The 71,500 square foot solar panel roof on the Los Angeles (San Pedro) World Cruise Center is capable of generating 1.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually.
Toms Los Angeles (San Pedro) & Long Beach Cruise Port Guide

1) Maps: Los Angeles World Cruise Center in San Pedro incl. 54 tourist sites. 2) Maps: downtown Long Beach and Carnival Cruise Terminal, 3) Travel options between LAX airport and the cruise ports, and 4) Booking a car at LAX, a hotel in Long Beach, car drop off in Long Beach, with a taxi to the cruise port.

There are two ports ~ 25 miles from Los Angeles Airport (LAX):

1. San Pedro is a port neighborhood within the city of Los Angeles and home for the Port of Los Angeles World Cruise Center. This is the major cruise port used by all cruise lines except Carnival. The USS Iowa battleship is docked near the terminal. Enter the port gate at the intersection of W 1st St and Harbor Blvd near the battleship; drive toward it, and turn left to your cruise ship.

2. Carnival Corporation's Long Beach Cruise Terminal is in Long Beach next to the RMSS Queen Mary. Follow road signs to the Queen Mary to find your cruise ship. The Carnival terminal is used exclusively by Carnival ships, but I did see one Princess ship on the schedule.

I've written this guide assuming that you are arriving at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) a day or two before your cruise, that you need a hotel, will rent a car at the airport, and drop it off near the cruise port. We flew from Philadelphia to Los Angeles three days before our Panama Canal cruise, rented a car from Avis with unlimited mileage, booked a hotel in Long Beach, and spent our time exploring the area. We spent a day driving through Joshua Tree National Park. This guide documents our experience with information to help you to plan your trip. I highly recommend spending a few days in California before your cruise because there are many wonderful places to visit = a perfect location for a mini-vacation.

The guide begins with detailed maps showing the location of the cruise ports with GPS coordinates so you can find the port on Google maps and plot your travel route, distance, and time. I recommend Long Beach as a place to book a hotel. It's close to the cruise terminals and is a wonderful city.

Before your rent a car at the airport, check the options to drop the car off near the cruise port. I've included tips on how to find rental agencies with drop off locations near the port.

You probably need a taxi to the cruise port. I have included information to estimate the cost of your taxi.

There are many places to visit on your mini-vacation, consider driving through Joshua Tree National Park.

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It's 20.4 miles from the [A] Airport to [B] World Cruise Center in San Pedro and another 6.8 miles to [C] Carnival Cruise Terminal in Long Beach.
GPS Coordinates

Google and Bing maps use unique street addresses to locate every building on public and private roads in the US. Marine Ports don't have street addresses in the conventional sense. Dock locations are defined using obscure terms such as “93 Berth, San Pedro, California 90731” or the “World Cruise Center.” This terminology is not easily recognized by Google maps. Google can't find the location or often points to the wrong location.

To the extent possible, I use GPS coordinates in my port guides. GPS can pinpoint locations that don't have a street address such as a dock or terminal building inside a port, ruins of an ancient site in a field, an island, a location on the water, etc. GPS coordinates define a unique location on earth regardless of whether or not it has a street address. Using GPS coordinates, I can specify the precise, unique location for every building, dock, etc. in a port with an accuracy of about 50 ft., and Google will accurately display that location on a map.

Google maps display GPS coordinates as a down-pointing green arrow and a street address as a red balloon. If the GPS coordinates and a street address exist for the same location, the red balloon is displayed on top of, and hiding, the down-pointing green arrow. A large space between the green arrow and red balloon means there is NO street address near that set of GPS coordinates. Bing maps display GPS coordinates as a blue dot.

This guide includes GPS Coordinates for tourist sites and key locations. Open this guide in one window on your computer and open Google Maps in a second window. Copy and paste the GPS coordinates into Google maps to find sites, get directions, and time for travel by car, bus, walking, or bicycle. The coordinates can be used with any Google map format such as “map”, “satellite”, “earth”, and “terrain” to see detailed views of the location at any map scale.

