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On behalf of the Location Managers Guild International (LMGI), we would like to extend a warm welcome to Los Angeles for Ausfilm Week!

We are thrilled to have you in the heart of global film and as you engage in this week's events, we hope you also take time to enjoy some of the incredible experiences LA has to offer.

**Things to Do While You're Here:**

- Explore LA's Iconic Neighborhoods: From the laid-back charm of Venice Beach to the star-studded streets of Hollywood, each area has its unique character. Santa Monica Pier, with its oceanfront views and entertainment, offers a classic LA experience.
- Food & Drink: LA is a food lover's paradise. Explore the city's diverse culinary scene from gourmet food trucks to upscale dining in areas like West Hollywood and Downtown LA. Be sure to try a classic In-N-Out Burger!
- The Getty Villa & Getty Center: Both locations offer breathtaking art collections and stunning architecture. The Getty Villa showcases antiquities in a replica Roman villa, while the Getty Center boasts modern design and panoramic views of the city.
- Huntington Gardens & Library (San Marino): Once the estate of one of California's wealthiest men, this serene space features sprawling gardens and impressive collections. If you're able to secure a reservation, the formal English tea is worth experiencing. Entry to the grounds is about \$20, but the visit is unforgettable.
- Yamashiro Restaurant (Hollywood Hills): This Japanese-inspired restaurant offers fantastic views of LA's skyline along with delicious food—a great spot to enjoy the cityscape at night.
- La Brea Tar Pits & Museum: A unique look into prehistoric LA, with active excavation sites and fascinating exhibits on Ice Age fossils.
- Academy Museum of Motion Pictures: For film buffs, the Academy Museum is a must-see, with exhibits that celebrate cinema history, technology, and artistry.
- The Grove: A popular open-air shopping center that blends high-end retail with a relaxed LA vibe—perfect for an afternoon of shopping.
- El Coyote (Beverly Blvd): A classic old-Hollywood Mexican eatery known for its strong margaritas and maze-like interior. Built into a former residence, it's the perfect spot for those seeking a bit of local charm and strong drinks!
- Hotel Erwin (Venice Beach): For a true Venice experience, Hotel Erwin provides a great beachside escape with stunning views, all while keeping you away from the hustle of the boardwalk.

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**Local Customs to Keep in Mind:**

- Tipping: It's customary to tip 15-20% at restaurants and a couple of dollars for services like valet or rideshare drivers.
- Traffic & Transportation: LA's infamous traffic means you'll want to allow extra travel time, particularly during rush hours. Rideshare apps like Uber and Lyft are convenient, but if you're driving, parking is usually available in most areas.

If you have any questions or need recommendations during your stay, the LMGI is here to assist.

We hope you enjoy a productive and enjoyable Ausfilm Week in LA and leave with valuable connections and new insights.

Warm regards,

Location Managers Guild International Board of Directors