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*Ocean breezes,  
harbor sunsets,  
plus easy  
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a Splash in*  
MARINA DEL REY

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elcome to Marina del Rey, a year-round paradise with a prime location. Located in the heart of the Los Angeles coastline only 4 miles from LAX, Marina del Rey is a waterfront playground with endless harbor views and a relaxed “California cool” vibe. Visitors enjoy the perpetually sunny weather and ocean breeze with seaside dining, on-the-water recreation, and contemporary hotels —



Foghorn Harbor Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Jamaica Bay Inn, Marina del Rey Hotel, Marina del Rey Marriott, and the Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey — lining the water's edge. What's more? Its prime coastal location is just steps from its world-famous neighbors, Venice Beach and Santa Monica. And with easy access to major freeways (read: popular tourist attractions), Marina del Rey is the ideal home base for any trip to Los Angeles.

With award-winning restaurants hugging the harbor, be ready to dine against a backdrop of open-air, luxury yachts, and sparkling waters. Options like Beachside, Cafe del Rey, and Whiskey Red's offer expansive views of the Marina del Rey waterfront, while Cast & Plow at the Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey serves farm-to-table cuisine on its outdoor terrace, directly across from yachts and a waterfront promenade. Marina del Rey is also the only place in Los Angeles to "Dock & Dine." With the public dock at Killer Shrimp Restaurant, groups can paddleboard, kayak, or boat to their favorite meal (happy hour, included). Want to eat on the water? Hornblower Cruises & Events features Champagne brunch and dinner dance cruises weekly.

Marina del Rey's waterfront location invites visitors to enjoy unique, year-round activities. The 22-mile Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Path, for example, stretches from Malibu to Torrance and winds through the Marina, making it easy to hop on and enjoy the endless beach views. On-the-water activities like stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, jet skiing, and sailing keep the Marina waters active. Boat rentals are a fun way to enjoy the water, whether it's a picnic lunch aboard a duffy boat or a high-speed power boat that breaks out onto the Pacific. Skipped boat charters are



another relaxing way to see the coastline.

A visit to Marina del Rey can take you to new heights (literally) with a parasailing excursion that soars high above the ocean for some of the best views of Los Angeles. Looking for an adventure closer to sea? Marina del Rey Sportfishing takes groups out on the Santa Monica Bay. Paddleboard yoga is a hot activity

that's making a splash across the marina waters. Catch a weekly class at Phins Water Sports Club or YOGAqua.

Mix your business with pleasure in Marina del Rey. Creative twists on meeting spaces and signature events include sunset cocktail receptions aboard a harbor cruise, seminars at sea or dockside meetings on a yacht, rooftop meetings with sweeping views of Los Angeles, and harbor-side meetings in private venues like FantaSea Yachts & Yacht Club. Unique team-building events include mini-sailing regattas, group rowing, and deep-sea fishing. And with Silicon Beach and tech hotbed Playa Vista nearby, Marina del Rey is appealing to high-end corporate business and the tech industry, too, keeping the community on the cusp of emerging trends.

For information on Los Angeles' premier waterfront destination, go to [visitmarinadelrey.com](http://visitmarinadelrey.com).

**Clockwise from left: Sunset sail in the marina harbor, kayaking near Fisherman's Village, harbor cruise, and view of the harbor**



MARINA DEL REY  
CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

# A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



*Marina del Rey marks 50 years this spring.*

**B**efore yachts lined the Marina del Rey harbor, the area was a saltwater marsh most known for duck hunting and oil derricks.

Thanks to a unique public-private partnership, plans for a commercial harbor became a reality and on April 10, 1965, Marina del Rey was formally dedicated and the "Crown Jewel of the County" was born.