These coordinates can also be used in hand-held or vehicle GPS devices. Note that these devices can accept different formats. It's important to set your device to accept data in this format:

Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds shown as N ddd° mm' ss.ss",  W ddd° mm' ss.ss"

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For information on the port, car parking, etc. see http://www.sanpedro.com/spcom/crusshp.htm

USS IOWA Battleship  GPS = N 33°44′31.4″, W 118°16′38.6″  http://www.pacificbattleship.com/
The Battleship IOWA is open daily from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Adult tickets are $ 18 online.
Los Angeles Port has 54 Points of Interest (see map on next page)...

1. The Original Wienerschnitzel Restaurant
2. Saint John’s Episcopal Church
3. Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
4. Banning Residence Museum
5. Wilmington Cemetery
6. Drum Barracks Powder Magazine
7. Drum Barracks Civil War Museum
8. Banning Park Wrigley Historic District
9. Camphor Trees
10. Memory Chapel, Calvary Presbyterian Church
11. Old Wilmington Library
12. Masonic Lodge No. 198
13. Wilmington Waterfront Park
14. Banning's Landing Community Center/Phineas Banning Bronze Statue
15. Vincent Thomas Bridge
16. Catalina Sea and Air Terminal
17. Gateway Plaza Fanfare Fountains and Water Feature/World Cruise Center
18. Port of Los Angeles Waterfront Red Car Line
19. Multicultural Statue
20. USS IOWA Battleship
21. Fireboat Ralph J. Scott/Fire Station 112
22. Los Angeles Port Police Headquarters
23. Port of Los Angeles Administration Building
24. Liberty Hill
25. John S. Gibson Park Memorials
26. Downtown Harbor (Under construction)
27. Warner Grand Theater
28. Historic Downtown San Pedro
29. San Pedro City Hall
30. Los Angeles Fire Department Museum
31. Los Angeles Maritime Museum
32. Ports O’Call Village
33. Vinegar Hill Historic District
34. U.S. Post Office, San Pedro
35. Muller House Museum
36. Timm’s Point/Timms Landing
37. CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles
38. 22nd St. Park
39. Cabrillo Way Marina
40. Japanese American Fishing Village Memorial
41. Municipal Warehouse No. 1
42. Cabrillo Marina
43. S.S. Lane Victory (Victory Ship)
44. Cabrillo Fishing Pier
45. Angels Gate Lighthouse (No pedestrian access)
46. World-Famous Whale Watching Tours and Premier Sportfishing
47. Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse & Outer Cabrillo Beach
48. Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo Statue
49. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium & Inner Cabrillo Beach
50. Stephen M. White Statue
51. Point Fermin Lighthouse
52. Korean Bell/Angels Gate Cultural Center
53. Fort MacArthur Military Museum/Battery Osgood Farley
54. Cirque du Soleil Totem – October 11 thru November 10
There is an old fashioned red trolley, “Waterfront Red Car Line” that runs 1.5 miles along Harbor Blvd, past the port gate, from point 18 to point 36 as shown on the map above. The trolley ride is $1.
Need a Hotel near the Cruise Ports? Consider Downtown Long Beach.

We booked a Coral Princess cruise in December 2012 from Los Angeles World Cruise Center to Ft Lauderdale via Panama Canal. We flew from Philadelphia to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), rented a car at Avis for three days, dropped the car off in Long Beach, and took a taxi to Los Angeles World Cruise Center.

We selected Hyatt Regency Long Beach for our hotel. Downtown Long Beach is an upscale, clean, attractive area with several shops and hotels. There are many excellent restaurants along Ocean Blvd, Long Beach Blvd, W. Shoreline Dr, etc. The Convention-Entertainment Center and Arena are next to the Hyatt Regency. There's a “Convention Center Walkway” and pedestrian bridge from the hotel across W. Shoreline Dr to the harbor, the Aquarium of the Pacific, and a cluster of restaurants including P. F. Chang, Outback Steakhouse, Famous Dave's, Tokyo Wako, Chili's, Boston's the Gourmet Pizza, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., etc.

