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FOURTEEN CAN'T MISS REASONS TO VISIT CLAREMONT

1. **Claremont Village.** Discover the charm. Explore the change. A European-styled village with more than 150 unique restaurants, shops, bakeries, day spas, art galleries, entertainment venues, hotels, lounges and more. Walking these streets will immediately make you feel you're no longer in Southern California.
2. **Local dining.** American, Afghan, Argentinean, French, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Mediterranean, Mexican, Persian, Thai and more. There are more than 50 restaurants unique to Claremont – no franchises or national fast-food chains – with local operators and, in some cases, top-name chefs. The variety and abundance makes this a weekend trip you want to make several times a year. Many are concentrated in the Village, but make sure to wander the rest of the City.
3. **College Heights Lemon Packing House.** Originally built in 1922, the Packing House has been recently renovated to include shops, galleries, dining and night clubs. Home to Flappers Comedy Club and Hip Kitty Jazz, it also features vintage clothing stores, a cooking academy, and a nationally famous bookstore, Thoreau's Bookshop, that provides donated books to inmates.
4. **Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.** The largest botanic garden dedicated exclusively to California's native plants, the Garden displays about 2000 taxa of California plants spread across 86 acres, including plants native to the California Floristic Province as a whole – from southern Oregon to Baja California. In addition to featuring a world-class botanical library and graduate-level education program, the Garden offers horticulture and community education programs to the public to encourage the use of California native plants in home landscapes.

5. **Unique boutiques and galleries.** Claremont Village is filled with locally owned stores that offer a window shopping experience second to none. Children's clothing shops Tattle Tails and No Sugar Added, the tea boutique Bamboo Tea House, garden design store The Outdoor Room, and a vintage clock store, American Clock Co., are among dozens of unique gift stores and merchants that give the downtown area its unique vibe. The Packing House and Old School House all feature additional galleries and artisan shops.
6. **Local baked goods and sweets.** From sweets at the Some Crust Bakery and morning treats at the Last Drop Café to bagels made fresh all day long at 42nd Street Bagel Café, Claremont Village is a Sweet Tooth's delight. Local chocolatier A. Kline's candy shop is filled with hand-dipped treats, and creamery Bert and Rocky's features more than 31 unique, homemade ice cream and sherbet flavors.
7. **The Cheese Cave.** A small cheese shop on Yale Ave., offers dozens of cheeses from around the world, their own hand-pressed olive oils, and a selection of unique foods.
8. **Bike-friendly streets.** Awarded a Bronze-Level by the League of American Bicyclists, Claremont's streets are ideal for a bicycling. Jax Bicycle Center, across from the Claremont Depot, is among several locations where visitors can rent bikes and tour along the tree-lined residential streets to view historic homes, cycle through the town's six college campuses, and coast along the downtown streets in Claremont Village to find an ideal eatery.
9. **Pubs and grub.** Befitting a college town, Claremont features several unique pubs that feature good food, live music and televised sports. From Heroes & Legends and its 46 beers on tap, the Back Abbey's pub burgers and dark ales, to the nightly live bands that play The Press Restaurant's stage, Claremont has a scene that's all its own.
10. **Historic Route 66.** The Foothill Blvd. corridor includes the DoubleTree Hotel, and the popular Candlelight Pavilion dinner theater that is housed within the gymnasium of the Old School House, Claremont's original 1911 school building.
11. **Seven world-class colleges.** A consortium of five undergraduate and two graduate schools of higher education all within walking distance. Internationally recognized for producing leaders in business, government and the professions. Check their calendar for stimulating presentations, musical productions and other events.
12. **The Packing House Wine Merchants.** This wine bar and shop located on the western end of the packing house offers a world of wines by the glass and varietals from growing regions all over the globe.

13. **Public Plaza Village Square.** Newly built in 2007, the Village Square is surrounded by shops, restaurants and the boutique hotel and lounge, Hotel Casa 425, and is home to the Laemmle's 5 Claremont Theatre. A modern public art fountain meanders through the square, providing both soothing water sounds as well as space for outdoor picnicking and music.

14. **Free parking.** Indeed, there is one place in Los Angeles County where you can keep your quarters and credit cards in your pocket: Claremont offers free parking throughout the city.

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