

Things to See & Do

Marina del Rey Convention & Visitors Bureau Marina del Rey Visitors Center

4701 Admiralty Way (at Mindanao Way)

310-305-9545. 15-minute parking.

Open daily except New Year's Day, Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving.

Fisherman's Village

Fisherman's Village resembles an old eastern seaport and fishing town, and is the center of recreational boating and water-sports. Stroll the harborfront to enjoy the spectacular views. Rent a boat by the hour, dine outside at waterfront restaurants and cafes and shop for souvenirs. Free weekend afternoon concerts. Open daily; validated parking. *From Admiralty Way, turn right on Fiji Way.*

Burton W. Chace Park

This beautiful 10-acre park is one of the crown jewels of Marina del Rey, jutting out into the Marina's main channel. Offering what may be the best vista point in the area, this is a great spot for walking, picnicing, and gazing out at the deep blue water, boats and Marina. Open daily. *Located at the western end of Mindanao Way.*

Bike Rentals

Spend an hour or two riding along the flat, well-marked bike trails through Marina del Rey. Pack a picnic and ride through the Marina, then head south to Playa del Rey Beach or north to Venice Beach. The trail is over 20 miles long. Rentals are available at Daniel's (Fisherman's Village) 310-980-4045, Spokes N' Stuff (Marina International Hotel) 310-306-3332, and The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey (contact concierge desk) 310-574-4277.

Boat Rentals

Rent a sailboat, jetski, paddleboard, powerboat, electric boat or kayak and sail around the Marina! Waters are mostly calm in the harbor, and it's also fun to cruise up the coast to Venice and Santa Monica. Marina Boat Rentals, 13719 Fiji Way, Fisherman's Village. 310-574-2822. Open daily.

Harbor and Coastal Cruises

Captain Alex Balian's Paradise Bound Yacht Charters offers harbor, coastal, sunset cruises, day sailing, marriage proposals, fishing trips and more. Docked harborside at The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey 310-578-7963.

Marina Beach

This cozy non-ocean facing sandy beach at the corner of Admiralty Way and Via Marina offers 12 acres of public swimming. Staffed by County lifeguards, the beach has no surf and is a pleasant spot for families with small children. This sunny spot features picnic shelters and children's playground equipment and is close to nearby restaurants. A specially built ramp accommodates wheelchairs, and beach wheelchairs are available.

Gondola Rides

Enjoy a unique cruise through the marina on Gondolas D'Amore's 32 ft. Italian gondola, complete with pillows, music, lamps, gondolier, appetizers and drinks. Reservations 310-736-7301.

North Jetty Promenade, Austin Park and Marina Peninsula

Visit this narrow slip for spectacular views of the Marina's main channel and passing boats. You'll find a long jetty to walk on, park benches, overlooks, sunny fishing spots, and metered parking. The Marina Peninsula neighborhood offers a gravel path parallel to the Grand Canal and a nesting area for local birds. You can cross over the foot bridge to the beachfront, returning along the the paved oceanfront walk. *From Admiralty Way, turn left onto Via Marina, then travel for about a mile until you reach the channel.*

Venice Canals

100 years ago tobacco magnate Abbot Kinney tried to create a community fashioned after Venice, Italy. A network of charming canals, narrow pedestrian wooden bridges and lushly landscaped footpaths covering eight blocks still exists within the cozy residential neighborhood. Glimpse the canals by walking over the narrow pedestrian bridges. *From Admiralty Way, turn right on Via Marina, then left onto Washington Boulevard. Go 1/4 mile, turn right onto Dell Avenue. Park, then walk straight ahead to the canals.*

South Jetty Promenade

Located at the end of Fiji Way, past Fisherman's Village, follow the bike path, make a right (toward the ocean), then head up the narrow jetty promenade towards the breakwater for fantastic views of the Marina. Look in the fields on your left for glimpses of the magnificent statuesque great blue heron, and study the collegiate rowing team 'graffiti' on the channel sides, home of many pre-Olympic team workouts. If you cross over the pedestrian bridge after the UCLA Aquatic Center, you'll end up in Playa del Rey and on its gorgeous beaches.

Sport Fishing

For an exciting fishing adventure join a Marina del Rey Sportfishing open party trip. Fish 1/2 or 3/4 day for halibut, yellowtail, calico bass, sand bass, barracuda, and white sea bass. Rod rentals, tackle, bait, fishing licenses, fish cleaning available for rent. Reservations required. Marina del Rey Sportfishing. Departures from Dock 52 on Fiji Way. 310-822-3625.

