



LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles is the largest city in the state of California and the second-largest in the United States. Often abbreviated as L.A., it is rated an alpha world city having an estimated population of 3.8 million and spanning over 1,214.9 square km in Southern California. Los Angeles is one of the world's most prominent centers of culture, technology, and international trade. The city and its immediate vicinity lead the world in producing popular entertainment — such as motion picture, television, video games and recorded music — which forms the base of Los Angeles' international fame and global status.



□ The flag of Los Angeles, California consists of a background of three notched stripes of green, gold and red. The colors represent **olive trees** (green), **orange groves** (gold) and **vineyards** (red). The flag was designed by Roy E. Silent and E.S. Jones in 1931 for the Los Angeles sesquicentennial. The city seal is shown in the center of the flag.



The shield of the seal is encircled by the **legal name of the city and its date of founding (1781)**. Inside the circle, flanking the shield, are **grapes, olives, and oranges**, major crops of California, on their plants. These are also symbolized in the colors of the Flag of Los Angeles. The fruit are on a field or, bordered with a 77-bead rosary.





Located on the Pacific Ocean near the U.S. border with Mexico, the metropolis is noted for its pleasant climate and scenic setting. It is situated on a hilly coastal plain surrounded by beaches in the west and mountains and deserts in other directions. Referred to casually as “LA,” Los Angeles is one of the major industrial, commercial, and financial centers of the United States.



Los Angeles, California



The City of Los Angeles comprises 1,215 sq km (469 sq mi) and had a population of about 3.7 million people at the 2000 census. The Los Angeles metropolitan area acts as a center for the motion picture, radio and television broadcasting, and music recording industries. Several separate cities—such as Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, and Culver City—are partly or completely surrounded by the City of Los Angeles.

RODEO DRIVE



You may have more luck on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills where the expensive shops are. Julia Roberts or Barbara Streisand are likely to go there to do their shoppings

Beverly Hills

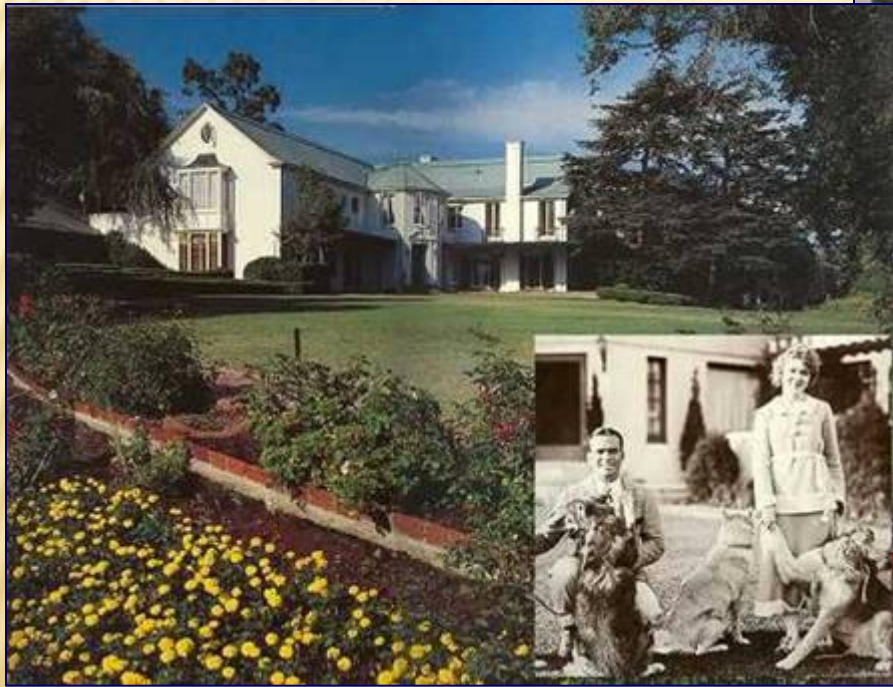


Celebrities don't only work in LA, they also live in and around the city. Most celebrities' homes are in Beverly Hills, an area near LA. It's a place where the stars can feel safe: the Beverly Hills police is sure to turn up seconds after a call.