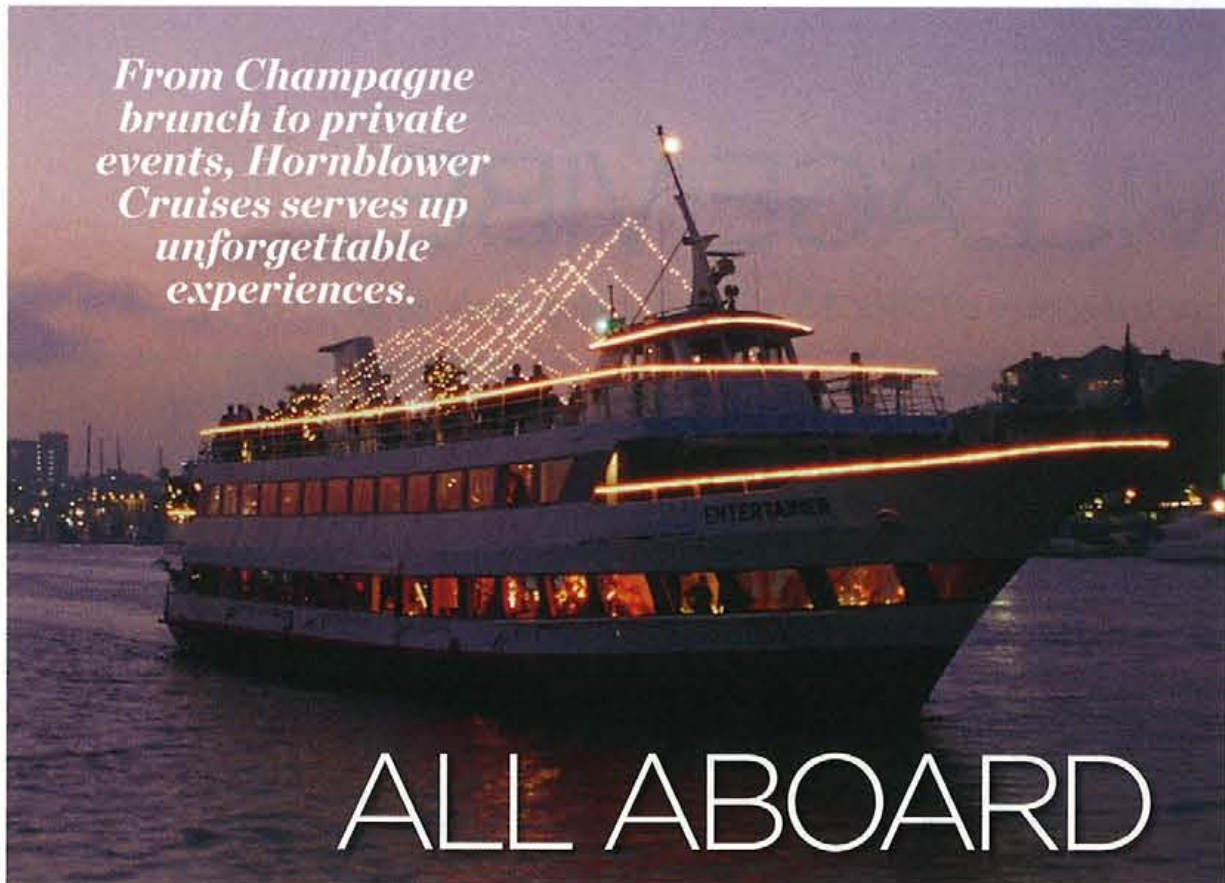
The largest man-made small-craft harbor in North America (and at one time, the world), the marina was known as a waterfront haven for bachelors and boaters. The water was busy with sailboats coming in and out of the harbor, and public boating docks made it easy for boaters to enjoy waterfront hotspots like Don the Beachcomber. The marina was a boater's paradise.

Today, Marina del Rey thrives on its sparkling waterfront. Boating still reigns, but modern hotels, brand-new tech-savvy luxury apartment communities, popular outdoor concerts, a hot roster of water sports, and trends like beachside food trucks and a farmers' market all showcase the marina's evolution.

And with its 50th birthday next year, this stylish coastal community is getting ready to celebrate in a big way. Think a yearlong celebration with special events and birthday parties, and a big bash planned on its actual April 10th birthday.

For more information on Marina del Rey's 50th birthday celebration, go to [visitmarinadelrey.com](http://visitmarinadelrey.com) or enjoy historical photos and documents on the Marina del Rey Historical Society's website at [marinadelreystoricalsociety.org](http://marinadelreystoricalsociety.org).

*From Champagne  
brunch to private  
events, Hornblower  
Cruises serves up  
unforgettable  
experiences.*



# ALL ABOARD

By Josh Jenisch

**P**icture this: You're sipping Champagne on a yacht during a dinner cruise. The sun falls colorfully toward the horizon, a breeze ruffles your hair perfectly for the selfie you're taking, and the views change with your four courses.

With Hornblower Cruises & Events, a Marina del Rey cruise is elevated to an art form. You'll experience unparalleled service, epic views, decadent food, and an onboard experience unlike anywhere else. After all, this is Southern California, framed by the azure waters of the Pacific and home to some of the finest weather in North America.

