



**Q. Hi, I am traveling with my wife and 4 year old daughter to LA for 5-6 days. Can some one suggest a good itinerary for me?**

**Answer 1**

I'm going to give you 6 days' worth of "things to do" (although you can switch the order depending on your preferences, and of course spend more time doing what you like!) and also recommendations of where to stay, if you don't have that planned already:

⌋B⌋Day 1⌋/B⌋

Spend the day downtown and see several famous things...

Bob Baker Marionette Theatre

Muppet Show

1345 W 1st St

Tel: 213 250 9995 (info)

Generations of Angelenos have grown up with this master of marionettes, whose lifetime career credits span Elvis' GI Blues, Star Trek and Spielberg projects. Grownups love the nostalgia, while kids are enthralled with Bob's adorable singing, dancing marionettes and stuffed animals that interact with the audience.

Hours: Tue-Fri 10:30am, Sat-Sun 2:30pm

Web: [www.bobbakermarionettes.com](http://www.bobbakermarionettes.com)

Bradbury Building

304 S Broadway

Tel: 213 626 1893 (info)

Designed in 1892 with the help of a ouija board and Edward Bellamy's utopian novel Looking Backward, the Bradbury's brief appearance in Ridley Scott's Blade Runner hardly does justice to this Taj Mahal of the New World. The dream project of a mining mogul turned real estate developer, it's a symphony of light, space, and floating staircases.

Hours: Lobby: Mon-Fri 9:00am-6:00pm, Sat-Sun 9:00am-5:00pm

Web: [www.aplusd.org](http://www.aplusd.org)

⌋l⌋Eat downtown:⌋/l⌋

Pitfire Pizza Company

108 W. 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Tel: 213-808-1200

Traxx Restaurant

800 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

⌋B⌋Day 2⌋/B⌋

If you're going to be in L.A. you must take your family to Disneyland (in Anaheim)!

Plan for a full day there...and a good night's sleep afterwards!

Disneyland

Disneyland Dr

Tel: 714 781 4000 (info)

Billed as the happiest place on earth, Disneyland is a masterpiece of picture-perfect choreography - even the litter bins are themed. The park is divided into seven different lands: Adventureland, Frontierland, Fantasyland, Tomorrowland, New Orleans Square, Mickey's Toontown and Critter Country. High-sugar fun.

Hours: 8:00am-11:00pm

Web: [www.disneyland.com](http://www.disneyland.com)

⌋B⌋Day 3⌋/B⌋

Spend the day in Hollywood!

Hollywood Forever Cemetery

6000 Santa Monica Blvd

Tel: 323 469 1181 (info)

An infinity symbol marks the gateway to the graves of over 300 Hollywood legends, including directors Cecil B DeMille and John Huston. Rudolph Valentino is in the Cathedral Mausoleum, while Jayne Mansfield, who lost her head in a car accident, has a lakeside cenotaph. Bugsy Siegel lies in the Jewish section, called the Beth Olam Memorial Park.

Web: [www.hollywoodforever.com](http://www.hollywoodforever.com)

Hollywood Bowl

2301 N Highland Ave

Tel: 323 850 2000 (info)

Toting your own picnic basket under starry skies is still magic. Bob Dylan, the Beatles and Igor Stravinsky have played in this historical amphitheatre. Get a sneak preview of the show: morning rehearsals are free. The Hollywood Bowl Museum has footage of historic performances, live recordings and memorabilia.

Hours: Tue-Sat 10:00am-4:30pm

Web: [www.hollywoodbowl.com](http://www.hollywoodbowl.com)

⌋⌋Eat in Hollywood:⌋/⌋

Anarkali

7013 Melrose Ave

Hollywood, CA 90038

Hollywood & Vine

6263 Hollywood Blvd

Hollywood, CA 90028

⌋B⌋Day 4⌋/B⌋

Spend a day shopping (or at least window shopping)! Go to West Hollywood and maybe catch a star sighting.

Curve

154 N Robertson Blvd 90048

Tel: 310 360 8008 (info)

Jennifer Aniston is among those making pilgrimages to this loft-like emporium. Creative, girly and trend-setting couture by both underground and established designers mingle with co-owner Delia Seaman's own creations and jewellery by her partner Nevena Borissova.

Hours: Mon-Sat 11:00am-7:00pm, Sun 12:00pm-6:00pm

Fred Segal

8100 Melrose Ave 90046

Tel: 323 651 1800 (info)

Fashionistas like Cameron Diaz and Madonna have been spotted trying on eclectic

urban wear at this multi-boutique hall of fame. Staff are less concerned about cool than your fellow customers are. Shop for hard-to-find clothing, cosmetics and shoe designs here or at their Santa Monica location - and bring a fat wallet.

