

A photograph of a wooden table outdoors at night. On the table is a bouquet of pink and white roses in a glass bottle, and a paper tray of french fries. The background is blurred with warm lights.

SoCal Sights

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Locally Loved Picks

Jackson Lake

On the border of San Bernardino County and Los Angeles County, there's a lesser-known lake where one can see seasonal changes in peace.



Photo By Dennett Stowe

The Strand House

Fancy food and beverages with a view of Manhattan Beach. Surprisingly good donuts.



The Press Espresso

Aside from having the best Belgian mocha in the area, this place has a lot to offer in terms of other unique things to try.





Strawberry Snow

Okrumong, Torrance

This icy sweet treat is a wonderful Korean dessert to experience for those who enjoy cooling, subtle flavors.

Coffee Jelly

Hamada-Ya, Torrance

Coffee jelly in soy milk is a unique Japanese combination. All coffee-lovers are encouraged to try it.

You'll find it inside of the Mitsua Japanese Market, which is an experience all its own.



Plant Power Fast Food

Redlands

And the winner of the best vegan food of the year goes to...





What's Going to Happen to This Iconic Coffeeshop in Rancho Palos Verdes?

Chances are, you already know about Starbucks, but what you might not be aware of is Golden Cove Shopping Center. What's special about it is its panoramic view of the ocean and homes on the peninsula. Recently, the area was victim to landslides and movements cutting off power to hundreds of homes. It appears the city is seeing more and more movements, so businesses like this could be next. It may be too late to experience the breathtaking scenery here.



Living in the Desert Just Got Harder

The housing market and other economic factors have led many into desert homes. The obvious drawback of these kinds of lifestyles is the climate. Over the past year, electricity and other costs have significantly risen causing average dwellers to see electric bills as high as \$1k. This is in part due to the extreme temperatures desert cities have seen recently. What was once a more affordable alternative for living is now becoming a financial hell.



Rialto's Glow Up

You don't hear about Rialto very often, but this Inland Empire city has been rapidly developing its economy and the results are pleasing. What was once an average place to live has now become a busy cityscape in the middle of many great escapes. Rialto has always had a great location going for it; about an hour from LA, OC, Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead, and four hours from Las Vegas. Presently, the city is now home to freshly built modern hotels, retailers, restaurants and more.



Goodwin & Sons is Back!

Goodwins has announced their store has reopened on May 7, 2024, following a renovation due to a devastating roof collapse. Lake Gregory in Crestline just wasn't the same without it. Locals and travelers alike are happy to welcome this timeless store with its many quirks and quality products.

If you've never been, it's highly recommended for people who enjoy blasts from the past and mountain communities. Do be respectful of the land and locals if you do go please.



The

In Buena Park

The Source OC is a modern complex with a lot of diversity and influence from asian cultures. It features three stories of food, fun and shops as well as a view over the nearby streets of Buena Park. It's definitely worth checking out.





Just A Reminder

Southern California includes Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo





More Local SoCal Sights

When people think of California, they think of driving along the coast on PCH, stopping at beaches, great cuisine and partying wherever there are people who are willing. That vision is still alive and well. Here are some classic and some not-so-classic ways to extend your experiences in Southern California.

City + Nature

Visit the new Selva Coffee House inside of Terra Bella Nursery in San Diego.

Speaking of San Diego, try Eco Boat Rentals with a friend or date. Using your feet to navigate, enjoy a pink boat, eco boat during the day or a glow boat at night.

Grange Garden in Solana Beach is a coffee shop, small garden and has bunnies!

The Anaheim Garden Walk is a center with over 45 things to try and seasonal events to attend!

Try Tiki Time Bay Tours; boat charters, a San Diego Bay tour, drinks and fun company. What else could you want?

You may want to go to Del Mar Village for a pristine coastal center for an elite beach city escapade.

The people love wineries and Europa Village Resort will give you an Italy-like feeling while you taste their specialties.

Calming & Peaceful

The SuihoEn Japanese garden looks amazing. Its design elements are balanced and expressive providing peace and comfort. Van Nuys is an unlikely place for it, making it stand out even more in the best ways.

Legend has it that Bacchus Bar & Bistro in Irvine has a hidden speakeasy with its own beauty and drinks to relax you inside.

If you're a hiker who loves finding natural water in unlikely places, consider the Deep Creek Hot Springs outside of Apple Valley. Come prepared for an hour of walking to and then from.

Noguchi Garden in Costa Mesa is a modern art garden installation in a clean concrete setting. Great photo opportunity.

In El Cajon, the 6-acre Water Conservation Garden offers a themed experience to showcase efficient use of water.

Santiago Oaks Regional Park offers great views, amenities and a near-perfect climate for enjoying your day.

There's a HUGE nature reservation called Crestridge Ecological Reserve in Harbison Canyon. You likely won't be able to see it all in one go.





Fall is Here

The time for apple season, autumn colors and fall activities has once again come.

Idylwild, Julian and Oak Glen are on the top of people's minds.





This Season's Activities

Apple picking, pumpkin patches, tree watching, visiting farms, trying Fall desserts, festivals and rustic events are coming!



Santa Ynez Valley's Favorite Pumpkin Patch
starts September 20th!

Check out **Summerset Farm** this season.

The Enclave | Torrance's New Trendy Spot



Come find out why locals love this spot. Could it be the variety of happening foods or the Nook Coffee Bar?

Or maybe it's the outdoor ambience and built-in games?

It's up to you to find out.



