

Marina del Rey

Dining Guide



THE ESTES PARK INSTITUTE

SUGGESTED RESTAURANTS IN THE MARINA DEL REY AREA

By the Estes Park Institute Faculty

Welcome to Estes Park Institute's first Marina del Rey conference. The following list of restaurants is a small sample of the many fine restaurants located in Marina del Rey and the surrounding area. Restaurant reviews and more complete listings are available from online sources such as visitmarinadelrey.com and opentable.com.

We sincerely hope you enjoy Marina del Rey and your conference experience. Thank you for choosing Estes Park Institute.

Dining at The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey

Cast & Plow is located at The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey. For more information, visit www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/california/marina-del-rey/dining.

Cast & Plow

310-574-4333

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/california/marina-del-rey/dining/cast-and-plow

Cast & Plow specializes in community-made, locally sustainable cuisine. The restaurant focuses on small plates sourced from local fisherman, farmers, growers, and wineries. Enjoy impeccable service and a unique waterfront dining experience.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Breakfast: 6:30 am – 11:00 am, Daily

Lunch: 11:30 am – 5:30 pm, Daily

Dinner: 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm, Nightly

Sunday à la carte Brunch: 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

To plan a private dining event in one of the hotel's banquet rooms, please call 310-574-4340.

Baja Cantina

311 Washington Boulevard
Marina del Rey
310-821-2252
www.bajacantina.com

A casual, upscale Tropical Mexican restaurant located two blocks from Venice Beach. It opened in 1975 and has been serving Tex-Mex to the locals ever since.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

11:30 am – Midnight, Monday thru Friday
10:30 am – 1:00 am, Saturday and Sunday

Barbianca Local Kitchen

Hotel MdR
13480 Maxella Avenue
Marina del Rey
310-577-6039

www.hotelmldr.com/barbianca-marina-del-rey-restaurants.php

Barbianca features a traditional Italian menu with a SoCal influence. The kitchen utilizes sustainable and organic practices whenever possible. Outdoor seating, with space heaters, is available.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Breakfast: 7:00 am – 11:00 am, Daily
Lunch: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Daily
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Nightly

Beachside Restaurant and Bar

4175 Admiralty Way (Jamaica Bay Inn)
Marina del Rey
310-439-3033
www.pacificahotels.com/beachside-restaurant

The ambiance of the trellis-canopied terrace with fireside seating and marina view is one of the joys of eating at Beachside Restaurant. The fresh California cuisine, with an emphasis on seafood, is another!

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Brunch: 6:30 am – 2:30 pm, Daily
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Nightly

Café Del Rey

4451 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey
310-823-6395
www.cafedelreymarina.com

Café del Rey takes market fresh vegetables, citrus, olives, and other bold flavors to complement wild-caught seafood, free-range poultry, and prime beef on its Mediterranean menu. It has a top-notch wine list. The sophisticated dining room has a lovely marina view.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Lunch: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Monday thru Saturday
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Nightly
Sunday Brunch: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Casa Ado

12 Washington Boulevard
Marina del Rey
310-577-2589
www.casaado.com

Just steps from the beach and the Venice Pier, Casa Ado's patio is the perfect place to dine while watching the sunset over the Pacific. The Italian menu offers traditional as well as modernized dishes. Attentive wait-staff.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended

HOURS

Lunch: Noon – 4:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:30 pm, Nightly

Cassia

1314 7th Street
Santa Monica
310-393-6699
www.cassiala.com

Winner of Best New Restaurant in 2015 in the Los Angeles Times, Cassia is a hospitable Southeast Asian brasserie/raw bar. Expect lemongrass flavored escargots, fish sauce on pig's tail, and raw oysters with sambal. Then there is the "must order" Vietnamese coffee. Exciting!

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Lunch: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Monday thru Friday
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm, Friday and Saturday

Charcoal Venice

425 Washington Boulevard
Venice
310-751-6794
www.charcoalvenice.com

Charcoal Venice was inspired by the backyard barbecues of chef-owner Josiah Citrin. The seasonal menu of comfort foods—chicken wings, steaks, lamb, and even some vegetables—is cooked over live fire, in the coals, or via a wood oven. Winner of the Diners' Choice 2016 on Open Table.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended - Online reservations available

HOURS

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday
6:00 pm - Midnight, Friday
5:30 pm - Midnight, Saturday
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm, Sunday

Chart House Restaurant

13950 Panay Way
Marina del Rey
310-822-4144
www.chart-house.com/locations/marina-del-rey

Chart House is one of the most picturesque waterfront restaurants in Marina del Rey. And no surprises here—fresh seafood and beef—prepared perfectly.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended - Online reservations available

