



FACT SHEET

LOCATION

Situated in the heart of the Los Angeles coastline just 4 miles from LAX, Marina del Rey is the L.A. area's premier waterfront destination with year-round water recreation and harbor cruises. The Marina is walking distance to the world-famous Venice Beach and a bike ride away from Santa Monica. Plus, Marina del Rey's proximity to major freeways puts visitors in easy reach of L.A.'s top attractions including Universal Studios Hollywood, the Getty Museum, and Beverly Hills.

HISTORY

Prior to its dedication in 1965 as the largest man-made small-craft harbor in the United States, Marina del Rey was an estuary frequented by duck hunters and fishermen. A portion of the marsh at the Marina's southern border is now a preserve called the Ballona Wetlands. Between 1887 and the 1930s, various developers envisioned plans for the marshland, but it wasn't until 1954 that President Eisenhower green-lit a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposal to dredge the area and create a small-craft harbor. The Marina was dedicated on July 10, 1965, and the surrounding community became identified as Marina del Rey.

STRUCTURE

Marina del Rey is in an unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County, which means it's technically not a city. The area is represented by L.A. County's fourth district and is overseen by the L.A. County Department of Beaches and Harbors. The Marina has nearly 5,000 boat slips and provides easy access to on-the-water recreation and waterfront hotels and restaurants.

WEATHER

Marina del Rey generally offers year-round sunshine and average annual temperatures in the mid to high 60s Fahrenheit. August is the warmest month, with temps usually in the low to mid 70s. December is the coldest month, with temps in the low 50s to mid 60s. Measurable precipitation is generally limited to January and February, with an average rainfall of 3 inches at that time.

HOTELS

Six hotels representing approximately 1,100 guest rooms fall within the Marina boundary (west of Lincoln Boulevard, south of Washington Boulevard). All properties offer water views and are in walking distance of a waterfront promenade, Marina Beach, restaurants, and leisure activities. Hotels include: Foghorn Harbor Inn; Hilton Garden Inn; Jamaica Bay Inn; Marina del Rey Hotel; Marriott Marina del Rey; and The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey.



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DINING

Marina del Rey is a burgeoning culinary scene in the heart of the desirable Los Angeles coast, boasting waterfront views, year-round outdoor dining, and award-winning restaurants. Food aficionados flock here for twists on traditional fare, local hangouts, and celebrated fine dining with the picturesque harbor as a romantic backdrop. With more than 60 full-service restaurants in less than a 2-mile radius, the Marina offers something for everyone, whether it's farm-to-table cuisine, a happening happy hour with budget bites, or a champagne brunch. Also, both dinner and brunch cruises are offered weekly year-round.

ACTIVITIES

Fitness lovers and outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the Marina's easy access to the ocean, making it L.A.'s leading recreational hub for on-the-water fun including sailing, kayak and jet ski rentals, paddleboard yoga, sportfishing, parasailing, whale watching, and more. Visitors who'd rather stay ashore can tackle the 22-mile Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Path, stroll the waterfront Burton Chace Park, or enjoy some sun at Marina Beach, which has volleyball nets, a picnic pavilion, and a playground.

BOATING

The Marina is the largest man-made small-craft harbor in North America. It is home to over 4,600 boat slips. Visitors wanting to get out on the water have many options, from small watercraft rentals to skippered charters. The Marina del Rey CVB maintains a list of properly licensed and insured charter companies that have been vetted through the L.A. County Department of Beaches and Harbors. Go to visitmarinadelrey.com/charters for a current list, or stop by our Visitors Center at 4701 Admiralty Way (424-526-799). Additionally, Hornblower Cruises & Events offers weekly dining cruises in the calm harbor year-round.

EVENTS

Marina del Rey offers free, fun activities throughout the year. Annual traditions like the 4th of July Fireworks, Summer Concert Series, and Holiday Boat Parade draw huge crowds. Smaller gatherings such as the summer Beach Eats food trucks, the California Yacht Club's Sunset Series Regattas, the Marina del Rey Farmers Market, and weekend concerts at Fisherman's Village are popular with locals. Many also choose the Marina for corporate events, weddings, and other special occasions.

ABOUT THE CVB

The Marina del Rey Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official destination marketing organization that promotes leisure and business travel for L.A.'s premier waterfront destination. Situated along the Los Angeles coastline and only 4 miles from LAX, Marina del Rey is the gateway to Southern California and the ultimate destination on the L.A. coast for on-the-water recreation and waterfront dining. Contemporary hotels with more than 1,100 guest rooms are just steps from the water's edge and walking distance from over 60 restaurants. For more information, go to visitmarinadelrey.com or call 424-526-7900.



GETTING HERE

Marina del Rey is just 4 miles from LAX. Proximity to major freeways makes it easy for visitors to get around the Los Angeles region.