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The Angels Flight funicular railway, built in 1901, has reopened in downtown Los Angeles, taking visitors on 25-cent rides between Bunker Hill and the lower downtown commercial area.

Discover downtown

Once deserted in favor of the suburbs, L.A. is trendy again

BY CAROL PUCCI
McClatchy-Tribune

It's 5 p.m., and already there's a crowd gathered around the alley entrance to the Edison, a 1920s-styled speakeasy on the edge of what was once Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles.

An elegant, reservations-are-a-must lounge by night, the Edison nods to budget-conscious Angelenos on Thursday afternoons with a 35-cent happy-hour drink special in the refurbished, century-old power plant.

A hostess points the way to a flight of stairs leading to a basement boiler room furnished with sofas and antique tables scattered among generators.

Tonight's special (one per customer) is the "Diablo," a tequila, lime juice and ginger-beer concoction that pairs well with the \$5 Kobe beef slider and sweet-potato fries.

A few blocks away, gourmet food trucks, selling mac-and-cheese sandwiches and miniature whoopie pies, fill parking lots along Main Street for the monthly Art Walk.

Inside the newly expanded Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, a Hollywood winery pours chardonnay as people gather around a pile of chocolate-chip cookies stacked in the corner, wondering whether they're art or edible.

Welcome to downtown L.A., a once-deserted city center that's coming to life again after years of neglect. Credit the revival to a boom in city living, lively new arts and entertainment venues and events such as the Art Walk for drawing locals and visitors back to



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Diners hit food trucks during a festival downtown.

If you go

GETTING AROUND: Los Angeles is huge, but there's no need for a car downtown. It's possible to walk most everywhere, or get around on the Metro subway, light rail or 35-cent Dash minibuses (www.ladottransit.com) that stop at major downtown tourist and business locations. See <http://discoverlosangeles.com/getting-around/land/los-angeles-public-transit.html>.

what was an elegant residential quarter and premier shopping and theater district in the early 1900s.

Grabbing attention are modern additions such as architect Frank Gehry's silvery Walt Disney Concert Hall, home to the L.A. Philharmonic and its popular young conductor, Gustavo Dudamel. But more awaits.

"Lofts for Lease" signs hang outside once-abandoned office buildings and

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The Los Angeles Theatre is one of a dozen historic movie palaces that line Broadway in downtown.

Every spot has an ocean view in Palos Verdes

When every place you visit, from the million-dollar estates high on the peninsula to the local Starbucks, has an ocean view, you know you have arrived in coastal heaven. The Palos Verdes Peninsula, once home to what many consider Southern California's first theme park (Marineland of the Pacific), is nestled on a secluded stretch of California's enviable coastline. The idyllic setting is embraced by an abundance of nature and history, as well as a recently-opened luxury resort that is a destination in itself.



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Head south to Terranea

Poised perfectly on the southern tip of the peninsula is Terranea — a resort that takes up the majestic 100-acre space once occupied by Marineland, which was abandoned more than two decades ago. The resort has been absorbed respectfully and ecologically into the coastline by retaining the half-century-old trees, using local stone for construction, creating a 2-mile hiking trail through the property and along the coast (which connects to the Palos Verdes Peninsula trails system) and planting 14 acres of natural Coastal Sage Scrub habitat.

The 582-accommodation resort, affording ocean vistas out to Catalina Island, offers three saltwater pools, a deluxe spa, a 9-hole golf course and five restaurants.

Nelson's, a fun restaurant and bar, is a tribute to Mike Nelson, the character played by ocean preservationist/actor Lloyd Bridges in the 1950s television series "Sea Hunt," filmed on the site and in the waters around Terranea.

Cielo Point Pool and The Club

It's cool, hip and stunning. The Cielo Point Pool at Terranea is a retreat designed just for adults, perched provocatively on the edge of the Pacific Ocean. Private seaside cabanas, a wide deck of weathered wood, lounge chairs resting in sand, a full-service bar and fire pits create the perfect backdrop for watching the sun dip into the horizon.

The Club at the Spa combines two of Terranea's most sought-after adult amenities: the luxurious private bungalow accommodations and its spa. Guests are whisked straight to their lavishly-appointed ocean-view bungalow suite, just steps away from The Spa Café and The Spa Pool where they enjoy complimentary dining options throughout the day, poolside relaxation and access to the spa's many amenities. With The Club, Terranea guests get bungalow accommodations, personal concierge service, complimentary all-day dining at The Spa Café, 10 percent savings on cabana rentals and 10 percent off spa treatments.

Escape to the cove

The sandy Cove at Terranea, created by the resort and overlooking the rocky tide pools, is a great spot to watch dolphins at play. Mountain bike rentals, nature walks and kayaking tours depart from here regularly.

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