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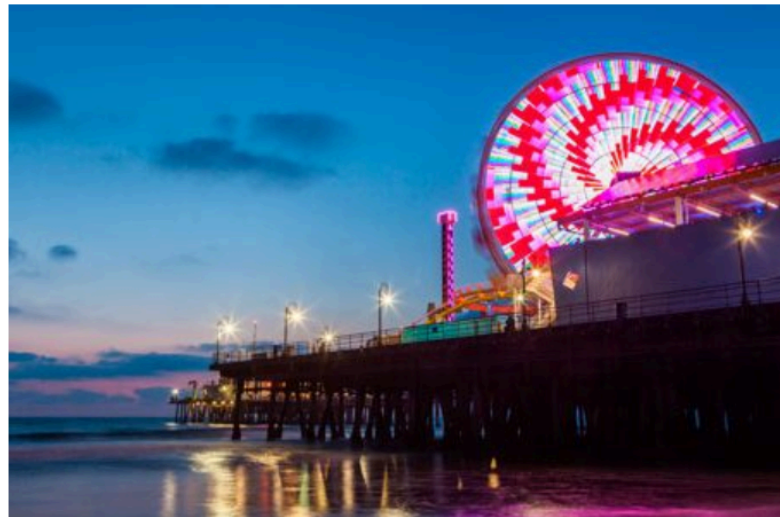


Image: Santa Monica Pier.

**La La Land has been described as a 'love letter' to Los Angeles. Libby Key takes inspiration from the film and finds some city sweet spots**

#### Santa Monica Pier

Mia (Emma Stone) and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) climb into the cosmos inside the historic Griffith Observatory and swim among the stars in a magical, musical moment. For more telescopic views of the LA night sky, head to Santa Monica pier, stroll on the sand and marvel at the luminescent ferris wheel over the Pacific Ocean. Grab some champers on Ocean Avenue afterwards.

[santamonicapier.org](http://santamonicapier.org)



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### The Getty Center

It's unforgettable when Mia and Sebastian tap-dance to Justin Hurwitz's award-winning songs on Cathy's Corner, Mt. Hollywood Drive (Griffith Park), with a panoramic view of Los Angeles as the backdrop. Check out The Getty Center, LA's celebrated free venue for art exhibitions for further spectacular views over the city. Just off Interstate 405, the centre has a beautiful garden, designed by Robert Irwin, and terraces lined with purple wisteria. Head to its sister location — The Getty Villa in Pacific Palisades — for a more ancient, Romanic feel by the Malibu coast.

[getty.edu](http://getty.edu)

### Coffee in Silverlake

Taking a tour of Warner Bros. Studio, where Mia works as barista, is definitely worth the ticket to walk the backlots where classics like Casablanca were made. Mia's coffee shop doesn't exist in real life, so head central and grab coffee in one of LA's hippest neighbourhoods like Silver Lake. Intelligentsia's Silver Lake Coffeebar boasts terracotta stonewalls and a ceramic interior, which encourages sipping and chatting for hours.

[intelligentsiacoffee.com/silver-lake-coffeebar](http://intelligentsiacoffee.com/silver-lake-coffeebar)

### Blue Whale Jazz Club

There's nothing like live jazz, and The Lighthouse Cafe, featured in the movie, does, in fact, exist in real life and can be found in Hermosa Beach. Get some more top-rate LA jazz at the Blue Whale Jazz Club. Also an art gallery and bar, it's located in the heart of Little Tokyo. The dimmed lights and cuboid seats give the venue a modern, chilled feel, perfect for listening to the latest jazz acts in town.

[bluewhalemusic.com](http://bluewhalemusic.com)

### Skate on Venice Beach

While the opening traffic scene in La La Land makes for iconic filmography, sitting in choc-a-bloc Highway 101 traffic isn't fun. Skip the queues and hire some skates and blades from Jay's Rentals on Venice Beach to explore the Pacific coast (and burn some calories in the process).

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