
2026 Science Olympiad National Tournament



Field Trip Information Packet

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Transportation

The two best options for transportation around USC are driving (rental cars or charter buses) and public transportation. Driving is more convenient and quicker, whereas public transportation is cheaper and more accessible.

Below is a summary of public transport around USC and LA County. More information can be found at metro.net.

Transportation Payment:

TAP Cards can be downloaded on the [TAP app](#) or purchased at machines at the Jefferson/USC, Expo Park/USC, and Expo/Vermont stations near USC
Valid for [services within LA County](#)

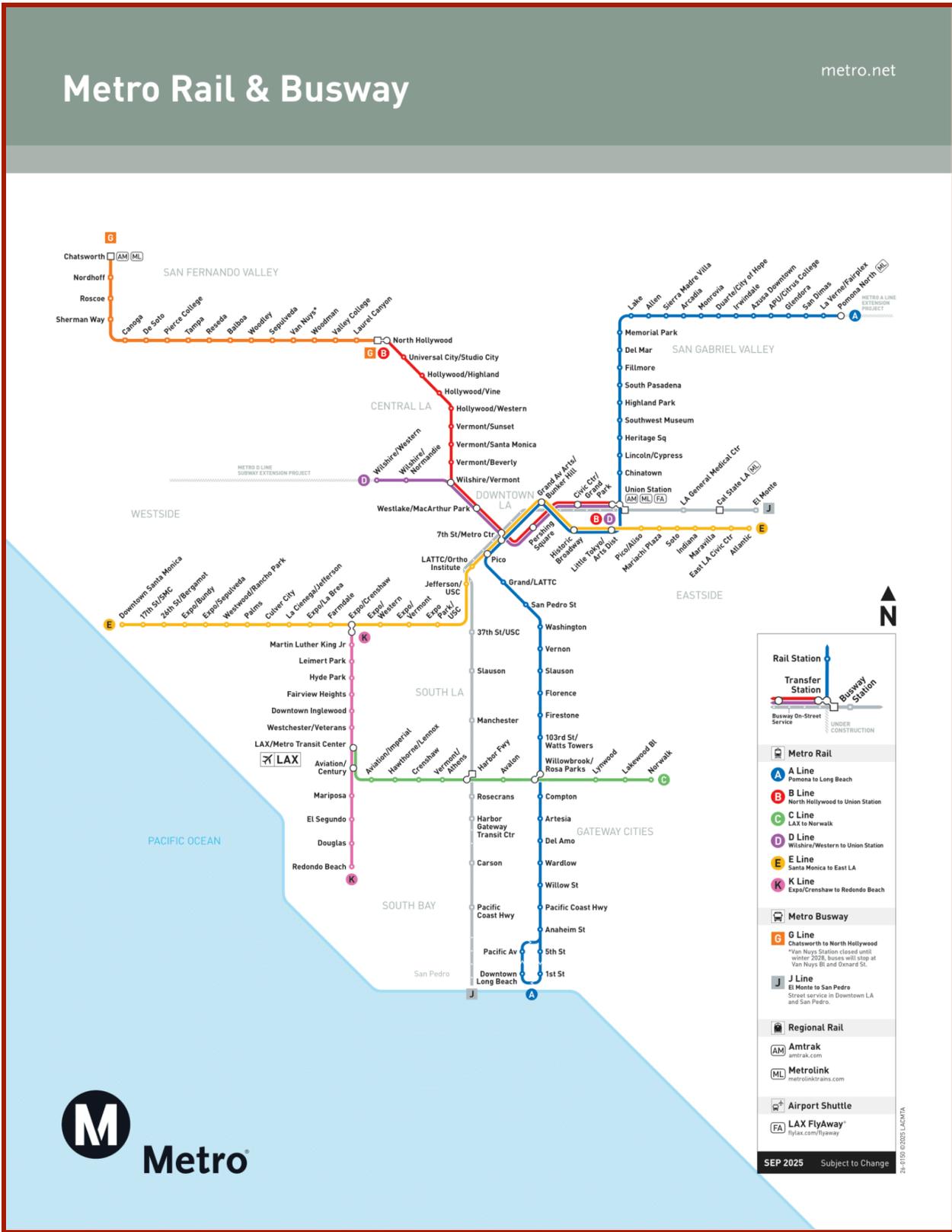
Costs \$2 to purchase, plus any “stored value” added. Reduced fares are applicable to students or seniors but must be applied for prior to using.

Costs \$1.75 per one-way trip with two hours of free transfers with a daily cap of \$5. All rides are free after the cap is reached.