Hotel Information from the Tourist Office  [http://www.visitlongbeach.com/stay/](http://www.visitlongbeach.com/stay/)

There’s nothing like state-of-the-art accommodations. Long Beach offers a dazzling selection of new and recently renovated rooms — perfectly appointed, ideally located, and refreshingly affordable. In fact, every major downtown and Long Beach Airport hotel is virtually brand new, thanks to $105 million in recent renovations. Long Beach offers more than 5,000 rooms citywide, most within walking distance of conference facilities, entertainment and dining. Wherever you need to be, Long Beach can accommodate you.
Long Beach Waterfront is where the action begins and the fun never ends. From the regal Queen Mary and spectacular Aquarium of the Pacific to stirring Broadway shows, live music venues and hundreds of exclusive dining destinations--all centrally located. Airport-close, a brief and pleasant cruise away from Catalina Island and a short distance from Disneyland, Universal Studios Hollywood and everything Southern California has to offer--Long Beach is the perfect destination!

See [http://www.visitlongbeach.com/](http://www.visitlongbeach.com/) for information on tourist sites, things to see & do, etc.

Hyatt Regency Long Beach
GPS = N 33° 45' 48.63", W 118° 11' 29.14"
200 S Pine Ave Long Beach, CA 90802

I was impressed with the Hyatt Regency. Our room was spacious and well-appointed on the 10th floor overlooking the Queen Mary. The hotel was conveniently located near the harbor, shops, restaurants, and tourist attractions. We could walk to many places downtown or use our rental car, parked ($18/day) in the garage next to the hotel.

Long Beach Carnival Cruise Terminal
GPS = N 33° 45' 4.61", W 118° 11' 19.53"
[http://www.sanpedro.com/spcom/crusshp2.htm](http://www.sanpedro.com/spcom/crusshp2.htm)
231 Windsor Way, Long Beach, CA 90802
Google maps show this street address next to the cruise terminal.
Contact Name: Wilkin Mes  Title: MGR, Long Beach Cruise Terminal  Phone: (562) 901-3232
Website: [http://www.carnivalcorp.com](http://www.carnivalcorp.com)

The cruise terminal is an unusual dome-shaped white building. It was originally built to display the “Spruce Goose”, Howard Hughes' airplane. Later, it was used as a movie production studio for one of the Batman films. Eventually, it was bought by Carnival Cruise Line.

RMSS Queen Mary
GPS = N 33° 45' 10.27", W 118° 11' 23.25"

RMSS Queen Mary is next to the Carnival Cruise Terminal (Google aerial photo at right).
The Queen Mary is a hotel. You can book a stateroom or suite, or you can stop by to enjoy the restaurants, shopping, tours, and a variety of events and activities.
Dropping the Rental Car Off at Avis Downtown Long Beach

Avis ICB Building (International City Bank) - Downtown Long Beach
249 East Ocean Boulevard #104, Long Beach, CA 90802, GPS = N 33° 46' 1.68", W 118° 11' 24.41"
http://locations.avis.com/ca/long-beach/lb5.html?IATA=0105965L

There is no parking along E. Ocean Blvd in this area, so I turned right on N Waite Ct and stopped at the red asterisk shown on the Google aerial photo below. I dropped off our luggage at the Avis rental counter and drove around the block entering the parking garage on Long Beach Blvd as shown by red arrows on the map.

The lady at Avis called a cab which arrived in a few minutes. The driver had only been driving a taxi for a few days. He had no idea where the World Cruise Terminal was and would not move the cab until he programmed the destination into his GPS device. I gave him the GPS coordinates but he did not know how to program GPS coordinates into his device. He only knew how to program street addresses. We ended up in a parking lot past the ship, turned around, and drove to the ship. Fortunately, cruise ships are big and easy to see from a distance.

