

### FREE THINGS TO DO IN EAST LA



#### Overview

One of LA's most vibrant and historic regions, **East Los Angeles** was founded in 1870 by John Strother Griffin, aka "the father of East Los Angeles." Cultural highlights include the famed Mariachi Plaza, the bustling El Mercado de Los Angeles, the Chicano Resource Center (CRC), and the pioneering Self Graphics & Art, renowned for its annual Dia de los Muertos festivities. Be sure to bring your appetite and enjoy some of LA's best Mexican food, from the OG Mariscos Jalisco food truck to the legendary Manuel's Special Burrito and Hollenbeck Burrito at El Tepeyac.

#### Part 1

## East Los Angeles

*The Los Angeles Times* described **East LA**'s namesake neighborhood as "a physical homeland and the spiritual heart of the Mexican diaspora in the United States." The community is home to cultural landmarks like the Chicano Resource Center (CRC), the Golden Gate Theatre, and Our Lady of Solitude (aka Soledad Church).



#### Chicano Resource Center at East LA Library

4837 E 3rd St, Los Angeles, CA 90022

Multimedia collection with materials available for checkout.

#### Part 2

## Boyle Heights

Historically known as Paredón Blanco, **Boyle Heights** is a thriving community with historic sites like Mariachi Plaza, a lively community gathering place; the bustling Latin American marketplace, El Mercado de Los Angeles (aka El Mercadito); LA's oldest cemetery, Evergreen Memorial Park & Crematory; Hollenbeck Park, a neighborhood favorite established in 1892; and Self-Help Graphics, the pioneering art center best known for hosting the country's longest-running Dia de los Muertos celebration.



#### Mariachi Plaza

1817 E 1st St, Los Angeles, CA 90033

Enjoy live music and more at this beloved gathering place.



### Self Help Graphics & Art

1300 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90033

The Chicana/o and Latinx art center was founded in 1970.



### Hollenbeck Skate Plaza

415 S. St. Louis St., Los Angeles, CA 90033

Hidden gem attracts skaters to one of LA's oldest parks.



### Benjamin Franklin Branch Library

2200 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90033

Look for paintings by East LA's renowned Goez Art Studio.



### Evergreen Memorial Park & Crematory

204 N. Evergreen Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033

Notable interments include Biddy Mason and LA mayors.

## Part 3

# Monterey Park

Renowned for Chinese restaurants like NBC Seafood, Elite, Duck House, and Noodle Harmony, **Monterey Park** is also the home of the Vincent Price Art Museum. Located on the campus of East LA College, the museum was established in 1957 with the donation of 90 pieces from the personal collection of Vincent Price, the legendary actor and noted art collector. The museum's collection has since grown to more than 9,000 objects.



### Vincent Price Art Museum

1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754

One of five organizations to form the Latinx Arts Alliance.

## Part 4

# Hacienda Heights

**Hacienda Heights** is a residential neighborhood with Puente Hills forming its "green belt" to the south and west, and the City of Industry to the north. Hacienda Heights is best known for the Hsi Lai Temple, one of the largest Buddhist temples in the Western Hemisphere that spans more than 100,000 square feet. The temple serves as a spiritual and cultural center for those interested in learning more about Buddhism and Chinese culture. A vegetarian lunch buffet is served daily to visitors. Self-guided and weekend guided tours are available.



### Hsi Lai Temple

3456 S. Glenmark Dr., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Spectacular mountain monastery perched on a 15-acre site.

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