LA Itineraries: Art & Architecture

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Barnsdall Art Park
4800 Hollywood Blvd. | 323.644.6269

Overlooking the Hollywood Hills and crowned by Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House, built in the early ‘20s for oil heiress Aline Barnsdall, this park draws locals and tourists alike for art classes, outdoor movies, and Friday afternoon wine tastings. Though the Hollyhock House is closed for renovations, the exterior is in plain sight and alone, justifies a visit.

Culver City Galleries
La Cienaga Ave. & Washington Ave.

The art world's heaviest hitters all have a space here—Gagosian, Blum & Poe, Regen Projects. Unlike the rest of Los Angeles, which requires the use of a million valets, you can park and walk the triangle, making it the perfect way to spend an afternoon. When you've had your fill, head to the Mandrake for a drink, where gallerists and patrons wind down at the end of the day.

Eames House
203 Chautauqua Blvd. | 310.459.9663

While it will cost you (a lot) to take a tour of the inside of Charles and Ray Eames’ house/studio, it's pretty incredible to see how warmly this husband and wife team lived, as well as their iconic, modern furniture in situ. While indoor tours range from $275-$400 (depending on group size), it's only $10 to walk the grounds and see its iconic, Mondrian-esque exterior. Reservations for both are required.

Frank Lloyd Wright Tour
Across L.A.

While there are a handful of Frank Lloyd Wrights in L.A., none are currently open to the public (Hollyhock House is under renovation). That shouldn't deter you, though, as there are several “Textile Block” homes on the list, including Ennis House, which you'll likely recognize from Bladerunner. The house is composed of ornately stamped blocks inspired by Mayan temples that are so stunning, you won't care that you don't get to go inside.