HOURS

5:00 pm - 9:30 pm, Monday thru Thursday
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Friday
11:30 am - 10:00 pm, Saturday
11:30 am - 9:30 pm, Sunday

Chinois on Main

2709 Main Street
Santa Monica
310-392-9025
www.wolfgangpuck.com/restaurants/fine-dining/3654

This iconic restaurant owned by Wolfgang Puck offers an Asian-French fusion menu from its open kitchen. Beware—it's a small dining room and tables are close.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended - Online reservations available

HOURS

Lunch: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm, Wednesday thru Friday
Dinner: 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm, Monday thru Saturday
5:30 pm - 10:00 pm, Sunday

Fig Restaurant

101 Wilshire Boulevard (Fairmont Hotel)
Santa Monica
310-319-3111
www.fairmont.com/santa-monica/dining/figrestaurant

This Mediterranean bistro features a seasonal menu of local and organically grown ingredients and a cheese and charcuterie bar. It has a strong local following as well as hotel guests. The dining room looks over the pool area.

RESERVATIONS

Strongly recommended - Online reservations available

HOURS

Breakfast: 7:00 am - 11:00 am, Daily
Lunch: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday
Dinner: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Nightly
Brunch: 11:00 am - 2:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday



Kaya Sushi

13400 West Washington Boulevard
Marina del Rey
310-577-1143
www.kayasushi.com/mdr

Kaya specializes in creative sushi rolls and features several dozen along with sashimi, tempura, teriyaki, and Korean bi bim bop dishes. There is liberal use of bold flavors like basil, cilantro, green tea, and mango. For carb-watching diners, several rolls are made without rice.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended

HOURS

Lunch: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday
Dinner: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm, Nightly

Leona

123 Washington Boulevard
Venice
310-822-5379
www.leonavenice.com

Leona is brought to you by Chef Nyesha Arrington who was Eater LA's Chef of the Year in 2015. The restaurant features locally sourced ingredients for its California menu.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Dinner: 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm, Tuesday thru Thursday
5:30 pm – 11:00 pm, Friday thru Sunday
Closed Monday

Locanda Del Lago

231 Arizona Avenue
Santa Monica
310-451-3525
www.lagosantamonica.com

Lago is a family owned and operated Northern Italian restaurant where guests are welcomed as family. It was a finalist in the Santa Monica Daily Press for Most Loved Downtown Santa Monica Business for 2015.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

11:45 am – 10:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday
11:00 am – 11:00 pm, Friday thru Sunday

Locanda Positano

4059 Lincoln Boulevard
Marina del Rey
310-526-3887
www.locandapositano.com

This small, charming Italian restaurant serves some of the best homemade pasta in Marina del Rey. The most popular is fresh pappardelle with braised wild boar in Brunello sauce. Other well-executed dishes are carpaccio, braised lamb shank, and branzino with herbs and lemon. The service is friendly and efficient.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

5:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Nightly

Mélisse

1104 Wilshire Boulevard
Santa Monica
310-395-0881
www.melisse.com

Winner of many restaurant awards, including two Michelin Stars, Mélisse offers contemporary French cuisine on prix fixe menus. Two private dining rooms are available.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

6:00 pm – 9:30 pm, Tuesday thru Thursday
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Friday
5:45 pm – 10:00 pm, Saturday
Closed Sunday and Monday

SALT Restaurant

13534 Bali Way (Marina del Rey Hotel)
Marina del Rey
424-289-8223
www.pacificahotels.com/salt

In 2015, SALT was voted Best Hotel Restaurant and Best New Restaurant by the readers of Best of the Westside. Chef Mark Gold uses locally sourced produce, fish, and meat to create a seasonally inspired dining experience.

RESERVATIONS

Recommended – Online reservations available

HOURS

Breakfast and Lunch: 7:00 am – 2:30 pm, Daily
Dinner: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday
5:00 – 11:00 pm, Friday and Saturday

Sugarfish

4722 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey
310-306-6300

www.sugarfishsushi.com/ourlocations/marina-del-rey

Located in the Waterside Marina del Rey shopping plaza, Sugarfish's modern interior is as minimalist as the food. The focus is on traditional sushi of the highest quality. In other words, it's all about the fish! Choose from three set menus and a few other rolls.

