyond the classroom, allowing us to engage with the world right now. As UCLA moves onward, we leverage our history to define our future. Every achievement and breakthrough we have made justifies our optimism, calling us to build upon our past. And as we near the end of a century of excellence, we steadfastly pursue future endeavors with the same optimism that brought us here. **This is UCLA. These are the grounds of optimism.**”



We will have dinner locally and then make a special visit to the fascinating Griffith Observatory this evening.

**Griffith Observatory** - Griffith Observatory is an icon of Los Angeles, a national leader in public astronomy and has welcomed over 81 million visitors. The Observatory is located on the southern slope of Mount Hollywood in Griffith Park and is 1,134 feet above sea level. The Observatory is one of the most popular informal education facilities in the United States and the most-visited public observatory in the world (with 1.5 million visitors a year). Griffith Observatory is a unique hybrid of public observatory, planetarium, and exhibition space. Fulfilling the Observatory's goal of “visitor as observer,” free public telescope viewing is available each evening skies are clear and the building is open. While here our groups are free to roam where they wish but we suggest participating in one of their incredible shows!



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## **Day 4**

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Hello So-Cal! After breakfast, we'll kick off with a special Hollywood-Behind-the-Scenes walking tour. We can't come to L.A. without checking out Hollywood, right?

**Hollywood Behind-the-Scenes Walking Tour** - Anyone can walk Hollywood Boulevard, but Hollywood Behind-the-Scenes is more than just a walk, it's an exploration of Hollywood's secrets. Visit movie locations that starred A-List Celebrities, visit legendary movie palaces, find your favorite Celebrity's star as we walk the Walk of Fame, view the Hollywood Sign, and visit celebrities' favorite hidden hideaways and more. Go inside places normally closed to the public and place your feet onto your favorite celebrity's footprints at the Chinese theater. This amazing Redline tour changes Hollywood from ordinary to extra-ordinary!



Afterwards, if off to Universal Studios Theme Park.



**Universal Studios Hollywood** – Find a day of action-packed entertainment all in one place at Universal Studios Hollywood! With thrilling park rides and shows, a real working movie studio and top Los Angeles' shops, restaurants and cinema at CityWalk, Universal Studios Hollywood is a unique experience that's fun for everyone. Witness real sets from some of your favorite movies on the world-famous Studio Tour; experience hair-raising thrills and heart-pounding surprises on rides like Mummy thrill coaster and the Jurassic Park 80-foot raft plunge! It's a day of fun not to be missed!

While visiting, we'll also get a chance to participate in a Student Backlot Tour!

**Universal Studio's Student Backlot Tour** – This tour highlights the wide array of career opportunities available in the entertainment and production industries, by taking students behind-the-scenes to visit closed sets, working soundstages, the prop warehouse and more.



This evening, dinner will be at a restaurant on Universal's City Walk; enjoy!

## **Day 5**

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Rise and shine California! It's time to learn about California's movie history!

**The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures** - The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures is the largest museum in the United States devoted to the arts, sciences, and artists of moviemaking. Global in outlook and grounded in the unparalleled collections and expertise of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Academy Museum offers exceptional exhibitions and programs that illuminate the world of cinema. They are immersive and dynamic and tell the many stories of the movies—their art, technology, artists, history, and social impact—through a variety of diverse and engaging voices. The Academy Museum will tell complete stories of moviemaking—celebratory, educational, and sometimes critical or uncomfortable.



Next up, we're off to the Los Angeles Natural History Museum!

**L.A. Natural History Museum & Master Class** - Explore L.A. and the world at NHM—dinosaurs, gems and minerals, gardens, Latin American treasures, and beloved dioramas to name a few. Discoveries are made here every day—by scientists, historians, and you! While visiting, schools will enjoy a Guided Tour, a 3D Theatre experience, plus an Educational Master Class. Teachers will pick one of the following Master Class options prior to travel:



- ✚ **URBAN CARNIVORES** - Discover the carnivores that share our city! Learn about a local mammal and work together to craft a solution to the real-world challenges it is facing today. Located in our exhibitions. 45–60 minutes, indoors.
- ✚ **BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY** - Experience the biodiversity of Los Angeles! Survey for insects then identify and record collected specimens to reveal the diversity that surrounds us. Located in the Nature Gardens; weather dependent. 45–50 minutes, outdoors.

In the evening, we'll have our farewell dinner and then we're off to catch a movie at a very special place!

