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## **Venti del Pacifico**

### **Destinazione: Los Angeles**

**Los Angeles**, la megalopoli affacciata sul Pacifico, brilla sotto il sole e ferve di creatività. I mondi dell'arte, del cibo e della moda non sono mai stati così vivaci, e si possono incontrare **le stelle di Hollywood al farmers' market**. Tutta questa energia può lasciare storditi, soprattutto se avete a disposizione un solo fine settimana. Fortunatamente, questo speciale volume della **fortunata serie di viaggio curata da TASCHEN in collaborazione con il New York Times** raccoglie i migliori luoghi in cui mangiare, bere e vivere la città nell'arco di 36 ore, permettendovi di **trasformare ogni weekend in un'avventura per le strade di Los Angeles e oltre**. Che vogliate fare quattro salti in una sala da ballo vecchia scuola, fare una scorpacciata di taco a Santa Barbara o inseguire il tramonto a Malibu, partite con questo volume ricco di fantastiche e stravaganti ispirazioni.

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# Malibu

Locals call it "the Bu"—a laid-back, celebrity-filled strip of a city that sparkles in the collective consciousness as a sun-drenched state of mind. With the busy Pacific Coast Highway running through and no discernible center of town, some of the best of Malibu, which has aroused 13,000 residents, can disappear in a drive-by. The staggering natural beauty of the sea and mountains is obvious, but pull off the road and stay awhile, and you'll find more: a world-class art museum, local wines, top-notch restaurants, and chic shops.

—BY LOUISE TUTELEAN

FRIDAY

**1 The Wind, the Waves... 5 p.m.**  
 What's so appealing about Malibu's little slice of coast? Visit **Polet Dome State Preserve** (Birdview Avenue and Cliffside Drive; 310-457-8143; parks.ca.gov), and you'll see. A modest walk to the top of this coastal bluff rewards you with a sweeping view of the entire Santa Monica Bay, the island Santa Monica Mountains, and, on a clear day, Catalina Island. A boardwalk just below the summit leads to a platform for watching sweeping pelicans and crashing waves. To feel the sand between your toes, drive down Birdview Avenue to Westward Beach Road and park at the very end of the lot on your left. You'll be looking at Westward Beach, a gem that most visitors miss. Strike a yoga pose. Sigh at will.

**2 Chasing the Sunset 7 p.m.**  
 Little known fact: Most of Malibu faces south, not west. That means sitting down at just any seaside restaurant at dusk won't guarantee seeing a sunset over the water. But the aptly named **Sunset Restaurant** (5800 Westward Beach Road; 310-588-1007; thesunsetrestaurant.com) is a sure bet, with just the right orientation. Claim a white leather banquette, order a carafe of wine and select a tasting plate of cheeses, and settle in for the light show.

**3 Shore Dinner 9 p.m.**  
 If you're going to spot a celebrity, chances are it will be at **Nobu Malibu** (3835 Cross Creek Road, in the Malibu Country Mart; 310-317-8140; nobumatsuhisa.com; \$\$\$), one of the famed chef Nobu Matsuhisa's many restaurants. The sushi

is sublime, and the entrees measure up. Reservations are essential. The front room is convivial but noisy; the subtly lit back room is quieter.

SATURDAY

**4 Walk the Pier 9 a.m.**  
 The 780-foot-long **Malibu Pier** (23090 Pacific Coast Highway; 888-310-7437; malibupiersportfishing.com) is the most recognizable (and, arguably, only) landmark in town. Take a morning stroll out to the end, chat with the fishermen, and watch surfers paddle out. You'll be walking on a piece of Malibu history. The pier was originally built in 1905 as a loading dock for construction material, and it was a lookout during World War II. It crops up in numerous movies and TV shows.

**5 Bronze for the Ages 10 a.m.**  
 The **Getty Villa** (17985 Pacific Coast Highway; 310-440-7300; getty.edu) is just over the city's southern border in Pacific Palisades, but no matter: it shouldn't be missed. The museum, built by J. Paul Getty in the 1970s to resemble a first-century Roman country house, contains Greek, Roman, and Etruscan vessels, gems, and statuary, some dating back to 6500 B.C. On the second floor is a rare life-size Greek bronze, *Statue of a Victorious Youth*, a prize of the

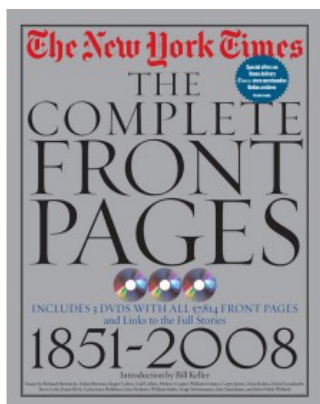
**OPPOSITE** Beach and pier at Malibu, the little slice of Pacific coast that celebrities like to call their own.

**BELOW** Kai Sanson, a surfing instructor, inflates students into the ways of the waves.



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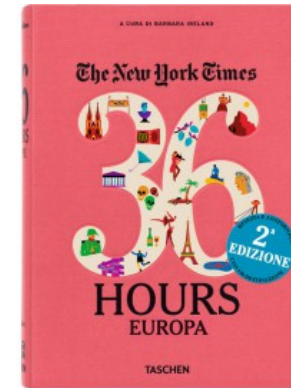
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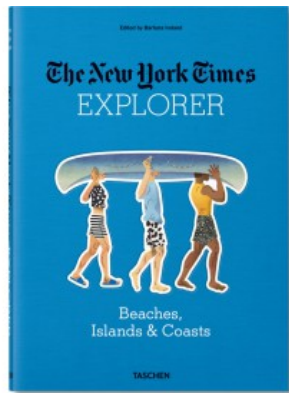


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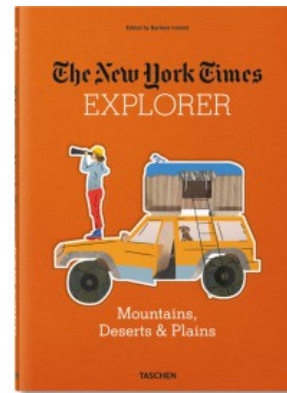
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