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VISITORS GUIDE TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY



IPAC 2023 SPRING SEASON







BURSTING WITH ENTERTAINMENT

The Lancaster Performing Arts Center (LPAC), an intimate 750-seat regional theatre, has a reputation for drawing top-name acts to its stage. The 2023 season is no exception.

MARCH -

I7 / 7 PM RUMPELSTILTSKIN Missoula Children's Theatre

24 / 8 PM GRITS & GLAMOUR – Lorrie Morgan and Pam Tillis

25 / 8 PM JAZZ ENSEMBLE Featuring Lee Matalon



8 / 8 PM Elton John's Classic Hits - Live!

Featuring Brody Dolyniuk

22 / 8 PM Bohemian Queen

23 / 2 PM TAKE3

A.V. Community Concerts Association 28 / 8 PM GRIMMZ FAIRY TALES

A Hip-Hop Revelation for the Younger Generation

29 / 8 PM BONEY JAMES

MAY —

6 / 8 PM JUDY COLLINS

I3 / 7 PM I4 / 2 PM SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Antelope Valley Ballet

19 / 8 PM Chris Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience

26 / 8 PM 27 / 2 & 8 PM 28 / 2 PM SOMETHING ROTTEN

Cedar Street Theatre

More great performances can be expected during the fall and winter of 2023. For a complete list of upcoming shows, visit **Ipac.org**.

LPAC

750 W. Lancaster Boulevard 661-723-5950

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a KALEIDOSCOPE of POSSIBILITY

No two trips to the Antelope Valley are the same.

Against the backdrop of our ever-changing scenery, visitors will discover new pastimes and challenge old perspectives. Weekend travelers will view the desert through a different angle with Lancaster's dynamic dining and entertainment. Long-term transplants can magnify the complexity of Lancaster by enjoying our alluring arts culture and colorful outdoor vistas.

Peer into the Antelope Valley and observe how it shifts patterns and surpasses expectations.

Find your FANCY

Discover the experience that vibes with you. Use our handy guide or mix and match to make your visit one of a kind.

If you

- **EXTREME SPORTS**
- HOT WING CHALLENGES
- SCARY MOVIES



For the THRILL SEEKER

Willow Springs International Raceway

Adrenaline junkies flock to the Antelope Valley to experience the rip-roaring automobile, motorcycle, and go-kart races at the oldest permanent road course in the United States: Willow Springs International Raceway. See premier Porsche, Alfa Romeo, BMW, and other race models reach recordbreaking speeds at Willow Spring's exclusive showdowns. willowspringsraceway.com | Rosamond

Sassy Bird

Feel the heat of Sassy Bird's signature Nashville hot chicken, sassy wings, and loaded sides. Make sure to order a tart, icy lemonade to soothe your lips after devouring Sassy Bird's ear-burning concoctions.

sassybird_av | Lancaster

Axe N Dagger

To fulfill your Viking fantasy, head over to Axe N Dagger, where you will learn to throw, chuck, and hurl hand axes at targets. Upgrade your experience by adding on knife throwing or attending during their black light hours to throw in the dark! axendagger | Lancaster



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BIRD WATCHING PACKING PICNICS DAVID ATTENBOROUGH



Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area and Nature Center

Nestled in the Angeles National Forest, Devil's Punchbowl is a 1,310-acre geological wonder featuring a deep canyon formed by water runoff from the San Gabriel Mountains. Take a dip in its clear water springs during summer or hit the snowy trails in winter. **parks.lacounty.gov | Valyermo**



Complexity Wine Lounge

Thanks to our desert climate, outdoor dining is abundant. Complexity Wine Lounge's cozy, pergola covered patio offers shade when you need it and warming fire pits during cool weather. Known for its luscious New American fare and generous wine options, Complexity Wine Lounge is the perfect spot for an indulgent dinner.

Complexitywineav | Lancaster



Rainbow Ridge Ranch

Whether you're a seasoned rider or first-timer, Rainbow Ridge Ranch offers unique experiences to hit the trail on horseback. Soak in the best the desert has to offer during Sunset Rides or cool off in the lake with your horse on an Adventure Ride. Reservations required.

horsebackriding.la | Palmdale



Saddleback Butte State Park

This 2,955-acre park not only offers plenty of hiking trails for you to truly experience the desert, but delivers a front row view to the region's native animals and insects. Keep your eyes peeled for a jumping jack rabbit, ambling tortoise, soaring golden eagle, and slithering green rattler.

parks.ca.gov | Lancaster



Vasquez Rocks Natural Area and Nature Center

Even if you've never been to the Vasquez Rocks Natural Area Park, chances are you've seen them before. The unique and recognizable rocks and cliffs have been the backdrop for countless films including *Star Trek, The Flintstones,* and *Planet of the Apes.* But there's no beating seeing them in person and scoring that killer mountaintop shot. **parks.lacounty.gov | Agua Dulce**

Soulistic

There's no denying that the foodie influencers of social media have made restaurants step up their plating game. At Soulistic, the food tastes just as good as it looks. Try the customer-favorite jackfruit barbacoa bowl or its novel cooler and tonic beverages.





Antelope Valley Walls

International and local artists take over downtown Lancaster for two weeks during the annual Antelope Valley Walls event (formerly POW! WOW!). The mural extravaganza provides an excellent walking tour to see the incredible artworks – both current and from years past – that color the city. Iancastermoah.org/antelope-valley-walls | Lancaster

Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve

The 2019 superbloom of California's poppy fields drew in thousands of visitors to memorialize the ocean of orange seen throughout the Antelope Valley. The Poppy Reserve is a true must-see in the spring, but remember to stay on designated trails during your photoshoot.

parks.ca.gov | Lancaster

If you

- CHILLING DOCUSERIES
- MATCHA LATTES
- SPOKEN WORD



Lancaster's impressive Museum of Art & History (MOAH) offers exquisite and captivating exhibitions from both local and nationally renowned artists. MOAH is slated to reopen with new renovations in May 2023. Iancastermoah.org | Lancaster

Sagebrush Café

Sip on a delicious brew at this independent, community coffee shop that features the work of some of the Antelope Valley's budding artists. Sagebrush Café is known for its vibrant galleries and cozy environment.

sagebrush_cafe | Quartz Hill

Lancaster Performing Arts Center (LPAC)

A variety of regional, national, and world class entertainment can be enjoyed at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center. Visit the website to see what's playing while you're in town and make a night of it by enjoying a cocktail at the downstairs lounge, Zelda's 750 West.

Ipac.org | Lancaster

For the LAIDBACK



- SPA DAYS
- COMFORT FOOD
- BABBLING BROOKS

Heat & Halo

For the ultimate wellness experience, head over to Heat & Halo to heal mind, body, and soul. Relax in the healing salt rooms and infrared saunas or book a Reiki session. heatandhalo | Lancaster

Bravery Brewing

Pizza and beer are a classic combo, and sometimes it's just what the doctor ordered. To laze away your day and enjoy a congenial, warm environment, head to Bravery Brewing for an award-winning IPA and seriously delicious pie.

braverybrewing | Lancaster

Apollo Community Regional Park

Serenity floats at Apollo Community Regional Park, where visitors can relax lakeside, stroll on winding trails, feed the

local ducks, and take a snooze under a shady tree. It's the perfect spot to collect your thoughts, turn off your phone, and take in nature. **parks.lacounty.gov | Lancaster**





RISE AND SHINE: Crazy Otto's Diner

You'll need a full stomach to fuel your first day in the city. Head over to Crazy Otto's, makers of supersized pancakes and hearty omelets, to start the morning off the Lancaster way.

crazyottosdiners.com | Lancaster



MID-MORNING FUN: California Aqueduct Trail

After your breakfast feast, get the body moving by walking or biking on the California Aqueduct Trail. You'll catch the breeze coming off the water and have a sky-high view of the expansive Antelope Valley desert.





