

Pacific Palisades Neighborhoods

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After you decide that you would like to move to Pacific Palisades, the choices continue. Within the lovely little "Village" of Pacific Palisades are several different and distinct neighborhoods, each with their own style, feel and price range. There are three different public elementary schools servicing the Palisades and your address determines which of the three Pacific Palisades elementary school district you are in. The main neighborhoods in the Palisades include: Alphabet Streets, The Bluffs (Via and El Medio), Castellammare, The Highlands, The Huntington, Marquez (and Marquez Knolls), The Riviera, Rustic Canyon and Sunset Mesa (Pacific View Estates). Some of the smaller neighborhoods include: Bel Air Bay Club, Las Casas Loop, Palisair HOA, Ridgeview Country Estates, Santa Monica Canyon, Upper Alphabet Streets, Upper Bienvenida, and Will Rodgers.

Alphabet Streets

One of the most popular areas in the Palisades is the Alphabet Streets. It is a mostly flat residential area and is walking distance to shopping district of the Village. Popular with young families, there are "starter" homes around \$1,000,000 for a 900sf bungalow. (note: the value is in the land, not the structure.) There are also several new homes as well, in the \$3.0 million range. Many of the homes are in the Palisades Elementary School district

The Bluffs

This popular area is South (or West) of Sunset toward the beach. There are the Via de la Paz Bluff homes and the El Medio Bluff homes. This mainly flat area enjoys terrific ocean breezes, and is both walking distance to the Bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean and convenient to town for shopping. This upscale area is a combination of remaining small bungalows, starting in the \$1.4 million range, to newer customs homes in the \$3.0 to \$4.5 million price range. Many of the Via de la Paz Bluff homes are in the Palisades Elementary district. Many of the El Medio Bluff homes are in the Marquez Elementary district.

Castellammare

This charming, seaside neighborhood is reminiscent to the Amalfi coast in Italy. With stunning ocean views, tiny winding streets, and beautiful Italian street names, you will think you are on vacation. Homes in this area range from tiny villas, to a handful of brand new European-style estates. Prices start around \$1.1 for a tiny villa, with limited yard space, and can go up to \$5.0 for one of the newer architectural homes. In 2007 the unique, "Castellammare Castle" sold for around \$12 million.

The Highlands

The Highlands is one of the newest neighborhoods in the Palisades. It began as a series of tract homes, built in the hills above Sunset. It is also one of the few areas in the Palisades with condominiums and townhouses. Then in the 1990's, beautiful 2-story homes and estates were built on the northern side. This area is especially popular with families and celebrities, due to the many gated streets. Many of the homes here are large in square footage (about 3000-6000sf) and are affiliated with the exclusive Summit Club. Condos start around \$700,000-\$1,500,000. Homes start around \$1,200,000 to \$6,000,000. Homes are mainly in the Marquez Elementary district.

The Huntington

This exclusive area lies just west of Chautauqua and below Sunset. These are mostly traditional-style homes on flat, wide lots. This area is popular with upscale families, due to the nice wide, flat streets and sidewalks. It is walking distance to the park, recreation center and the library. Original, 1-story homes start around \$ 1.8 and new homes go up to \$6.0 million or more.

Marquez and Marquez Knolls

This wonderful area near Marquez Elementary school is another popular area with young families. It can be one of the most affordable areas, with homes starting around \$1.0 million. Up the hill, on the knoll, homes have fantastic ocean views. This area was mostly built in the 50's and the mainly 1-story homes have a unique, "mid-century" feel. Most homes are in the Marquez Elementary school district.

The Riviera

Like its name, this area is one of the most exclusive and expensive areas of the Palisades. It is located between San Remo to the East and Amalfi Drive to the West, on both sides of Sunset. For the most part, the homes here are much larger and on bigger lots. It is conveniently located on the East end of the Palisades, close to Brentwood. With its wide streets and deep setbacks, this is an area perfect for someone that appreciates their privacy. In the upper Riviera, many of the homes have stunning city and mountain views. The exclusive Riviera Country Club, home to the annual golf classic, is located in this area. This private club offers both golf and tennis. Many homes in the area are in the Canyon Elementary school district.

Rustic Canyon

This is one of the most unique neighborhoods in the Palisades. Nestled under the beautiful trees and alongside the babbling brook, these are mostly architectural and rustic-style homes. The area was built around the original Up-Lifters Ranch. Probably one of the most expensive areas in the city, this area is for someone that likes privacy, serenity and shade. There is a combination of smaller homes and lots, along with a select few 2 and 3-acres sites. It is tucked away south of Sunset and convenient to Santa Monica. Most homes are in the Canyon Elementary school district.

Sunset Mesa and Pacific View Estates

Located next to the newly re-done Getty Villa, this neighborhood is all about the beach and ocean views. Technically in Malibu, Sunset Mesa is a popular area for families. Set up in a low hill, the wide streets with sidewalks are perfect for walking to the beach. Almost all of the homes are 1-story. They range in size from around 1700sf to 3000sf. In general they start around \$1.4 million up to about \$2.2 million. On the Palisades side, in the area known as Pacific View Estates, the homes are a bit larger and start around \$1.8 and up.

Restaurants of Pacific Palisades

Pacific Palisades offers many restaurants to choose from. There are many "kid friendly" family restaurants as well as romantic getaways for two.