Tap Machines:



LA Metro Map:



Metro Rail & Busway

metro.net



Rail Station
Transfer Station
Busway Station

Metro Rail

- A Line** Pomona to Long Beach
- B Line** North Hollywood to Union Station
- C Line** LAX to Norwalk
- D Line** Wilshire/Western to Union Station
- E Line** Santa Monica to East LA
- K Line** Expo/Crenshaw to Redondo Beach

Metro Busway

- G Line** Chatsworth to North Hollywood
*Van Nuys Station closed until winter 2028, buses will stop at Van Nuys Bl and Grand St.
- J Line** El Monte to San Pedro
Street service in Downtown LA and San Pedro.

Regional Rail

- Amtrak**
amtrak.com
- Metrolink**
metrolinktrains.com

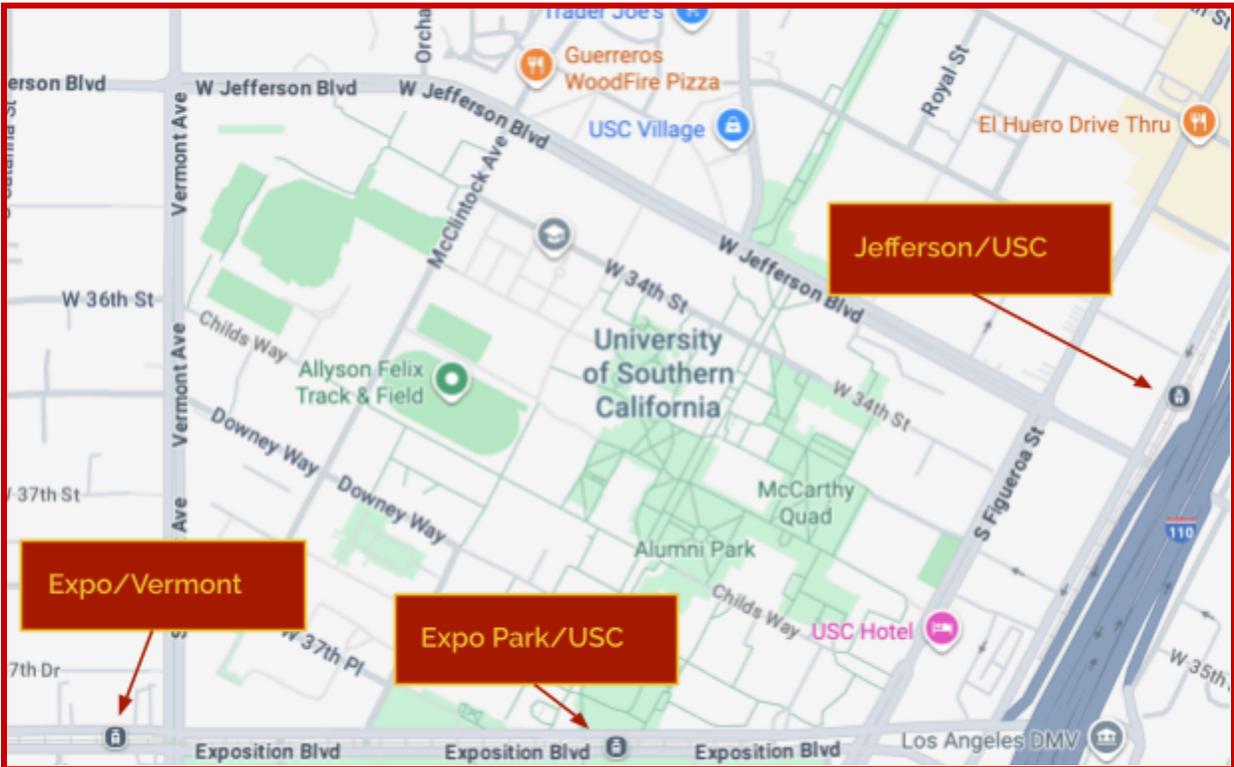
Airport Shuttle

- LAX FlyAway®**
flylax.com/flyaway

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Metro Stations Near USC:



Location on Metro Map:



Sightseeing

Los Angeles is a diverse and beautiful city with a rich history of film, sports, culture, and so much more. Below are a few recommendations of popular spots that capture the spirit of LA.



Hollywood Boulevard

Home to the Walk of Fame, Dolby Theatre, Hollywood Wax Museum, and other cinematic attractions, Hollywood Boulevard is the perfect place to experience L.A.'s entertainment legacy.

