

The Best Coffee Bars in Los Angeles

The craft coffee movement has really picked up steam here in L.A., bringing a tsunami of third wave roasters, cafes and coffee bars with it. Here are the ones we think are doing the best in the biz.



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Handsome Roasters

What started as a pop-up in back of an Arts District roasting facility has now grown into one of our favorite coffee bars in L.A. There might not be WiFi or any sweeteners for your coffee, but that's because the guys at Handsome are coffee purists, which shouldn't come as a surprise since it was started by three Intelligentsia vets.

[Handsome Roasters](#) is located at 582 Mateo St, Los Angeles, (213) 621-4194

Stumptown

Similarly located in the oh-so-hot Arts District, this Portland roaster also has an awesome coffee bar. Though there's not much in terms of seating, they do a bang-up job on their brews, namely their cold brew rocket fuel, which is perfect for sunny summertime sipping. You can even take some to go in a growler, for those who really need a massive fix at home.

[Stumptown](#) is located at 806 S Santa Fe Ave, Los Angeles, (213) 337-0936



Verve at Vibiana

The famed Santa Cruz roaster has set up shop at Vibiana Cathedral, teasing the opening of their first SoCal location, again proving that Downtown is ground zero for the ever-expanding craft coffee movement in L.A. Sip on a simply perfect macchiato while basking in the sunshine in the courtyard, and see just why it is that all these roasters are moving to L.A.

[Verve](#) is located at 214 S Main St, Los Angeles

Intelligentsia

The Chicago-based Intelli brought their first shop in Silver Lake in 2007, and now they also have locations in Venice and Pasadena, too. The original is still our favorite, even if there are always lines. The baristas might get a little snobby if you ask for iced mochas, but the sunshiny patio and signature bright blue tile work is worth it.

[Intelligentsia](#) is located at 3922 W Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, (323) 663-6173

LA Mill

This high-end coffee boutique has become a Silver Lake staple, especially for those who need a buzz while walking the Reservoir. Their patio is dog-friendly, which means you can sip your pour-over while your pooch enjoys a lap of water too.

[LA Mill](#) is located at 1636 Silver Lake Boulevard, (323) 663-4441