HOURS in the Antelope Valley

Make the most of your mini vacation



NOON: Pretty Little Poppy Marketplace

Before you get swept up in your visit, make sure you get your friends and families squared away with a special souvenir. Pretty Little Poppy Marketplace is your go-to boutique to pick up a piece of the Antelope Valley. prettylittlepoppy.av | Lancaster

LUNCH: Red Salmon

Red Salmon will satisfy your lunchtime cravings with delicious sushi rolls, sashimi, bento boxes, and more. Order from their expansive lunch specials or get the local's favorite: Dynamite Roll.

eatredsalmon.com | Lancaster









EVENING ENTERTAINMENT: Lancaster Performing Arts Center (LPAC)

Just a 10-minute walk from Olives Mediterranean Café lies Lancaster's premier show venue. Catch a musical, ballet, or touring performance at LPAC and take home a memory that can last a lifetime. **Ipac.org | Lancaster**

NIGHTCAP: Zelda's 750 West

After showtime ends, the night's not over. Head downstairs in LPAC to enjoy a nightcap at Zelda's 750 West, an upscale, art deco cocktail lounge. Order a classic, cold martini or tart it up with a Tequila Sour. **zeldas750west.com | Lancaster**



LATE AFTERNOON SLUMP: Barrett Cellars

Take a breather after lunch by enjoying a glass of wine – or two – and tour at Barrett Cellars. Taste the latest red straight from the barrel while learning about the different wines homed at Barrett Cellars. **barrettcellars.com** | Lancaster

DINNER: Olives Mediterranean Café

A local favorite for authentic multicultural dishes, Olives Mediterranean Café wraps up day one of dining with a bang. Its famous lamb gyros, shish kabobs, homemade dips, and fresh salads are prepared simply, but impress on flavor.

olivescafelancaster | Lancaster



Dive into Downtown

RISE AND SHINE: AM Cafe

You're in for a treat at AM Cafe, where mouthwatering egg dishes are the star of your breakfast. Load up on a hearty scramble or go for a sweet morning with an apricot crepe.

amcafeav | Lancaster

MID-MORNING FUN:

Antelope Valley Country Club

Picturesque and semi-private, the Antelope Valley Country Club is a great post-breakfast spot to explore the greens and practice your swings. The public must reserve a tee time in advance.

antelopevalleycountryclub.com | Palmdale



NOON: The BLVD

After golf wraps up, it's time to head to The BLVD, Lancaster's downtown shopping district, for some exploring. **theblvdlancaster.com** | Lancaster

LUNCH: Lucky Luke Brewpub

Kick back at Lucky Luke Brewpub to enjoy quality pub fare and local beers. The outdoor patio offers a prime location to people watch on The BLVD.

luckylukebrewpub | Lancaster





LATE-AFTERNOON SLUMP: Prime Desert Woodland Preserve

Enjoy the preserve's scenic paved trails winding through a beautiful, 100-acre desert landscape. This hidden gem, nestled in the suburbs, is also home to jack rabbits and an impressive variety of birds. **cityoflancasterca.org | Lancaster**

DINNER: Rio Brazilian Grill

Spice up the night by doing dinner at Rio Brazilian Grill. A selection of South American cuisine is offered, from Peru to Cuba, each as delicious as the next.

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EVENING ENTERTAINMENT: Greatest Escape

Get the blood pumping before you head to bed by getting trapped in

the Greatest Escape. Choose The Apartment, Jail Break, or Beyond the Wardrobe escape rooms to turn your night into a spooky experience. greatestescape.us | Lancaster

greatestescape.us | Lancaster

NIGHTCAP: Buckle & Boots BBQ & Watering Hole

Settle your nerves from the escape room by sipping on a cool cocktail from Buckle & Boots. You can't go wrong with a Hillbilly Mule or Buckle Old Fashioned. buckleandbootsav | Lancaster





RISE AND SHINE: Katz N' Jammers

On your last day in the Antelope Valley, you want to wind down before you hit the road. Katz N' Jammers, a classic retro diner, will put you in the right mood to take it easy for the rest of your vacation.

🚯 katznjammerscafe | Lancaster

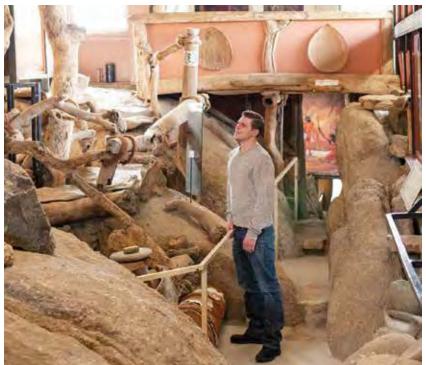
MID-MORNING FUN: Apollo Community Regional Park

Apollo Community Regional Park features a large lake, winding trails, and plenty of shady spots to relax and enjoy the company of local ducks, swans, and other waterbirds.

parks.lacounty.gov | Lancaster

NOON: Antelope Valley Indian Museum

The Antelope Valley Indian Museum is an eclectic folk destination that features distinctive art from several Native American cultures. Art is all around you in the immersive structure, which is built amongst towering rock formations. **avim.parks.ca.gov | Lancaster**



LUNCH: Bravery Brewing

Settle back into the heart of Lancaster with a tantalizing pizza and blue-ribbon brew from Bravery Brewing. Order the Meaty Boy pizza and a pint of the Allegiance IPA, and you might just consider extending your stay. **(b)** braverybrewing Lancaster

LATE-AFTERNOON SLUMP:

Bella West Salon & Spa

To coast through the afternoon napping hour, book an appointment at Bella West Salon & Spa for a massage or mani/pedi. For the bearded set, The Classic Shave is next door, offering classic hot towel hand shaves. **bellawest.com | Lancaster**



DINNER: La Papillon Steak & Seafood

On the last night of your trip, treat yourself to an elegant dinner at La Papillon Steak & Seafood. Its sophisticated dishes will wow your taste buds.

🞯 lapapillonav | Lancaster

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT:

Underground Bowling Lounge

Lancaster's recently opened bowling alley features an upscale, mid-century modern design and luxe, adult-only lanes (after 9 pm). Go strike-for-strike with friends or enjoy a game of pool or shuffleboard. © Icbundergroundbowling | Lancaster

NIGHTCAP: Local Craft Beer (LCB)

You won't have to leave the bowling alley to enjoy your nightcap. LCB is located within the Underground Bowling Lounge, serving up tantalizing IPAs, lagers, and unique, seasonal brews. Say "cheers" with a hoppy glassful, and goodbye to Lancaster. We look forward to seeing you again.

Icbundergroundbowling | Lancaster

MEETTHE

Spotlighting some of the Antelope Valley's stellar women-business owners

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BRIANA BOOTH & NIA BOWLES FloraDonna's Cakery

In just five years, FloraDonna's Cakery has become an institution in the Antelope Valley. The go-to spot for cakes, desserts, and pastries, FloraDonna's Cakery specializes in everythingfrom-scratch baking that is fully customizable. Many locals choose FloraDonna's Cakery

for custom cake creations, but it's also a popular place for picking up something sweet from their case of homemade goods. Co-owners Briana "Bri" Booth and Nia Bowles grew up baking with their grandmothers, who are the namesakes for the bakery. Both Flora (Nia's grandmother) and Donna (Bri's grandmother) passed the baking gene to Nia and Bri, who started baking together in 2017, only a year before the bakery opened. The journey from friends to bakers to business partners was swift, but the demand for their delicious baked goods has helped them thrive. The duo is planning on expanding FloraDonna's to become a full-service café, in addition to a bakery.

loradonnascakery | 706 W. Lancaster Blvd., Suite 103

BRENDA HERNANDEZ Pretty Little Poppy Marketplace

Opened in May 2022, Pretty Little Poppy Marketplace is a treasure trove of locally made goods. Not only is the shop owned and run by Brenda Hernandez, but its vendors are primarily women-owned too. From apparel to bath bombs to edible treats, Pretty Little Poppy Marketplace is a hub for local makers to market and sell their goods, making the shop an incubator for small businesses. The shop was a dream of Brenda's for several years, but it wasn't until the tragic deaths of her father and grandmother within days of each other that Brenda was compelled to make that dream a reality. Working as a stay-at-home mother, Brenda started the work to build a community space that would showcase the gifts of local artisans. With a passion for transitional youth, Brenda also operates a nonprofit out of Pretty Little Poppy Marketplace that provides resources for young entrepreneurs in the Antelope Valley.

