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WHERE TO EAT & WHAT TO DO FOR THANKSGIVING IF YOU'RE STICKING AROUND LA

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Remember when you used to brave hours of traffic or I-can't-even-see-where-this-thing-ends airport security lines to make it home for a turkey dinner with the family? Yeah, we're kind of over that too. If you're sticking around for Thanksgiving this year (and LA seems like pretty good place to be at the moment for lots of reasons), here are tons of great ideas of

what to do -- from big restaurant dinners and turkey takeouts to volunteer opps and turkey trots.

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The Bazaar by José Andrés [Address and Info](#)

BEVERLY HILLS

The deal: Prix fixe menu with family-style sides, \$85

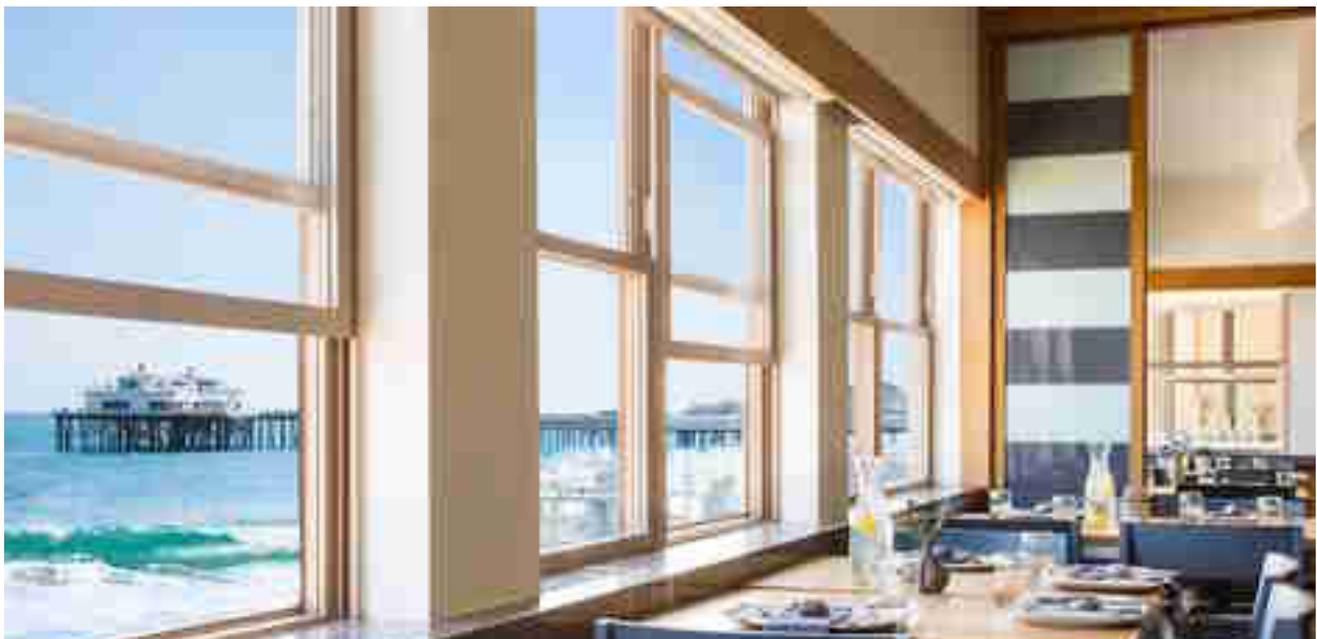
Thanksgiving hours: 4-9pm

You can do the more traditional roasted organic turkey with gravy thing here or get the lobster entrée with truffle butter because, ya know, you're eating at a Beverly Hills hotel on Thanksgiving night (take that, hometown peeps on Facebook). The dinner comes with six sides for the table and because it's José Andrés' place they're all pretty interesting (roasted carrots with smoked yogurt and z'atar and mashed sweet potatoes with passion fruit marshmallows, for example) followed by a sure-to-be-delish dessert.

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Carbon Beach Club at Malibu Beach Inn [Address and Info](#)

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*MALIBU***The deal:** Three courses, \$75**Thanksgiving hours:** 11am - 9:30pm

Here's where you get to call your friends in New York and tell them you're having Thanksgiving dinner on the beach. In Malibu. After a butternut squash soup amuse bouche, first course choices include a fall harvest salad with figs and persimmons and entrees include citrus and cider-braised free-range turkey with traditional fixings, or a pork chop with samb. Brussels sprouts, and maple-roasted sweet potatoes. You'll get pumpkin pie or a caramel chocolate fudge torte for dessert before taking a scenic walk in front of the ocean.

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*DOWNTOWN***The deal:** Three courses, \$40 and a la carte menu**Thanksgiving hours:** 11am-9pm

At the stylish restaurant inside Ace Hotel Downtown, go with the prix fixe of root vegetable panzanella, a turkey terrine with sides, and sweet potato pie or order any of them a la carte along with anything from the regular menu (yep, you can actually just get a burger with no judgment).

