Summer Nights at the Hollywood Bowl

A California Classic, Summer Nights at the Hollywood Bowl

What better way to spend a summer evening than with good company, a gourmet picnic dinner, a star-filled sky, and magnificent music wafting over one of Los Angeles' most iconic structures. As faithfully as the swallows return to Capistrano, thousands of music lovers make the trek back to the Hollywood Bowl every summer to revel in the one-of-a-kind entertainment experience.

Bowl '08

Named "Best Major Outdoor Concert Venue" by Pollstar Magazine three years in a row, the Bowl is the largest natural amphitheater in the world with a seating capacity of just under 18,000.

The Bowl's 2008 season is sure to please with a 3-day July 4th Fireworks Spectacular featuring the Los Angeles Philharmonic and special guest, multi-Grammy® Award and Academy Award® winner, Randy Newman. In addition to its exceptional classical music offerings, the Bowl features jazz, world music and weekend spectaculars featuring blues, swing and even silver screen soundtrack favorites. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Diana Ross, André Watts, Etta James, the B.B. King Blues Festival, and movie maestro John Williams are all part of the Bowl's eclectic summer fare. The Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks is a crowd favorite, featuring the 1812 Overture with cannon and pyrotechnics that light up the night.

Be sure to stop by the Hollywood Bowl Museum before the show begins. Located on the grounds of the Bowl, the Museum offers special exhibits and dynamic collections exploring the colorful history of the Bowl. Admission is free.

Picnicking at the Bowl

Part of the wonderful Bowl experience is making an evening of it and bringing along your own picnic or having dinner before the show. There are charming areas in the hills surrounding the Hollywood Bowl perfect for pre-concert picnics.

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The Bowl also provides a variety of dining options, including The Rooftop Grill, which offers full sit-down dinner service and a spectacular view of the Hollywood Hills. Staccato offers delicious three-course meals to go, and The Marketplace West by Patina features inspired Asian specialties. To put together or complete the perfect picnic basket, visit The Marketplace by Patina, which is overflowing with gourmet picnic items.

A variety of other refreshment stands are also available, and champagne, beer, wines and soft drinks are available at concessions stands.

Comfort is Key

To make the most of your Bowl experience, keep comfort in mind! Depending on the location of your seats, it can be a bit of a climb. Be sure to call the Bowl in advance with any special accommodation needs. A stadium cushion is a good thing to bring along or rent at the Bowl since many of the seats are not padded. Even during summer, the evenings in Los Angeles can be chilly; be sure to carry a sweater or blanket so you can enjoy the music and the stars in comfort.

Accommodations: Renaissance Hollywood Hotel, 1755 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood, California 90028. Call 323-856-1200.

Parking: Parking is limited; however, the Bowl offers more than a dozen Park & Ride locations, allowing patrons to park near home or a hotel and ride to the Bowl for only $5. Tickets can be purchased online at www.hollywoodbowl.com.

Phone: 323-850-2000

HOW TO GET THERE

Take I-10 West and merge to US 101 North. Take EXIT 9B toward Highland Avenue/Hollywood Bowl. Turn left onto Odin Street, then turn right on North Highland Avenue. Follow signs for Hollywood Bowl, which is located at 2301 North Highland Avenue.

Driving Time: Approximately 2 hours.

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