Hours: Mon-Sat 10:00am-7:00pm, Sun 12:00pm-6:00pm

Book Soup

8818 Sunset Blvd 90069

Tel: 310 659 3110 (info)

Tel: 800 764 BOOK (info)

This is where Hollywood and literature meets. Screenwriters, rock stars and prizewinning authors sign their books at this labyrinthine bookstore on the Sunset Strip.

The stock is heavy on arts and culture while the annexe stocks used books. There is a killer newsstand outside, so grab the latest mag and head to the cantina at The Standard for full effect.

Hours: Mon-Sat 9:00am-10:00pm, Sun 9:00am-7:00pm

Web: [www.booksoup.com](http://www.booksoup.com)

⌋⌋Eat in West Hollywood:⌋⌋

Hugo's

8401 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069

Michelia

8738 W 3rd St, West Hollywood, CA 90048

⌋B⌋Day 5⌋/B⌋

Universal Studios is a blast for the whole family!

Universal Studios

100 Universal City Plaza 91608

Tel: 800 864 8377 (info)

Tel: 818 622 5120 (booking)

Universal Studios is the world's largest movie studio. Its famous theme park, one of LA's top attractions, has gut-wrenching rides, mind-blowing special-effects shows and the Studio Tour, a part-educational, part-thrill ride exploration of the studio backlot.

Adjacent to the park, Universal City Walk is a fantasy promenade of shops, restaurants, movie theatres and nightclubs. It's best after dark when vibrant neon signs transform it into a miniature Las Vegas strip.

Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00am-6:00pm

Web: [www.universalstudioshollywood.com](http://www.universalstudioshollywood.com)

⌋B⌋Day 6⌋/B⌋

Spend a day enjoying the natural landscape. Urban hiking is your best bet but to experience the great outdoors LA's surrounding mountains are good day-hike destinations. Try the rugged Santa Monica Mountains, especially Topanga State Park or Malibu State Park, both inland from Malibu, or Griffith Park, north of Hollywood.

The most popular and populated swimming beaches are Santa Monica, Venice and Manhattan but, with miles and miles of wide sandy shores to enjoy, even they rarely get packed with people. Zuma Beach is one of LA's most beautiful, and the swimming, body-surfing and people-watching here is excellent. Immediately south of Zuma, Westward Beach is good for families.

⌋B⌋Places to stay⌋/B⌋

It really depends on your budget. One good value is Magic Castle Hotel, 7025 Franklin Ave. There are also Best Westerns in West Hollywood and Hollywood

Hills.

Enjoy your travels!

## A. 2

LA is a wonderful place for family vacations. There are few cities that offer as much entertainment, excitement and diversity as do the attractions in Los Angeles. When you pack remember, CA weather is different from Houston weather. SO pack some warmer clothes especially for your daughter. Several airports serve the metropolitan Los Angeles area. Los Angeles International (LAX) is the area's best-known airport. But consider flying into Burbank or Orange County.

Once you are there, here is a sample itinerary to start with,

Day 1: Start with Disney land. A wonderland for all ages. It will take you a full day. Take it slow. And be sure to take a lot of photos of your daughter being enthralled by Mickey!

Day 2: Head to Hollywood. Check out The Hollywood Sign. It stands over four stories high with each letter running 50 feet from its base. You can see the sign at Hollywood and Highland Shopping Center or The Dog Park - Lake Hollywood. Then head to Hollywood Boulevard between Vine Street and Fairfax Avenue. Attractions here include the Walk of Fame, footprints at Mann's Theatre and Hollywood at Highland complex. During daylight hours, you get views and can enjoy the throngs of tourists. At night, the Boulevard is neon-lit. Your daughter might not enjoy all the stuff, so stop there in the morning, check out the sights and more to something more kid-friendly. Head to Santa Monica Pier([www.santamonicipier.org](http://www.santamonicipier.org)). With its play arcades, aquarium, it is a good spot for your daughter to enjoy.

Day 3: Head to Rodeo Drive located in Beverly Hills, on the western side of the Los Angeles metropolitan area, between Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards. The activities there are window-shopping and people-watching. shopping is a good one but very expensive. It takes an hour to check the area out. From there head to visit the Queen Mary. By all measures RMS Queen Mary was truly "titanic." Queen Mary rests in the Long Beach harbor, converted into a hotel and tourist attraction.

Day 4: Head to Sunset Boulevard between Crescent Heights and Doheny. walk around and gawk. Head to Venice Beach. The place has loads to offer anyone interested. Visit the muscle beach and enjoy the boardwalk.

Day 5: Head to Universal Studios for some Hollywood themed rides.

