



VENICE CHECK LIST!

Things to do and see in the Venice, California area!

No trip to Venice is complete without visiting each of the listed attractions and unique neighborhoods that make up our city! Take a look at the map included on this brochure to find & visit each one of Venice's amazing destinations. Print out this checklist and bring it with you on your trip to Venice!

THE VENICE CONCIERGE CHECKLIST (Things to see and do in Venice, California!)

- 1. WALK THE VENICE BOARDWALK:** Street performers, artists, tourists locals, restaurants and bars, shops, souvenirs, and more! There is something for everyone on Venice's world famous Oceanfront Walk.
- 2. GO TO THE BEACH:** Surf, swim, body board and splash around in the Pacific Ocean. Go for a deep sand run or power walk in ankle deep water. Sunbathe & relax. Keep an eye out for dolphins. Volleyball courts also available.
- 3. GO TO THE VENICE RECREATION AND PARKS CENTER:** Venice's ocean front recreation is known the world over! From the iconic Muscle Beach Gym to the basketball courts, no trip to Venice is complete without a day in the park. Recreation & Parks office offers: handball, basketball, boxing bag rentals free with valid I.D. Paddle tennis racquet rental \$5 with valid I.D., instructors also available. Courts are first come first served. Park closed: 12am-5am 1800 Oceanfront Walk . 310.399.2775 or 310.396.6764 **D5**

HERE IS A LIST OF OUR AWESOME PARK'S FACILITIES:

- **MUSCLE BEACH GYM:** Outdoor gym with free weights, machines, power rack, powerlifting bumpers & more. Bodybuilder Hall of Fame also found here. Open daily: 8am-7pm. \$10 day pass. Weekly pass \$50. Year pass: \$190 **F5**



- **BASKETBALL COURTS:** 3 regulation & 1 stadium size court. **F5**
- **CHILDREN’S PARK:** Two play areas with swings and slides. **A5 & E5**
- **BOXING AREA:** 6 speedbag platforms, 2 heavy bag areas. **G5**
- **GYMNASTIC AREA:** Also known as the “sand pit” includes two rings set, high & low parallel bars, balance bar, horizontal bar, and 2 climbing ropes. **G5**
- **SKATEPARK:** 27,000 sq. foot park. Two bowls, snake run, rails, stairs. **D5**
- **SKATE PLAZA:** rails, mini-wave, transitions. **D5**
- **ROLLER SKATE PLAZA:** Live D.J. and dancing every weekend. **D5**
- **HANDBALL COURTS:** 4 three wall courts and 3 one wall courts. **F5**
- **PADDLE TENNIS COURTS:** 11 courts. **G5**

4. VISIT ABBOT KINNEY BLVD.: This trendy boulevard, named for the city’s founder, is full of hip boutiques, amazing restaurants and bars, coffee shops, art galleries, and beautiful people. **2F**

5. ENJOY ROSE AVE.: Unique restaurants, cutting edge fashion & more. **2A**

6. HANG OUT AT WASHINGTON SQUARE: Great restaurants, bars, shops, and people watching are the main activities in this neighborhood. **3H**

7. VENICE PIER: The pier starts at the end of Washington Blvd. Walk to the end for a breathtaking view, go fishing or watch the surfers! **5H**

8. HISTORIC WINDWARD AVE: Home of the Venice Sign, Venice’s oldest bar the Townhouse, Robert Graham’s Venice Torso, Venice’s famous colonnade, and murals including “Hobnobbing in Venice” and “Kinesis”. **E4**

9. STROLL THE CANALS: Many of the streets in Venice were once canals. What is left is just a fraction of once abundant waterways, which were laid out by city founder Abbot Kinney to be a miniature version of Venice, Italy. **H2**

10. TAKE A BIKE RIDE ALONG THE COAST. Our oceanfront bike trail (no pedestrians allowed) stretches 17 miles from Pacific Palisades to Palos Verdes. You can rent bikes from **J’s Rental’s** on Windward Ave. by the hour or day for a great rate. And, they have surfboards, skateboards, roller skates, blades, surf and skate lesson, and other things as well.

11. VISIT THE VENICE ART WALLS: View “self guided tour” list for more info. **D5**

12. TAKE THE SELF GUIDED CULTURAL WALKING TOUR. Venice’s streets are home to the work of many artists. Follow the gold stars on the map to check some of Venice’s street art, history and attractions. View map below!

