Eat, Play, Love:
The Best Local Hotspots and Hideaways to Celebrate Mother's Day
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Eat
We all know Mother’s Day starts with brunch (unless Mom is lucky enough to get served a fresh-from-the-steamer cappuccino in bed … hint, hint). There are plenty of restaurants serving up cham-

Middle Eastern-style frittata with swiss chard, barberries, white beans, greens, and yogurt) and “shakshuka” (poached eggs in tomato stew, served with bread) are sure to be hits with mom. The deluxe order here:
The Turkish-ish Breakfast.
4648 Hollywood Blvd. 323-409-0404. Information: kismetlosangeles.com

Redbird
Head Downtown where “dining is a religious experience,” according to Zagat. Neal Fraser, the man behind it, delivers stunning, modern food and creative cocktails served up in the old open-air rectory of the Vibiana Cathedral Downtown. Our pick: Shrimp and grits with soft egg, cocoa nib and chipotle mole.
114 East Second St. 213-788-1191. Information: redbird.la

Little Dom’s
A classic neighborhood spot on Hillhurst, Little Dom’s can be hard to get into on busy weekend nights and holidays, but get on the books and treat your lady to a modern Italian-style brunch of grilled meatballs and poached eggs or scrambled eggs brunchetta. They also serve up some mean morning cocktails. 2228 Hillhurst Ave. 323-661-0055. Information: littledoms.com/breakfast

Eggslut
Good food doesn’t have to be fancy. If the family is down with going to a place with “slut” in the

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Play

After you’ve filled up on delicious morning eats, it’s time to hit the town and have some fun. Depending on your tastes (and mom’s, of course), there are so many nearby choices, from artsy to adventurous, sweet to soothing. Here are some worth checking out.

**Museum of Ice Cream** Make Mother’s Day super-sweet by surprising mom with a set of tickets to the Museum of Ice Cream. In LA for a limited time only, it is one of the coolest tickets in town. May 14th is sold out, but other days are available, so get in now and experience the fun. Information: museumoficecream.com

**Natura Spa** The Korean spa experience is not for everyone, but those who enjoy it are downright addicted. And nothing offers the same mega-dose of relaxation that you get from a hot soak, steam, sauna, and salt scrub. In just a few hours, you can wash away months of stress. Daily admission: $20. 3240 Wilshire Blvd. 213-381-2288. Information: natura-spa.com

**Mothering & Daughtering: A Day For Body & Soul** Together Mother-daughter duo (how appropriate) and best-selling co-authors Sil and Eliza Reynolds team up for “an intimate day of inspiration, truth-seeking, and nourishment” on the Saturday before Mother’s Day. The event takes place at Wanderlust Hollywood and is open to mothers and daughters 18 and older. Tickets are $139 in advance. Information: wanderlusthollywood.com/

**The Art of Kokedama** On Saturday May 6th, Potted hosts a workshop on the ancient art of Kokedama aka Japanese string gardens. Enjoy an afternoon of DIYing and greenery, and when it’s all done, mom goes home with a beautiful gift as well. Price: $60. Start at 11:30 a.m. 2158 Los Feliz Blvd. 323-665-3801. Information: pottedstore.com

**Cooking Class And Brunch** There’s nothing better than delicious homemade food. At Eatz’s Mother’s Day cooking class you’ll make a sweet potato hash, eggs en cocotte with smoked salmon & chives, French toast stuffed with sweet cream cheese and berries and other delicious dishes. After that you’ll get to enjoy the fruits (and meat and eggs) of your labor. All the while, you’ll be sipping on bottomless Mimosas and peach Bellinis (provided you are of age)!