Day 6: Head to Griffith Park. Home of the LA zoo. Encompassing over 4,107 acres of natural terrain covered with California oak trees, wild sage and manzanita, Griffith Park is the United States' largest municipal park.

Day 7: Enjoy a bit of Europe in LA. Head to Santa Catalina Island. Take a boat there and enjoy the blue waters and pristine nature.

Hope this helps and have a wonderful trip

## A. 3

If your itinerary is complicated or shaped by business needs, shop for car rentals carefully. The freeways are famous, but Southern California has built a very good mass transit system, too. MTA offers buses and trains that cut your dependence on those clogged highways. It's important to check your intended locations for access to MTA service. The base fare is \$1.25 USD, but an all-day pass is \$3. Even with the pass, you might be required to pay more if you travel between zone

[budgettravel.about.com](http://budgettravel.about.com)

Art enthusiasts will be wowed by the extensive collections at the J. Paul Getty Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Visit the La Brea Tar Pits on Museum Row and then check out the trendy shops on Melrose Avenue. Families will not want to miss the Zoo or the action at Universal Studios Hollywood. Of course, no trip to L.A. would be complete without a stop at the Venice Beach Boardwalk or a visit to Mann's Chinese Theater and the Walk of Fame

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Where to Stay

Our editorial team selected local hotels and resorts that have good reputations and good deals. Because we know travelers' budgets differ vastly, we chose hotels at different price points rather than listing the city's top five hotels, which might all be in the same price range.

visit [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com)

A. 4

Here is a great itenary that can help you:

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1 Los Angeles - Palm Springs - Lake Havasu:

We depart East from Los Angeles towards the Arizona dessert.

Our first stop is Palm Springs the Playground of the Rich and Famous and famous for its world class golf courses, after a break for breakfast and a short tour of the city . we continue to a popular vacation destination for Southern Californians Lake Havasu. Take some time to experience this oasis in the middle of the Arizona dessert see the London Bridge and in the late afternoon we make our way to Flagstaff for overnight.

Hotel: Days Inn, Flagstaff, AZ or similar

Day 2 Grand Canyon - Lake Powell:

We start the day traveling through the Navajo Indian reservation before we come to the South Bank of One of the 7 wonders of the world the Grand Canyon. Tour along the south bank and learn how throughout the years the Colorado river carved its way down to the sea and created the wonderland for geologists. After lunch we continue to Lake Powell considered one of the beautiful lakes of America. Upon arrival take a boat cruise on the water and see the hundreds of private coves and the famous salt pillars unique to the area. After the cruise we head west towards the town of Kanab, featured in over 100 cowboy movies.

Hotel: Shilo Inn, Kanab, UT or similar

Day 3 Bryce Canyon - Zion Park:

We depart Kanab to the north through the small towns of Utah to the entrance to Bryce Canyon, home to the most amazing natural sculptures of the world. Our tour will take us to see amazing rock and sand sculptures honed to perfection over thousands of years of rain wind and sunshine. At noon we depart the park and cross into Zion park. This park got its name from the Mormons the settled in the area. They gave it this name after claiming that visiting the park is like a religious experience, the majesty of the mountains and silence of the wilderness make you feel like you have been transported to another place. Tour the park and enjoy a short walking trail along the Virgin river that runs through the park, before leaving this amazing area for our hotel on the Nevada border.

Hotel: Casa Blanca, Mesquite, TX or similar.

Day 4 Zion Park - Las Vegas:

After a leisurely breakfast we head west and make our way to the Hoover Dam, understand how this man made phenomenon was built and what it did to the area. Then continue on to arrive at the gambling capital of the world: Las Vegas In the evening we take a tour of the strip to see some of the truly amazing hotels and fantasies that are built in the middle of the desert. Caesars Palace, Mirage, Luxor, Paris, Mandalay Bay, New York New York, Treasure Island and more. Finish off the evening at one of the many shows or try your hand at one of the many casinos, who knows maybe lady luck will be smiling on you tonight..

Hotel: Stratosphere Hotel, Las Vegas, NV or similar.

Day 5 Las Vegas - Hoover Dam - Los Angeles:

After a leisurely breakfast enjoy some free time to experience the city that never sleeps and then we depart west towards Los Angeles. We stop for lunch at the outlet mall in Barstow, which is filled with all the famous brand names like, Levis, Nike, Reebok, Timberland and more. The tour ends with an afternoon arrival in Los Angeles.

[www.gotobus.com](http://www.gotobus.com)

Since this itenary was taken from a tour plan, it includes the lodging hotel names also. Hope that too may be helpful for you.