Estimating Taxi Fares in the Los Angeles Area

There are several websites that estimate taxi fares. I use http://www.taxifarefinder.com/main.php?city=LA

The pop-up ads are a distraction, but the website provides a lot of useful information. To use the site, you'll need “From” and “To” addresses that can be recognized by Google Maps.

- **For the Avis Car Rental in Downtown Long Beach**, you can use either the street address of “249 E Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802” or the GPS coordinates of N 33° 46' 1.68", W 118° 11' 24.41"
- **For the Los Angeles (San Pedro) World Cruise Center**, you MUST USE GPS coordinates of N 33° 44' 50.07", W 118° 16' 37.03". The word-based port address will NOT work in this website; the website will calculate a taxi fare and draw a map to the WRONG location!
The route map shown above is accurate because I used GPS coordinates for the cruise ship dock. It's a 6.6 mile, 11 minute ride. The estimated fare based on light traffic is $ 24.77 + 15% tip = $ 28.49. I paid $ 30. In heavy traffic, the base fare would be about $ 35.51 + 15% tip = $ 40.84.

Estimating Taxi Fares Between the Los Angeles Airport and the World Cruise Center

Enter “Los Angeles International Airport” into the website http://www.taxifarefinder.com/main.php?city=LA and the website will fill in the full address. Be sure to use the GPS coordinates for the World Cruise Center.

This is the information you'll need in the website.

From: Los Angeles International Airport, 1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045, USA
To: N 33° 44' 50.07", W 118° 16' 37.03"

It's a 20.5 mile, 25 minute ride. There is a $ 4 taxi surcharge at the airport.

The cost for a taxi ride in light traffic is $ 66.80 + 15% tip = $ 76.82.

In heavy traffic, the taxi fare is $ 79.33 + 15% tip = $ 91.23.

Note: Airport and freeway traffic is always heavy.
Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)  GPS = N 33° 56' 32.89", W 118° 24' 29.06"
Los Angeles International Airport, 1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045, USA

Los Angeles (LAX), Ontario (ONT), & Van Nuys (VNY) airport website = http://www.lawa.org/
Download PDF maps for the LAX main terminal, individual terminals, parking areas, etc. from http://www.lawa.org/welcome_lax.aspx?id=256
This website has a map for each of the terminals plus a map showing the stops for buses, etc, near all the terminals. The map below is the main terminal layout.

Finding Car Rental Agencies Near Your Cruise Ship Dock

There are many car rentals at the airports with shuttle buses to/from the terminals. However, there are a limited number of car rentals close to cruise ship docks. How do you find the car rental companies near your cruise ship so you can rent a car with that agency at the airport and drop the car off near the ship?

Google Maps have some slick search capabilities.

**Google recognizes the word “near” in the search box.** This allows you to search for car rentals near the cruise port if you enter the specific address for the World Cruise Center using its GPS coordinates. See the map on the next page.
Enter this string in the address line box in Google Maps

Car Rental near N 33° 44' 50.07", W 118° 16' 37.03"

Google Displays the Map Below Showing Nine Car Rentals Within Six Miles of the World Cruise Center

NOTE: Car rental companies often change the location of their offices. Go to the national website for the car rental company to verify the street address you are using is a valid, current car rental location for that company.

