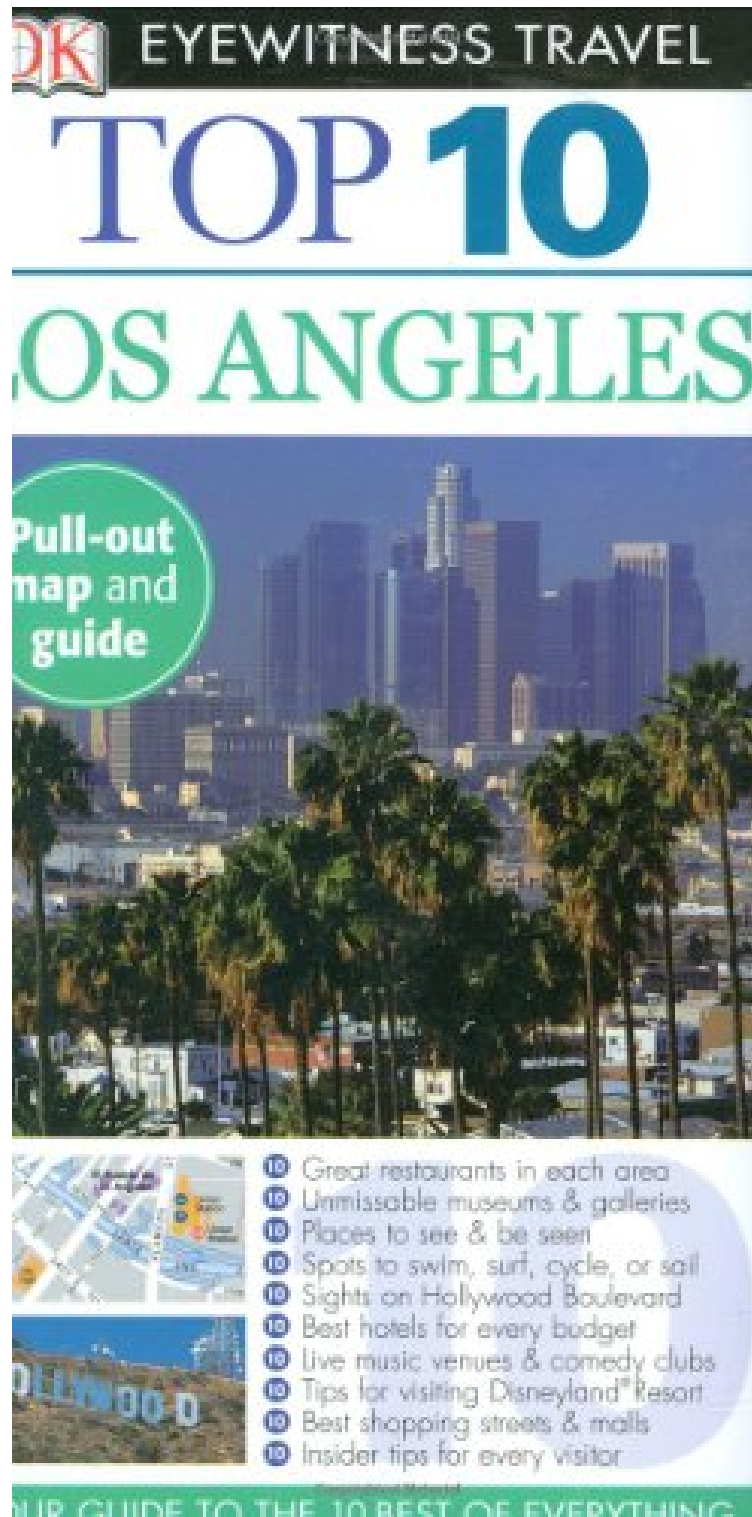


Top 10 Los Angeles (Eyewitness Top 10 Travel Guides)

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Andrea Schulte-Peevers, Catherine Gerber, Jeffrey Kennedy : Top 10 Los Angeles (Eyewitness Top 10 Travel Guides) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Top 10 Los Angeles (Eyewitness Top 10 Travel Guides):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Needs expansion and updating
By Bill Robinson
This guide was not current or comprehensive. Of all the guides I purchased this was the weakest. I wouldn't recommend this book to anyone.
27 of 28 people found the following review helpful. Best Available General Purpose Guide
By Diego Banducci
During the past few years, I've become increasingly convinced that L.A. is one of the most interesting cities in America. Unfortunately, much of what is there is overshadowed by ersatz "attractions" like Disneyland and Universal Studios. This guide overcomes that problem by focusing upon different areas of interest and then listing the top 10 attractions within each area. Yes, Disneyland and Universal Studios are still covered, but so are the numerous museums, architectural landmarks (this book first made me aware of the Bradbury Building), parks, restaurants and hotels. Despite the enormous amount of material covered, the guide is compact enough to easily fit in a pocket or purse, yet still offers attractive graphics and intuitive organization. I bought Fodor's guide at the same time, but despite its greater amount of text, found that I used the Top 10 Guide virtually exclusively. The 10 to 12 pages on Pasadena are quite good. Pasadena is a city worth a visit, especially the Norton Simon Museum which offers a fine collection of art in a peaceful, uncrowded setting. Highly recommended.
Since "The Loved One" has just come out on DVD, I especially wanted to visit Forest Lawn, the cemetery satirized in that film. Interestingly, none of the guide books I scanned provided directions, although the Top 10 Guide does provide directions to the Hollywood cemetery where some of the top stars are buried. As it turned out, there are six Forest Lawns scattered about the LA area, with the Mother Church being on the west side of Glendale along I-5 [Los Feliz exit]. Well worth a visit.
Since I visit LA on a regular basis, I plan to use this book a lot in the future, but to augment it with other, special purpose (e.g., architectural) guides.
If you can find a copy, there's a fine book about LA, L.A. Lore: A Scintillating Exploration of Los Angeles by Stephen Brook, that provides a narrative overview of the city. Brook is an English journalist who came to LA in 1990 with an excellent list of contacts, and visited virtually every section of the city. His observations are intelligent and generally unbiased.
6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Helpful, but you'll need a lot more
By Avid Reader
This pocket-size book is a convenient addition to whatever other travel books or notes you have. The top ten lists are helpful in that they enable you to focus your attention when you are considering a complex, sprawling metropolis like Los Angeles. Best parts were the sub-sections on things you should see in a particular part of town -- i.e., a walk around Hollywood or shopping in Beverly Hills. Interestingly, at least for Hollywood, the info in this book is actually more useful than the info provided by the Hollywood tourist info bureau, which is basically a list of stores and commercial museums.

Perfect for the numerous historic and artistic sights, friendly people, great cuisine, and stunning views - this is the ideal guide to explore Naples and the surrounding regions.