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# WEEKEND TRIPS

# 73 FALL GETAWAYS

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1. Bikestation 2. Berlin bistro and coffeehouse 3. Depot for Creative Reuse



## LONG BEACH EAST VILLAGE

Explore an artsy neighborhood in one of the country's most bike-friendly cities.

► A stone's throw from the East Village (and a block from Metro Blue Line's Transit Mall stop), **Bikestation** is the starting point if cycling is your mode of travel. It has rentals, a shop, and bike parking. *Rentals from \$8/hour, \$32/day; 223 E. First St.; bikestation.com.*

► SoCal's first separated bike lanes run down Broadway and Third Street; on **Bike Saturdays**, cyclists get discounts at some shops and eateries. *bikelongbeach.org.*

► The free **2nd Saturday Art Walk** means open doors and live music. *artwalklb.com.*

► **EAT** Nab a sidewalk table under the bright yellow awning at **Crème De La Crêpe** for a savory buckwheat specialty like the cheese-filled Maroquine with spicy lamb sausage

and cognac mushroom sauce. \$\$; 400 E. First St.; 562/437-2222.

► Hit the patio at **Steamed**, whose vegetarian menu has a tasty pesto quesadilla and a wilted spinach salad. \$; 801 E. Third St.; 562/437-1122.

► Step into Americana-inspired **Shortnin Bread** for treats like rosemary lime shortbread cookies, chocolate salted caramel tarts, and bourbon vanilla bean ice cream by the pint. 401 E. Third St.; 562/624-4149.

► **SIP** At **Berlin bistro and coffeehouse**, not only does the long communal table encourage chatting with your neighbor, it also gives you a front-row view of the neighborhood. The high-ceilinged space is shared with

**GETTING HERE**  
Long Beach is about 20 miles south of L.A. Take the Metro Blue Line from downtown L.A. to Long Beach's Transit Mall station. [metro.net](http://metro.net)



**Fingerprints Records**, a Long Beach institution for collectible vinyl and in-store performances. \$; 420 E. Fourth St.; 562/435-0600.

► Unwind at **District Wine**, with its living room atmosphere and small-production wines. 144 Linden Ave.; 562/612-0411.

► **SHOP** Long Beach **Depot for Creative Reuse** sees value in things thrown away, like bottle caps, fabric scraps, and buttons. 320 Elm Ave.; 562/437-9999.

► In addition to fine-art and drafting materials, the family-owned **Lyon Art Supply** carries a large collection of specialty papers. There's no better place to brush up on your origami. 441 E. Fourth St.; 562/435-5383.

—JENNIFER M. VOLLAND