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## **Take A Trip to the Stars Via Metro and Griffith Observatory**

### **Video**

Go Metro to see the stars at the newly renovated and expanded Griffith Observatory. No cars are allowed so visitors must take shuttle buses from one of two places. Metro connects with both shuttle departure points to make travel to the Observatory easy and low cost. A \$3 day pass can take you there and home again.

Take the Metro Red Line to the Hollywood/Highland station and pick up a shuttle from the Orange Court of the Hollywood Highland entertainment center. Or take Metro Bus Line 96 to the Los Angeles Zoo. The shuttle stop is less than a block away.

Reservations are required for the shuttles, which depart every 15 minutes. To make them, go to the Observatory web site [www.griffithobservatory.org](http://www.griffithobservatory.org) or call 1-888-695-0888. Cost of the timed-entry shuttle reservations are: general reservations, \$8 each; children 5 to 12 years, \$4; children 4 years and under, free; seniors 60 years and over, \$4.

Griffith Observatory, which just completed a four-year restoration, was built in 1935 and has always been extremely popular. When the original buildings were under construction, the site was so alluring that fences had to be built to keep the curious away, allowing workers to finish the job. Even before the renovation, it was one of the city's top tourist attractions, drawing 2 million visitors a year.

Gaze at the stars and planets through one of the two telescopes that allow people to easily view the moon, Saturn's translucent rings, craters on Mars and various other celestial bodies. The Observatory will have 65 new exhibits, a 200-seat presentation theater funded by actor Leonard Nimoy, and a cafe operated by renowned chef Wolfgang Puck.

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