

5 DOWNTOWN ITINERARY OPTIONS

For the History Buff



2. MILLENNIUM BILTMORE HOTEL

Make reservations for the weekend high tea at the gorgeous 1923 Millennium Biltmore Hotel. The Rendezvous Court, which was the hotel's original lobby, is adorned with Moorish carved wood ceilings, gold-leaf accents and angelic themes. From its rose marble fountain to the enormous bronze Baroque stairwell, this elegant two-story lounge is a sight to behold. At 506 S. Grand Ave., millenniumhotels.com.



5. UNION STATION/EL PUEBLO

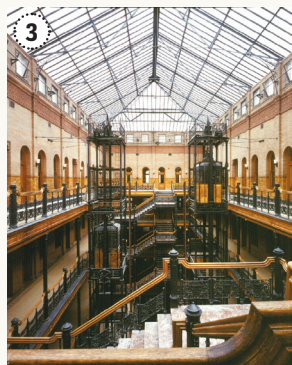
Union Station is the last of the great train stations built in the U.S., and merges Art Deco, Spanish Revival, Mission and Streamline Moderne styles, with a smattering of Moorish detail. Wander the terminus while you ogle the high ceiling dotted with Deco light fixtures. It still serves as the city's pulsing transit center. Across the street is El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, the city's birthplace, where you'll find a collection of historic buildings and the colorful Olvera Street promenade.

At 800 N. Alameda St. and 125 Paseo De La Plaza.



1. PHILIPPE THE ORIGINAL

For a taste of old school goodness, visit the beloved Philippe The Original. Opened in 1908, it's one of Los Angeles' oldest restaurants and home to the famed French Dip sandwich. You'll get heaping servings of nostalgia as you stand in line and order at the counter — try a double dipped lamb sandwich slathered with hot mustard, a side of macaroni salad, pickled beets, apple pie and lemonade. Check out the sawdust on the floors. At 1001 N. Alameda St., philippes.com.



3. THE BRADBURY BUILDING

Built in 1893 by mining magnate Lewis Bradbury, the Bradbury Building is one of the most unique buildings in Downtown Los Angeles. It's exterior is fairly traditional and simple, but it's the iconic interior that made it famous. Iron rails and elevator cages, plus marble staircases and a large open atrium make the building come alive. The building has shown up in multiple television shows and films. Most famously, the late Rutger Hauer chased Harrison Ford through its halls in the sci-fi noir *Blade Runner*. At 304 S. Broadway.



4. LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY WALKING TOURS

Downtown Los Angeles is awash in history and stunning architecture, with many of its past treasures just waiting to be discovered. An ideal place to start is with the Los Angeles Conservancy, a nonprofit preservation group that gives some of the best and most knowledgeable tours around. The Historic Downtown Walking Tour includes landmarks such as the Central Library, the Bradbury Building and Angels Flight. At laconservancy.org.