

PASADENA FAST FACTS

- Location:** The City of Pasadena is located 10 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains. Pasadena is unique in that it is home to 16 historically designated districts, such as the Playhouse District, Bungalow Heaven and Garfield Heights. Today, at least 10 percent of the city's 22.5 square-mile area is historically designated.
- Established:** 1875
- Climate:** Mild, year-round Mediterranean climate
- Average daytime temperature: 76 Fahrenheit, 24 Celsius
 - Average nighttime temperature: 54 Fahrenheit, 12 Celsius
- Sister Cities:** Japan: *Mishima*
Germany: *Ludwigshafen*
Finland: *Jarvenpaa*
Armenia: *Vanatzor*
China: *Beijing Xicheng*
- Airports:** Four airports service Pasadena visitors:
- Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) - 16 miles
 - Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) – 28 miles
 - Long Beach Airport (LGB) – 32 miles
 - Ontario International Airport (ONT) – 37 miles
- Ground Transportation:** Super Shuttle and Prime Time shuttles offer convenient transportation to all Pasadena hotels, shopping and entertainment districts, from the Los Angeles International and Hollywood Burbank Airports.
- Once in Pasadena, visitors find the city to be invitingly walkable. Additionally, the Metro Gold Line and Pasadena Transit provide safe and convenient links to the area's attractions and centers of commerce.
- Freeways:** The Pasadena Freeway (California 110) connects Pasadena to Los Angeles. The Foothill Freeway (Interstate 210) links Pasadena to communities to the north and east. The Ventura Freeway (US 134) leads to Ventura County and Northern California.
- Convention Center:** Today, the expanded Pasadena Convention Center features a 55,000-square-foot Exhibit Hall, 25,000-square-foot ballroom and 29 meeting rooms. The complex also features the 3,000-seat Pasadena Civic Auditorium and the Pasadena Ice Skating Center.

Accommodations: Accommodations in Pasadena range from luxury resorts to modern contemporary hotels for a total of more than 2,500 guestrooms.

- Sheraton Pasadena – 311 rooms
- Hilton Pasadena – 296 rooms
- The Westin Pasadena – 350 rooms
- Old Pasadena Courtyard by Marriott – 314 rooms
- Residence Inn – 144 rooms
- Hotel Constance – 129 rooms
- The Langham Huntington, Pasadena – 377 rooms
- Hyatt Place Pasadena – 189 rooms

Dining: With more than 600 restaurants per capita than New York, there is a broad range of cuisines served in a variety of environments ranging from outdoor cafes and quaint cottages to elegant trattorias and fine dining rooms. Pasadena is also known for its nightlife scene, where pub crawlers haunt places like Ice House Comedy Club, Kings Row Gastropub, Lucky Baldwin's, Vertical Wine Bistro and a variety of cinemas, bars, jazz and dance clubs.

The Districts: Reminiscent of a refined collection of European villages with modern conveniences and an urban sophistication, Pasadena offers three distinct districts:

- **Old Pasadena** is nationally recognized for its vibrant main street revitalization. Spanning 22 blocks of historic streets and alleyways, Old Pasadena reflects the traditions of early California, blending more than 200 retail stores, art galleries, trendy boutiques, vintage clothing stores, theaters and restaurants.
- **Lake Avenue** is home to upscale boutiques, designer stores and eateries. This active business community and bustling retail center features Macy's and The Commons alongside diverse eateries such as Smitty's and Pie 'n Burger, a Pasadena institution since 1963.
- The **Pasadena Playhouse District**, named for the legendary Pasadena Playhouse still operating today, is an eclectic mix of art, theatre and literature, all enhanced with 1920s architecture. Visit Vroman's Bookstore, the oldest independent bookstore in Southern California, or stop in and smell the roses at Jacob Maarse, one of the area's premier florists. Witness a creatively daring presentation of drama and music in one of the intimate, state-of-the-art settings at Boston Court Theatre, known for its special emphasis on nurturing new talent.

Things to do: Blending historic and contemporary architecture, **One Colorado** is a single city block bursting with abundant shopping, dining and entertainment options. One of the city's most popular gathering spots, One Colorado features eight restaurants, 29 unique one-of-a-kind retail shops, and

endless entertainment, with outdoor film festivals, live music, art installations and children's arts and crafts.

- **The Paseo** spans three city blocks at the heart of Pasadena's downtown Civic Center. It is a bustling open-air urban village with lush promenades, 60 street-front retail shops and an impressive collection of acclaimed restaurants.
- **Pasadena Antique Center** is known as "antique collector's heaven," with more than 130 eclectic stores carrying antiques from all periods and styles.
- **The Rose Bowl Flea Market**, "the granddaddy of all flea markets," is located at the Rose Bowl Stadium, northwest of downtown Pasadena. Held the second Sunday of every month, the flea market attracts more than 2,200 vendors with over a million items for sale, ranging from household necessities to fine antiques...a treasure hunter's dream.

Cultural Attractions:

Pasadena is a prime location for museum lovers, theatergoers and performing arts enthusiasts.

- **Museums & Gardens**
Pasadena boasts an impressive collection of museums, including The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens; Norton Simon Museum; USC Pacific Asia Museum; Pasadena Museum of History; Gamble House; and the Tournament House & Wrigley Gardens.
- **Theatres & Performing Arts**
See renowned shows and performances, including live theatre, ballet, musicals, symphonies and jazz concerts at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, Pasadena Playhouse, Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, Boston Court Performing Arts Complex, Beckman Auditorium, Ramo Auditorium, and the Pasadena City College Center for the Arts.
- **Architecture**
View Pasadena's rich architectural heritage on a walking tour. Detailed maps are available with 10 tours of Lower Linda Vista, Arroyo Craftsman, Arroyo View, Oak Knoll, Governor Markham Victorian District, Civic Center & Playhouse District, Old Pasadena, Madison Heights, Bungalow Heaven, and Lombardy Road.

Fit & Fun:

From the famed Rose Bowl Stadium to the sprawling Arroyo Seco, Pasadena attracts sports lovers and outdoor enthusiasts with its venues, parks, trails and golf courses, including:

- **Arroyo Seco** offers biking and hiking trails
- **Brookside Park** offers picnicking, hiking, swimming, volleyball and fishing

- **Brookside Golf Course** is noted for its two 18-hole championship courses, clubhouse, golf shop and banquet facilities
- **Rose Bowl Aquatics Center** offers water aerobics, swimming and diving
- **Pasadena Ice Skating Center** with open skate time
- **Rose Bowl Stadium** is the ultimate spectator sports venue
- **Santa Anita Park (Arcadia)** features thoroughbred horse racing
- **Dodger Stadium (Los Angeles)**, home of the Los Angeles Dodgers professional baseball team (about 10 miles from Pasadena)
- **Staples Center (Los Angeles)**, home of the Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers professional basketball teams and Los Angeles Kings professional hockey team (about 15 miles from Pasadena)

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