Address: 6815 Hollywood Blvd

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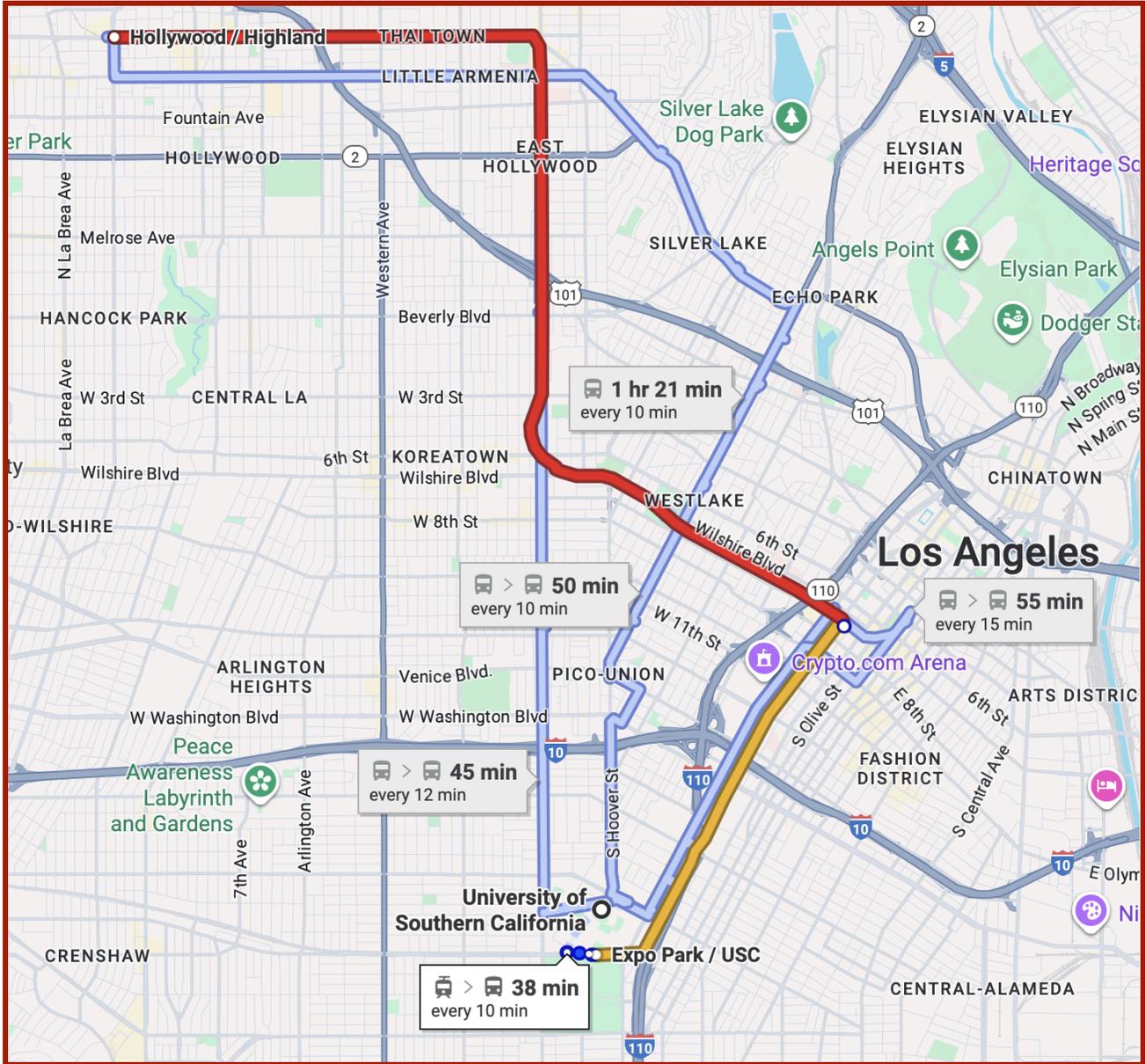
30 to 40 drive from USC

40 minute Metro Ride:

1. Take the Metro E line at Expo Park/USC toward Atlantic Station until 7th Street/Metro Center
2. Switch to Metro B line toward North Hollywood Station
3. Exit at Hollywood/Highland. Most attractions are within walking distance of this station



Google Maps View:



Downtown LA

From classics like the Walt Disney Concert Hall and The Broad to Laker's arena, Downtown L.A. embodies the city's rich history and cultural relevance.

