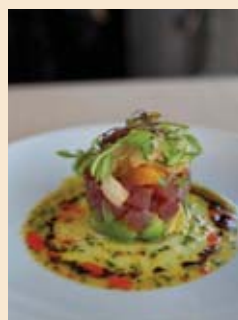


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CLAREMONT

Claremont is one of Southern California's hidden gems. As one of the nation's top college towns, Claremont boasts a thriving arts scene, locally owned boutiques featuring Fair Trade merchandise, and a "food neighborhood" of more than 80 restaurants, bakeries, and international cuisines.

Visitor attractions include the Folk Music Center, owned by musician Ben Harper and family; the 86-acre Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, the largest botanic garden dedicated to California's native plants; galleries and libraries at the Claremont Colleges; and the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology at the Webb Schools. The city's nighttime entertainment boasts classical, jazz, comedy, dueling pianos, a vibrant college music scene, and performing arts.

Known as The City of Trees, its legacy was born more than 100 years ago with the founding of Pomona College amidst acres of foothills adorned with citrus ranches. The tree-lined Claremont Village is a walkable downtown shopping and dining district, comprised of 12 city blocks, the Village Square, and Claremont Packing House. Downtown architecture reflects a city that came to rise in the early 1900s, with classic bank and shop facades. The Claremont Depot, a California historical landmark, greets Metrolink trains that stop there daily.

Within the Claremont Village, visitors will find over 150 boutiques, galleries, day spas and salons, specialty shops and restaurants. Along Yale and Harvard Avenues, the popular Cheese Cave, Some Crust Bakery and The Last Drop Café are great stops for snacking or sandwiches. Popular Italian dining

choices here include the chophouse Tutti Mangia, and the longtime local favorite Aruffo's. Diners will find tapas at Viva Madrid, Afghan dishes at Walter's, and contemporary California cuisine at Bardot, Union on Yale and The Press Restaurant.

The Packing House is one of four that lined the railroad tracks during the city's citrus heydays. There you'll find Flappers Comedy Club, a coffee and ice cream shoppe, the Packing House Wine Merchants wine bar and bistro, Eureka! craft burgers, Bottle Barrel Deli, and other dining and shopping choices.

In Village Square, visitors can stay at the boutique Hotel Casa 425 and enjoy drinks and small plates on their outdoor patio. The Back Abbey, home of one of L.A.'s best burgers, serves up European craft beers, while I Like Pie Bake Shop satisfies dessert cravings with their locally famous, single-sized pies.

Historic Route 66 runs along Foothill Blvd., just 12 blocks north. The shops and restaurants along this district include the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Claremont and the popular Candlelight Pavilion dinner theater housed within the gymnasium of the Old School House, Claremont's original 1911 school building.

Walking through the seven campuses that comprise The Claremont Colleges will reveal stately buildings, great lawns, and an abundance of public art. The Pomona College Museum of Art displays contemporary and historic works of art for exhibition and study, while the Margaret Fowler Garden is a special find on the Scripps College campus.

Claremont offers free parking

throughout the city, or visitors can take Metrolink directly to the Claremont Village for an eco-friendly or bicycle getaway.

Visitor information and a complete listing of restaurants, hotels, boutiques, day spas, events and more can be found at www.discoverclaremont.com.

HOMETOWN-STYLE FESTIVALS MAKE CLAREMONT A UNIQUE PLACE TO CELEBRATE.

Every Sunday – Claremont Farmers and Artisans Market, presented by Claremont Forum

March 4, 2016 – Women's Leadership Conference (2nd Annual), presented by Claremont Chamber of Commerce

March 19, 2016 – Claremont Pie Festival (4th Annual)

April 16-17, 2016 – Wildflower Show, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

April 30, 2016 – A Garden of Verses: Poetry Day in the Garden, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

May-August – Butterfly Pavilion, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

May-October – Claremont Friday Nights Live! Music

May 22, 2016 – Claremont Folk Festival (35th Annual), presented by Folk Music Center

June 25, 2016 – Claremont Blues and Brews Craft Beer Walk (7th Annual)

July 4 – All-American Fourth of July Parade, Fireworks & Concert (68th Annual)

July – Claremont Midsummer Shakespeare Festival, presented by Ophelia's Jump Theater

July – Claremont Restaurant Week

September 10, 2016 – Claremont Wine Walk (15th Annual)

October 14-15, 2016 – Things That Go Bump in the Night, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

October 22, 2016 – Village Venture Arts & Crafts Faire (35th Annual)