Things to do in Pasadena: A Guide to the City of Roses



Art & Science

Norton Simon Museum

A wonderful art museum that holds "the finest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist pictures on the west coast.

JPL

A research and development center focusing on planetary science, astrophysics, and disruptive technology. They offer both virtual and in-person tours!

** Make Reservations for in-person guided tours in advance.



Get Your Morning Brew

Coffee & Plants

with great coffee, great vibes, and a
"commitment to sustainability &
compassion", this is THE spot to bring
your pups and get some work done!
**I recommend the Blue Lavender Latte

Lavender & Honey

stop in for a salted caramel latte, a simple but tasteful Italian sandwich or a nice flaky pastry to get your day started the right way!



Master the Menu

Howlin' Ray's

Notably known for their incredible Nashville-style hot chicken, 3+ hour long lines out the door, and constant murmurs of being the best chicken sandwich in LA. They've recently added a takeout only location in Pasadena. Simply put...add it to your list!

Agnes Restaurant & Cheesery

a restaurant built on the ideals of making "food like Grandma used to make". With rotating seasonal menu offerings, an extensive wine list, and a curated assortment of cheeses and cured meats this is easily a MSUT GO!

Paper Rice

A lunch staple amongst pasadenians.. grab some fresh spring rolls or a buildyour-own Vietnamese style bowl stacked with fresh veg and flavorful proteins!



Feeling Adventurous?

Eaton Canyon

At just under 4 miles with moderate terrain, this is a must for anyone feeling outdoorsy!

The hike ends at a beautiful waterfall, so grab a friend and pack some snacks (and water!)

**Come early as it tends to get crowded on the weekends.

Rose Bowl

A national historic landmark known for hosting athletic events. Outside of athletics, they always have community events and flea markets!



After Hours

Granville

a great restaurant and cocktail bar offering
American cuisine. The big draw is the
rooftop dining deck offering views of the
mountains and city.

** I recommend the "burrata & heirloom" and the "wagyu beef stroganoff"

The Speakeasy

as the name suggest.. this is a quaint bar and lounge with great drinks and moody lighting



Entertainment

Pasadena Playhouse District

With various theatres, art galleries, and great places to dine this is a one stop shop for entertainment in Pasadena. This district is home to the Pasadena Playhouse, USC Pacific Asia Museum, Furious Theatre, etc

Neon Retro Arcade

Feel like a kid again at this arcade full of your favorite blast from the past favorites! They're all set with favorite like Mario Kart, Batman, Dragon's Lair and more!