

LAYOVER Los Angeles

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Entertainment is no doubt the specialty of Los Angeles, but the City of Angels also boasts trade, technology, healthcare and finance as significant industries to truly make it a global business destination. The area doesn't lack in the golf category either, with plenty of quality public offerings in every direction.

COURSES:

1 The Links at Terranea - South of L.A. in Rancho Palos Verdes, the championship quality of The Links' nine par-3s is only challenged by its striking views of the Pacific Ocean. Holes range from 104 to 173 yards, but elevation changes and wind help vary club selection even more. Strategic bunkering, a variety of clever green contours and mesmerizing views will make this one round you wish were longer.

Nearby: Eight dining options, a variety of accommodations and a spa are among Terranea's additional seaside amenities. Los Verdes Golf Course and Trump National Golf Club Los Angeles are also close by if you're looking for more golf.

2 Coyote Hills Golf Course - Winding through the hills in Fullerton, Coyote Hills' layout—in which Payne Stewart had a hand—capitalizes on its natural topography. Elevation changes, cascading creeks and natural areas require your attention from the tee. Greens are generally larger and receptive. In addition to views of Orange County, old pumpjacks throughout the property add a unique character. *Nearby:* Any retail and dining needs can be met in neighboring city Brea, while this course is also very convenient to Anaheim and its attractions.

3 Rustic Canyon Golf Course - Located northwest of the city in Moorpark, this C&A House design sports a links-meets-desert layout, with bunkers and environmental areas offering slight dangers to welcoming fair ways. Rustic Canyon's greens provide the true challenge, often featuring large, short-cut aprons and run-off areas which lend plenty of room for creativity with the short game.

Nearby: If you're able to escape the city to play here, you may also have time to enjoy more of the canyon views at the adjacent Happy Camp Canyon Park. It contains 12.5 miles of trails often visited by hikers, equestrian riders and mountain bikers.

Terranea's magnificent par-3 course will put your iron game to the test. The eighth hole, shown here, is the course's longest at 173 yards.