

Sunset

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Comfort food favorites

Chicken potpie, beef-bacon chili, easy sausage lasagna, and more



In the off-season, you'll have Sedona's red rock, blue skies, and Oak Creek all to yourself.

Top 10 Winter weekends

Relax, reconnect with family, reward yourself: 10 classic escapes to kick off the new year

10 GET CULTURED LOS ANGELES

Why here: Because the Los Angeles Art Show has become one of the top forums for artists and art galleries across the West. Now in its 12th year, the show has expanded from its California Impressionist roots to become a four-day showcase for museum-quality paintings, sculptures, and prints that span five centuries. Revel

in artwork by masters ranging from Rembrandt and Picasso to David Hockney, and at design symposiums, learn how to integrate works of art into contemporary homes—then feast your eyes on runway views and glistening sashimi at the very hip Hump (\$\$\$), perched upstairs at the Santa Monica Airport. Jan 24–28; \$13 in advance, \$18 at the door; Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave., Santa Monica; www.laartshow.com or 310/822-9145.

Why go now: The beach crowds have cleared out and the holiday shoppers are gone, leaving you with unfettered access to Santa Monica's palm tree-lined walkways and views of brilliant sunsets from the sand.

Where to stay: California Craftsman meets Asian-accented warmth at the three-year-old Ambrose hotel, located 3 miles from the art show locale. The 77 chic rooms follow feng shui principles and come with Italian bed linens. From \$209; www.ambrosehotel.com or 310/315-1555.

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