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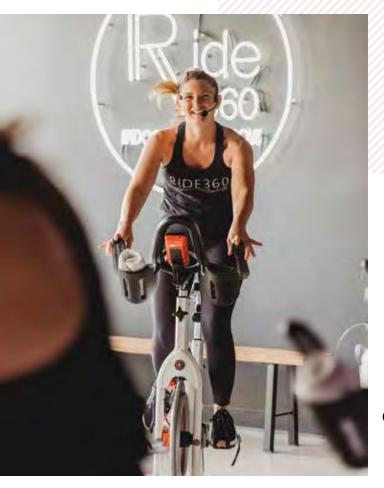




COURTNEY ADAMS

LEO + mamas is one of the pandemic miracle businesses, opening in September 2020. The shakiness of its beginning didn't deter owner Courtney Adams, who has wanted a brick and mortar store since she was a little girl. With a fondness for gift shops, Courtney opened LEO + mamas with the vision to showcase top-of-the-line products from local women creators. This ended up being a perfect focus for the store, as many women took to creating in their homes during the pandemic. Courtney is no stranger to being a solopreneur in the Antelope Valley. Prior to opening LEO + mamas, Courtney owned a local salon, and has always had a passion for supporting local businesses. LEO + mamas focuses on small quantities with top quality, ensuring that customers see something new every time they walk in the store. Customers are so crazy for its products that LEO + mamas' motto is "Buy Now or Cry Later." This avid support from customers both locally and out-of-state has Courtney laying plans for LEO + mamas in small towns across the country.

leoandmamas | 2010 W. Avenue J8, Suite 105





RENEE RODRIGUEZ Ride360 Indoor Cycle & Row

For Renee Rodriguez, owner of Ride360 Indoor Cycle & Row, opening a fitness studio was born from both passion and necessity. Renee had been working as a court reporter, and noticed that the sedentary aspects of the job were affecting her physical wellness. Growing up as a gymnast, Renee was used to staying active and trying new workouts. She and her husband were interested in opening a business and Renee jumped at the opportunity to introduce a new fitness outlet in the Antelope Valley. When Ride360 opened in 2019, the closest cycle studios were over an hour away. So it is no surprise that the studio was flooded with customers eager to take advantage of the high-intensity, low-impact workout. Renee runs the studio full-time and has since become a certified personal trainer and nutrition coach. Ride360 continues to expand its offerings, from row to oneon-one training to themed rides. The diversity eliminates workout boredom and the welcoming environment created by Renee and staff keeps customers coming back for more.

ide360cycle | 843 W. Lancaster Blvd., Suite 103

DINING GUIDE





The Kirin Hut

Quick, delicious Chinese fare, boba drinks, and boiling seafood can be enjoyed in this relaxed restaurant, but many locals opt for takeout or get the deliciousness delivered at home. 4025 W. Avenue L | Lancaster f the-kirin-hut

Love Ramen

Offering the most diverse ramen selection in the Antelope Valley, visitors have plenty to choose from at Love Ramen. The menu features tori, tonkotsu, vegan, tantan, and sukiyaki ramen varieties.

2787 W. Avenue L | Lancaster 38029 47th St. East | Palmdale **loveramenca.com**

Great Wall Restaurant

Get a taste of the town! Explore our restaurant guide to find your favorite fare.



Asian

Great Wall Restaurant

This local favorite has been serving authentic Mandarin and Szechwan cuisine since 1988. Offering lunch combination specials and extensive family-style dishes, their customer service is always top-notch. 2001 W. Avenue J | Lancaster greatwalllancaster.wixsite.com

Kaze Sushi

Family-owned Kaze Sushi serves Japanese cuisine showcasing innovative and traditional favorites. Their fresh and delicious sushi have garnered them extensive customer loyalty.

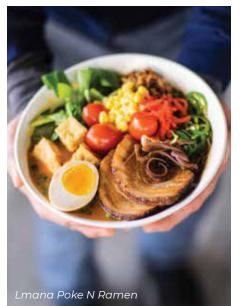
1232 W. Avenue K | Lancaster **(a)** kazesushirestaurant

DINING GUIDE

Asian

Malhi's Indian Cuisine

Since 1988, Malhi's Indian Cuisine has been dazzling diners with its robust menu of authentic curries, vegetables, tandoori dishes, briyanis, and more. The Chicken Tikka, Goat Curry, and Malai Kofta are mustorders during your visit. 2007 W. Avenue J | Lancaster 39438 Trade Center Drive | Palmdale malhiindiancuisine.com



Lmana Poke N Ramen

Whether you're looking for the cool sensation of fresh sashimi or want to warm up over a bowl of rich ramen, Lmana Poke N Ramen dishes up both with flair.

43403 10th St. West | Lancaster 661pokenramen.com

Ramen Boy

Ramen Boy's noodle and teriyaki dishes are made even more enjoyable in the restaurant's fun atmosphere. Grab a seat at the center bar to dine beneath Ramen Boy's intricate cherry blossom tree. 2073 W. Avenue K | Lancaster eatramenboy.com



Maini s Inaian Cuisine

Red Salmon Japanese Restaurant

Sushi enthusiasts across the Antelope Valley agree that Red Salmon is one of the top spots for authentic Japanese eats. Fill up on simple sushi rolls or order from the full menu for more adventurous dining. 2010 W. Avenue J8, #113 | Lancaster eatredsalmon.com

Sato Sushi

Known for its sashimi selection and diet-friendly rolls, Sato Sushi is great for seafood lovers who appreciate variety and trying new things. Locals rave about the Sato Special Roll, a no-rice roll wrapped in tuna. 2801 W. Avenue L | Lancaster () avsatosushi





The Thai Restaurant

Visitors will be hard pressed to find something they won't like at The Thai Restaurant. Known for its savory and mouthwatering curries, The Thai Restaurant is another cult favorite in the Antelope Valley.

44759 Sierra Highway | Lancaster **thethaiav.com**



Diner Style

AM Cafe

For a simple and hearty breakfast, AM Cafe starts your day off right with healthy portions of eggs, pancakes, and more. If you're a late riser, check out their lunch offerings.

44205 10th St. West | Lancaster

Crazy Otto's Diner

Serving up lumberjack-sized pancakes and plentiful scrambles, Crazy Otto's is an Antelope Valley mainstay that sees hundreds of breakfast diners every weekend. 1228 W. Avenue I | Lancaster 43528 20th St. West | Lancaster crazyottosdiners.com

Chelly's Cafe

For juicy eggs benedicts, sweet pancakes, and savory sandwiches, head to Chelly's Cafe. Be sure to order a side of muffins, biscuits, and jellies – all made in house.

40008 10th St. West | Palmdale

Jackie's Cafe

The Copenhagen Crepes (made with raspberry cream cheese, sour cream, and almonds) are a showstopper at Jackie's Cafe, but customers also love its other European-inspired breakfast and lunch dishes.