Try a relaxing dinner cruise or a casual Sunday brunch, or opt for the ultimate indulgence: private charters, which accommodate up to 600 of your closest friends. You'll cruise alongside sailboats and houseboats, sea lions, and resident paddle boarders, while enjoying spectacular scenery and views of the homes (and yachts) of the rich and famous. The holidays are a great time for a Hornblower voyage, when the marina comes alive with festive lights and



**From top: the Entertainer in the evening and a couple enjoying a daytime brunch cruise**

the sky is aglow with sunsets so perfect they belong on a postcard.

Marina del Rey is a coastal city of stunning beauty, centrally located near downtown Los Angeles and Santa Monica. And Hornblower Cruises offers cruises in Newport Beach, Long Beach, and San Diego. They are perfect destinations for a wedding. Whether you've dreamed of saying "I Do" on the water or you'd like to throw an unforgettable pre- or post-event bash, Hornblower has you covered.

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# VILLAGE VIBE

*Spend a day at this Marina del Rey hub.* **By Jason Frye**

**F**isherman's Village, the Cape Cod-style harbor-front marina sprinkled with shops and restaurants, is an inviting Marina del Rey destination just a jaunt from L.A.

While you're here, admire the water views, but do more than that: Become part of the scenery with a little help from Marina del Rey Boat Rentals. From their boats, boards, and Jet Skis, you'll gain a different perspective on Fisherman's Village's iconic lighthouse. Then, fly sky-high with Marina del Rey Parasailing, where up to three passengers can spot panoramic paradise.

Grand views are also guaranteed from the Tiki Mermaid, a 60-passenger yacht that's part nightclub, part harbor cruise, and Hornblower Cruises & Events, which specializes in dinner cruises and soirees. Or, catch a whale-watching cruise or charter fishing trip with Marina del Rey Sportfishing.

It's not all water adventures at Fisherman's Village — the shops are eclectic and eco-friendly, and spots like Indy Plush sell quirky stuffed animals and souvenir-worthy shirts. Also based here is Marina del Rey Historical Society, a nonprofit organization that collects and preserves area information.

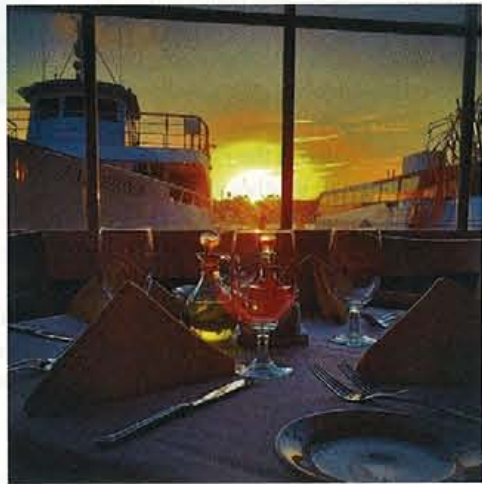
**Clockwise from top: WaveRunner outing, Saporì restaurant, and a boat anchored in Fisherman's Village**



You're guaranteed to be hungry after shopping and sightseeing. At Saporì, indulge in an Italian feast on a harborside patio, or dive into fresh fish tacos and other Mexican favorites from El Torito's water-view window seats.

Boasting year-round events, including a holiday boat parade and seasonal fireworks, Fisherman's Village is especially popular on the weekends, when free concerts fill the Lighthouse Courtyard. Fisherman's Village is also a popular terminus for the Starline Tours Hop-On Hop-Off Bus.

However you choose to spend your day here, there's one sure way to end it: taking in the majestic channel sunset that has delighted Fisherman's Village visitors for decades.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE

# LIVING THE RESORT LIFE



*Discover amenities galore at these unique apartment communities.* **By Josh Jenisch**

**A** subtle suggestion of salty air greets you after a long day at work. Welcome home. Welcome to paradise.

This is Shores Marina del Rey, a new smoke-free and pet-friendly apartment home community that caters to those who enjoy the active, Southern California beach lifestyle. Residents find floor plans with expansive balconies and equally expansive views of the Pacific Ocean, the main channel of Marina del Rey, or its unique two-acre courtyard replete with barbecues, fire pits, bocce ball, and a

spectacular pool and spa. Silicon Beach aficionados will be attracted to the two rooftop “sky terraces,” a fitness concierge, a multitude of wireless hot spots, and EV-charging stations.

