

## THE DAY OFF

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Los Angeles's ongoing tech boom—which in the last few years has seen the building of Google and Yahoo! campuses on a parcel of Playa Vista that was once Howard Hughes's private airfield—has earned the Westside the nickname Silicon Beach. Got a day off in La La Land? Here's how to spend it on the beach.

### 8 a.m.

Beat the line at **Huckleberry Bakery and Cafe** by getting to the Santa Monica institution right when it opens. You'll feel very West Coast if you order the organic quinoa and market vegetables bowl (made with ingredients from the renowned Santa Monica Farmers Market, just down the street), but if you want to treat yourself on your day off, opt for a stack of the café's signature pancakes.

### 10 a.m.

The Westside has long drawn an artsy crowd. Take in that vibe at Santa Monica's **Bergamot Station**, a former trolley stop and industrial warehouse that's now a complex of more than 20 galleries. Don't miss the photography at the **Peter Fetterman Gallery** (pictured) or the modern and contemporary works at **Latin American Masters**.

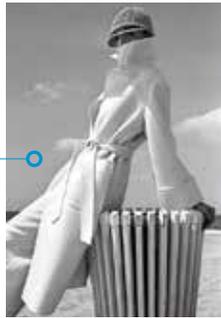
### 12 p.m.

Venice is SoCal's boho capital, and the ever-trendy **Abbot Kinney Boulevard** is its main commercial artery. Splurge on a Lewis Leathers motorcycle jacket at **The Stronghold** (pictured) or a flower-print dress at **Stone Cold Fox**. Congratulations: Your credit card statement now rivals your student loans.



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Your one-day must-do itinerary for Los Angeles's tech hub



### 2 p.m.

Take a number at the über-hip deli and bakery **Gjusta**. Be prepared to wait a while before you order, and you'll need sharp elbows to fight for a seat on the patio, but the hassle is worth it for the tuna conserva sandwich.

### 4 p.m.

Head back to your hotel, **Shutters on the Beach**. Change into some sneakers and jog down to Muscle Beach to see some bodies that have clearly not been enjoying the food at Huckleberry or Gjusta, then beat a retreat to your balcony. Open your shutters (truth in advertising!) and watch the sun sink behind the Santa Monica Pier and into the Pacific.

### 7 p.m.

Dinner is at one of the toughest tables in LA, **Felix Trattoria**, *Esquire's* best new restaurant in America for 2017. Chef Evan Funke cut his teeth at Spago, and now he cuts handmade pastas in a glass-enclosed kitchen at the north end of Abbot Kinney. Don't miss the perfectly al dente orecchiette with sausage *sugo*.

### 9 p.m.

For a nightcap, take a seat on the patio at **Makani**, a new Korean-influenced spot on Venice's up-and-coming Rose Avenue. Try a Doctor Bird's Sour (rum, orgeat, bitters, and lemon) from the rum-centric cocktail list, plus—why not?—Manila clams with chile de árbol and wood-fired ciabatta slices. The only thing prettier than the fare on your table is the oh-so-SoCal crowd tipping around you.

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