830 W. Avenue L, #101 | Lancaster **jackies-cafe.cafes-usa.com**





Katz N' Jammers

Whether you need breakfast or lunch, Katz N' Jammers Cafe has it all. With classic American dishes ranging from chicken fried steak to french toast, the eatery checks all the comfort food boxes. 44301 Beech Avenue | Lancaster f katznjammerscafe



The Morning Griddle Cafe

Mexican-American fusion dishes are all the rage at The Morning Griddle Cafe. Whether you're dining for breakfast or lunch, the Southwestern fare is sure to please. **43943 Sierra Highway | Lancaster**

Phebie's Cafe

This off-the-beaten-path restaurant is the spot for many hidden culinary gems. Offering a diverse menu of breakfast and lunch diner favorites, Phebie's Cafe is named after the owner's beloved granddaughter. 235 W. Avenue K | Lancaster () cafephebies

DINING GUIDE



Scramblez Grill & Bar

While it may be known for its breakfast fare, Scramblez Grill & Bar is also a popular sports bar destination for visitors to enjoy both the grub and the game. 2715 W. Avenue L | Lancaster scramblez.com

Sun Flower Cafe

Visitors can enjoy both American and Mexican cooking at Sun Flower Cafe. The Menudo is an all-time customer favorite. **1973 W. Avenue L | Lancaster**

Sunflowercafe21

Delicatessen

Best of Europe Gourmet Delicatessen

Savory meats and cheeses, fresh, colorful veggies, and delectable sweets complete the menu at the Best of Europe Gourmet Delicatessen where top deli meals come to life. 41971 50th St. West | Quartz Hill bestofeuropedeli



Desert Deli

Since 2007, Desert Deli has added its unique twists on classic American sandwiches — making them juicier, spicier, and better than ever. Grab its popular Triple Chipotle Chicken Cheesesteak or its Mojave Pastrami for a surely satisfying meal. 2813 W. Avenue L | Lancaster avdesertdeli.com



On The BLVD Brooklyn Deli

Bringing New York flavor to the west coast, On the BLVD Brooklyn Deli's Reuben sandwich has earned top honors for being the best sandwich around. Aside from sandwiches, guests can expect mouth-watering fried chicken, Brooklyn-style fries, and fresh lemonades.

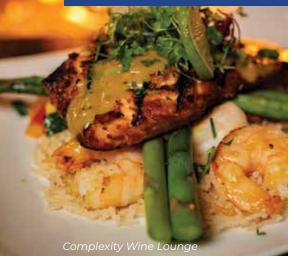
730 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster thebdeli.com

Sub-Machine

Sub-Machine, open since 1980, boasts one of the best pastrami sandwiches in the Antelope Valley. With quick customer service, excellent taste, and speedy sandwich experts, it is almost criminal how low the prices are! Try one of their hot signature subs like the Gambino, piled high with breaded chicken, cheese, sauce, and parmesan.

2064 W. Avenue J | Lancaster submachinelancaster.net

New American



Complexity Wine Lounge

Enjoy the tranquil atmosphere that Complexity Wine Lounge offers with its decadent menu that includes an assortment of pastas, seafood, fresh meats, and confections.

2010 W. Avenue J8, #101 | Lancaster © complexitywineav

The Iron Cactus

Bringing a modern and buttery twist to classic American dishes is The Iron Cactus, where steaks, burgers, and salads will leave visitors craving for more. Complete your meal with a divine cocktail that will melt any worries away. 8845 W. Avenue E8, Suite B

Lancaster theironcactusav

La Papillon Steak & Seafood

Treat yourself to fine dining while in Lancaster with La Papillon Steak & Seafood, where the chef brings the best of land and sea dishes, including short ribs, filet mignon, salmon, and even seafood crepes. Don't miss their wildly popular Sunday brunch with a generous menu of scrumptious choices. 858 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster (2) lapapillonav

Lucky Luke Brewpub

Lucky Luke translates to lucky guests at this independent brewery and eatery. Aside from flavorful burgers and beers, guests can expect Korean fried chicken, tender carnitas, and a twist on the good ol' PB & J. **735 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster (a) luckylukebrewpub**

The Raven's Nest

Step into The Raven's Nest for a truly unique experience, where European flavors are served in a gothic setting. The eatery offers thoughtful takes on pastas, pizzas, and burgers that are incomparable!

42458 60th St. West | Quartz Hill **(b)** theravensnest____



The Raven's Nest

The Third Place Barroom and Kitchen







Italian

Barone's Pizza

For classic pizza and Italian dishes, head to Barone's Pizza where they've been satisfying guests for 64 years. You won't be disappointed in trying the Barone's Special, a crust topped with pepperoni, mushrooms, ground beef, and an assortment of spices. 1229 W. Avenue I | Lancaster

baronesitalian.com

Bravery Brewing



Fresco II

Fresco II serves up a menu of diverse offerings that will satisfy any diner. Expect pizzas, pastas, salads, and chef specials, including fish and chips, Greek fries, and sticky ribs. 1311 W. Rancho Vista Blvd. | Palmdale fresco2

Gino's Italian Restaurant

For four decades, Gino's Italian Restaurant has delivered the South of Italy to California. Serving an assortment of heavenly Italian cuisines, you'll not only find pizza, but seafood dishes, pastas, sandwiches, salads, and more.

44960 Valley Central Way | Lancaster 44343 Challenger Way | Lancaster 819 W. Palmdale Blvd. | Palmdale **ginoslancastermenu.com**

Mexican



Birria Superior

Burrolandia Mexican Grill

The best of Mexican cuisine comes to life at Burrolandia Mexican Grill, where guests can treat their taste buds at all hours. From breakfast tamales to tacos for lunch to a seafood dinner — this grill surely delivers.

1334 W. Avenue J | Lancaster





Don Sal Cocina & Cantina

Bring your margarita cravings to Don Sal Cocina & Cantina, where you'll enjoy Mexican fine dining cuisines paired with a variety of top tequilas. 706 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster

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Don Gus Mexican and Seafood

Don Gus specializes in an assortment of Mexican seafood dishes, where fresh catches are paired with fragrant spices. 1324 W. Avenue I | Lancaster orderdongus.com

El Chilaquil Mexican and Seafood Restaurant

El Chilaquil Mexican and Seafood Restaurant serves authentic Mexican plates ranging from fajitas to menudo to barbacoa to satisfy even the pickiest of taste buds. 1052 E. Avenue J | Lancaster elchilaquilrestaurant.com

Juanito's Place

All are welcomed at Juanito's Place. Known for its incredible menu of rancheros, sandwiches, enchiladas, and more — there's a meal for everyone here. **105 W. Avenue I | Lancaster (b) juanitosplace**

Sammy's Restaurant

A classic Lancaster establishment, Sammy's Restaurant has never met a disappointed diner. Known for its rich enchilada sauce, homemade horchata, and fish soup — you'll want to please your cravings by stopping by at Sammy's.

44139 Sierra Highway | Lancaster

Taqueria Pepe El Toro

For nearly three decades, Taqueria Pepe El Toro has been delighting locals and tourists alike with their hearty Mexican cuisines and heartfelt customer service. Stop by this eatery for a fulfilling dish and experience. 44219 20th St. West | Lancaster taqueria-pepe-el-toro. cafes-usa.com



DINING GUIDE

South American



Baracoa Cuban Restaurant

Cuban Express

Indulge in authentic Cuban cuisines with Cuban Express, where meat is perfectly cooked, desserts are impeccably sweet, and service is quick. You cannot go wrong with the Chicken Frango Plate. 628 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster Cubanexpress



Rio Brazilian Grill

Specializing in a variety of South American plates, Rio Brazilian Grill is the go-to spot to sample an assortment of delectable meats that are thoughtfully spiced. Complete your meal with one of its all-star desserts such as sweet fried banana.

630 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster **(b)** riolatinbistro



Soul Food/Southern



Dave's Hot Chicken

If you like it hot, Dave's Hot Chicken is the place to be. With spicy, flavorful, perfectly cooked fried chicken, meals come with tangy coleslaw and crispy crinkle fries.

43633 10th St. West | Lancaster **aveshotchicken**

Lee Esther's Creole & Cajun Cooking

With its authentic gumbo, po boys, and jambalaya, guests may think they actually are in New Orleans with Lee Esther's Creole & Cajun Cooking, where tummies are left soulfully satisfied.

830 E. Avenue Q6 | Palmdale leeestherscreole

Muff Diddy's Kitchen

Need food that's good for the soul? Muff Diddy's Kitchen is here to fulfill that tall order. Here you will find good ol' Southern cooking, including fried chicken, smothered pork chops, and sweet potato pie.