Holmby Hills. Owlwood

Built in 1936, this Italian style mansion has a guest cottage where Marilyn Monroe was an occasional guest in the early 1950s. The estate was later the home of Tony Curtis, and then Sonny and Cher.



Beverly Hills. Pickfair

***The legendary estate of Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks
Pickfair was home to a timeless romance, and was second only to the White House for hosting internationally renowned notables: Chaplin and Valentino, Albert Einstein, the King and Queen of Siam. . .***

Malibu



*If there is one city that even more beautiful and glamour than Beverly Hills, it's **Malibu**, known for its beautiful beaches. Here celebrities can look at the ocean from the windows of their multi-million dollar homes.*



The stars' addresses are not a secret, and the public can drive past celebrities' homes, but you are unlikely to stop a star from the window of your car or a tourist bus.

THE STARS' FAVORITE SHOPS & SALONS



Hollywood celebrities don't spend their lives hiding in their homes. Like everyone else, they enjoy going out shopping, and when they do, they are often spotted by fans. Naturally, some shops are more popular than others with the Hollywood set, and if you know exactly where they shop, you can increase your chance of spotting your favorite star.

HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD



*Or try Hollywood Boulevard with its world-famous movie theatres like **Mann's Chinese Theatre**, the **Egyptian Theatre** and the **3,300-seat Kodak Theatre**.*



- ▣ ***Mann's Chinese Theatre is an iconic. The theatre opened May 18, 1927. It has since been home to many premieres, birthday parties, corporate junkets and two Academy Awards ceremonies. Among the theatre's most famous traits are the autographed cement blocks that reside in the forecourt, which bear the signatures and markings of many of Hollywood's most revered stars and starlets.***





- ***The Kodak Theatre is a live theatre in the Hollywood and Highland retail. Since its opening on November 9, 2001, the theatre has been the home of the annual Academy Awards Ceremonies (The Oscars), which were first held there in March 2002, and is the first permanent home for the awards.***



Every year, usually in February, celebrities are sure to come for the most event in show biz: Oscar night. On that day the prestigious Academy Awards, called “Oscars”, are presented for the year’s best achievements in the film world.





- ***But you're certain to see your favourite star if you stand outside in the huge crowd of people waiting behind the velvet ropes.***

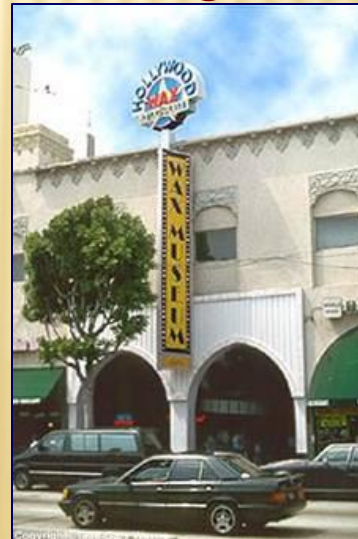




*If you missed the Oscar, you're unlikely to see any celebrities on an ordinary day, but don't leave Hollywood Boulevard in a hurry. Look down at your feet and you'll see bronze stars set in the sidewalk. Look closer and you'll be able to read the names of the people who made Hollywood famous: film directors, producers, camera operators, actors and actresses and musicians. It's **the Walk of Fame**, the most unusual monument to talent and success in the world. Now there are more than 2,500 stars in the sidewalk. It costs about \$40,000 to install and look after one.*



- *The new Hollywood & Highland center right across the street, it's hard for the swarms of tourists to fail to notice **the Hollywood Wax Museum**. Here you can see wax figures of stars. There is often a large crowd of spectators milling out front of this museum, watching the antics of a costumed employee, dressed like Frankenstein, putting on a show to lure customers in from the Walk of Fame. The Hollywood Wax Museum isn't a complete disappointment. It offers almost 220 wax figures.*