**Disney's El Capitan Theatre Hollywood** - El Capitan Theatre is a landmark 'movie palace' in Hollywood that features exhibits and stage shows along with the latest Disney movie screenings. It is a fully restored movie

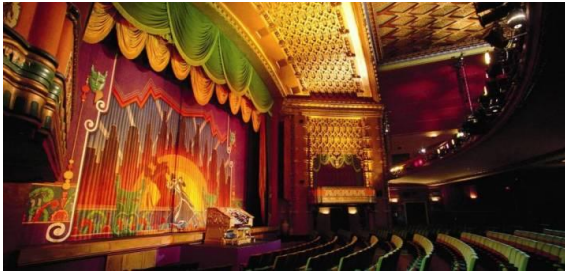


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palace originally built in the 1920s by real estate developers Charles Toberman and Sid Grauman, also the builders of Hollywood's Egyptian & Chinese theatres. Stars of the stage attended the opening of the El Capitan Theatre, the largest legitimate theatre in Hollywood in 1926, filling the 1,550-seat theatre dubbed "**Hollywood's First Home of Spoken Drama**".



In 1941, the El Capitan Theatre was converted from a playhouse to a movie theatre. Searching for a theatre in Hollywood to premiere his controversial film, CITIZEN KANE, Orson Welles rented the El Capitan. In 1989, the Walt Disney Company joined forces with Pacific Theatres and launched a restoration of The El Capitan, achieving the goal to recreate the original 1926 look and feel including original design elements such as the ornate plasterwork and the opera boxes in the main auditorium. The theatre reopened its doors to the public in 1991 for the world premiere of Walt Disney Pictures' THE ROCKETEER, becoming the first of many Walt Disney Pictures feature films to premiere at the El Capitan Theatre.

### **Day 6**

Breakfast (dependent upon departure times)

Good morning Hollywood! Today is our last day in Los Angeles. Before heading out though, we have one last incredible visit...

***The Getty Museum of Los Angeles*** - Art, architecture, and gardens with incredible views of Los Angeles! Located in the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles, the Centre is one of two locations of the J. Paul Getty Museum and features pre-20th-century European paintings, drawings, illuminated manuscripts, sculpture, and decorative arts; and photographs from the 1830s through present day from all over the world. In addition, the Museum's collection includes outdoor sculpture displayed on terraces and in gardens and the large Central Garden designed by Robert Irwin. Among the artworks on display is the Vincent Van Gogh painting Irises.



Afterwards, we'll make our way to the airport and start to say goodbye to California as we head off for our flight home.

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find yourself here



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## Want to add on days to your itinerary? Here are some suggestions:

Please remember though, the general Los Angeles metro area is very spread out and spans a long reach. Added activities will impact transportation costs so please let us know your thoughts and we will help you to create the perfect itinerary for your group.

[Animal Tracks](#)  
[Cabrillo Marine Aquarium](#)  
[Catalina Island Excursion](#)  
[Channel Islands Maritime Museum – Oxnard](#)  
[Disneyland Park & Disney’s California Adventure Park](#)  
[Flight Path Museum at LAX](#)  
[Gibbon Conservation Center](#)  
[Hornblower Dinner Cruise in Marina del Ray](#)  
[Knott’s Berry Farm Theme Park](#)  
[Los Angeles Zoo](#)  
[Medieval Times Dinner Theatre & Tournament](#)  
[Melting Pot Food Tours – Pasadena](#)  
[Music Master Classes – Musician’s Institute](#)  
[Newport Landing Whale Watching Tours](#)  
[Pirates Dinner Theatre](#)  
[Rodeo Drive Walking Tour](#)  
[Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park](#)  
[Sony Studios Tour](#)  
[Spend the Night on the Queen Mary](#)  
[The Grove – Food, Shopping & Entertainment](#)  
[Theatre/Drama Master Classes – Stella Adler Academy of Acting](#)  
[Walt Disney Concert Hall - Tour](#)



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**Minimum Booking Numbers:** 20 students

**What's Included:**

- Round-trip flights or motorcoach transfers
- 5-nights' accommodation
- Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on arrival and ending with breakfast on departure, dependent upon travel times
- Transportation for programmed activities (via metro) & coach airport transfers
- Evening Hollywood Sightseeing Tour
- California Science Center with Endeavor Pavilion admission and IMAX
- Bicycling in Venice & Santa Monica
- Santa Monica Pier excursion
- La Brea Tar Pits with Excavator Tour & 3D Experience
- UCLA Campus Visit
- The Griffith Observatory
- Hollywood Behind-the-Scenes Walking Tour with Redline
- Universal Studios Hollywood Theme Park
- Universal Studios Student Backlot Tour
- The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences
- L.A. Natural History Museum with Tour, 3D Cinema & Master Class
- Disney's El Capitan Theatre
- The Getty Museum
- Personal Tour Director
- 24-hour emergency cover

**What's Not Included:**

- Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)
- Lunches and other meals/snacks not shown in itinerary
- Luggage fees if not included with airline ticketing
- Amusements on Santa Monica Pier
- Transfers to/from home airport
- Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary
- Cost of visas, full or collective passports
- Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
- Sightseeing / Entertainment Options not shown in Itinerary
- Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items, recreation charges, purchases billed to room, etc.
- Any gratuities – drivers, hotel services, Tour Director, local guides

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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