RESERVATIONS

No

HOURS

11:30 am – 10:00 pm, Monday thru Saturday
Noon – 9:00 pm, Sunday

Weather

Average Temperatures in November
Highs in the 70s, lows in the 50s

Golf

Rancho Park Golf Course
18-hole championship course located 8 miles from the hotel
10460 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles
310-838-7373
www.golf.lacity.org/cdp_rancho.htm

Tennis

The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey features two waterfront lighted tennis courts.
310-574-4277
www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/california/marina-del-rey/area-activities/activities/recreation/tennis

Spa and Fitness

Spa del Rey
Enjoy a day of rejuvenation with an array of massage treatments, body wraps, facials, manicures and pedicures, all personalized to meet each guest's distinctive needs. Soothing sounds of water, picturesque views of the marina, fresh air, and a refreshing eucalyptus steam room provide an ideal escape.
310-574-4356
www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/california/marina-del-rey/spa

Fitness Center
Furnished with state-of-the-art equipment, the fitness center includes Precor treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary bikes with private entertainment systems, free weights, cable machines, exercise balls, and a stretching area. The locker rooms provide full showers, restrooms, and keypad lockers with safes.
www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/california/marina-del-rey/area-activities/activities/recreation/fitness-center

Shopping

Waterside Shopping Center
This small outdoor selection of shopping & dining options is located about a half mile from the hotel.
4700 Admiralty Way
818-637-8921
www.shopwaterside.com

Beverly Hills and Rodeo Drive
Shop the flagship stores of some of the world's top designers or just browse and people-watch on one of the most famous streets in America.
www.rodeodrive-bh.com

ENTERTAINMENT

Original Farmer's Market
6333 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles
323-933-9211
www.farmersmarketla.com

and

The Grove
189 The Grove Drive, Los Angeles
323-900-8080
www.thegrovela.com

At the corner of 3rd and Fairfax, the Original Farmer's Market (going strong since 1934) and The Grove, two separate and unique properties, meet. Together, they offer an abundance of shopping, dining, and entertainment options. A trolley shuttles patrons between the two.

Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade
This three-block, pedestrian-only stretch in downtown Santa Monica boasts a vibrant street scene with outdoor dining, street performers, and terrific shopping along both sides of the street.
www.downtownsm.com

Santa Monica Place
An outdoor shopping center adjacent to Third Street Promenade featuring luxury retailers, gourmet restaurants, and some of the best ocean views.
395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica
310-260-8333
www.santamoniacplace.com

Activities & Attractions

Venice Beach
Well known for artists, street performers, funky shops, casual dining, and great people watching, Venice Beach is only 1 mile from the hotel. Bike or take a stroll down the boardwalk to take it all in. Check out Main Street and Abbot Kinney Boulevard to get the real local fix.
www.venicebeach.com

Santa Monica Pier
Take a ride on the famous Ferris Wheel, visit the Pier Aquarium, or take a walking tour.
www.santamonicipier.org

Hollywood
See some of the world's most famous attractions like the TCL (Grauman's) Chinese Theater, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the Dolby Theater—home of the Oscars.

Griffith Observatory
Look through free public telescopes, explore exhibits, and see live shows. There are spectacular views of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Sign, too.
2800 East Observatory Road, Los Angeles
213-473-0800
www.griffithobservatory.org

ENTERTAINMENT

Ballona Wetlands

Less than two miles from the hotel are 600 acres of protected habitat that's home to hundreds of plant species and wildlife.

www.ballonafriends.org

Elite Adventure Tours

Be picked up at the hotel and enjoy a private, customized tour.

818-216-0067

www.eliteadventuretours.com

Bicycle Rentals

The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey offers bicycle rentals for fast and enjoyable access to nearby Santa Monica, Venice Beach, and Manhattan Beach.

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/california/marina-del-rey/area-activities/activities/recreation/bicycle-rentals

Museums & Arts

J. Paul Getty Museum

Some of LA's best architecture and beautiful gardens surround outstanding works of art in two unique locations, The Getty Center and the Getty Villa. Admission to both locations is free; however, there is a fee for parking.

310-440-7330

www.getty.edu/museum

The Getty Center

The Getty Center houses European paintings, drawings, sculpture, illuminated manuscripts, decorative arts, and photography in a hilltop setting overlooking Los Angeles.

North Sepulveda Boulevard and Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles - West Side

The Getty Villa

Modeled after a first-century Roman country house, The Villa houses an extensive collection of Greek, Roman, and Etruscan antiquities.

17985 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades

Flight Path Museum

Explore model aircrafts, airline memorabilia, historic aviation posters and photos, space satellite models, and a fully restored vintage DC-3.

6661 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles

424-646-7284

www.flightpathmuseum.com

Please contact The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey concierge at 310-574-4277 for more information or to arrange various excursions and exciting activities including biking, fishing, boat rentals, paddleboarding, sightseeing tours, and much more.



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