Check the rental agency website to determine if there is a drop-off fee. The Enterprise website lists a $40 fee to drop the car off at 235 W 6 th St, San Pedro, shown as point [A] on the map. I rented a car from Avis at the Los Angeles airport and dropped it off, with NO drop-off fee, at Avis in Downtown Long Beach, shown as 249 E Ocean Blvd, Long beach, point [D] on the map.
Joshua Tree National Park  http://www.nps.gov/jotr/index.htm

It's a beautiful park showcasing the diverse geology and ecosystems of “high” and “low” deserts. There are scenic views of mountain ranges, granite rock formations, dry creek beds, trees, cactus, etc. You can view the park and take photos from your car, but you'll get better photos by stopping at road pull-offs and walking a short distance, on level pathways, to explore the area. Below is a brief summary of our drive through the park. For complete details, see my Joshua Tree California National Park Rental Car Driving Tour Guide. It's a companion document to this port guide.

The best time to visit the park is mid-October to mid-April because temperatures are comfortable. It can be 90 to 100 F in the summer. If you're interested in flowers, go in mid-April when wildflowers are in bloom.

**Plan on a minimum of 3 hours in the park and a full day excursion to/from the Los Angeles area.**

The park is 140 miles and a 2 hour and 20 minute drive from either Long Beach or Los Angeles. Plan on a minimum of 3 to 4 hours in the park. With 3-4 hours in the park and 5 hours driving to/from the park, it's a full day, but well worth it.

**Joshua Tree National Park is 794,000 acres or 1,234 sq miles (3,196 km²) with two deserts:**

- The western half of the park is the “high” Mojave Desert with rugged mountains, exposed granite monoliths, and the famous Joshua Tree. According to legend, Mormon pioneers thought the trees resembled up-stretched arms of Joshua leading them to the promised land.

- The eastern half of the park is a “low” desert with an elevation below 3,000 feet (910 m). It's the Colorado Desert, part of the Sonoran Desert. As you come down from the “high” desert to the “low” desert watch for “alluvia fans”, the fan-shaped deposits of water-transported material at the base of the mountains. You'll also see vegetation-free flat areas, dry creek beds, creosote bush, and small stands of spidery ocotillo and cholla cactus.

The park is open all year; 8 am to 5 pm Admission $ 5/person or $15 for a vehicle with up to 7 people.

Download a shaded relief map from http://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/upload/jotrmap.pdf


The map below shows our driving route through the park A-B-C-D

![Map of Joshua Tree National Park]

We exited the park onto westbound interstate 10.
Driving Through Joshua Tree National Park

We entered the park at Joshua Tree Visitor Center in the “high”, Mojave Desert, drove through the mountains stopping to walk around and photograph many granite monoliths, Joshua Trees, the “Keys View” overlook of San Andreas Fault and mountains, and skull rock. Then we drove to the “low” Colorado Desert and stopped to walk around the Cholla Cactus Garden and exited the park at Cottonwood Visitor Center.

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Safe Driving in the Park

Park roads, even the paved roads, are narrow, winding, and have soft, sandy shoulders. Accidents occur when visitors stop along the road to admire a view or take a picture. There are many pullouts and parking lots. Please wait until you get to one before stopping. (Message from the Park Service)

From Joshua Tree Visitor Center, you enter the “high”, Mojave Desert which is home to the undisciplined Joshua tree. There are extensive stands throughout the western half of the park. Photo above
San Andreas Fault Zone

If you stood on this same spot next year you would likely be two inches southeast of where you are now. (The corresponding spot on the distant Santa Rosa Mountains will be two inches farther northwest.) In six years the distance will be one foot; in 60 years, 10 feet. If you could return here in three million years the same spot would be about 100 miles farther southeast—all compliments of the San Andreas Fault.

The San Andreas Fault is in the middle distance of your view, marked by the Indio Hills. It is here that the Pacific Ocean Crust (a continental plate) slides past the North American Crust, sending shock waves that quake the Earth and incrementally change the landscape over time. The action of the San Andreas Fault is part of a geologic chain of events that caused the uplift of the distant mountains, thus creating a rain shadow that contributes to the region’s present arid climate.

The Santa Rosa and San Bernardino mountains are the desert of rainfall. Mountain lake clouds rising from the ocean move over the mountains, the clouds chill at the top and drop Giant Seals. While Mount San Jacinto enjoys 25-35 inches of rainfall annually, the peri-dry landscape of Joshua Tree National Park receives a scant 2-5 inches of rain.