A Mother’s Day dinner class is also available. Tickets are $50. EATZ, Sun. May 14th, 12 p.m. 622 N. La Brea Ave. Information: eatzl.com

**Andell Family Sundays:** Eye On African Art Spend Mother’s Day with the family, creating and looking at art. First you’ll take a guided tour of African art in the exhibition “The Inner Eye: Vision and Transcendence in African Arts.” Then, the whole family will make art inspired by the exhibit. While you’re there, show the kids the moving cars of Chris Burden’s Metropolis II and perhaps even hold a picnic on the lushious Hancock Park grass. Free with LACMA general admission. LACMA, Sun. May 14th, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 5905 Wilshire Blvd. Information: (323) 857-6010, lacma.org

**Zimmer Children’s Museum** Mother’s Day All day the Zimmer will be free in celebration of mom! Your kids will enjoy exhibits like the giant Tzedakah Pinball, and the Construction Zone and the Discovery Airport, where they can fly a real plane to destinations near and far. Free. Zimmer Children’s Museum Sun. May 14th, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. 6505 Wilshire Blvd., L100. Information: zimmermuseum.org

**Fiber Mobiles with Mimi Haddon** A CraftLab Family Workshop in celebration of the Craft and Folk Art Museum’s upcoming fiber exhibit, make your own fiber art. Drop in anytime during this two hour class and let sculptor Mimi Haddon teach you how to make a fiber mobile using wire, thread, fabric, tassels and pom-poms to create unique hanging art for your home. Free. Craft And Folk Art Museum, Sun. May 14th, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 5814 Wilshire Blvd. Information: cafam.com

Mommie Dearest: Are you not on good terms with your mother? Have you been watching Feud and want more Joan Crawford awfulness in your life? Do you HATE wire hangers? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you might...

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Stronghold Climbing Gym
What started in 1904 as a California Edison Company steam power plant is now home to Stronghold where mom and the rest of the family can free-climb to their hearts’ content. This place is a blast (they do birthday parties too) and it may leave you sore the next day, but it will also leave you feeling strong and invincible. 650 S. Avenue 21. 323-505-7000. Information: strongholdclimb.com

Moonlight Rollerway Skate away the day (and skate off all those brunch carbs) at this retro-styled rollerskate arena in Glendale. Music is great, crowd is fun, and nothing makes you feel happy like strapping on some skates and floating side-by-side with a loved one. Afternoon, all ages 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is $9. Skate rental is $5. 5110 San Fernando Rd. Glendale. 818-241-3630. Information: moonlightrollerway.com

Love
What women really want for Mother’s Day, most of all, is love. So dish that out to the max. In addition, you may want to show mom how much you love her with a gift or goodie. Make it a win-win and support local shops and artisans while you’re giving the lucky lady in your life something that show how special she is.

Justina Blakeney Artwork
Local Silver Lake style maven Justina Blakeney is one of our favorite L.A. moms and also one of our go-tos for cool gift items. For Mother’s Day, the perfect choice is a copy of Justina’s hand-drawn artwork entitled, appropriately, “New Mama.” Better yet, proceeds go to Planned Parenthood. Information: shop.thejungalow.com/products/new-mama

Lovely Things from Lake
Step foot inside this Silver Lake boutique and you will want to buy one of everything. Owner and curator Melissa Lovoy has amassed a small but stunning collection of clothing, jewelry, apothecary items and home décor. The problem won’t be finding something for mom; it will be deciding which one. 1618-1/2 Silver Lake Blvd. Los Angeles 90026. 323-664-6522 info: lakeboutique.com

Maya Brenner Another local mama, jewelry designer Maya Brenner has a cult following, far and wide. While she’s known for her celebrity fans and signature “initial” necklaces, her new line of caviar-bead bracelets and geometric necklaces are timeless and breathtaking. Info: mayabrenner.com

Sexy Snaps with Rosalind Guder Eagle Rock-based photographer Rosalind Guder knows how to make women look amazing. Her easy, breezy demeanor and relaxed home studio turn portrait sessions into something fun rather than stiff and painful. Treat mom to her own individualized session, complete with makeup artist. Information: rosalindguder.com

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