

PureWow.

Marina Del Rey is the new Santa Monica Your weekend getaway is this L.A.-adjacent harbor village

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Let's face it: Santa Monica gets all the love (see [Palihouse](#), [The Albright](#)). For a less obvious staycation, we say you give Marina Del Rey a go. Think of MDR as the underappreciated "Jan" to Santa Monica's more popular "Marcia"; it's a place better known for its small-craft harbor than celebrity-packed boîtes. And that's why we like it--especially with the plans we have for the weekend, spelled out here.



STAY

Crash at the newly renovated and reopened [Marina Del Rey Hotel](#), which looks more like The Standard than an old-school harbor hotel from the '60s. Book a room overlooking the marina and pencil in ample infinity pool and sundeck time. Bonus: As part of its grand opening, the hotel is offering rooms for 25 percent off.

13534 Bali Way, Marina Del Rey; 310-946-0762 or pacificahotels.com



EAT

Sit on the outdoor terrace and have a drink before dinner--Scottish salmon on a potato emulsion with grilled king oyster mushrooms and tarragon butter--at Salt, the hotel's just-opened farmers' market-driven restaurant from globe-trotting star chef Mark Gold.

13534 Bali Way Marina Del Rey; 424-289-8223 or pacificahotels.com/salt



SHOP

Walk around the waterfront on your way to browse chic boutiques like M. Fredric and Marmi's shoes at the Waterside center. See those pastel buildings in the distance? Yep, they doubled for Newport Beach on *The O.C.*!

4700 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey; 818-637-8921 or shopwaterside.com



PADDLE

Try your hand at stand-up paddleboarding (or yoga paddleboarding, you show-off) in the marina with Phins Water Sports Club. Or hit the tiny beach and *watch* the paddleboarders, if that's more your speed.

14045 Panay Way, Marina Del Rey; 310-822-7600 or phinsclub.com



PAMPER

Treat yourself to an exotic *lomi-juma* massage, which integrates elements of Pacific healing and Mediterranean relaxation rituals guaranteed to help your skin, joints and sleep, at Spa Del Rey.

4375 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey; 310-574-4356 or spa-delrey.com