ULTIMATE NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDES

Single-day itineraries to keep summer sizzlin' from sunup to sundown.

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1. Brunch: Plate

2. Midday activity: Rent a sit-on-top kayak at Malibu Surf Shack

3. Treats: Coffee at Cafecito Organico or gelato at Grom

4. Hobby: The Getty Villa

5. Bite & beer: Malibu Seafood (BYOB)

6. Shopping: Malibu Country Mart

7. Wine & dine: Nobu

8. Nighttime activity: Malibu Wines

9. Cocktails & hotel: Malibu Beach Inn

Get a healthy start to the day at Plate, one of Malibu's best brunch spots. Fuel up on berry-topped waffles and egg-stuffed breakfast burritos before walking down to the Malibu Surf Shack. There, you can rent single and double kayaks by the hour or day and even take a guided ocean tour.

If all that paddling makes you hungry, make the quick drive to Cafecito Organico for coffee and pastry, or grab some authentic gelato at Grom.

After, you can calm any lingering adrenaline with a walk through one of the peaceful gardens — we love the re-created Roman Villa — at the Getty Villa, just a 15-minute drive away.

Next, make your way to Malibu Seafood and grab a seat on the patio, where you can

share shrimp and crab cocktails, fried oyster sandwiches and beer (they don't sell it, though, so BYOB).

If luxury shopping is your thing, your next stop should be Malibu Country Mart, which has a bevy of big-name designer stores and is just a seven-minute drive away.

When you're done, drop off your purchases in your room at the Malibu Beach Inn and while you recoup, take in the gorgeous ocean view.

A luxurious sushi dinner at Nobu, a local institution, is next. If you do dinner early enough, you'll have time for a sip or two at Malibu Wines. Malibu isn't a late-night town, so if last call comes too early for you, bring a bottle back from the winery to enjoy at the hotel.

