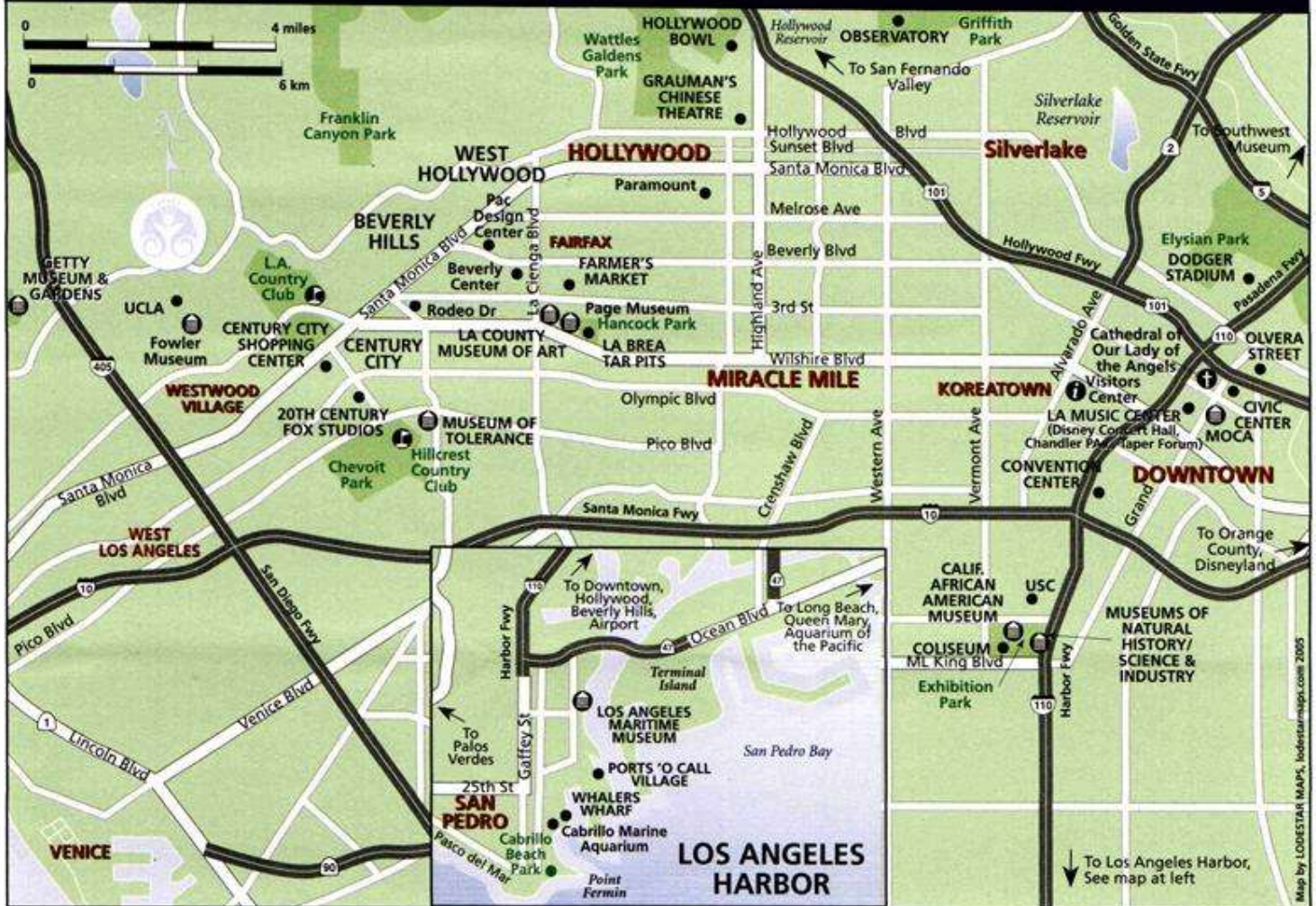


Port Description

Los Angeles, California



Docking location:

Crystal Symphony is scheduled to dock at Pier # 91/92 in San Pedro.

Distance to town:

Downtown Los Angeles is about one hour drive.