2014 W. Avenue J | Lancaster **@ muffdiddyskitchen**



Plenty of Fish Seafood

There's plenty of fish in the sea, but nothing compares to this eatery. Plenty of Fish serves an array of seafood dishes including oysters, shrimp, and snappers. 43937 15th St. West | Lancaster plentyoffishlancaster.com

Sassy Bird

Known for its mouth-watering chicken, Sassy Bird guests are treated to sandwiches, chicken tenders, and the best tater tots around.

706 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster **(a)** sassybird_av





Cafes and Coffee Shops

Boba Cove & Cafe

The first boba shop in the region, Boba Cove & Cafe serves a variety of delicious milk teas, smoothies, and snow fluff to pair with a variety of snacks, including popcorn chicken, calamari, and fried tofu.

44445 Valley Central Way | Lancaster

Boss Chic Coffee Bar

Boss Chic Coffee Bar brings the glam to coffee shops with its elegant decor and sprinkled-lattes and cappuccinos. The morning routine just got pretty!

805 W. Milling Street | Lancaster

Butler's Coffee

If you're looking for an organic cup of joe, head to Butler's Coffee where the finest organic coffee is brewed to your liking. Enjoy a classic black cup or indulge in one of their specialty drinks.

40125 10th St. West | Palmdale **butlers.coffee**

Coffee Bloom

Fine coffee and espresso are in full bloom at Coffee Bloom, where guests can enjoy classic lattes and Americanos, but also pair them with heavenly desserts such as cobbler, souffles, or tarts.

44421 20th St. East | Lancaster coffeebloomlancaster.com

Liquid Bean Coffee House

Bringing creativity to coffee is Liquid Bean Coffee House, where gourmet coffee isn't just served — it's amplified. Not in the mood for coffee? No problem. The establishment also offers smoothies, teas, and more.

1711 W. Avenue K | Lancaster **liquidbeancoffeehouse**

Sagebrush Café

Enjoy a locally roasted coffee with Sagebrush Café, a go-to for locals where you can enjoy your drink in the warm California sun. Try the honey latte for a truly special, wakeup treat. 42104 50th St. West | Quartz Hill Sagebrush_cafe





Light and Healthy

Get Fresh Cafe

Fill those bellies with a bountiful meal of fresh greens, rich soups, and juicy fruits. Get Fresh Cafe offers an assortment of plant-based options, including salads, sandwiches, soups, and more.

1122 W. Avenue K | Lancaster **f** getfreshcafe

Greenhouse Cafe

Freshness is the priority at Greenhouse Cafe, where guests can expect quality, made-from-scratch meals whether it's breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Carol's Salad is the local's go-to with raspberry vinaigrettetopped chicken, crisp apples, cranberries, walnuts, and parmesan cheese on a bed of romaine. **1169 Commerce Center Dr. | Lancaster** Avgreenhousecafe

The Modern Tea Room

Looking for a healthy brunch option? Head to The Modern Tea Room, where you can enjoy a jackfruit burrito, chicken artichoke sandwich, or french toast while surrounded by impressive artwork.

705 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster **(b)** themoderntearoom

Natcheryl's Cafe

Natcheryl's Cafe is the destination for healthy plates that include gluten-free and vegan options. Guests will find a mix of hot and cold sandwiches, burgers, salads, and soups.

44264 10th St. West | Lancaster thewholewheatery.com



Olga's Naturally California Kitchen

A vegan-friendly eatery, Olga's Naturally California Kitchen brings together quality, mindful ingredients to create hearty and delicious plates. Choose from an assortment of entrees, including sandwiches, bowls, and salads.

42815 30th St. West | Lancaster **©olgascaliforniakitchen**

Olive's Mediterranean Café

Indulge in the spices and aromas of classic Mediterranean cuisine at Olive's Mediterranean Café. From the chicken to the beef to the lamb, you can't go wrong with whatever you select. 518 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster (2) olivescafelancaster



Soulistic



DINING GUIDE

Broken Bit Steakhouse

Enjoy contemporary American dishes with a Western (and delicious) twist at Broken Bit, where guests are treated to succulent steaks, quail, juicy chicken, seafood, and more. 41955 50th St. West | Quartz Hill © brokenbitsteakhouse

Steakhouses

Maxdon's Bar and Grill

Want to be guaranteed a perfectly cooked steak? Maxdon's Bar and Grill will deliver. This long-time Lancaster establishment is known for offering buttery steaks and rich sides at affordable prices.

1340 W. Avenue I | Lancaster **(a)** maxdonsbar

Texas Cattle Company







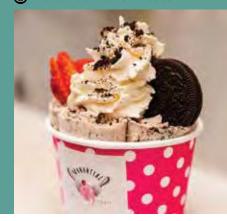
Tokyo Steak

Offering the Japanese take on a steakhouse is Tokyo Steak, where the hibachi chefs aim to delight and entertain. Guests will appreciate the mouth-watering Asian cuisines while watching the chefs at work. **1024 E. Avenue K | Lancaster**

Sweets & Desserts

Manantial Frozen Treats

Manantial Frozen Treats is a Mexican-themed dessert bar offering everything from classic ice creams to the popular Mangoniada slush. 43615 10th St. West | Lancaster 565 E. Palmdale Blvd. | Palmdale manantialfrozentreats



Farley's Gelato and Coffee Roasting

Whether it's a rich gelato or a sweet coffee you're craving, Farley's Gelato and Coffee Roasting is there to deliver. Try a classic strawberry scoop or a mixed berry dessert. 2025 W. Avenue K | Lancaster farleyscafe.com

FloraDonna's Cakery

Head to FloraDonna's Cakery for a variety of baked goods including mini hand pies, cupcakes, cookies, and danishes. Have a celebration? You'll be impressed with the bakery's resume of magnificent cake creations.

706 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster **(b)** floradonnascakery







La Michoacana Plus

Enjoy the deliciousness of Mexican desserts at La Michoacana Plus, where paletas come in every color of the rainbow. Also, choose from fresh ice creams, drinks, and more. 1046 E. Avenue J | Lancaster f lamichoacanapluslancaster

Mr. Boba

Mr. Boba is here to fulfill any tapioca cravings. The boba shop offers everything from the popular brown sugar milk tea to an almond smoothie and more. 2066 W. Avenue J | Lancaster lovemrboba.com



Sweet Frog



Zero Degrees Custard and Ice

Enjoy Italian desserts at Zero Degrees Custard and Ice, where visitors can expect to choose from a variety of custards and ice cream. The peach and blood orange ice will surely hit the spot!

711 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster **2 gerodegreescustard** SHOPPING GUIDE

Shop Antelope Valley's variety of troves on The BLVD and beyond. Pick up that something special for a friend, or take a piece of Lancaster home for yourself.

LEO + mamas

Apparel

Drip Closet

Nantiquez Vintage Flair

From funky apparel to one-of-a-kind accessories, Nantiquez Vintage Flair is the place to find vintage goods at an affordable cost. No two items are the same here!

664 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster **(a)** nantiquez







Pharmacy Boardshop

Sassy Couture

Add some glam to your wardrobe at Sassy Couture, where the trendiest clothing is available. Expect vibrant rompers, floral dresses, and fun accessories.

40125 10th St. West | Palmdale

Sneaker Head







Goods and Home Decor

LEO + mamas

Where can you find a Shania Twain sweater and a vision board kit? At LEO + mamas, a boutique that brings together unique, clever, and wellmade apparel, home decor, jewelry, and gifts. **2010 W. Avenue J8, Suite 105 | Lancaster**

leoandmamas



Pretty Little Poppy Marketplace

Bringing together dozens of vendors across Antelope Valley is Pretty Little Poppy Marketplace, where customers can find a variety of handmade gifts and goods. 730 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster prettylittlepoppy.av





Antiques

Antiques On The BLVD

Antique lovers unite at Antiques on the BLVD where you can find a variety of vintage goods. This antique shop is home to an assortment of offerings, including shoes and apparel, decor, and collectibles. **764 W. Lancaster Blvd., Suite C | Lancaster**

Sammons Second Hand Store

Score a deal at Sammons Second Hand Store! The shop is home to furniture, decor, fun gifts, and home goods.