Marina Harbor Apartments is a waterfront community with three residential options, each with a distinctive architectural style, plus a 319-slip anchorage. Choose from The Tides, with oversized windows and balconies, Waters Edge, with views of the anchorage and city lights, or The Villa’s elegant interiors and private balconies. Other amenities include resident social events, a state-of-the-art fitness center, dry cleaning services, and a free shuttle to the hip restaurants and night life of Venice and Santa Monica. Reserve your Marina Harbor kayak now!

At Mariners Village, you’ll find studio and one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartment homes, many of which come with cathedral ceilings, private patios, and balconies. One of the city’s best-known residential resorts, it has an onsite market, deli, and salon, plus four pools, two spas, and phenomenal views of Marina del Rey’s main channel. Located at the main channel entrance, Mariners Village promises legendary waterfront living.

**From top:  
Marina Harbor  
properties and  
the Shores**



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# MARINA DEL REY HOTEL

*This California classic is modernized and revitalized.*

**S**weeping 180-degree marina views, private poolside cabana suites, a 3,500-foot special event lawn — and that's only the beginning.

Before Marina del Rey was Marina del Rey, the Marina del Rey Hotel was there. Over the past

half-century, the area's most classic waterfront hotel destination has served as the central meeting point for local yacht clubs, fashion shows, and high-profile Los Angeles functions.

Once host to legends like Jacques Cousteau and

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the Marina del Rey Hotel now invites guests to rediscover the resort just in time for the city's 50th anniversary. The all-new, 164-room Marina del Rey Hotel will boast four-star amenities set against the marina backdrop of yachts and aquatic adventurers.

Guests of the hotel will enjoy bright eclectic cuisine by executive chef Mark Gold, whether they choose upscale dining at SALT Restaurant and Bar, lighter poolside fare, or 24-hour room service. In each room, guests discover modern touches such as a 50-inch HDTV, Philosophy bath amenities, and complimentary Wi-Fi.

From strictly business to breathtaking wedding ceremonies set against the marina, the hotel specializes in exquisite events. And with over 9,700 square feet of flexible indoor and outdoor marina-side meeting and event space, complete with on-site event catering and a personal event coordinator, the Marina del Rey Hotel has you covered.

Conveniently located just a few miles from LAX airport, the revitalized Marina del Rey Hotel is ideal for those seeking an unforgettable event venue or a truly rejuvenating staycation.



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Hotel**

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# JAMAICA BAY INN

**N**estled on the serene shores of Mother's Beach in Marina del Rey, the Jamaica Bay Inn feels worlds away from the L.A. hustle. Designed to echo the tropical West Indies, this waterfront oasis transports guests with rattan furnishings, rich fabrics, and warm colors throughout upscale rooms and suites.

Find fresh seafood and California coastal cuisine at Beachside Restaurant and Bar, swim in the year-round heated marina-view pool, stay fit in a



modern exercise facility, or enjoy daily bike rentals.

Ideal for groups and events, the inn has a professional boardroom and the larger Antigua Room, which opens to a beach patio for sophisticated indoor and outdoor events.

Nearby, the communities of Venice Beach and Santa Monica have renowned eateries and unique boutiques. [pacificahotels.com/jamaicabayinn](http://pacificahotels.com/jamaicabayinn)

## Jamaica Bay Inn

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# HILTON GARDEN INN MARINA DEL REY

business center and two meeting spaces ideal for corporate events and intimate weddings.

Jump-start the day with breakfast in the Marina Grill & Bar, or unwind on the patio with a handcrafted evening cocktail. Guests also enjoy the 24-hour fitness center overlooking the swimming pool and courtyard below.

Attractions, restaurants, and shops populate the surrounding area while Venice Beach and Santa Monica are just short drives away. Whether visiting to work or play, the Hilton Garden Inn offers the perfect backdrop to your L.A. stay. [pacificahotels.com/hgimarinadelrey](http://pacificahotels.com/hgimarinadelrey)

## Hilton Garden Inn Marina del Rey

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**S**ituated amid the scenic Marina Del Rey Harbor and Marina Beach, the Hilton Garden Inn Marina Del Rey hotel is a business and leisure travel haven.

Ensuring a pleasant and productive stay, Hilton Garden Inn features complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms and public areas, plus a 24-hour busi-

# STAY, PLAY, & DINE

## MARINA DEL REY MARRIOTT



**H**eaded to Southern California? Escape the overcrowded beach towns and discover your own hideaway at Marina del Rey Marriott. Steps from the water and conveniently close to Venice Beach and Santa Monica, you can play like the locals play — from kayaking and boating to stand-up paddleboarding and more. The hotel also provides easy access to LAX and Southern California's most popular attractions. After your day's adventures, enjoy a drink in the lively lobby or at Glow

— the captivating outdoor lounge infused with a stylish, alluring vibe. Then, unwind in your recently renovated guest room boasting breathtaking views of Marina del Rey, the Los Angeles basin, and the Pacific Ocean coastline. Visit [Marriott.com/LAX\\_MB](http://Marriott.com/LAX_MB) to book your stay and learn more.