Local Crystal Cruises' Port Representative:

Quay Cruise Agencies-General Steamship Corp., Ltd. 1000 East Del Amo Blvd. Carson CA. Phone: (310) 223-0026, (310) 261-3884.

Exchange Rate:

Local currency is the US Dollar (USD). Credit cards are widely accepted.

Shopping:

The closest shopping is in the Long Beach area. There is also shopping available at the Del Amo Mall which is an approximate 30 minute drive.

Shuttle Bus:

There will be no shuttle service in operation.

Taxis:

Taxis are available outside the Terminal building and they are metered.

Spectacular natural surroundings combined with the vitality of a creative and artistic community make Los Angeles one-of-a-kind. Sunshine, majestic palm trees and the sandy beaches of the Pacific share the spotlight with L.A.'s glamorous movie industry and its world-famous celebrities.

Formally founded in 1781, it is now one of the world's largest metropolitan centers. Although there will not be any shore excursions offered in Los Angeles due to our limited time in port, you may contact our onboard Shore Excursion staff for helpful hints or suggestions on things to do while you are ashore.

History

When the first Spanish explorers arrived in the 16th century there were only a few small native settlements on the shore of what is now Los Angeles (in Spanish meaning the City of Angels). The North American West Coast was then slowly settled over the next few centuries. Cabrillo was one of the first European visitors, but others like Sir Francis Drake, soon followed. The Spaniards finally established a port in 1781 as a resting and supply stop for their coastal shipping routes. In time, Los Angeles became part of the expanding Mexican empire, but at the end of the Mexican American War in the 19th Century, California was ceded to the United States. A tiny industry was established in the hills north of the city, creating silent films, causing the growth of the Hollywood studios which rapidly expanded. In 1923, the much-photographed letters were placed on the hill and the golden age of Hollywood was born. The entertainment industry is still alive and well, but the city has diversified. With its many Universities and institutes, Los Angeles is a major center for research, and it is the largest of the American ports.

Farmer's Market

The Los Angeles Farmer's market was established back in the early 1930s. Nowadays there are many excellent restaurants in this area and the markets stocks much more than just produce. There are more than 100 small shops through which one may browse. *Located on Fairfax near Third Street. Open: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 9:00pm, Saturday 9:00am to 8:00pm and Sunday 10:00am to 7:00pm.*

Mann's Chinese Theater

Mann's overly ornate theater is an explosion of design and color. People flock to the theater, which is still used for films, to see the famous prints of luminaries in the front. The tradition began when Norma Talmadge, attending the opening of the Cecil B. De Mille epic King of Kings, accidentally wandered into wet cement in front of the theater. Other stars followed suit and there is no longer any space left at what started in the 1920s as Grauman's Chinese Theater.

Located at 6925 Hollywood Blvd. The outdoor courtyard is open 24 hours. Guided walking tours are offered daily from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Queen Mary

Now floating at its home in Long Beach Harbor, the last of the original luxury liners has been preserved as a museum, restaurant, and shopping center. It is even possible to stay overnight in one of the plush staterooms. When it was built, art deco style was in vogue, and the design features reflect this. Porters wearing pillbox hats and carrying silver trays seem to be just around the corner as you wander the decks of the old beauty.

Located at 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach. Open daily from 10:00am to 5:30pm.

Museum of Tolerance

This museum may not be as well known as some of Los Angeles' main sights, but this museum will move you, as well as educate you. The emotional holocaust exhibit recalls the horror of man's capacity for evil. Each visitor is assigned the name of a person whose life was profoundly affected by World War II, and before leaving, the fate of that person is revealed. *Located at Simon Wiesenthal Plaza, 9786 West Pico Blvd. Open: Monday to Thursday from 11:00am to 6:30pm (Last entry 4:00pm), Friday from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Sundays 11:00am to 7:30pm (last entry at 5:00pm). Closed on Saturdays.*

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Located just steps from the ocean at Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is a non-profit public aquarium/museum dedicated to promoting knowledge and awareness of the marine life of Southern California through recreational, educational, and research programs.

Port Descriptions are provided to our guests compliments of the Crystal Adventures Shore Excursions staff. Information is intended as a guideline only and cannot be guaranteed by Crystal Cruises in any way.