Restaurants & Delicatessens

Village Pantry
1035 Swarthmore Ave.
(310) 454-3337

A La Tarte
1037 Swarthmore Ave.
(310) 459-6635

Palisades Garden Cafe
15231 1/2 La Cruz Dr.
(310) 459-616

Gladstones 4 Fish
17300 Pacific Coast Hwy.
(310) 454-3474

Hidden Cafe
1515 Palisades Dr.
(310) 230-9823

Terri's Restaurant
1028 Swarthmore Ave.
(310) 454-646

Mogan's Cafe
548 Palisades Dr.
(310) 459-8288

Italian

Atrio Cucina Ristorante
1032 Swarthmore Ave.
(310) 459-9423

Dante Palisades
Restaurant
1032 Swarthmore Ave.
(310) 459-7561

Jacopo's Pizzeria
15415 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 454-8494

Modo Mio
15200 Sunset Blvd. Suite
106
(310) 459-0979

Pinocchio
970 Monument St.
(310) 454-0709

Rocco's Cucina
17338 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 573-3727

Tivoli Cafe
15306 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 459-7685

Vittorio Ristorante &
Pizzeria
16646 Marquez Ave.
(310) 459-3755

Lucia's Italian Kitchen
538 Palisades Dr.
(310) 573-1411

Coffee/Pastries/Bagels

Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf
15280 Antioch St.
(310) 230-2587

Noah's New York Bagel
15270 Antioch St.
(310) 230-1461

Starbucks
15300 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 573-0177

Fast Food & Takeout

Jack-in the-Box
17346 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 459-9470

Kentucky Fried Chicken
17332 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 459-8602

Panda Express
15207 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 459-9801

Subway Sandwiches &
Salads
15207 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 459-5433

Subway Sandwiches &
Salads
17334 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 573-7338

Fiesta Feast
17336 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 459-7380

Taco Bell Express
17299 Pacific Coast
Highway
(310) 459-7645

Chinese & Asian

Mexican

Cathay Palisades
15315 Antioch St.
(310) 459-9628

Pearl Dragon
15229 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 459-9790

Kay N' Dave's Cantina
15246 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 459-8118

Indian

Pizza

Ice Cream

Taj Palace
15200 Sunset Blvd. Suite
112
(310) 454-0988

Domino's Pizza
860 Via De La Paz # A
(310) 459-4406

Baskin-Robbins Ice
Cream
1026 Swarthmore Ave.
(310) 459-2800

Sands/Salads/Juices

Pure Energy Cafe
17383 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 573-4105

Robek's Juice
15280 Antioch St.
(310) 230-3991

Pacific Palisades Schools

The high quality of schools attracts many families to the Pacific Palisades. There are many public and private schools to choose from. The following is information on a wide range of schools in the Pacific Palisades:

Elementary and Middle Schools

Calvary Christian School (PK-8)

(Private School)

701 Palisades Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 573-0082

Corpus Christi Catholic School (K-8)

(Catholic School)

890 Toyopa Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-9411

Marquez Elementary School (K-5)

(LA Unified School District)

16821 Marquez Avenue, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-4019

Pacific Palisades Elementary School (K-5)

(LA Unified School District)

800 Via De La Paz, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-3700

Saint Matthews Episcopal School (PK-8)

(Private School)

1031 Bienvenida Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-1350

Village School (K-6)

(Private School)

780 Swarthmore Avenue, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 459-8411

High Schools

Palisades Senior High Math/Science Magnet (9-12)

(LA Unified School - Palisades High School)

15777 Bowdoin Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-0611

Palisades Senior High School (9-12)

(LA Unified School District - Palisades High School)

15777 Bowdoin Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-0611

Continuation Schools

Temescal Canyon Continuation Senior High School (9-12)

(LA Unified School - University High School)

777 Temescal Canyon Road, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-0315

Pacific Palisades Places of Worship

Pacific Palisades was originally founded as a religious retreat. Today in the Palisades, there are numerous places of worship for many different religions.

Calvary Church of Pacific Palisades

701 Palisades Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-6537

Chabad of the Palisades

15207 Sunset Blvd, Suites A and B, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-7783

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Pacific Palisades Ward, 575 Los Liones Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 459-1626

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

887 Toyopa Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-1328

Kehillat Israel Jewish Congregation of Pacific Palisades

A Reconstructionist Congregation

16019 Sunset Blvd, Suites A and B, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 459-2328

LA Church of Christ

881 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 230-2540

Pacific Palisades Community United Methodist Church

801 Via de la Paz, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-5529

Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church

15821 Sunset Blvd, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-0366

Palisades Lutheran Church

15905 West Sunset Blvd, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 459-2358

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church

1031 Bienvenida Avenue, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: (310) 454-1358

Self-Realization Fellowship Lake Shrine
17190 Sunset Blvd, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
Phone: (310) 454-4114

Thirty-Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist
15201 Bestor Blvd, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
Phone: (310) 454-2547

Hiking Trails in Pacific Palisades



Trails Maps and Information

There are many hiking trails in Pacific Palisades along the Santa Monica Mountains and they offer great exercise and spectacular views of the mountains, canyons and ocean. Below are maps and information for a few of the popular hikes:

Temescal Canyon Trail Map: The trail head is at the end of Temescal Canyon Road at Temescal Gateway Park. The hike goes up to a Waterfall and you can continue to do a full loop. The hike leads down View Pont Trail which has beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean.

Inspiration Point Trail Map: This is a loop trail at Will Rogers State Park with a bench at Inspiration Point with a great view.

Temescal to Will Rogers Map: This hike joins the two parks with approximately 910 feet of gain/loss on the trail.

Los Lions Trail Map: This is a short hike that leads up to a fire road and you can continue on further.

4th of July Parade in Pacific Palisades

For over thirty years, Pacific Palisades has put on an old fashion 4th of July Parade. Complete with marching bands, floats and cowboys. Many celebrities have been the parade's Grand Marshal, including Anthony Hopkins, Chevy Chase and Dennis Tito, first space tourist.