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How to Watch the Fourth of July Fireworks in Los Angeles This Year

The first thing you need to know about July 4 in Los Angeles is that there's not just one celebration: there are over a dozen. Unlike [New York City](#), which anchors its Independence Day festivities around a single fireworks event, practically every neighborhood in LA has a different spin on the national holiday. Here are a few ways to celebrate, whether you're after a romantic picnic under the stars or a ritzy perch from a sky-high city rooftop bar.

In summer, West Hollywood is considered the staycation capital of Los Angeles. It has top-notch dining, [wonderful small parks](#) and a hotel scene that can compete with anything in Beverly Hills or downtown LA. One hotel, in particular, makes the case for spending Independence Day on the Strip. [The London West Hollywood](#) is built on a hill, with the rest of Los Angeles falling at its feet. As such, the rooms (especially the south-facing ones) offer up some pretty spellbinding views. Directly facing the hotel is Century City, but then as your eye drifts farther, you can spot Santa Monica, Mid-City, downtown LA — heck, on a clear day, it's even possible to glimpse Catalina Island in the distance. On July 4, the hotel's rooftop bar, [Boxwood on the Roof](#) gets busy with folks trying to catch a front row seat for the fireworks. The way to do it, if you're not a guest, is to ride the elevator up to Boxwood around 5:00pm. Once you're there, get into the spirit of things with a [Blueberry vodka cocktail](#), and enjoy the live band that sets up on Wednesday while waiting for the fireworks to start.