

# Life's a beach in Marina del Rey

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Jamaica Bay Inn in on the beach in Marina del Rey

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A room with a view overlooking the marina. A swimming pool and hot tub right on the beach. A casual, boutique hotel with a tropical island vibe. Waterfront dining. Easy parking.

In L.A.?

You couldn't ask for a better spot than the new [Jamaica Bay Inn](#) to get away from it all in fast-paced Los Angeles. Located on Marina Beach in Marina del Rey, this 111-room hotel makes the ideal retreat for a relaxing break. It works, too, for a pre-cruise vacation overnight, especially if you've flown in from a different time zone. The hotel is only 6 miles from LAX airport (about \$18-\$20 by taxi).

Want to take the family on a beach holiday? Marina Beach is also known as Mother's Beach. It's said to be super safe. The water is usually calm, and there is little or no surf. It's great for learning to paddle board or to go kayaking. Bicycles are available to rent by the day or hour. It's an easy (flat) pedal to Venice Beach, in case you want to have your sand time on the Pacific.

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Along with the pool on the beach, Jamaica Bay Inn has a small gym. There's free Wi-Fi in your room as well as in the business center. Speaking of your room, be sure to ask for one with a balcony facing the beach. The other option, and slightly lower in cost, is a partial marina view on the side or a downtown view at the back.

[Vu](#) is the hotel's restaurant and bar with, you guessed it, a view of the water. The menu features inventive small plates. Bring an open mind and plan to share several dishes, especially at dinner.

Jamaica Bay Inn is just the ticket for San Franciscans longing for a sunny, relatively close to home, beach retreat. Hop on a flight from [SFO](#) to [LAX](#). Once you arrive at the inn, you won't need a car. Everything is within walking or biking distance. If you choose to drive down, it takes 6-7 hours.