A Girl's Guide to a Long Weekend in LA

This Chicago girl headed to LA for a long weekend. Here are some tips to spending a few days in LA and (kinda) live like a local.



Tips before you go

- [ ] Skip the hotel and look for an Airbnb. Less expensive and a better local LA experience
- [ ] Look for an Airbnb with a pool
- [ ] If you want to see a live show taping sign up for tickets as soon as you know your travel dates
- [ ] Use Open Table to make reservations to popular restaurants a few weeks ahead of your trip
- [ ] You will need to rent a car to drive around and explore LA

Day #1 drive to the coast

- [ ] Head to Venice Beach for some boutique shopping https://goo.gl/xSoQy1
- [ ] Drive a short distant to Santa Monica and walk around the Santa Monica Pier. Have a cocktail and a few appetizers at one of the hotels bars along the beach https://goo.gl/IeOZrr
- [ ] After that drive about 30 minutes to Malibu and enjoy some food and a few cocktail at a beachside restaurant

Day #2 visit Beverly Hills

- [ ] You got to go to Rodeo Drive to do some shopping on one of the most famous street in America
- [ ] Fans of RHOBH can have lunch on the patio at Lisa Vanderpump's restaurant Villa Blanca
- [ ] And right around the corner is Kyle Richard's store Kyle by Alene Too

- [ ] After spending some time around Rodeo Drive, drive a few blocks to The Beverly Hills Hotel for a drink at the Polo Club and maybe even see a few celebs

Day #3 relaxing day in Pasadena

- [ ] Head away from the bustle of downtown LA and spend a day relaxing in beautiful downtown Pasadena
- [ ] Grab a coffee at Intelligencia, a little piece of home in LA
- [ ] Stroll around downtown and do some shopping
- [ ] Grab lunch somewhere on a patio

Day #4 hiking and pool day

- [ ] Visit the Griffith Observatory for beautiful views of LA and the observatory is really fun to explore
- [ ] Hike to the Hollywood sign https://goo.gl/ZkYuW6
- [ ] Head back to your Airbnb to relax the rest of the day at the pool

Evening todo's

- [ ] Hopefully you go tickets to a live taping which usually starts around 4pm
- [ ] Head to a rooftop for some evening cocktails https://goo.gl/26UycN
- [ ] Visit the Roosevelt Hotel or the Hotel Bel-Air for cocktails
- [ ] Plan a fancy dinner at Nobu, Mastros, Craig's, Tao, or The Ivy

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