*You'll be surprised to find out that the "red carpet" area is actually a huge shopping mall called **Hollywood and Highlands**, which is full of shops and restaurants. This place attracts a lot of tourists who like to imagine that star directors like Quentin Tarantino will turn up for a cup of coffee just before the Oscar. They are unlikely to do so, because on the big day all the shops are closed and public can't even go in.*



- ***If you don't look down, Hollywood Boulevard looks like an ordinary street. There are no architectural masterpieces, it's not very clean and it's full of little souvenir shops. In the evening teenagers often come to sing and dance here. They pay no attention to the tourists and the stars in concrete.***



TOURISTS CAN VISIT SOME MORE SIGHTS IN LOS ANGELES.



- ▣ ***The Hollywood Bowl is a modern amphitheatre at 2301 North Highland Avenue in Hollywood, that is used primarily for music performances. The "bowl" in this context is the natural cavity in the earth into which the amphitheater is built, rather than the shape of the bandshell. It officially opened on July 11, 1922 on the site of a natural amphitheater formerly known as the Daisy Dell, and has been the summer home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic since then. The Bowl is also home to a second resident ensemble, the "Hollywood Bowl Orchestra".***



- ▣ ***The Walt Disney Concert Hall is the fourth hall of the Los Angeles Music Center. It seats 2,265 people and serves (among other purposes) as the home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and the Los Angeles Master Chorale. It was opened on October 23, 2003.***





Griffith Observatory is located in Los Angeles. Sitting on the south-facing slope of Mount Hollywood in L.A.'s Griffith Park, it commands a view of the Los Angeles Basin, including downtown Los Angeles to the southeast, Hollywood to the south, and the Pacific Ocean to the southwest. The observatory is a popular tourist attraction that features an extensive array of space- and science-related displays





Capitol Records is a major United States-based record label owned by EMI. Capitol's parent EMI is one of the "big four" music companies. Its headquarters building, the Capitol Tower, is a major landmark near the corner of Hollywood and Vine. Among the more famous artists who have recorded for Capitol Records are Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, The Beach Boys, The Beatles, Pink Floyd, Duran Duran, the Beastie Boys, Coldplay, and Radiohead.



- ***The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum is a large outdoor sports stadium in the University Park that has hosted two Olympics and is home to the University of Southern California Trojans football team. The Coliseum was declared a National Historic Landmark on July 27, 1984, the day before the opening ceremony of the 1984 Summer Olympic Games.***





The Getty Center

In 1953 American oil executive and financier J. Paul Getty founded a museum named after him to house his personal art collection. In 1987 the collection moved to the Getty Center—designed by American architect Richard Meier—in Los Angeles, California. The complex consists of six buildings on a 45-hectare (110-acre) site and houses the Getty art collection as well as research and educational institutes.



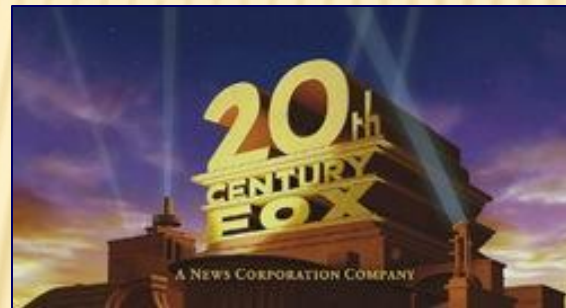
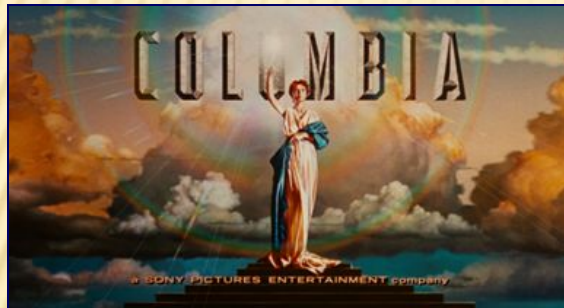
High above the smog of central Los Angeles, Griffith Observatory has a much clearer view of the stars than the rest of the city. The world-famous observatory is perched high in the Hollywood Hills, in Griffith Park, a large park in the middle of the huge metropolis.