Attractions:

Walt Disney Concert Hall/The Broad: 111 S Grand Ave

Lakers Arena: 1111 S Figueroa St

Angels Flight Railway: 351 S Hill St

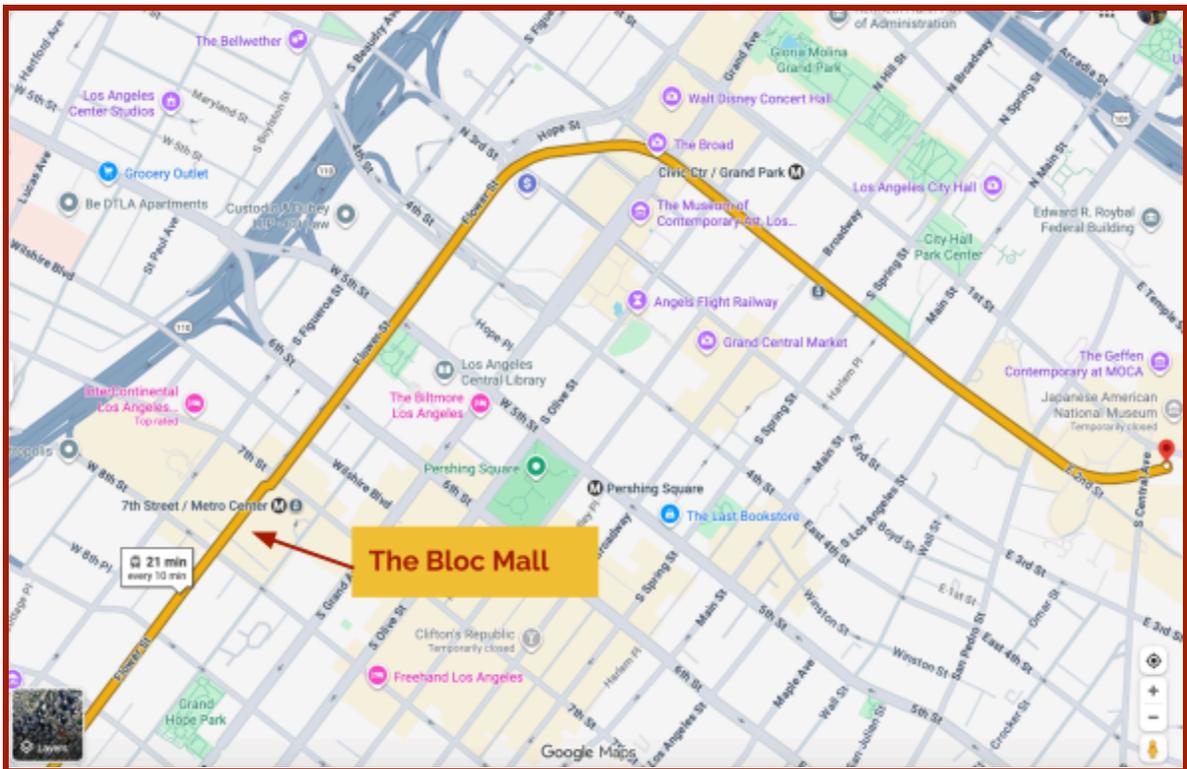
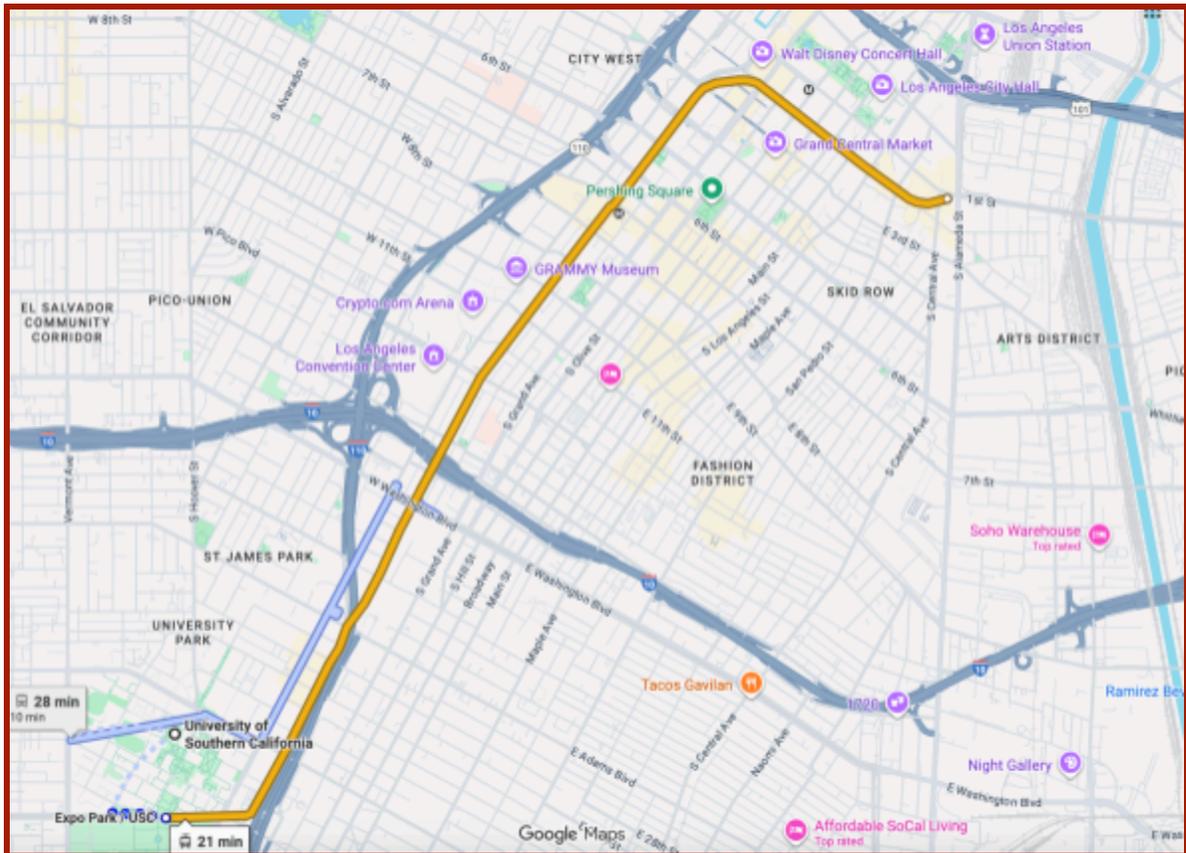
The Bloc shopping mall: 700 W 7th St