- **The Venice Sign:** When Venice of America opened for business and fun back in 1905, there was the Venice sign, glowingly strung across Windward Ave. In 2007 it was recreated. **E4**
- **Venice Torso** by Robert Graham **E3**
- **20' Ceramic Sculpture** by William Attaway **E5**.
- **60' V-Sculpture** by Mark di Suvero. **E5**
- **Ballerina Clown** sculpture created in 1988 by Jonathan Borofsky. **A3**
- **Binocular Building A3**
- **The Venice Beach House** by L.A. architect Frank Gehry. **H5**
- **Visit or paint at the Venice Art Wall.** Also known as the Venice Graffiti Walls. The Venice Art Walls are located on the sand in Venice Beach. These historic walls were originally part of the Venice Pavilion that was built in 1961. Artists with permits can paint on the walls. **E5**
- **Check out the Beyond Baroque Poetry Walls:!** The words of Jim Morrison of the Doors, Manazar Gamboa, Philomene Long, Exene Cervenka of the Punk Rock band X, actor Viggo Mortensen, and others are engraved in the concrete walls of the LAPD substation and three public restrooms exterior shower walls. **E5**
- **Check out the Tour of Venice Murals** created by the Social and Public Art Resource Center
- **Keep your eye out for these amazing Venice Murals!**
 - **Arnold Schwarzenegger** - mural by Jonas Never **F4**
 - **Jim Morrison** -mural by Rip Cronk **F4**
 - **Venice Kinesis**- mural by Rip Cronk **E4**
 - **Venice Beach House**- mural by Rip Cronk **D5**
 - **Portrait of Abbot Kinney** (A tribute to Venice's founder is 50' x 20') – mural by Rip Cronk **G4**
 - **A Touch of Venice** mural by Jonas Never. **E4**
 - **Endangered Species** by Emily Winters **C5**.
 - Look out for additional street art by Chase, Isabelle Alford Lago, Jules Muck, and more.

ADDITIONAL THINGS TO DO!

1. Visit [High Rooftop Lounge!](#) Full bar atop Hotel Erwin overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Venice! High is the premiere Venice Beach open-air rooftop lounge, where the nightly sunset is the main event. 1967 Pacific Ave. (By the Venice Sign) **E4**
2. Visit [Danny's Venice](#) to **view historical images and artifacts of Venice**, the original 1906 Venice Gondola, & Rip Cronk's "Hobnobbing in Venice" mural. An eclectic eatery offering a mix of California cuisine and comfort food favorites. **E4**
3. Get some of the "**surfer's sashimi**" at [Poke Poke](#) on the boardwalk at 19th. ave.
4. Check out the **Bento Box** lunch special at [Hama Sushi](#), a Venice restaurant since 1979.
5. **Eat and drink** on the [Sidewalk Cafe's](#) outdoor patio. This is the best place to people watch on the Venice Beach Boardwalk. 1401 Ocean Front Walk. **4D**

6. Drink at the Townhouse -Del Monte Speakeasy! **Venice's oldest bar** was once a prohibition speakeasy! 52 Windward Ave. **E4**
7. **Get a tattoo!** There are tons of tattoo shops along the Venice Boardwalk!
8. **Buy some art.** Visit a local art gallery, the Venice Boardwalk, or attend the Venice Art Crawl (quarterly pop up events by the Venice Boardwalk).
9. **Grab a workout** at [Gold's Gym Venice](#). This is the most famous bodybuilding gym in the world and was the home of some of the sport's innovators including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Lou Ferrigno and others.
10. Visit the N. Venice Blvd. **arts district**. Housed just east of Abbot Kinney on Venice Blvd. is Beyond Baroque (playhouse), Pacific Resident's Theatre and the SPARC murals center.
11. Take the kids to the **Santa Monica Pier Aquarium**. It is a hands on, interactive, educational program aimed at teaching kids about marine life and ecosystems.
12. Visit N. Venice Blvd. west of Pacific ave. This area is home to, among other things, two outstanding **art galleries** as well as several great restaurants, including James' Beach (made world famous for its **fish tacos** by the film I Love you, man).
13. Grab a **yoga class** at [YAS FITNESS CENTERS](#) and then walk down the street for a **thai massage** at [Lamai Thai](#). Now that sounds relaxing!
14. Drink a **giant Patron margarita** and people watch at [Cabo Cantina](#). They are super tasty and one is all you need!
15. Go to [Nikki's](#) for a **cocktail, watch the game**, and eat the **crab and tenderloin sliders** or one of the other super tasty unique items on their ever evolving menu. Woohoo!
16. **Grab some coffee** at the [Cow's End Cafe](#). This family owned gem serves up sandwiches, omelets, fresh squeezed juice and more. And they are dog friendly!

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