A. 5

Hello

Regarding your query there are already good responses came from the members of Ammas, so I am writing briefly on other points.

It seems you are traveling first time along with your family so it is better to consult good travel agent and book tickets, arrangement of lodge etc., in advance and do not take an eleventh hour decision as you will land in trouble. Estimate how much expenditure it will be and Plan accordingly to your budget.

If possible go in a group (with your relatives, friends, and colleagues whom are common interests and not more than 3 families & at least one person/pair who already visited LA and has some knowledge (But of course take separate room for your family). LA is very famous for Disneyland, Hollywood and so on if we travel in a group you will enjoy better than an individual (family).

Los Angles is an important tourist place in USA and around 35 Million people visits it every year and there are a lot of chances of cheating/crimes, (Although less crime comparing other USA cities) so if you are going first time it is safer in a group.

It is not wise to travel individual as you are new so you will have problem where to go and how to go it will take a lot of time consuming. There are a lot of information

is available in internet regarding travel agents. If you think how much reliable they are then after arrival of LA you can contact there at any time.

It is a good idea if you reserve for some tour packages. Although travel agents take some commission/fee but they will guide you make arrangements and you can use your time.

Some tour itineraries for your information as attachment.

A. 6

The basic itenary for d trip u ask would be d following:

1. Keep minimum clothes to avoid excessive luggage
2. Take clothes which r needed
3. Check the weather conditions of d place for one week and then pack according 2 weather
4. Also cap would be needed for all of you.
5. take medicines for fever, cold and vomit.
6. Keep some biscuit packets and snacks.
7. keep some chocolates/toffees whenever travelling, it becomes handy.
8. For ladies, a handbag containing cash
9. address of the place travelling. 10. keep small waterbottl. 11. Do not take any valuable jewels along.
12. give you daughter a small backpack and in that keep the address of your place of travel, phone no and also do give her 5-10 \$ .
13. If you are interested in swimming in L.A beaches, do take the necessary clothing.
14. do not forget you ticket and passports.

Hope this itenary helps you. Happy journey.

A. 7

hi..well it depends from where are you going to LA.anyways on day one plan for disneyland you can skip CA Adventure as your daughter wont enjoy their(all rides for adults).

Day2:- leave your hotel and go to Universal studios..

Day3:-santa maonica or Venice beach.

Day4:-Downtown and beverly hills area drive by basically or you can drive to San Diego and see seaworld and Zoo the next 2 days.

then fly back as per your flight schedule.

A. 8

The basic itenary for short trip would include the following:

1. Keep clothes at minimum to avoid excessive luggage
2. Take logical pairs of clothes
3. Check the weather conditions at L.A for one week and accordingly carry jackets, sweaters and umbrella/ponchos if it is going to rain. L.A is normally not very cold.
4. Also cap would be needed for all of you.
5. take necessary medicines for fever, cold and some first aid like ointment, small bandage etc.
6. Keep some biscuit packets and snacks.
7. Do keep some chocolates/toffees whenever travelling, it becomes handy.
8. For ladies, a handbag containing cash and address of the place travelling.

9. I personally also keep a small waterbottle whenever i travel.
  10. Do not take any valuable jewels along.
  11. Do give you daughter a small backpack and in that keep the address of your place of travel and also do give her 5-10 \$ as emergency. Teach her how to make phone calls from verizon booth.
  12. If you are interested in swimming in L.A beaches, do take the necessary clothing.
  13. last but not least, do not forget you ticket and passports.
- Hope this itenary helps you.  
Happy travelling.

A. 9

[gocalifornia.about.com/cs/losangeles/a/laarticles.htm](http://gocalifornia.about.com/cs/losangeles/a/laarticles.htm)

[www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com)

A. 10

PL GO THRO ADVISE OF PK REGD MEMBER AMMA. I AGREE WITH MAJOR TIPS.

HAVE A IDENTY CARD IN A BADGE, CONTAINING YOUR NAME AND PHONE ETC

AND PIN IN YOUR DAUGHTERS DRESS VISIBLY.

TAKE YOUR INSURANCE DETAILS.AS FAR AS POSSIBLE YOU LEAVE ONE SET OF YOUR RESIDENTIAL KEY,TO YOUR TRUSTED IN YOUR LOCALITY.

GIVE A BACKGROUND OF LA TO YOUR DAUGHTER AND TAKE HER INTO YOUR CONFIDENCE,WHAT SHEWANTS TO SEE IN LA,ANIMAL,SKYTRAIN,OPERAS,MAGIC ETC.THISWILL INVOLVETHE CHILD IN YOUR TRAVEL TASK AND INVITE HER CHARMS.TAKE AS MUCH AS LIQUID IN THE FLIGHT.