Transportation:

1. Take the Metro E Line at Expo Park/USC or Jefferson/USC toward Atlantic Station.
2. Most attractions will be within walking distance from any station between Pico and Little Tokyo/Arts District.



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Santa Monica Pier/Beach

Waves. Surfing. Sunbathing. Arcades, rides, fair food, and more. Santa Monica has the perfect recipe for a summertime day trip.

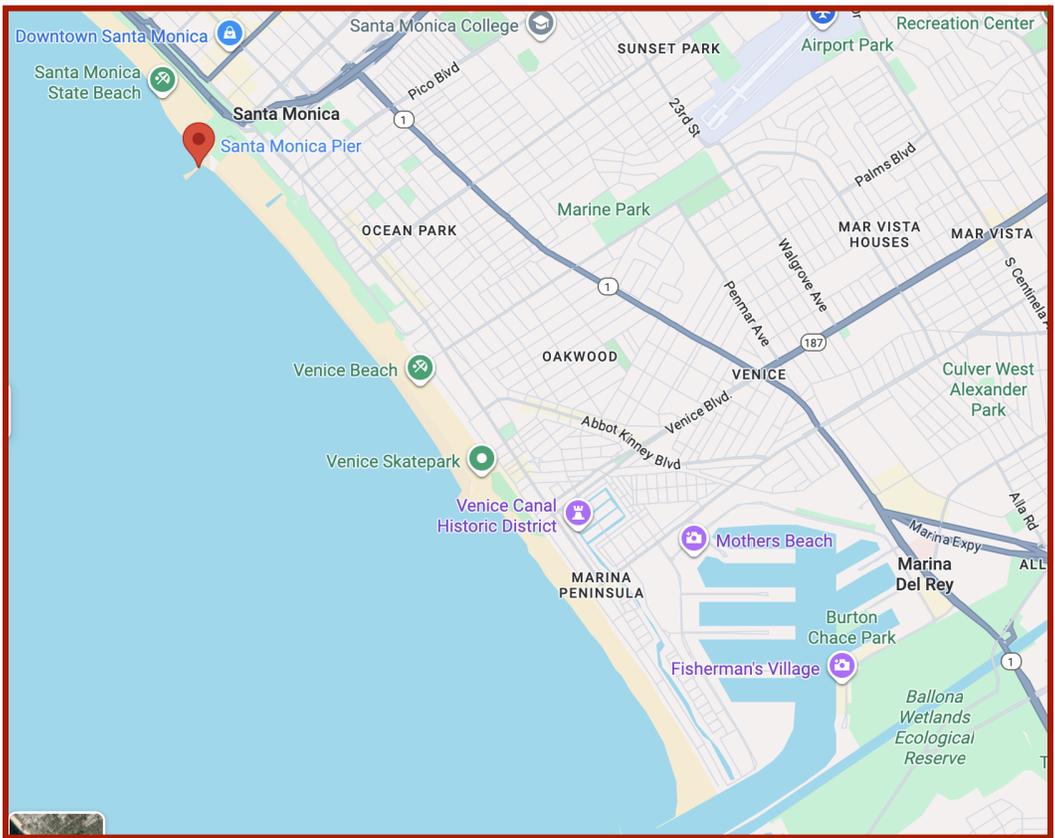
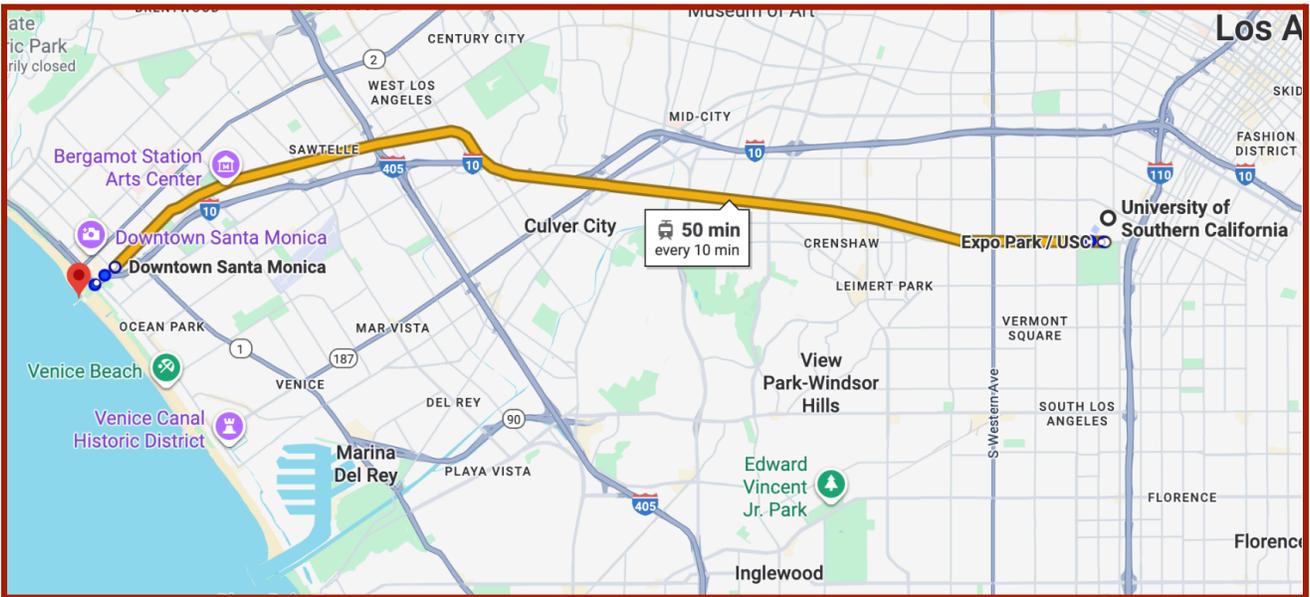
Address: 200 Santa Monica Pier

