

# MARINA DEL REY



# FACT SHEET



## LOCATION

Set in the heart of the Los Angeles coastline, Marina del Rey is a waterfront playground with endless harbor views and a relaxed “California cool” vibe on the LA’s bustling Westside. Its prime location is 4 miles from LAX, steps from world-famous Venice Beach and is easily accessible to major Los Angeles attractions like Santa Monica & the Getty Museum.

## HISTORY

Prior to becoming the largest man-made, small-craft harbor in the United States, Marina del Rey was an estuary often frequented by local duck hunters and fishermen. The Marina harbor was officially dedicated on April 10, 1965 and celebrated its 50th birthday in April 2015 with a weekend-long birthday bash that included fireworks, tall ships and a free concert by Three Dog Night.

## STRUCTURE

Marina del Rey is in an unincorporated portion of LA County, which means it’s technically not a city. The area is represented by LA County’s fourth district and is overseen by the Department of Beaches and Harbors. With more than 5,000 boat slips in the harbor, the Marina is known as the “crown jewel of the county” providing on-the-water recreation and waterfront activities that are exclusive to the area.

## WEATHER

With year-round sunshine and average temperatures in the mid-to-high 60s, the breezy, cool and idyllic way of life in the Marina appeals to visitors and locals.

## HOTELS

Marina del Rey’s six hotels hug the harbor and provide approximately 1,100 rooms, most with views within walking distance of the yachts, beach, restaurants and the area’s many leisure activities. Accommodations range from chic boutique to internationally recognized brands. Hotels include: Foghorn Harbor Inn; Hilton Garden Inn; Jamaica Bay Inn; Marina del Rey Hotel; Marina del Rey Marriott; and the Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey.



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## DINING

With waterfront views, year-round outdoor dining and award-winning restaurants, Marina del Rey is a burgeoning culinary scene right in the center of the Los Angeles coastline. Food aficionados flock to this waterfront destination for twists on traditional fare, its local hangouts and celebrated fine dining amidst the seaside setting. With more than 60 full-service restaurants packed into less than a two-mile radius, the Marina offers something for everyone whether it's a farm-to-table menu, happening happy hour or champagne brunch. Dining cruises are also offered weekly.



## ACTIVITIES

The coastal playground of Los Angeles, the Marina is known for its bustling activity. Fitness lovers and outdoor enthusiasts revel in its easy access to the ocean, making it LA's leading recreational hub for on-the-water activities like jet skis, kayaks, paddleboards, sailing, paddleboard yoga, sport fishing, parasailing, whale watching and more. Landlubbers can hop on the 22-mile Marvin Braude coastal bike path, enjoy waterfront Burton Chace park or the child-friendly Marina Beach, which has volleyball nets and playground equipment.



## EVENTS

Marina del Rey offers free, fun activities year-round. Annual traditions like the 4th of July Fireworks, Summer Concert Series and Holiday Boat Parade draw huge crowds while seasonal events like Beach Eats and Sunset Sailing Regatta Races are local favorites. Weekends are popular with outdoor concerts in Fisherman's Village & the Marina del Rey Farmers Market. Many also choose the Marina for corporate events and special occasions like weddings and celebrations.



## ABOUT THE MARINA DEL REY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Marina del Rey Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official destination marketing organization that promotes leisure and business travel for Los Angeles' premier waterfront destination. Situated along the Los Angeles coastline and only 4 miles from LAX, Marina del Rey is the largest small craft manmade harbor in North America and is the gateway to Southern California with sparkling marina views, on-the-water recreation, waterfront dining and contemporary hotels just steps from the water's edge - all walking distance from world-famous Venice Beach. For more information, log onto [www.visitmarinadelrey.com](http://www.visitmarinadelrey.com) or contact 310.306.9900.



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## GETTING THERE

Only 4 miles north of LAX, Marina del Rey is a 10-minute drive from the airport. Additionally, the Marina's close proximity to major Los Angeles freeways makes it easily accessible for visitors to get around the city.