

From Blasé to “Oh Hey!”

DOWNTOWN ARTS DISTRICT HAS TRANSFORMED FROM AN INDUSTRIAL SCENE TO A HIPSTER PARADISE

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B Breathe in the imaginative sights of LA's Downtown Arts District and get a taste of the eclectic cafes and restaurants sprinkled throughout! The once-gritty, industrial area is now a splash of colors, becoming a wonderland escape for the curious adventurer. We're putting on our newsboy caps, pinstripe pants and Elton John sunglasses to fulfill our hipster cred as we highlight 10 of our favorite spots in LA's aesthetically delightful hub.



Goodness Gratitude

→ Cleanse your soul and your stomach with Cafe Gratitude's vegan menu and share compliments with others and yourself. The Arts District location welcomes you into its minimalistic interior with wood accents and plenty of potted plants! **CAFE GRATITUDE**
www.cafegratitude.com

That's Bould of You

→ Looking for a place to get active? LA Boulders is where you can climb to the top and stretch out your muscles! With their comprehensive fitness offerings, you'll get the hang of bouldering in no time. **LA BOULDERS**
www.touchstoneclimbing.com/la-boulders

Journey to the Middle East

→ For dinner, come to Bavel where you'll taste exquisite flavors of the Middle East while sitting under a roof of hanging vines. The white interior design and natural lighting are modern takes to traditional Middle Eastern restaurant design. **BAVEL**
www.baveldtla.com

Art to the Heart

→ If you're an art museum addict, then a visit to the Institute of Contemporary Art is a must! This curated gallery hosts artwork from international artists and fosters artistic experimentation and new ideas. **INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART**
www.theicala.org



That's a Bowlful

→ For a healthy dose of fruits and veggies, Amazebowls is the place to get an acai bowl. The ingredients are fresh, organic and dairy-free. Order the OG Coconut Bowl which will take you to the island of paradise! **AMAZEBOWLS**
www.amazebowls.com

The American Sleep

→ Traveling all over LA requires more than one day. For a place to stay, The American Hotel is the premier choice in the Downtown Arts District with its brick walls and world-famous murals. Don't just see the creativity—stay in it! **THE AMERICAN HOTEL**
americanhotella.com

Welcome to the Circus

→ Titled “Earth's First Micro-Amusement Park,” Two Bit Circus takes you through all kinds of crazy but fun experiences. From escape rooms to VR games, you'll be transported to different worlds—all in one place! **TWO BIT CIRCUS**
www.twobitcircus.com

Book It

→ Feel inspired as you walk into Hennessey + Ingalls, an open-concept bookstore that's been around since 1963. With over 4.5 million books across all genres, you're bound to pull a book from the shelf and stay glued to the pages! **HENNESSEY + INGALLS**
hennesseyingalls.com



Garden of Eatin'

→ At Manuela, you can experience food and drinks out on the patio or visit the garden as you wait for a table! Their original artwork is always on rotation, so it's a new scene every time you visit. **MANUELA**
www.manuela-la.com

Pie-Five

→ If you have a sweet tooth, fall into The Pie Hole where every pie is baked from scratch and by hand. From the Mac 'n Cheese Pot Pie to a Matcha Green Tea pie, their unique flavors are to pie for! **THE PIE HOLE**
www.thepieholela.com