

area

Melrose Ave. & La Brea

Melrose Ave between Spaulding Street and La Brea - is good for young funky street fashion. Fred Segals on Melrose is not to be missed. La Brea is a few blocks south of Melrose. American Rag is good.

Beverly Centre

Situated on the junction of Beverly Boulevard and La Cienega Drive. This is one of the best malls as there are so many shoe stores and an excellent footwear department in Nordstroms.

Robertson Boulevard

What was once a cluster of old furniture shops has now become a hip place for upmarket shops and restaurants. It has the feel of Madison Ave, New York.

Beverly Hills & Rodeo Drive

Beverly Hills especially Rodeo Drive is the most exclusive shopping area where you can find the international designer stores. Check out 'Madison' which is great for footwear on Brighton Way (intersects Rodeo Drive).

Century City

This large shopping mall with a number of good stores is on the south side of Santa Monica Boulevard between the 405 Freeway and Wiltshire Boulevard junctions.

Santa Monica

Santa Monica Mall on Colorado Ave and Second Street (close to Santa Monica Pier), is worth a visit. The surrounding streets are also very good. There is 3rd Street Promenade, a pedestrianised area next to the mall with a lot of young funky shoe stores and restaurants. We can recommend The Broadway Deli for breakfast. Main Street, parallel to the coast and Montana Ave, between 7th and 17th Streets are also o.k. if you have the time. Don't miss Souliers at 12th St and Montana and Fred Segal 300 Broadway on the corner of 5th St.

The Galleria

At South Bay on the Junction of Artesia Boulevard and Hawthorne Boulevard just south of the 405 Freeway is the Galleria shopping mall. You will see most stores elsewhere such as Nordstroms, Polo, Eddie Bauer, Banana Republic, Leeds and Kinneys but it's useful as it is situated close by to LAX International airport.

South Coast Plaza

Take exit 73, Bear Street off the 405 Freeway in the Costa Mesa area for the South Coast Plaza. This is the best upmarket shopping mall with Nordstroms, Barneys, Bullocks, Armani Exchange, Gap Shoes, Saks, May and Robinsons. There is a link into the Crystal Court Mall which is on the opposite side of the road.

The Lab

The Lab is one mile west of South Coast Plaza. Take the same exit (73) but the opposite side of the road. This small 'Anti-Mall' has an eclectic mix of alternative stores with a village atmosphere.

Fashion Island

Go south on the Pacific Coast Highway and take the slip road to the mall just past Newport Bay and Jamboree Road. This open air mall has fountains, potted bird of paradise and is very exclusive. It is quite good for shoes but best for ambience and interior shops.

getting around

Shopping areas in L.A. are spread out. You really need to hire a car because some of the shopping malls are up to one hours drive from the centre. Due to the strong automobile culture public transport is not as comprehensive as other cities.

opening hours

Generally store opening hours are between 09:00 - 20:00 with some late night shopping. Most open on Sundays from 11:00.

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