

DISCOVER

# CLAREMONT

## Get a little smarter about Claremont

Just 30 miles east of Los Angeles, Claremont is one of America's top college towns, home to seven private colleges. With a walkable downtown village of locally owned boutiques and restaurants, inviting guest rooms, a burgeoning craft beer and spirits scene, public art, and vivid examples of early and modernist California architecture throughout the city and campuses, Claremont is a hidden destination in "busy L.A."



### Fast Facts

**Founded:** April 1887 by Santa Fe Railroad • **Population:** 36,015 • **Size:** 13.49 square miles  
**Natural Amenities:** 2,534 acres of public parkland • 24,100 city trees – 36-time Tree City USA honoree • **Hotel Rooms:** 400 • **Museums & Galleries:** 15 • **Theaters:** 8 • **Public Gardens:** 2 • **National Register of Historic Places Sites:** 8 • **Nearest Airport:** Ontario International Airport (9 miles) • **Nearest Train:** Metrolink (Claremont Depot) • **Amtrak Thruway Service to Pacific Surfliner (Claremont Depot)** • **Filmed in Claremont:** *Bird Box, King Richard, Gilmore Girls, The Absent-Minded Professor, Teen Wolf Too, Ben Harper: Pleasure and Pain, Beaches, Real Genius, CHiPs, Bliss, Insecure*



### Inviting guest rooms

From economy to boutique, Claremont's 400 hotel rooms serve thousands of annual guests. Travelers will find hotel choices that can fit most any budget and need— including the luxury boutique **Hotel Casa 425** in historic Claremont Village, and the lush garden, resort-type setting at **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Claremont**. Economy choices near I-10 include **Motel 6 Claremont**, and **Claremont Lodge**.

### Dozens of dining choices

With more than 70 locally owned restaurants, grills, and specialty food shops, Claremont has earned acclaim as a "food neighborhood" that's "worth the drive." Local restaurateurs offer fresh takes on a variety of cuisines. Retailers such as **Cheese Cave**, **Some Crust Bakery**, **Bert & Rocky's Ice Cream**, and **I Like Pie** make between-meal snacking a must. And any craft beer tour of Route 66 must include **Claremont Craft Ales**, which produces over 3,000 barrels annually, including its signature Jacaranda Rye IPA. Wine lovers can enjoy weekend tastings and fare at Wine Spectator-winner **Packing House Wines**, while **Hotel + Lounge Casa 425** and **The Orchard Restaurant at DoubleTree** are dine-and-stay options. And with many four and five-star (Yelp) choices located within the walkable Claremont Village, visitors can enjoy the city's free parking and literally stroll to wherever their appetites lead them.





## A bike-friendly, outdoor destination

Metrolink takes visitors directly from L.A.'s Union Station to Claremont's historic depot, making it a green getaway. Couples and families will find amenities and full range of grades—from peaceful tours along tree-lined streets to the challenging trails and roads in the nearby San Gabriel Mountains, where avid cyclists can tackle the AMGEN Tour of California's challenging route to Mt. Baldy. Trail running and biking in the **Claremont Hills Wilderness Park** rewards visitors with views stretching to Downtown L.A.



## An evening escape for adults

The refurbished **Claremont Packing House**—an early home to the citrus co-op that became Sunkist—features a wine bar, BBQ joint, coffee and ice cream, and other restaurants and shops. Inviting nighttime entertainment includes dueling pianos at **Piano Piano** (at the DoubleTree), local bands at various pubs, and popular and arthouse movies at **Laemmle's Claremont 5**.

## Unique boutiques

Claremont's locally owned boutiques feature hand-selected fashions, locally made "upcycled" furnishings, handicrafts and accessories, antique collections, and much more. As the first Fair Trade Town in Southern California, many Claremont retailers carry merchandise that is green and fair, including **Buddhamouse Emporium** and **Rio de Ojas**.

## Culture (and horticulture)

Claremont has long been an artist's haven, and is home to Grammy-winner **Ben Harper's Folk Music Center and Museum**, and world's largest collection of native California flora at **California Botanic Garden**. Discover the new **Benton Museum of Art** at Pomona College, the **Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology**, and the **Claremont Lewis Museum of Art** (at Claremont Depot). Visitors will also find galleries, world-class public art and classic California architecture at the colleges and around town. The **James Turrell Skyspace**, "Dividing the Light," and the **Margaret Fowler Memorial Garden** (featuring Alfredo Ramos Martinez' mural "The Flower Vendors") at Scripps College are two must-see campus stops.



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