Transportation:

- 20-60 minute drive from USC, depending on traffic
- 40 minute direct Metro ride from Expo Park/USC all the way to Downtown Santa Monica Station via E Line
- Venice Beach is a 40 minute walk south of Santa Monica Beach



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Amusement Parks

Who could ever forget SoCal's biggest attractions? Enough has been said about **Disneyland** and its treasure chest of beloved franchises from Toy Story to Cinderella to Star Wars. **Universal Studios** hosts Nintendo World, Harry Potter, Jurassic Park, and more. **Knott's Berry Farm** is a California classic with roller coasters, water rides, and carnival food.

Note: Amusement parks will be more expensive and harder to visit than the previously mentioned sightseeing attractions because most parks can only be reached by car or charter bus.



Disneyland (Most Popular)

Address: 1313 Disneyland Dr, Anaheim

Transportation: ~1 hour drive from USC with traffic

One-day Ticket Information:

Around \$164/person ages 10+ for one park (either Disneyland Park or California Adventure Park)

+ \$65-75 for park hopper ticket (visit both parks)

- Ticket prices are subject to change

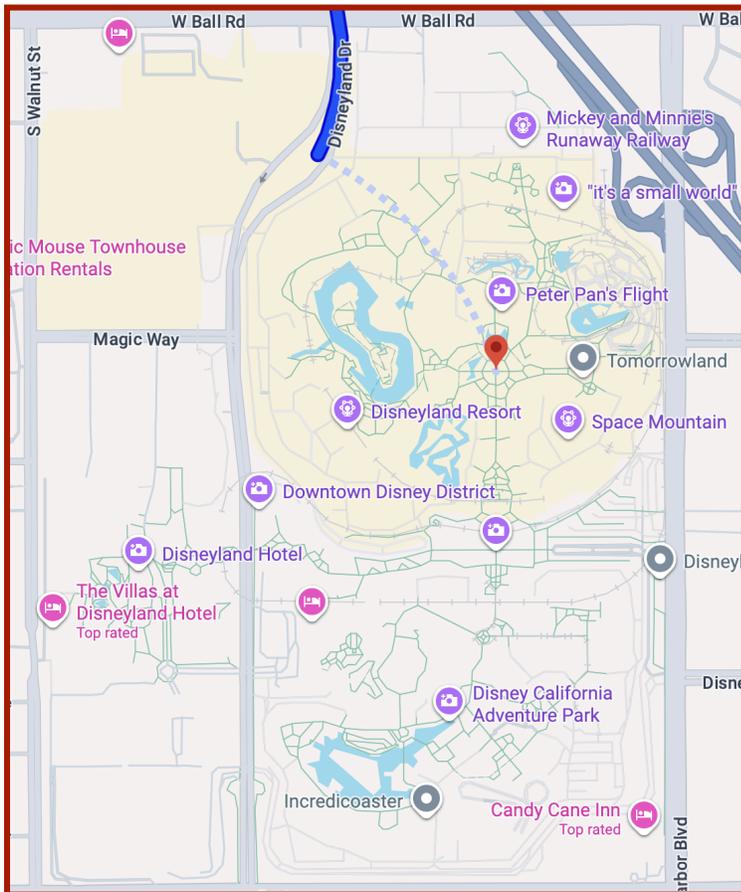
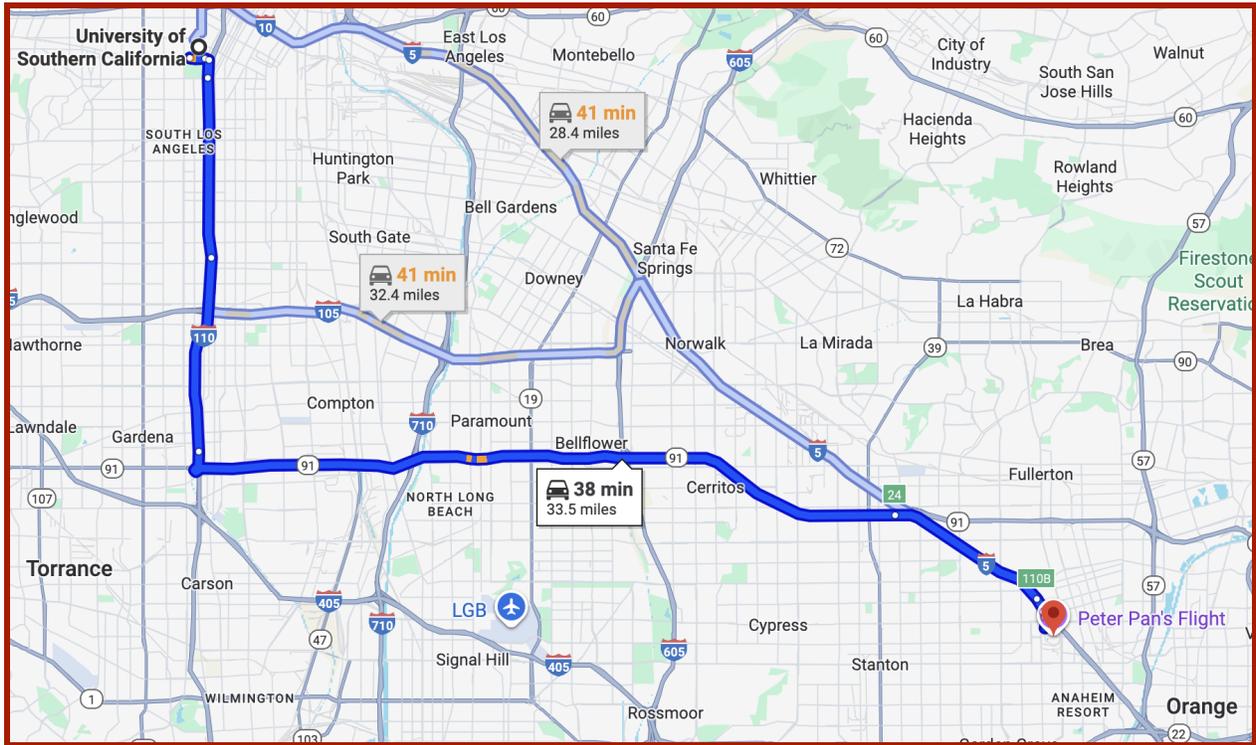
Group Discount: For each group of ten, purchasing a \$27 performance workshop per person lowers it to \$121/person for a total ticket price of \$148/person

- Comes with a free chaperone ticket for each group of ten
- The workshop must be attended
- Order at the [Disney Imagination Campus Website](#)

More information can be found on the [Disneyland website](#).