44659 Yucca Avenue | Lancaster

Specialty



AV Pop Shop

Calling all anime lovers to AV Pop Shop. The store is home to gifts and goods with all your favorite anime characters and brands, including collectibles, accessories, and toys. 44154 10th St. West | Lancaster avpopshop

Horizon Comics and Collectibles



Music and Books

VooDoo Vinyl

Dust off that record player – vinyl is better than ever with VooDoo Vinyl. The shop offers a variety of used and new vinyls, apparel, and gifts. 721 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster voodoo.vinyl

Li'l Book Bug

Step into another world with the help of Li'l Book Bug, the Lancaster home to hundreds of new and used books with a special focus on fiction and romance.

742 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster **libookbug**





DESERT VINES, Dreamy Wines

Move over Napa. Southern California wines are here to stay.

Typical perceptions of wineries conjure images of lush, green hills. But in the Antelope Valley, the extreme highs and chilling lows produce hardy grapes that become variable, luscious wines. The wines produced in the Antelope Valley are unlike any other California wine, most of which come from coastal climates. Our distinctive mix of loamy mountain soil, sunny skies, and arid atmosphere make for truly complex wines. Here's where you can try them.



Antelope Valley Winery

The picturesque vineyard at Antelope Valley Winery provides an idyllic setting to enjoy a bottle of Runway Red or Fleur Rose. To further your experience, schedule a tour of the winery or partake in the cheese and charcuterie in the tasting room.

@sierramichellegr

Every Saturday from 9 am to noon, a farmers market comes to visit, offering fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables, as well as locally made honey, baked goods, and fresh-from-the-steamer tamales.

42041 20th St. West | Lancaster







Barrett Cellars

The charming and cozy tasting room at Barrett Cellars is an enchanting spot to enjoy your time in the Antelope Valley. The cellar features an array of locally grown wine varieties and offers in-depth tours where you can sample straight from the barrel. Check out the cellar's social media to attend on a night where the tasting room has live music and other events.

114 Newgrove St. | Lancaster barrettcellars.com

Coruce Vineyards and Winery

Known for its award-winning Zinfandel, Syrah, Viognier, and Symphony varietal wines, Coruce Vineyards and Winery has been established in the Antelope Valley for more than 20 years. Coruce Vineyards and Winery offers 34 wines in its tasting room, all but two of which are made from grapes grown in the Antelope Valley. Its medal-earning history continues to this day. The owners recently took home Gold for its 2018 Petit Verdot, 2018 Red Door Reserve, and 2018 Tempranillo at the 2022 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.

1055 W. Columbia Way, Suite 105 | Lancaster corucevineyardsandwinery.com



Golden Star Vineyards

Taking a minimalistic approach to winemaking, the team at Golden Star Vineyards keeps its focus on small lot, handcrafted wine to ensure quality and sustainability. Each of its wines are aged in oak barrels for 12-18 months, then bottled and held for six months before it's released to customers. Visitors can take a deep dive into Golden Star Vineyards' winemaking process by booking a tasting room reservation.

36043 106th St. East | Littlerock **@ goldenstarvineyards**





Stephen Hemmert Winery & Tasting Room

Founder Stephen Hemmert started making wine in 1997 for home consumption. His first entries into contests earned him a silver in both national and international competitions. Encouraged to pursue winemaking on a professional level, he formed the Stephen Hemmert Wines brand in 2014 with his partner and fiancée Nicole St. Julian. Though Zinfandel is their specialty, guests can enjoy a variety of wines at the winery's tasting room.

44732 Yucca Ave. | Lancaster **(a)** stephenhemmertwines

Thief & Barrel

While the team at Thief & Barrel don't grow their own grapes, the tasting room is home to an extensive collection of boutique wines produced locally and beyond. Customers who know their palate will certainly find their picks at Thief & Barrel, but the tasting room is known for introducing new wines to customers and providing wine education along the way.

311 E. Avenue K8, Suite 125 | Lancaster **(b)** thiefandbarrel









TENTH ANNIVERSARY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

AT THE HANGAR

Lancaster Municipal Stadium

Enjoy a vast selection of beer from local and regional breweries along with live music, games, and more!

Visit fieldofdrafts.com for ticket information and additional details. Quite the BREW-HAHA **ALES YOU**

Among the elements we're known for - blooming poppies, cotton candy skies, and daring arts – the beer scene in Lancaster is near the top of the list. Antelope Valley's state-of-the-art breweries each offer their own distinctive flavors, tastes, and vibes, giving visitors their pick of the litter to wet their whistle. But why not visit them all and do a valley-wide beer hop?

Bravery Brewing

Since 2011, Bravery Brewing has been a hub for top-quality beers, live performances, friendly storytelling, and more. With a wide selection of stouts, IPAs, and ales, locals choose Bravery for the casual, welcoming environment. In 2021, Bravery Brewing's pizza kitchen opened, dishing out perfect pies that are just as exceptional as its beers. The pizzas are made with hand-tossed dough, hand-milled marinara, and farm-to-table meats and cheeses. The brewery also serves up fresh salads and offers a diverse wine menu featuring several locally produced wines.

42705 8th St. West |
braverybrewing







Local Craft Beer

For twice the fun, head to the newly opened Local Craft Beer, which sits inside an underground bowling lounge. While Local Craft Beer is new to Lancaster, the owners have had a presence in the Antelope Valley since 2015, when they opened its flagship location in Tehachapi. Local Craft Beer is known for its zany collection of IPAs and hard seltzers. Visitors can enjoy a brew and bowl or shoot some billiards. Make a meal out of it by ordering from Don Sal Cocina & Cantina, which offers an exclusive menu to the below-ground revelers.

706 W. Lancaster Blvd., #102 **Oliveration** Blvd., #102



Lucky Luke Brewing

With two locations in the Antelope Valley (Lucky Luke Brewpub in Lancaster; Lucky Luke Brewing Taproom in Palmdale), the brewer is a well-known spot for incredible flights and fare. Locals go crazy for the Blonde Ale, but they offer beer for every taste, from pale ales to stouts to seltzers. The full menu available at the Lucky Luke Brewpub also lets visitors enjoy satisfying eats such as house-made pub pretzels, Cali fries, and Korean friend chicken sliders.

Brewpub: 735 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Taproom: 610 W. Avenue O **(a)** luckylukebrewing



Transplants Brewing Company

Transplants Brewing Company has some of the best one-ofa-kind brews in the area. Featuring unique flavors such as the Strawberry Rhubarb Wit, Macaroon Tycoon Stout, and Ocarina of Thyme Sweet Potato Ale, Transplants delivers the funk in an even funkier environment. Adorned with wacky murals, Transplants is a fun location to play board games, listen to music, and enjoy a live performance. Transplants Brewing Company regularly hosts events at its location, so make sure to check the calendar to see what's happening during your trip.