## STARLINE TOURS HOP-ON HOP-OFF

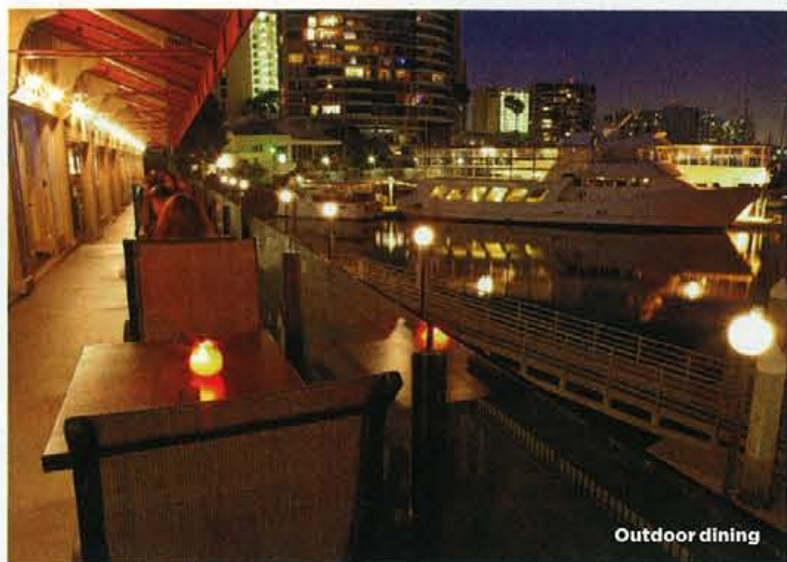
**W**hat makes you starry-eyed? Shopping *Pretty Woman*'s toniest boutiques and strolling the Walk of Fame, or noshing on Betty White's favorite hot dog and paying homage to the Hollywood sign? No matter your idea of an ideal L.A.-area getaway, choose the carefree, car-free convenience of Starline



Tours' CitySightseeing Hop-On Hop-Off bus to tour, taste, and experience all the city has to offer. Servicing all Marina del Rey hotels, Starline offers themed, easy-to-follow itineraries — from family fun and celebrity dining to shopping meccas and movie set

must-sees — with 24-, 48-, or 72-hour ticket options. Along the way, tune in to a narrated tour (available in English, plus eight other languages), or simply indulge in the free-spirit feeling of riding an open-top double-decker bus in the California sunshine. Tickets are available from the bus driver, or with a pre-purchase discount at [citysightseeingla.com](http://citysightseeingla.com).

# IN THE BAY



## KILLER SHRIMP

*Upbeat by day, sultry by night, but always utterly delicious*

**T**he Killer Shrimp brand has over 25 years of success serving its world-famous Killer Shrimp secret family recipe. Night after night, loyal customers line up to enjoy fresh shrimp cooked to order in the Killer Shrimp luxurious spicy sauce, with fresh cut French bread for dunking.

Killer Shrimp is located right on the beautiful waterfront of Marina del Rey, as well as Santa Barbara, Hermosa Beach, and an upcoming location in Studio City. Expanding on the original Killer Shrimp dish, they also offer mouth-watering fresh seafood, steaks, salads, soups, desserts, signature cocktails, and amazing

appetizers, all of which are prepared with a delectable combination of flavors and spices. The wait staff, known for their edgy style, tattoos, and stellar service, reminds fans that the Killer Shrimp experience is truly irresistible for lunch, dinner, and daily happy hours. *killer shrimp.com, 310.578.2293.*



## Pro SUP SHOP

**A**climate yourself to the sport of stand-up paddleboarding in the calm, flat water of Mother's Beach, Marina del Rey. Pro SUP Shop's professional, certified instructors and staff will guide you into the fastest-growing water sport in the world.



Conveniently located right on the beach, Pro SUP Shop is stocked with new, lightweight boards available for rentals, lessons, and sales. And be sure to return on Wednesday and Friday evenings for breathtaking Moonlit Marina Paddle Cruises. [prosupshop.com](http://prosupshop.com)

