

# LOS ANGELES HOTEL BEL-AIR

## One day itinerary: **Alternative**

Los Angeles may be home to the rich and famous, but there's an alternative side to the city that's setting a new pace. Downtown LA is a vibrant hub for modern art, craft beer, international cuisine and quirky shopping. Follow this one-day itinerary to discover more to the City of Angels than red carpet glitz and glamour.

*Start your day with a 30-minute drive from the hotel to the Arts District on the eastern side of Downtown LA.*

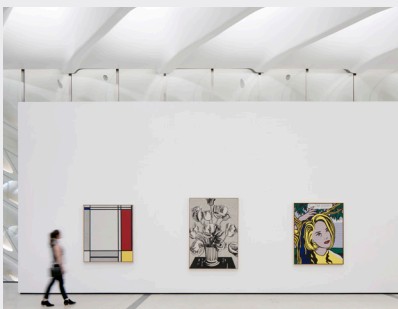


### ARTS DISTRICT

*Downtown Los Angeles*

Once an industrial hub, the Arts District is now the creative heart of Los Angeles. A meander through its colourful, graffiti-scrawled streets unveils a range of hip coffeehouses, trendy boutiques, art galleries and micro-breweries. In the north of the district lies Little Tokyo, a quaint neighbourhood filled with eclectic shops and Japanese eateries, dishing up some of the best ramen and mochi in the city.

*Next, take a five-minute drive or a 25-minute walk to The Broad.*



### THE BROAD

*T: 0213-232-6200 | 221 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012*

Contemporary art museum, The Broad offers a dynamic collection of works dating from the 1950s to the present day. Visit to explore over 2,000 pieces by some of the most exciting names in contemporary art – Jean-Michel Basquiat and Cindy Sherman, among others – and a regular rotation of temporary exhibitions.

*Stop for lunch at Grand Central Market, located just three minutes by car or a seven-minute walk from The Broad.*



### GRAND CENTRAL MARKET

*T: 0213-624-2378 | 317 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90013*

Grand Central Market might have been a Downtown staple for over a century, but the myriad gourmet food and drinks trucks are a more recent addition. Seven days a week, hungry visitors can choose from a colourful display of international delicacies, ranging from Mexican tacos and Japanese sushi to Italian wood-fired pizzas and German currywurst.

*After lunch, take a seven-minute stroll to The Last Bookstore.*



## THE LAST BOOKSTORE

*T: 0213-488-0599 | 453 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013*

The Last Bookstore is one of the largest independent bookstores in California. Determined not to be outdone by online retailers, owner Josh Spencer keeps the traditional bookshop atmosphere alive with a multi-level space packed with vast displays of books, graphic novels and vinyl records. The store also hosts an exciting programme of regular literary and music events.

*Take a 10-minute drive from The Last Bookstore to the final stop of the day, Mohawk Bend.*



## MOHAWK BEND

*T: 0213-483-2337 | 2141 W. Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90026*

An alternative tour of Los Angeles wouldn't be complete without a pint of craft beer. Mohawk Bend in Echo Park is a bar and restaurant specialising in locally sourced food and drink. The venue has over 70 craft beer taps, the huge drinks menu paying homage to small-scale breweries across California and the United States.

*Soak up the bright lights of LA at night on the 25-minute drive back to the hotel.*

*All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.*