

# KID-FRIENDLY

## TOP 10 FAMILY ATTRACTIONS IN LA



Bringing the kids to LA? Don't worry; they'll love it — especially if you take them to a few of these kid-friendly attractions.

### 1 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD<sup>SM</sup>

Share a day with your family at the one theme park that's as fun for grown-ups as it is for kids. Join Shrek<sup>®</sup> and Donkey on an eye-popping adventure in Shrek 4-D<sup>™</sup>. Witness the world's smartest trained movie animal performers in Universal's Animal Actors. Then, monkey around with Curious George<sup>®</sup>, where you'll soak up the fun of a 500-gallon water dump, and unleash thousands of flying foam balls in a wild play area for the young...and the young at heart.

### 2 ZIMMER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

This under-the-radar museum is a hidden LA gem, with interactive exhibits that help children explore important themes like diversity and community responsibility. Kids can stage a performance — complete with costumes and set pieces — at the Mann Theater, pilot an airplane bound for a distant land and drive an ambulance while learning about helping others.

### 3 PAGE MUSEUM & LA BREA TAR PITS

Don't call them dinosaurs; these creatures were last seen wandering around in the Pleistocene era — not that long ago in the world of geology. The Page Museum offers kids an introduction to local plants and animals circa 10,000 BC — saber-toothed cats, mastodons, giant sloths and the like. Think "Ice Age" rather than "Land Before Time."

### 4 SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER — NOAH'S ARK EXHIBIT

One of the most unique kid-friendly attractions in Los Angeles, Noah's Ark is unforgettable. The exhibit is built with found and recycled objects — bicycle seats, hand-crank mixers, mop heads, croquet balls, etc. Kids can climb aboard the ark, organize the supplies, control the weather and perform all manner of hands-on interactions within the exhibit.

### 5 KIDSPACE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

If you want to inspire your kids to enjoy learning, there's no better place than Kidspace Children's Museum. Indoor and outdoor spaces filled with unique exhibits make it the kind of place where kids will have too much fun to realize they're actually learning.

### 6 LA'S AQUARIUMS

Sneak in an educational experience at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, where kids can visit a touch tank, try to spot hidden octopuses in the Camouflage Tank and explore the Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park with a CMA-trained Sea Ranger. Nearby in Long Beach, there are more than 12,500 ocean animals in the Aquarium of the Pacific. Nineteen major habitats and 32 different exhibits are on display, and there's even a place for the kids to get their hands wet and touch some sharks. At both places, kids will learn about threats to ocean ecology, the delicate interaction of ocean and land animals and even the earth's most hostile environment — the deep sea.

### 7 DISNEYLAND

It practically needs no introduction. The Magic Kingdom is a rite of passage for every kid, and a trip to this theme park will live up to every expectation they've had about a visit to LA.

### 8 PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

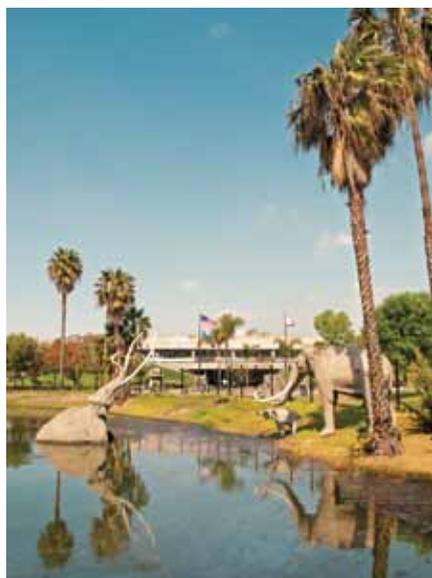
Whether you have little ones who love to play with toy cars, or teenagers just getting behind the wheel, the Petersen Automotive Museum — on one of LA's most famous cruising streets, Wilshire Boulevard — will fascinate them with more than 150 classic and rare vehicles. The interactive May Family Discovery Center teaches children the nuts and bolts of cars and motors.

### 9 LOS ANGELES ZOO

Sure, nearly every city has a zoo. But not every city has one like this. Kids can watch exotic birds perform tricks and scramble over animal-themed climbing sculptures. There's even a special Children's Zoo, where kids can pet and groom goats and sheep.

### 10 PACIFIC PARK

One of LA's most recognizable landmarks, the theme park on the Santa Monica Pier is the perfect place for kids. Combine a visit with an afternoon on the beach and you've got the perfect day in LA. With rides, games, food and all kinds of fun, the Pier is a great place to blow off some steam and let loose for awhile.



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