Santa Rosa Mountains

San Andreas Fault

Keys View is a “must visit” area. It's on the edge of the mountain in the park looking down into the valley, across San Andreas Fault Zone to the Santa Rosa Mountains. There is a large parking lot at Keys View with a paved, short walking trail to see different panoramic views, all of which are beautiful. Photo below
Skull Rock
GPS = N 33° 59' 52.28", W 116° 3' 35.15"

The park encompasses some of the most interesting geologic displays found in California’s deserts. Rugged mountains of twisted rock and exposed granite monoliths testify to the tremendous earth forces that shaped and formed this land.

Apparently, one of the many jobs of the geologists and park rangers is to name the different rock formations. This rock is appropriately named “Skull Rock”. (Photo right)

It sure looks like a skull to me. Across the street from Skull Rock is a formation that looks like fingers of a giant hand reaching out of the ground.

If you're traveling with children or if you're “young at heart”, you can have fun naming the rock formations.

The “Low” Colorado Desert (Photo Below)   GPS =  N 33° 55' 58.88", W 115° 57' 35.12"

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As you come down from the “high” Mojave Desert to the “low” Colorado Desert, watch for “alluvia fans”, the fan-shaped deposits of water-transported, vegetation-free, material at the base of the mountains. You'll see other vegetation-free flat areas, dry creek beds, creosote bush, and small stands of spidery ocotillo and cholla cactus.

The photo on the previous page shows the “alluvia fans”. To view this from a different perspective, enter the GPS coordinates of N 33° 55' 58.88", W 115° 57' 35.12" into Google Maps, select “satellite” view, and adjust magnification to your preference. This creates the image below. The down-pointing green arrow is the location of the GPS coordinates where I took the photo on the previous page.

Google Satellite Image Showing the Tip of an Alluvia Fan at the Down-Pointing Green Arrow

When you have GPS coordinates for your photos, you can view the location from satellites to better appreciate the geology of Joshua Tree National Park. This is a very impressive national park!

Cholla Cactus Garden  GPS = N 33° 55' 31.36", W 115° 55' 44.73"

The “low” desert is famous for cactus, so we had to stop at the Cholla Cactus Garden. I was surprised to read this warning sign.

Warning
This Cactus Is Hazardous. Do Not Touch For Your Safety And The Protection Of The Resource. Travel Is Restricted To The Trail. No Pets.
Photos of the Cactus

The road south of the cactus garden toward Cottonwood Visitor Center and Interstate 10 (photo below)

NOTE: This is a brief overview of our driving tour of the park showing a few stops and photos. I have published a much more detailed summary with many more GPS coordinates and photos so you can preview your drive, know what to look for, and where to stop along the way. In the detailed summary, I also illustrate how to use Google Maps to preview your drive through the park to see every granite monolith, hill, mountain, tree, plant, etc. along the route. To view the detailed summary, download the Joshua National Park Scenic Driving Tour from my website. It's next to the listing for this Los Angeles Port Guide.
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Goal
My guides are designed to help you plan a great cruise vacation by providing information such as where the ship docks, location of tourist sites, public transit, walking tour maps, things to see and do, travel issues unique to the port, etc. Knowledge of ports is important when planning shore excursions because you have to make many decisions and commitments long before your ship docks. I believe the information in this guide is accurate, however you are responsible to verify accuracy of the information that you use to plan your vacation.

Information on cruise ports frequently changes such as bus routes, admission fees to sites, rental car locations, etc. Cruise Critic is the best source for up-to-date, detailed information on travel details for shore excursions, reviews of cruise ships, etc. There are many knowledgeable people on Cruise Critic who are willing to share their expertise and travel experience. I highly recommend www.CruiseCritic.com; it's free to join.

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