40242 La Quinta Lane, Unit 101 | Palmdale **(b)** transplantsbrewing





Rain, sun, chill, or snow – the Antelope Valley has you covered year round.

spring



Smell the blooms

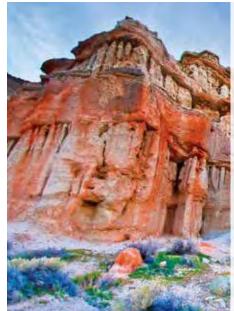
From March to May, poppy season hits the Antelope Valley, and thousands of orange poppies and wildflowers color our hills. Visitors can walk the trails at the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve, or celebrate the state flower at the California Poppy Festival ™ (see page 47), which features rides, games, and exhibits for all.

parks.ca.gov | Lancaster



Stroll in nature

Lancaster's beloved nature sanctuary, Prime Desert Woodland Preserve showcases the beauty, flora, and fauna of the desert. In the thicket of spring, visitors can expect to see active wildlife and blooming Joshua Trees. Pay a visit to the Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center, the on-site museum, to check out the rich indigenous, ecological, natural, and economic histories of the Antelope Valley. **cityoflancasterca.org Lancaster**



Hike the mountains

With spectacular crimson cliffs cutting through 14 million years of sedimentary history, Red Rock Canyon State Park is a popular springtime destination to enjoy a hike, bike, and horseback ride. Among 27,000 acres of rocky ravines, you'll see fossils and amazing outcroppings. parks.ca.gov | Cantil







Shop the markets

As the day winds down, summer nights in the Antelope Valley are a real treat. The warm weather makes for a pleasant evening to peruse local produce, handmade treats, and enjoy live performances at the weekly Summer Concert Series and BLVD Farmers Market, from April to October.

cityoflancasterca.org | Lancaster

Pick for your pie

Summer in the Antelope Valley is prime cherry-picking time. At the Villa del Sol Sweet Cherry Farms, visitors can stroll through rows of glowing cherry trees and pick varietals of Brooks, Bing, and Rainier cherries to enjoy solo, top a sundae, or bake the perfect pie. **upickcherries.com | Leona Valley**



Hit the streets

Throw on a pair of shorts and lather on the sunscreen if you do an AV Walls (formerly POW! WOW!) mural tour in the summer. While the majority of the murals are located throughout The BLVD, artwork can be spotted all over Lancaster and Palmdale. The expansive murals showcase diverse styles and subjects from both local and international artists. If you're here in September, you may be lucky enough to see current mural work in progress. Visit the website and download a mural map to view every installation. Iancastermoah.com/antelope-valley-walls





Pluck a ripe one

Warming fall spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves are made even more brilliant with your own handpicked apples. At the Pulford Appletree Orchard, you can gather the best and ripest to whip up a pie, brew a cider, or adorn a cheeseboard.

pulfordappletreeorchard.com | Tehachapi



Have fun at the fair

The Antelope Valley Fair and Alfalfa Festival is a cherished event in Lancaster, bringing together wholesome fun and community. From September 22 to October 1, you can enjoy thrilling rides, feast on classic fair food, meet farm animals, and see performers live from the grandstands. **avfair.com** Lancaster



See and soar

Steeped in aviation history dating back nearly 100 years, the Antelope Valley provides visitors with abundant opportunities to explore our strong ties with America's space race. With four airparks and displays in the Antelope Valley, visitors have no shortage of choices.

The Aerospace Walk of Honor

Explore 100 heroes of flight while you stroll down Lancaster Boulevard.

lancastermoah.org/ walk-of-honor | Lancaster

Blackbird Airpark

Home to the world's only display of a Lockheed SF-71A together with its predecessor A-12, the park is sure to impress. cityofpalmdale.org | Palmdale

Joe Davies Heritage Airpark

The airpark displays a collection of 21 aircraft flown, tested, designed, produced, or modified at United States Air Force Plant 42. cityofpalmdale.org | Palmdale

Century Circle & B-52 "Mothership Display"

Just outside the north gate of the revered Edwards Air Force Base is NASA's famous NB-52B Mothership, built to carry nuclear weapons during the Cold War era. Enter through the west gate and visit six remarkable fighter jets known as the Century Series.



winter



Catch a flick A small and intimate theater on The BLVD, Regency Cinemas offers a warm spot to relax and unwind in front of the big screen. Showing both new releases and old favorites, the movie theater also has a lovely bookstore and goods shop, Li'l Book Bug, on the bottom floor. **regencymovies.com** | Lancaster







Tour the museums

Reopening in May 2023, the Museum of Art and History (MOAH) will be a haven to escape the chill come wintertime. MOAH is home to many large-scale, dynamic exhibitions that celebrate the historic traditions and artistic revolutions taking place in Southern California. Its nearby sister gallery, MOAH: CEDAR, highlights experimental and emerging artists. **Jancastermoah.org | Lancaster**

Bowl a frame

Relive speakeasy days and warm up at the newly opened underground bowling lounge. Visitors can bowl a game while enjoying quality ales from the in-house brewery, Local Craft Beer.

localcraftbeer.net | Lancaster

For the

YOUNG or Young at Heart

Traveling with kids can require some juggling. But the Antelope Valley offers plenty of familyfriendly activities to delight children and keep adults entertained as well. Explore our guide to give your kid a back-toschool story that wows their class.



Imagine City

If you want to let your children – and their imaginations – run free, look no further. Imagine City has all the makings of a miniature town built to scale for children. They can explore a kid-sized market, bookstore, gas station, diner, animal clinic, mechanic shop, and more. Each playhouse includes props and objects that immerse children in the world of pretend play. Imagine City recently introduced a new toddler zone, which features two full-size rooms filled with sensory activities.

imaginecity.com | Palmdale

Katz N' Jammers

Though today's kids are digital nomads, they still enjoy the retro, old fashioned vibe at Katz N' Jammers, a longtime Antelope Valley landmark. Featuring classic red booths, an authentic juke box, and a menu that transcends you back to the '50s, Katz N' Jammers is a family-friendly restaurant to enjoy the traditional cheeseburger and shake. While diners can stick to the classics, the menu has something for any taste, including the picky eaters.

A katznjammerscafe | Lancaster



Charlie Brown Farms

You'd be hard pressed to find somewhere else quite like Charlie Brown Farms. Established in 1929, this is the kind of place where you can enjoy deep fried Twinkies, funnel cakes, ice cream, more than 100 hand-crafted shakes, and a Texas-style BBQ hot deli and grill. Kids will love the huge selection of nostalgic candy and soda pop, including the world's largest Gummy Bear and delight in all the vintage toys, wacky décor, and giant dinosaur replicas. Parents are encouraged to try Charlie Brown Farms' famous date shakes while the little ones explore.

charliebrownfarms.com | Littlerock



Drytown Water Park

One of just a handful of water parks in Southern California, Drytown is the Antelope Valley's cherished water oasis in the heart of the desert. The six-acre park features various towering slides, an aqua play zone, and a 72-foot lazy river. One of Drytown's most unique attractions is Dusty's Mineshaft Racer, which turns friends to foes as riders go head-to-head in a water race. Riders launch headfirst into a thrilling 360-degree turn in an enclosed tube, before plunging down open-air lanes for a downhill dash to the finish. Tickets can be purchased online, or if you're a regular Antelope Valley visitor, opt for a season pass! **drytownwaterpark.com | Palmdale**





BUCOLC Scene FOR Two Brides

Desert weddings have been trending for years, and the Antelope Valley is a hotspot for couples who want a dreamy setting, reliable weather, and the classic

sunset backdrop. With an abundance of gorgeous desertscapes to set the mood for your big day, the Antelope Valley provides intimacy from the outside world, while still remaining accessible for traveling friends and family. Out-of-towners who choose the Antelope Valley for their wedding day destination also have plenty of talented vendors to choose from. Our local photographers, caterers, and musicians are some of the best in the business and offer a unique flair that sets your wedding apart from the rest.





Antelope Valley natives and brides-tobe LaShanda and Sapphire wanted a countryside wedding that was close to friends and family. With the gorgeous San Gabriel Mountains around them, LaShanda and Sapphire celebrated their love, danced under string lights, and enjoyed the local fare from their hometown.

To make your special day timeless, choose the Antelope Valley. Visit **destinationlancasterca.org/ weddings** to explore the possibilities for your dream wedding.





Special thanks to LaShanda and Sapphire. Photography courtesy of Pixels & Prints Imagery. **pixelsandprints.co**



REOPENING MAY 2023

FOUR IMMERSIVE MUSEUM SPACES

engaging our diverse community through captivating exhibitions, dynamic artists, and innovative programming

Western Hotel Museum

MUSEUM

OF ART & HISTORY

557 W. Lancaster Blvd. | Lancaster



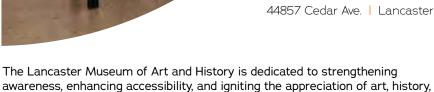
Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center at Prime Desert Woodland Preserve

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lancastermoah.org



awareness, enhancing accessibility, and igniting the appreciation of art, history, and culture in the Antelope Valley through dynamic exhibitions, innovative educational programs, creative community engagement, and a vibrant collection that celebrates the richness of the region.