- *LA is famous for one of its suburbs, **Hollywood**, which is the capital of world movie production.*

*The **Hollywood Sign** is a famous landmark in the Hollywood Hills, spelling out the name of the area in 15.2 m high white letters. It was created as an advertisement in 1923. The letters on the sign today are 1.5 m shorter than the original.*

- **The biggest and most successful film studios – Disney, Universal, fox, Warner Bros, Paramount, Columbia, MGM – are here. These are star factories. A lot of famous stars have been through the gates pf these**



20TH CENTURY FOX

20th Century Fox is one of the six major American film studios. It is the media conglomerate controlled by Rupert Murdoch. The company was founded in 1935.



WARNER BROS



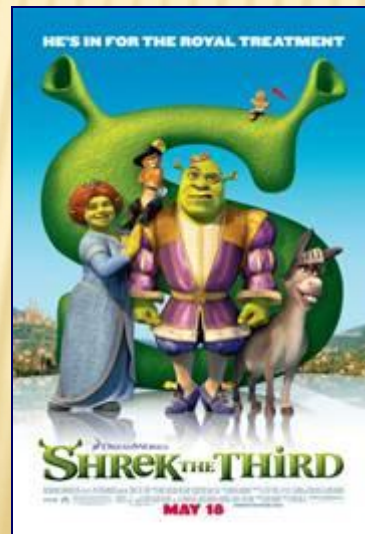
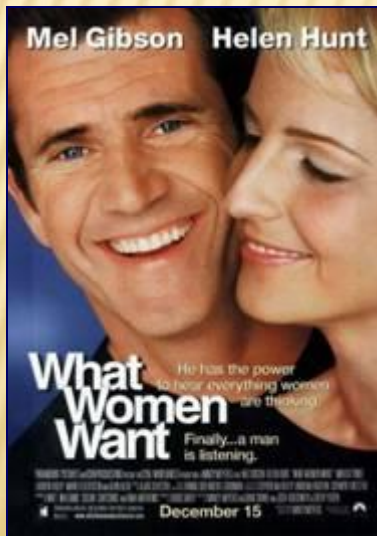
Warner Bros. is one of the world's largest producers of film and television entertainment. Warner Bros. has several subsidiary companies, including Warner Bros. Studios, Warner Bros. Pictures, Warner Bros. Television, Warner Bros. Animation, Warner Home Video, and DC Comics. Warner owns half of The CW Television Network.



PARAMOUNT



- ▣ ***Paramount Pictures Corporation is a major American motion picture production and distribution company, based in Hollywood. Founded in 1912, it is the oldest running movie studio in Hollywood, beating Universal Studios by a month. Paramount is owned by media conglomerate Viacom***



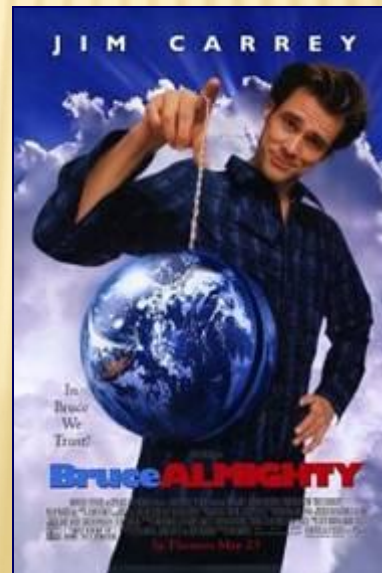
METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYE



- ❑ ***MGM is an American media company, involved primarily in the production and distribution of film and television programs. From the end of the silent film era through World War II, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was the most prominent motion picture studio in Hollywood, with the greatest output of all of the studios.***

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

- Universal is a subsidiary of NBC Universal, is one of the major American film studios. Its production studios are located at 100 Universal City Plaza Drive in Universal City, California. Distribution and other corporate offices are based in New York City. Universal is the second longest-lived studio in Hollywood.



