

LOS ANGELES BEST COFFEE



The coffee at Lamill isn't cheap, but the presentation and stylish ambience are worth paying for



best of the rest

If you like your coffee strong, **Kings Road Cafe** won't disappoint. It's great for people-watching and the kind of high-quality eavesdropping opportunities that usually come with a much steeper price tag. (Think: "We can get Tom for this movie.") www.kingsroadcafe.com

Lamill's Silver Lake cafe is designed to within an inch of its life by someone with a penchant for the Palace of Versailles and snakeskin. The coffee and food aren't cheap, but they're very good. And next door is **Yolk**, one of the best stores in LA to find wares and toys made by local artists. www.lamilcoffee.com

Groundwork's store on West 2nd Street is one of the few good espresso options in this part of LA. Groundwork founder Richard Karno was one of the first LA cafe owners to roast his own coffee. His company also focuses on fair-trade principles and economic sustainability. www.lacoffee.com/groundwork

Urth Caffe is an LA institution. With a focus on organic produce, Urth has four locations around the city (the latest opened in Downtown last September). The West Hollywood branch is the best for people-watching. www.urthcaffe.com

Originally from Berkeley in northern California, **Peet's Coffee & Tea** has about 30 stores in Los Angeles County and nearby Orange County (the website provides an easy locator). By growing at a slower pace than some of its competitors, Peet's has managed to maintain quality. www.peets.com

Joan's On Third is a foodie's paradise, its gourmet offerings reflecting the cafe's origins – and ongoing business – as a catering company. In the middle of a row of boutique clothes shops on West 3rd Street, it's the perfect pit stop for shopping, eating and Angeleno-watching. www.joansonthird.com

Fred Segal Mauro Cafe. You might need more than a shot of espresso to recover from the kind of credit-card havoc this renowned LA fashion stop metes out daily. Fortunately, Fred Segal's in-house cafe/restaurant also has an extensive wine list. The patio area is excellent for spotting stars, botox and obscenely rich teens. www.mauroscafefredsegal.com 🌐

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