Day Trips to Catalina Island

Take the Marina del Rey Flyer to beautiful Catalina Island from Fisherman's Village. Call for seasonal schedules. Marina del Rey Flyer, 310-305-7250.

Venice Pier & End of Washington Boulevard

The "End of Washington Boulevard" actually begins at the venerable Venice Pier, where you can walk all the way to the end for great views of the shoreline and Venice Beach. The little district offers fine restaurants, cafes, bars, coffee houses, bike rentals and great people watching. *From Admiralty Way, turn right onto Via Marina, then left onto Washington Boulevard. Go 1/2 mile until the street ends at Venice Pier. Paid parking and metered areas.* Open daily.

Venice Beach and Ocean Front Walk

At Venice Beach and Ocean Front Walk, fun in the sun and free entertainment are available every day with sidewalk vendors, street performers, shops and beachfront cafes. Home to world famous Muscle Beach, it's most active on weekends. *From Admiralty Way, turn right onto Via Marina, then left onto Washington Boulevard. Go 1/2 mile, turn right on Pacific Avenue, go 3/10ths mile to Venice Boulevard. Make a left onto N. Venice Boulevard; paid parking available at the beach.* Open daily.

Abbot Kinney Boulevard District

Eclectic, urban and stylish, Abbot Kinney Boulevard is the center of Venice's creative community. This walkable neighborhood adjacent to Marina del Rey is packed with chic cafes, wine bars and restaurants, unique boutiques and art galleries. *From Admiralty Way, turn right onto Via Marina, then right onto Washington Boulevard. Drive 1/2 mile east, and turn left onto Abbot Kinney Boulevard. The most active part of the street is located between Venice Boulevard and Main Street.* Open daily.

Ballona Wetlands Walking Tours

Free, freshwater marsh and salt marsh & dunes tours in support of this unique habitat for over 200 species of birds. Several tours monthly. Call for schedule and reservations. Friends of Ballona Wetlands, 310-306-5994.

Weekends in the Marina

Weekend Dinner Cruises

Enjoy breathtaking vistas and stunning sunsets aboard a Friday night live jazz cruise. A delicious three-course dinner is served Friday and Saturday evenings, followed by music and dancing. Sunday Champagne Brunch cruises are also available, departures from Fisherman's Village; reservations necessary. Hornblower Cruises and Events 310-301-6000. Ask about seasonal weekday and holiday cruises.

Famous Waterfront Weekend Brunches

Marina del Rey restaurants are famous for weekend waterfront brunches. Many restaurants offer special Saturday and Sunday fixed price brunch buffets or special brunch menus. Great for families, celebrations, kids and those with big appetites.

Free Concerts at Fisherman's Village

Top quality local musicians perform salsa, jazz, blues and more every weekend afternoon in the courtyard in front of the Lighthouse in Fisherman's Village, weather permitting. Validated parking with purchase.

Shopping

Waterside Marina del Rey Shopping Center

Chic boutiques and one-of-a-kind treasures; men, women and children's clothing; gift shops, restaurants and cafes; bank (ATM), market, pharmacy. *4700 Admiralty Way between Mindanao Way and Fiji Way.* Open daily.

Villa Marina Marketplace

85 shops, restaurants, cafes, and movie theaters (12 screens); market, pharmacy; self-service laundry; women's, men's, children's clothing; sports equipment; shoes, books, gifts, jewelry. *From Admiralty Way, turn left onto Mindanao Way, go 1/2 mile, turn left into center.* Open daily.

Marina Beach Shopping Center

Shop for essentials and local services here. Bagels, ice cream, haircuts, cafes, and the favorite of locals, Joni's Coffee Roaster Cafe. *From Admiralty Way, turn right onto Via Marina, and right again at Washington Boulevard; center is on the right side.* Most stores open daily.

Special Summer Fun

Free Summer Concerts in Burton Chace Park

One of the most popular events on Los Angeles's Westside, the Marina hosts summertime concerts and movies on the lawn of Burton Chace Park during July and August. Schedules are available at local hotels, on line at VisitMarinaDelRey.com, and at the Marina Visitors Center.

Summer Weekend Beach Shuttle to Venice

Convenient and free, a summer time beach shuttle carries visitors along Admiralty Way from Fisherman's Village to Venice Pier on summer Fridays, weekends, holidays and Chace Park concert nights. Schedules are available at local hotels and the Marina Visitors Center.

Marina del Rey Water Bus on Summer Weekends

Operating summer weekends, holidays, and Chace Park concert nights, the Marina del Rey Water Bus offers easy and quick transportation between points of interest in the Marina. Schedules and routes are available at local hotels and the Marina Visitors Center.

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