

→ After a \$125 million renovation, the **Petersen Automotive Museum** in Beverly Hills puts the pedal to the metal once again when it reopens in December, showcasing its ultra-rare car collection. petersen.org

ECLECTIC EATERIES

From lobster-shack chic to hunting-lodge haute cuisine, L.A.'s newest restaurants find influences from all over



Shark Tank put now-thriving food-truck biz **Cousins Maine Lobster** on the map so successfully that the brand launched an actually-on-the-map location in West Hollywood. "Opening our first brick-and-mortar was very important to us," says co-founder Sabin Lomac. "We wanted to create a Maine lobster-shack feel and have the most welcoming Maine vibe. Serving our delicacies in a place like this was our vision." (8593 Santa Monica Boulevard; cousinsmainelobster.com)

Getting thoroughly Kundalini-ed at the new mega-size yoga studio **Wanderlust Hollywood** (above) works up more than a spiritual appetite, so celebrity chef Seamus Mullen aims to nourish body and soul with his in-house café. "Food and wellness are really important to everything

I do," says Mullen, who is eager "to bring those two things together in a single space and create a menu for somebody who values an active lifestyle." (1357 Highland Avenue; wanderluthollywood.com)

Hatchet Hall, the latest addition to Culver City's culinary scene, brings a sense of rustic retreat both in entrées and environs. "We have lots of friends who are fishermen or foragers," says chef Brian Dunsmoor. "They'll drop off random stuff and we write the menu every morning accordingly." The woody, taxidermy-adorned "old-man bar," says general manager Jonathan Strader, recalls "a place that you'd go and hide from your family and get drunk." (12517 West Washington Boulevard; hatchethallla.com)

Alphabet City

Following the launch of its Melrose Place boutique, Parisian label **A.P.C.** has added a second and third outpost, each unique in its design. The downtown location took over two identical, adjacent spaces, creating a symmetrical sensibility accented by totems dividing the men's and women's collections. The triangular Silver Lake shop's curving bay window (right) complements the selections with a panoramic view of the Hollywood cityscape. Vive la différence!

25 West Ninth Street; 3517 Sunset Boulevard; apc.fr



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Kauai Not?

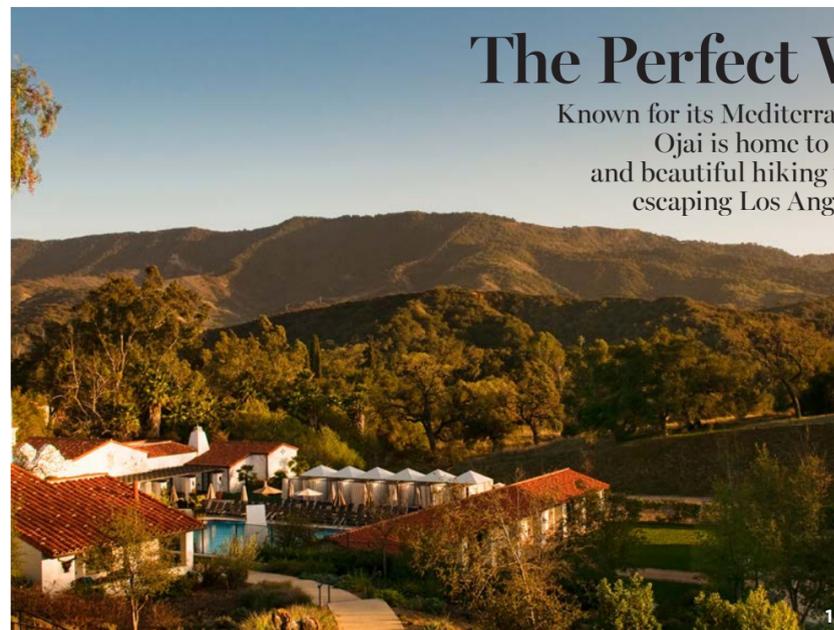
The SoCal-bred daughter of surf legend Al Merrick, LA-based designer **Heidi Merrick** is intimately familiar with Pacific surf culture. She found inspiration for her exclusive line at Kauai's St. Regis Princeville Resort, her home away from home. "I wanted to capture the beauty and spirit of the island, and showcasing the unforgettable view from the resort immediately came to mind as a way to do that," says Merrick, who incorporated the seascape into her rash-guard design. Surfing, she says, is "woven into the fabric of the Hawaiian people, who are so beautiful and have made the sport what it is." stregisprinceville.com

Rash guard, \$230, heidimerrick.com

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The Perfect Weekend in Ojai

Known for its Mediterranean climate and calm, country feeling, Ojai is home to vineyards, hot springs, swimming holes and beautiful hiking trails—and is the perfect destination for escaping Los Angeles. Here are some of our favorite spots



WHERE TO STAY

The Ojai Valley Inn & Spa 1 offers a top-of-the-line resort experience, featuring four swimming pools, an expansive golf course and a renowned restorative spa. "At the heart of our vision is our desire to elevate the guest experience," says marketing director Chris Kandziora, "adding contemporary touches while remembering the historic character and integrity of this destination." Perhaps that's why the scenic spot has played host to star-studded nuptials, including those of Jimmy Kimmel and Kate Walsh. (ojairesort.com)

WHERE TO SHOP

If it's a retail fix you're after, there's no shortage of local boutiques. At **In the Field** 4, husband-and-wife owners Channon and Bianca Roe stock stunning, bohemian-inspired interior design finds. "We're attracted to lines that are made in the USA, by friends and local artisans," says Bianca. (inthefieldojai.com) And don't miss the charming lifestyle shop **Summer Camp** 2, which owner Michael Graves says is "inspired by our love for midcentury design and the outdoors." Expect nostalgic indoor pieces and a wide array of eye-catching flora. (shopsummercamp.com)

WHERE TO EAT

After you've worked up an appetite, check out local favorite **Deer Lodge**, beloved for its rustic decor and live music. (deerlodgeojai.com) Or drop by **Chief's Peak** 3, a bar that offers an eclectic selection of craft beers and artisanal snacks, operated by the Ojai Rancho Inn team. "It's a bar where you would feel equally comfortable having a drink alone or meeting new friends," explains co-owner Chris Sewell. (ojairanchoinn.com) Feeling peckish? Nothing beats the wood-oven pizza at **The Farmer and the Cook** 5, which boasts homegrown fare and an adjoining health shop. The place is practically a second home for many locals. (farmerandcook.com)

—AMELIA FLEETWOOD

