

The admissions staff has compiled a list of our favorite places in the Pasadena area. Entries in each category are listed by approximate distance from campus, starting with the closest.

**Museums:**

***Norton Simon Museum of Art*** (411 W Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91105 - (626) 449-6840) Enjoy one of the world's finest collections of European, American, and Asian art and relax in the picturesque gardens on site.

***Pacific Asia Museum*** (46 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 449-2742) This quaint museum is a lovely place to enjoy collections of rare artwork and artifacts from Asia.

**Parks and Green Spaces:**

***The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens*** (1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108 - (626) 405-2100) In addition to 150 acres of breathtaking gardens, there are world-class rare book libraries and art galleries here.

***Memorial Park*** (corner of Walnut St and Raymond Ave) A beautiful park which offers free evening concerts in the summer.

***Brookside Pavillion at the Rose Bowl*** (1001 Rose Bowl Dr. Pasadena, Ca 626-577-3106) The historic and architecturally magnificent Rose Bowl is surrounded by lush green fields, perfect for an afternoon of relaxing.

***Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens*** (301 N. Baldwin

Ave, Arcadia, California 91007 - (626) 821-3222) Stroll the 127 acres of gardens with peacocks, ducks, and other beautiful birds.

**Restaurants:**

***Burger Continental*** (535 S Lake Ave, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 792-6634) Middle-eastern cuisine is offered along with burgers and belly dancers provide entertainment on the weekends.

***Hamburger Hamlet*** (214 S Lake Ave, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 449-8520) This local joint has a varied international menu, but be sure to save room for the Hot Fudge Cake!

***El Portal Restaurant*** (695 E Green St, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 795-8553) In the Playhouse district, this family-owned restaurant features authentic Mayan dishes from the Yucatan region.

***Tarantino's Pizzeria*** (784 E Green St, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 796-7836) A casual, cash-only place with Italian-American pizza and pasta classics and amazing garlic bread.

***Villa Sorriso*** (168 W Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91105 - (626) 793-8008) The modern-day Mediterranean villa ambience, complete with outdoor seating, matches the new Italian cuisine.

***Bar Celona*** (46 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91105 - (626) 304-1000) A Spanish tapas bar with a chic cool ambience in the heart of Old Town.

***Twin Palms Restaurant*** (101 W Green St, Pasadena, 91105 - (626) 577-2567) New American cuisine is served in an

elegant covered outdoor patio and with live jazz on the weekends.

**Trattoria Tre Venezie** (119 W Green St, Pasadena, 91105 - (626) 795-4455) A cozy, high-end restaurant featuring northern Italian cuisine and handmade pastas.

**El Cholo Restaurant** (958 S Fair Oaks Ave, Pasadena, 91105 - (626) 441-4353) Classic Mexican entrees are offered at this comfortable sit-down restaurant.

**Saladang Restaurant** (383 S Fair Oaks Ave, Pasadena, 91105 - (626) 793-8123) This stylish Thai restaurant has delicious and authentic dishes and great lunch specials.

**The Terrace Restaurant at the Ritz-Carlton** (1401 S Oak Knoll Ave, Pasadena, 91106 - (626) 577-2867) The casual restaurant of this beautiful and historic hotel offers seasonal California cuisine and outdoor seating overlooking the Picture Bridge.

**Islands Restaurant** (330 E Colorado Blvd # 240, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 304-9050, 3533 E Foothill Blvd, Pasadena, 91107 - (626) 351-6543) A fun, family-friendly burger joint with a wide selection and excellent fries.

**Julienne** (2649 Mission St, San Marino, 91108 - (626) 441-2299) This mother-daughter owned restaurant is a neighborhood favorite for its California French bistro cuisine and atmosphere.

**Yoshida Sushi Bar** (2026 Huntington Dr, San Marino, 91108 - (626) 281-9292) A friendly, unassuming sushi restaurant with impeccably fresh fish.