COLUMBIA PICTURES

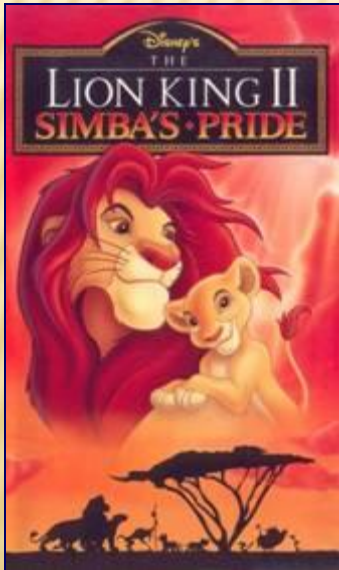


- ▣ ***Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. was originally an American film and television production company. It is now part of the Columbia TriStar Motion Picture Group, which is owned by Sony Pictures Entertainment. Established in 1924, Columbia is tied with MGM for the fifth-oldest American movie studio still in operation.***

WALT DISNEY



- ▣ ***The Walt Disney Company is the third largest media and entertainment corporation in the world. Founded on October 16, 1923 by brothers Walt and Roy Disney as a small animation studio, it has become one of the biggest Hollywood studios, and owner of eleven theme parks and several television networks, including the American Broadcasting Company (ABC).***



GLOSSARY

- **Los Angeles – Лос-Анджелес**
- **Beverly Hills – Беверли-Хиллз**
- **Malibu - Малибу**
- **Hollywood and Highlands – Голливуд и Хайлэнд**
- **Hollywood Boulevard**
- **Rodeo Drive – Родео-Драйв**
- **Mann’s Chinese Theater – «Китайский театр Манна»**
- **The Egyptian Theater – Египетский театр**
- **Academy Awards – премии киноакадемии**
- **movie – фильм**
- **a celebrity – знаменитость**
- **show business – шоу-бизнес**

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- **film director** – режиссёр
 - **a camera operator** – оператор
 - **a musician** – композитор
 - **a film studio** – киностудия
 - **to take place** – происходить
 - **fame** – слава, известность
 - **velvet ropes** – бархатные канаты
 - **a sidewalk** – тротуар
 - **to step** – наступать
 - **concrete** – асфальт
 - **to install** – устанавливать
 - **fragile** – хрупкий
 - **hard** – суровый

DO THE HOLLYWOOD QUIZ AND FIND OUT HOW MUCH YOU'VE LEARNED ABOUT HOLLYWOOD

- **Hollywood is**
a. a city in California **b.** a suburb of Los Angeles **c.** the name of a film studio
- **Hollywood is**
a. the capital of the USA **b.** a world famous resort
c. the capital of world movie production
- **Disney, Fox, Warner Bros, Paramount, Columbia and MGM are the names of**
a. famous people **b.** the most successful companies in the world
c. the largest film studios
- **An Oscar is**
a. a man's name **b.** the of a famous film award **c.** the name of a famous actor
- **Most Hollywood stars live**
a. in New York **b.** in or near Los Angeles **c.** in Hollywood
- **Beverly Hills is famous for**
a. its architecture **b.** the celebrity homes **c.** its shops and restaurants
- **Hollywood Boulevard is famous for**
a. its film studios **b.** its movie theatres **c.** its shops and restaurants
- **The place where you can see a lot of stars is called**
a. the Walk of Fame **b.** the Great White Way **c.** the red carpet

A wide-angle photograph of a city skyline at night, viewed from across a body of water. The sky is a deep blue, and the city lights are reflected on the water's surface. The buildings are illuminated with various colors, including white, yellow, and blue. The text "The End" is overlaid in a large, pink font in the lower center of the image.

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