Playa Provisions [Address and Info](#)

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*PLAYA DEL REY***The deal:** Dinner and sides, \$35**Thanksgiving hours:** 3-8pm

The Thanksgiving dinner lineup at Brooke Williamson's normally seafood-focused spot

screams good deal. You can sit down to a turkey or honey-mustard crusted ham meal along with salad, roasted acorn squash, sausage, and chestnut stuffing, cranberry sauce, green beans, maple yams with those little marshmallows, and pumpkin pie. There'll be a few regular old dishes available too.



DEBORAH JONI

Bouchon [Address and Info](#)

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BEVERLY HILLS

The deal: Three courses, \$95

Thanksgiving hours: 11am-8pm

If France is on your list of countries you may be relocating to, then you can pretend you're in Paris at this Thomas Keller bistro (while also pretending they serve Thanksgiving dinner in France). He's got a foie-and-chicken liver mousse starter on the menu, and his classic steak frites entrée along with turkey with stuffing, gravy and sides, and multiple pie options. You

can also do a wine pairing for \$90 and there will be Bouchon's usual raw bar and seafood tower options available along with caviar service in case you're feeling fancy.

The Abbey [Address and Info](#)

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WEST HOLLYWOOD

The deal: Three courses, \$26

Thanksgiving hours: 11am to close

The fabled gay bar will be doing lobster bisque, a hickory-smoked turkey breast with an arra sides like truffled mashed potatoes and brioche stuffing and a choice of pie for this bargain price as well as offering wine and Champagne pairings. The extensive regular menu (and all those martinis) will also be there for the taking.



COURTESY OF MAPLE AT DESCANSO GARDEN

Maple at Descanso Gardens [Address and Info](#)

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LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE

The deal: Three courses, \$55

Thanksgiving hours: 4-7pm

The Patina Group's pretty new brunch spot at Descanso Gardens will kick off a six-week dinner service during the holiday season starting with a special prix fixe on Thanksgiving evening. You can start with a pumpkin and coconut milk soup or a winter squash salad and follow it up with either a turkey entrée with all the fixings or mix things up with osso buco with creamy polenta. Dessert offerings include pumpkin pie (duh) or the really-good-sounding chocolate pretzel bread pudding.

Ivory on Sunset [Address and Info](#)

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WEST HOLLYWOOD

The deal: Four courses, \$65

Thanksgiving hours: All day

Brian Malarkey's slick hotspot at the Mondrian will offer a multi-course, family-style supper for Thanksgiving, which should pair well with the sweeping views of LA that you can check out from the patio or dining room. You'll find some classic dishes like the roasted turkey breast and garlic mash, as well as welcome twists like marinated pork loin and oyster stuffing. They'll also have a lineup of salads and other sides, plus desserts like an apple tartlet and butterscotch pudding.

Coast Beach Café and Bar [Address and Info](#)

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SANTA MONICA

The deal: Prix fixe menu, \$48

Thanksgiving hours: 4-10pm

Head to Shutters on the Beach for a Turkey Day dinner with an ocean view. The line-up includes butternut squash soup served with Maryland blue crab cake; free range Turkey paired with sweet potato mash, cranberries, Brussels sprouts and smoked bacon stuffing; or a slice of pecan pie topped with salted caramel and bourbon whipped cream. Post-dinner jump in the ocean: optional.

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VENICE

The deal: Full Thanksgiving dinner; feeds 6-8 people for \$240 total

You can get a 14lb organic free-range turkey (this is Venice, after all) that's been brined and maple-glazed, giblet gravy, turkey jus, three sides (a Yukon Gold potato puree, sea salt roasted tri color carrots, carrot top pesto green bean salad), and parker house rolls included when you order the whole shebang from this Jason Neroni joint. Throw a pie in for another \$25.

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WEST HOLLYWOOD AND SANTA MONICA

The deal: Sides and more sides; feeds 6-8 or 10-12 people for \$36 to \$168 each

We all know that the abundance of sides are the best part of Thanksgiving dinner anyway, correct? So whether or not you're planning on tackling a turkey, you can order one or all of these six high-calorie dishes, including truffle mashed potatoes, Brussels with bacon, creamed spinach, and goat cheese baklava (just like mom never made) -- from either of this swanky steakhouse's two locations.

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SAVE *WEST HOLLYWOOD*

The deal: Full Thanksgiving dinner; feeds 6-8 people or 10-12 people for \$199 or \$249. You're looking at 15lb butter-roasted fresh free-range turkey (and we dare you to find a non-free-ranger on a menu in Los Angeles County), gravy green bean casserole, Yukon Gold potato puree, brioche-sausage stuffing, sage-roasted yams, and Hawaiian-style sweet rolls with the honey pine nut butter. Plus, they'll have desserts like a roasted pecan pie, pumpkin pie, and ice cream by the quart. If you're over turkey this year, you can swap it out for a sea salt-roasted prime rib for an extra \$50.



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