### Coffee and Snacks:

**Starbucks** (575 S Lake Ave, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 795-0918, 408 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 564-0914, 3699 E Foothill Blvd, Pasadena, 91107 - (626) 351-9994) You can get your caffeine fix at any of these locations!

**Peet's Coffee and Tea** (605 S Lake Ave, Pasadena, 91106 - (626) 795-7413, 3571 E Foothill Blvd # A, Pasadena, 91107 - (626) 351-6822) Another fantastic option for coffee and tea.

**Juice It Up** (390 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 395-0145, 165 N Hill Ave, Pasadena, 91106 - (626) 793-3344) This fruit juice franchise makes fantastic smoothies, squeezers, tropicals and slimmers.

**Europane** (950 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91106 - (626)-577-1828) This French-style bakery offers fresh croissants, brioches, and other exquisite pastries made on the premises daily.

### Fast Food:

**Pie 'n Burger** (913 E California Blvd, Pasadena, 91106 - (626) 795-1123) The amazing, award-winning pies and burgers at this beloved local coffee shop have garnered rave reviews for over 40 years.

**Corner Bakery Cafe** (345 S Lake Ave, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 578-1281) A dependable spot for hot and cold sandwiches, soups, and salads.

**San-sai Pasadena Japanese Grill** (350 S Lake Ave, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 683-0900) A casual place with popular

sushi rolls and classic Japanese dishes like tempura.

***Baja Fresh Mexican Grill*** (899 E Del Mar Blvd, Pasadena, 91106 - (877) BAJ-AFRE, 3615 E Foothill Blvd, Pasadena, 91107 - (626) 351-2033) Part of the national chain, Baja Fresh offers quick and healthy Mexican dishes.

***Zankou Chicken*** (1296 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91106 - (626) 405-1502) The juicy and fragrant rotisserie-style chicken is a must at this Lebanese restaurant.

***Mako Bowl*** (1543 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91106 - (626) 792-4236, 950 E Colorado Blvd # 101, Pasadena, 91106 - (626) 564-8524) A bargain for tasty teriyaki rice bowls.

***Popeye's Chicken*** (899 N Lake Ave, Pasadena, 91104 - (626) 798-4734) A local outpost of the national chain with crispy fried chicken and the usual sides.

***King Taco*** (45 N Arroyo Pkwy, Pasadena, 91103 - (626) 792-0405) Part of a local chain with authentic Mexican cuisine, this is a great place for tacos, burritos, and tamales.

***Hot Wings Café*** (89 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91105 - (626) 449-9055) A bargain for buffalo-style wings that come mild, spicy, and hot.

***In-N-Out*** (1210 N Atlantic Blvd, Alhambra, 91801 - (800) 786-1000, 2114 E Foothill Blvd, Pasadena, 91107 - (800) 786-1000) A California institution of burgers, fries, and shakes made-to-order with the freshest ingredients.

***Lucky Boy Drive-In Restaurant*** (640 S Arroyo Pkwy, Pasadena, 91105 - (626) 793-0120) A greasy spoon great for their hearty portions and infamous breakfast burritos.

### **Shopping:**

**Shops on Lake Avenue** (on Lake Ave between California Blvd and Cordova Blvd) Within walking distance of campus, the shops range from Macy's to Border's Books and everything in between!

***Paseo Colorado*** (340 East Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91101) This open-air shopping mall has lovely fountains between its many stores and occasionally offers live entertainment.

***Vroman's Bookstore*** (695 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, 91101 - (626) 449-5320) A local, privately owned book shop with an amazing selection and frequent readings by renowned authors.

**Shops in Old Town Pasadena** (on Colorado Blvd between Raymond Ave and Pasadena Ave and side streets) The main shopping thoroughfare in Pasadena has national chains and unique local shops in this open-air walking district. Urban Outfitters and Pure Beauty are two staff favorites!

***Santa Anita Fashion Park*** (400 S Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, 91007 - (626) 574-2983) This traditional enclosed shopping mall has many department stores and shops and is adjacent to the Santa Anita Race Track.