Google Maps View:



Universal Studios (Closest to USC)

Address: 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608

Transportation: 20-30 min drive from USC or ~1 hour Metro Ride:

1. Take the Metro E line at Expo Park/USC toward Atlantic Station until 7th Street/Metro Center
2. Switch to Metro B line toward North Hollywood Station
3. Exit at Universal Studios Station

One-day Ticket Information:

\$124-\$134/person

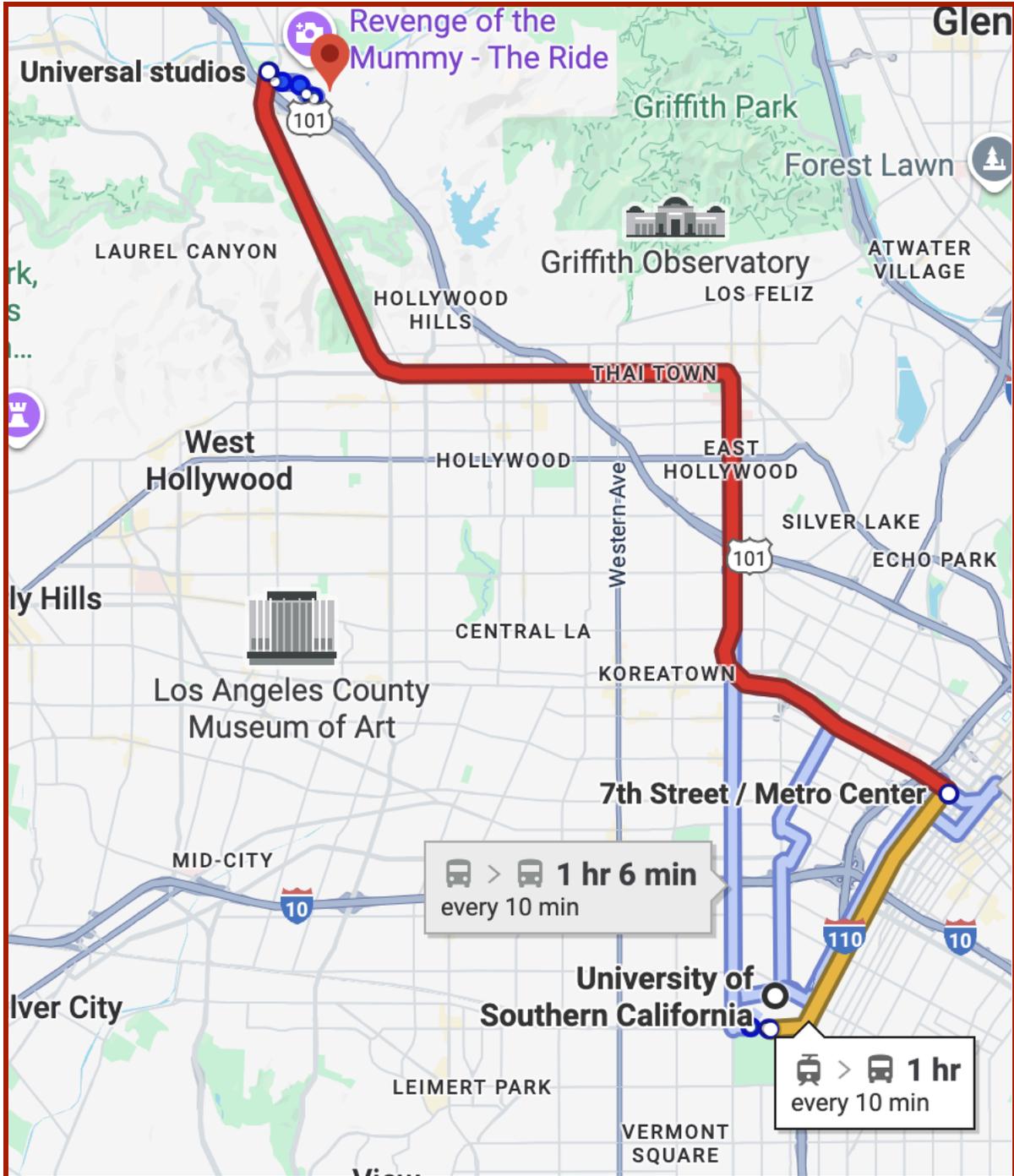
-Ticket prices are subject to change

Group Discount: Contact [Universal Studios Group Ticket Form](#)

More information can be found on the [Universal Studios Website](#).



Google Maps View:



Knott's Berry Farm (Best deal)

Address: 8039 Beach Blvd, Buena Park, CA 90620

Transportation: ~40 min drive from USC

One-day Ticket Information:

~\$62/person

-Ticket prices are subject to change

Group Discount: Drops to \$48/person when ordering 15 or more tickets.

-Comes with 1 free chaperone ticket per 15 tickets ordered

-Order via the [Group Ticket Form](#) under "Student and Youth Group"

More information can be found on Knotts.com.



Google Maps View:

