

## **Southern California:** **Los Angeles – seen from a different angle...**

I) What comes to your mind when you think of Southern California? Write 3-5 sentences, describing whatever you imagine in this context (landscape, weather, people, places...)

II) Read the following 4 short texts:

- 1) Which 2 texts give general information about Southern California?
- 2) Which text describes one particular event?
- 3) Which text does **not** mention winter sports in Los Angeles?
- 4) Decide which texts might be:
  - a) an advertisement for an event;
  - b) the introduction of a travel guide
  - c) a travel report from a tourist

III) Find words and phrases in the texts that mean the same as:

- drive a car along (text 1)
- that takes place every year (text 2)
- price for an entry ticket (text 2)
- worth (text 2)
- never asleep, vivid (text 3)
- beautiful and attractive things (text 3)
- everything is expensive (text 3)
- can be seen (text 4)
- filmed (text 4)
- a chance (text 4)
- extraordinarily good (text 4)
- not bad at all (text 4)

IV) Say it again: Rewrite the following sentences using the clues given:

- 1) The largest annual consumer ski and snowboard event in the nation is in Los Angeles.  
*Every year, Los Angeles hosts ...*
- 2) 4 days only, December 02-05, an expected 90,000 skiers and snowboarders will come.  
*90,000 skiers and snowboarders ... ..between...*
- 3) Some of the world's best shopping and dining can be enjoyed in the City of Angels.  
*You can ...*
- 4) Local news crews have captured on tape frozen flurries falling on the outskirts of town.  
*Frozen flurries...*
- 5) Multiple ski lifts plus snow pipes and parks for snowboarding are the norm.  
*In all resorts, multiple ski lifts...*
- 6) Snow Summit hosted the American Snowboard Competition in late February.  
*The American Snowboard Competition...*

V) Imagine you have come to visit a friend in Southern California in the winter months; Write a letter to your family at home, explaining if your vacation is different from what you had first expected (skiing vs. surfing, snowy mountains vs. sandy beaches etc.), or whether you had already known what would be awaiting you anyways... (Write 90 – 120 words)

Cruise down Sunset Boulevard in a 5L convertible Mustang, from fabulous restaurants of Beverly Hills, past Getty Museum to Santa Monica Beach. Surf the best beaches between Santa Barbara and San Diego, hike or ski in the 10000ft (3000m) high mountains above Los Angeles for a few days...

source: [http://www.gaiaguides.com/visit\\_Los\\_Angeles.htm](http://www.gaiaguides.com/visit_Los_Angeles.htm)

### **Think Snow! Ski Dazzle®, the Los Angeles Ski Show and Snowboard Expo®**

**LOS ANGELES, California. - November 29, 2004**

The largest annual consumer ski and snowboard event in the nation is in Los Angeles, California. Sunny Southern California is the largest population of skiers in the world and the 41st annual Ski Dazzle® - Los Angeles Ski Show and Snowboard Expo® brings a world of skiing and snowboarding right to downtown Los Angeles each year.

4 days only, December 02-05, an expected 90,000 skiers and snowboarders will come from all over Southern California to the Los Angeles Convention Center for this popular annual event with more than 5 football fields of exhibits, bargains and entertainment.

Ski Dazzle® regular admission includes a FREE lift ticket offer of up to a \$49.00 value at Snow Summit or Bear Mountain; 85 local, national and Canadian resort exhibitors; free ski lessons; free film theater and more than \$4 million dollars of ski and snowboard holiday savings.

*HOURS:*

<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Dec. 02</i>	<i>4:00 pm - 11:00 pm</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Dec. 03</i>	<i>4:00 pm - 11:00 pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Dec. 04</i>	<i>11:00 am - 10:00 pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Dec. 05</i>	<i>Noon - 6:00 pm</i>

*PRICE: \$ 15.00 REGULAR ADMISSION\*\* (Adult or Child)*

*\$ 3.00 Children 6 - 12 years (No Lift Ticket Bonus)*

*FREE Children 5 and Under (No Lift Ticket Bonus)*

source: [http://www.send2press.com/PRnetwire/pr04\\_112901-skidazzle.shtml](http://www.send2press.com/PRnetwire/pr04_112901-skidazzle.shtml)

Hollywood! Los Angeles Lakers! Flashy cars! Money, money, money! Los Angeles is a city always on the go, seemingly driven by Tinseltown and the glitz and glam that go with it. If you are willing to fight traffic, there is a lot more to see in L.A. than just the flashing lights - some of the world's best shopping and dining can be enjoyed in the City of Angels -but be forewarned: like everything else in L.A., everything comes for a price.

source: <http://www.bootsnall.com/north-america/united-states/california/southern-california/los-angeles/>

### **Ski Los Angeles! - By Carolyn Branson**

Who hasn't heard of Los Angeles' sunny weather? We do have that all summer long, but January through April, the snow sifted on the mountains from winter storms is visible from the city. True, the snow isn't falling *in* the city itself, but local news crews have captured on tape frozen flurries falling on the outskirts of town.

Yes, the 2001 winter season is setting records for snowfall at lower elevations, which foreshadows a long ski season. This may give you an opportunity to do something you might not have thought of doing on your vacation to Los Angeles: ski!

If you've never tried snow skiing or snowboarding, this would be a perfect opportunity to try it out! Hard-core skiers, which I'm not, might prefer Mammoth Mountain (which I do!), but it's quite a long drive (3 hours "plus") from Los Angeles.

From the city, the drive to local slopes is only an hour-and-a half, sometimes requiring tire chains, but not always. Even though these local slopes are not world-class, they're far from being a joke. Multiple ski lifts plus snow pipes and parks for snowboarding are the norm. In fact, Snow Summit hosted the American Snowboard Competition in late February.

The San Bernardino mountain range is home to Big Air, [Big Bear](#), [Mountain High](#), Ski Sunrise, [Snow Summit](#), and [Snow Valley](#) ski resorts. For any of them, weekday is the best time to go, without question, for the most crowd-free experience. Don't forget that you can also ski at night!

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