Take a Spin!

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

With a whirling dervish of year-round events suited for any generation, out-of-towners can share in Lancaster's rich cultural scene. Be sure to squeeze in a local happening into your vacation agenda. We'll meet you there!

California Poppy Festival™ April 21 - 23

An annual favorite, the California Poppy Festival is turning 30 this year! The Antelope Valley Fairgrounds become a theme park for the weekend – filled with entertainment, exhibits, food, and activities for all ages. Antelope Valley Fairgrounds poppyfestival.com Poppy illustration by Nuri Amanatullah

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AV Fair & Event Center



Easter Extravaganza April 8

The whole family will enjoy this Easter celebration. This event includes an egg hunt bunny trail, music, arts and crafts, food, and more!

Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park cityoflancasterca.org/events



California Poppy Festival™ April 21-23

This springtime celebration of poppies in bloom offers fun for the whole family. Antelope Valley Fairgrounds poppyfestival.com

A.V. Chambers of Commerce Flea Market May 7

Shop local and bring a piece of Lancaster home! Enjoy live music and kids activities too.

Palmdale High School

avchambers.org



The BLVD Market yum!

Lancaster's bustling downtown district shuts down its street every Thursday for its seasonal farmers market. An array of local purveyors serve up fresh produce, craft bites, and specialty items. Swing by! The BLVD

cityoflancasterca.org/blvdmarket



Monday Night Bites May-October

It's a picnic in the park every Monday night from 5-9 pm as the City of Lancaster hosts Monday Night Bites. Expect a great time with incredible food, live music, and games.

Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park cityoflancasterca.org/events



Please confirm the status of events before you visit.

Summer_

Amigos De La Feria Latin American Food Festival June 3 6-11 pm

Enjoy the music, dance, and tastes of Latin America while sampling the savory fare from nine different countries.

AV Fair & Event Center avfair.com



June 21 & 28 July 12, 19 & 26 | 4-7 pm

Gather with friends and family for amazing food truck fare and fun events! June 21 - Jane Reynolds Park June 28 - El Dorado Park July 12, 19 & 26 - Tierra Bonita Park cityoflancasterca.org/events

Fireworks Extravaganza at the Fairgrounds July 4

Join us as the Antelope Valley pulls out all the stops to celebrate our nation's birthday. Antelope Valley Fairgrounds

cityoflancasterca.org/events



Summer Concert Series July-September

Free concerts are held every Thursday evening in conjunction with The BLVD Market. There will be dancing in the streets and fun for everyone. Check out the website for the lineup of talent.

The BLVD cityoflancasterca.org/events

At your service ...

Lancaster West Rotary

Lancaster West Rotary

Antelope Valley Rotary antelopevalleyrotary.org

Lancaster Sunrise Rotary lancastersunriserotary.com

Lancaster Rotary **Rotary of Lancaster**

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Lions Club - Antelope Valley Executives Antelope Valley Lions Club

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Optimist Club of Antelope Valley Antelope Valley Optimist Club optimist.org

Zonta International **2 Zonta Club of Antelope Valley Area**

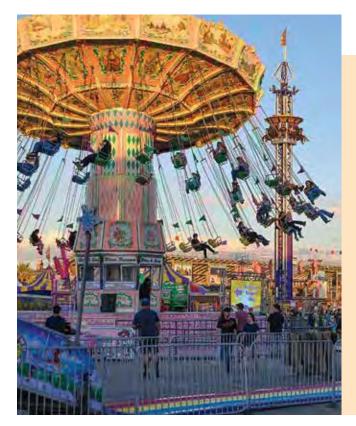
Fall-



Walk & Roll Festival September 16

Join us for people-powered activity hubs, food, entertainment, and more as Lancaster Boulevard closes to vehicles, and opens up to bikes, scooters, strollers, skateboards, and rollerblades. Open Street made possible by Metro.

The BLVD cityoflancasterca.org/events



Bark at the Park October 7



It's time for another round of canine capers at this annual event featuring vendor exhibits and fun games and activities for your pooch. Proceeds benefit the Los Angeles County Animal Shelter. Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park lancasterbarkatthepark.org



Antelope Valley Fair & Alfalfa Festival September 22-October 1

Lancaster knows how to celebrate with 10 days of live music and an extravagant celebration of the Antelope Valley. Visitors will have their choice of deep-fried delights, challenging games, farm animals, carnival ride classics, and entertainment you won't want to miss.

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds avfair.com







Haunt at the Hangar October 21

Visitors are invited to come dressed in their most "eerie-sistible" costumes for trick-or-treating, contests, and photo opportunities. Pumpkin decorating, giant pumpkin carving, petting zoo, a Halloween movie, and more round out this free, safe, and family-friendly afternoon.

Lancaster Municipal Stadium cityoflancasterca.org/events

Field of Drafts[™] Beer Festival November 4

Join us for live music, games, and a delectable selection of beers from some of the finest brewers in the western United States. *See page 35 for additional information*. Lancaster Municipal Stadium

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Beer & Wine Harvest Festival November 11



Sample the best of our region's wine, beer, and cider while enjoying live music and shopping from local vendors. 42705 8th St. West | Lancaster braverybrewing.com

Small Business Saturday November 25

Support small businesses and have a great time too as The BLVD retailers host specials and events. **theblvdlancaster.com**

Winter

AV Chambers of Commerce Christmas Parade December 2

The annual family favorite includes Christmas floats, marching bands, Santa Claus, and more. The BLVD avchambers.org



A Magical BLVD Christmas December 9



Lancaster's winter wonderland celebration is an ideal way to spend the evening with carolers, dancers, and Christmas entertainment for the entire family. The BLVD

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Breakfast with Santa December 16

Join Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves for a pancake breakfast and fun arts and crafts activities for children. Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park cityoflancasterca.org/events

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Holiday Inn Express hiexpress.com/lancasterca

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Homewood Suites by Hilton hilton.com

This all-suite hotel lets visitors feel like they're away from it all without being too far away. With panoramic views of Antelope Valley's surrounding mountain ranges, guests will immediately feel at ease at Homewood Suites by Hilton. Travelers can choose from one- or two-bedroom suites, all within a few miles of some of the best Lancaster has to offer.

Oxford Suites oxfordsuiteslancaster.com

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Residence Inn by Marriott marriott.com

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A fully equipped kitchen stands at the ready, as well as complimentary

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SpringHill Suites by Marriott marriott.com

Elegance meets comfort at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott, where visitors enjoy sleekly styled rooms that are modern and soothing. Guests can find a quick snack and drink at The Market, enjoy free daily breakfast, and relax in the outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool.

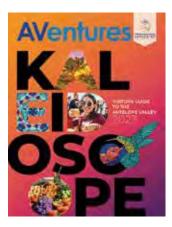




TownePlace Suites by Marriott marriott.com

Visitors can make their spaces their own at TownePlace Suites by Marriott, where the rooms are built for extended stays. From studios to two-bedroom suites, TownePlace Suites ensures guests have all the space they need during their trip to lounge, eat, sleep, and socialize. Take advantage of the prime location just minutes from downtown Lancaster.





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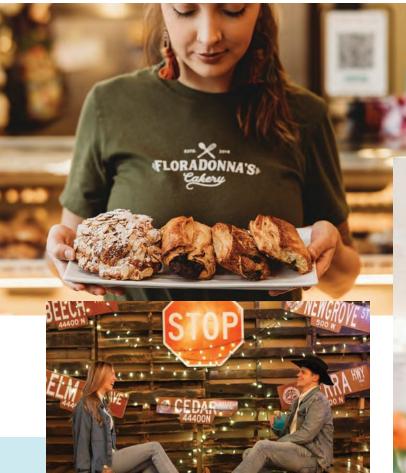
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