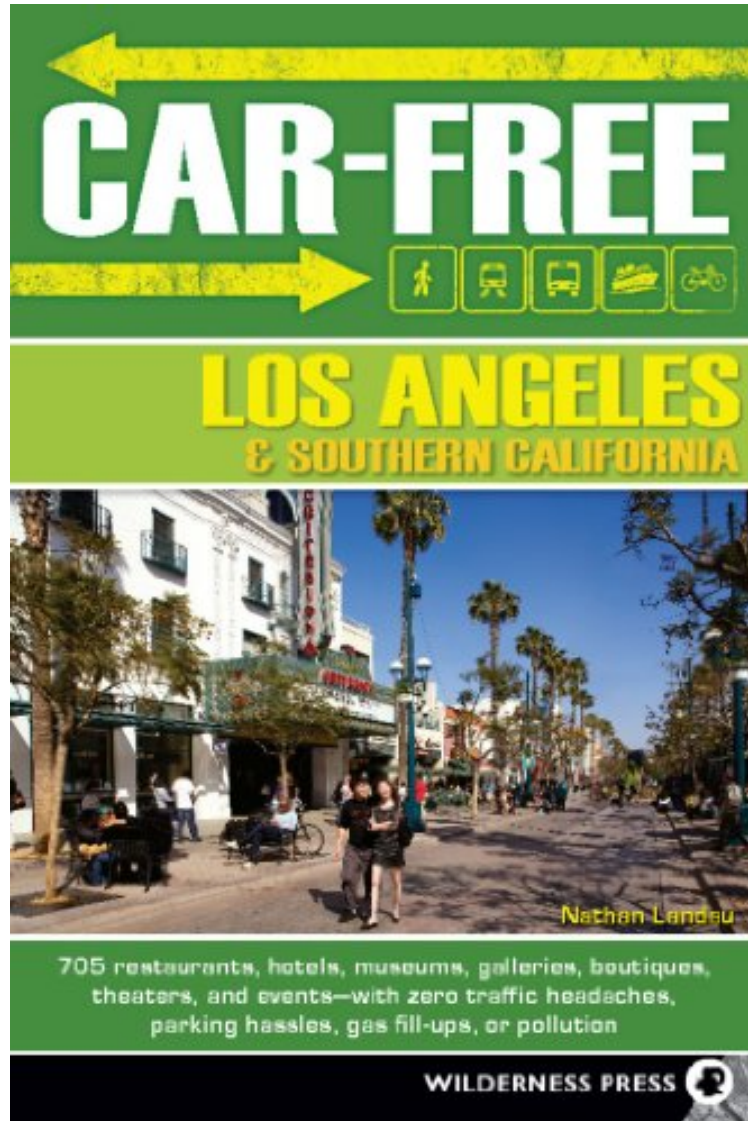


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Nathan Landau : Car-Free Los Angeles and Southern California before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Car-Free Los Angeles and Southern California:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A must-have book for using public transport in LA By Mr. Roger Mason This the best possible guide book for the car-free traveler to the Los Angeles area. I have purchased the book in advance of our holiday there and it has the perfect balance between giving practical information for using public transport and providing details regarding the many sights. The text is not heavy on detail regarding attractions but gives

enough information and is very enthusiastic about the many well known and not so well known sights and activities in the LA and San Diego area and how they can be accessed by bus, metro or walking. The book underlines just how much LA has improved its public transport network and there are continued improvements in the pipeline such as the metro extension to Santa Monica which is due to be completed next year. The author instills a sense of deep knowledge of the area as he has traveled all the routes described in the book himself and his enthusiasm for public transport is infectious. There is a definite anti-car bias about the book but if your intention is to travel to LA and use the public transport system to see the vast area and to cover the distances between the areas without getting caught in endless traffic jams then this is the book for you! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Save money and really see Los Angeles. By Maeri This book inspired me to turn in my rental car and use buses and the Metro on a recent trip to LA. Landau is a good writer with an encyclopedic knowledge of the LA public transportation system. He breaks down the book by neighborhoods, so it's easy to look up where you are going. The maps are excellent and can be downloaded separately onto a smartphone or tablet for easy reference. It's a good idea to supplement this book with a smartphone and check out some of the apps available that deal with LA's bus and Metro system. I particularly liked an app called Where's my LA Metro Bus?, which uses GPS to locate your bus and to predict when the next bus will come. It's not perfect, but it did a decent job most of the time. Google maps is good for locating the bus stops themselves and also offers supplemental advice about which bus or train to take. During weekdays in particular, I think it is actually easier to get around Downtown LA, Hollywood and West Hollywood by bus or metro than by car. Other areas of the city are a little trickier but it can be done and it's so cheap (\$1.50) that it's well worth it. I stayed in Hollywood, and hopped on and off a number of buses and trains, but my trips on the Gold Line to Pasadena and the 2 bus to the Pacific Coast Highway were particularly good. The number 2 bus is my favorite, a fantastic ride through incredibly contrasting neighborhoods that ends at the Pacific Palisades. The bus driver told me she loves driving the route because it's so interesting. From there, I got a bus down to Santa Monica. I also liked the 217 and 780, the Fairfax Avenue buses that stop at two of my favorite places, the Farmer's Market and LACMA. Taking public transportation in LA means experiencing the city in a much more intimate and complex way. The variety of people is fascinating and I found the system easy to use and safe. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Exactly what I was looking for. By cb This book was perfect for helping to plan my upcoming trip to California. I couldn't seem to find anything else that would be helpful in giving a lay of the land for travelers without a car and this was great. It also included lots of helpful and affordable hotel, eating, and activity suggestions.

The time has come for Car-Free Los Angeles and Southern California. The peril of global climate change dominates the headlines. In California almost 40% of greenhouse gases come from transportation. More and more people--especially young people--are realizing the current approach to mobility is not sustainable. Car-Free Los Angeles and Southern California is designed as a complete guide to a car-free vacation in Southern California, from the time travelers land or arrive until the time they leave. Car-Free Los Angeles and Southern California reveals how to get from the airport--or the train station or bus station--into town. For Los Angeles or Southern California residents, this book tells how to plug into the transit network and start traveling car-free to the local attractions. Contrary to old stereotypes, Southern California is a great place to travel car-free. It has a lovely train that travels along the coast. It has a ferry across the water to a town with a limit on the number of cars--Avalon on Catalina Island. There's a beautiful city that gives you discounts for traveling car-free. Los Angeles' buses go to the front door of world class museums, theatres, and shops. Disneyland will shuttle travelers from motels to the park. The book lists good places to stay that are transit accessible. Car-Free Los Angeles and Southern California discloses the terrific things to see and do in Southern California with detailed information on how to get there. Whether it's sightseeing, shopping, eating, visiting museums or something else altogether--Car-Free Los Angeles and Southern California will get you there.