

Los Angeles: 3 great ways to play this fall

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Clifton's, a long-standing Los Angeles cafeteria that closed down five years ago, opened in October 2015 with new ownership and expanded floor space. Developer Andrew Meieran took over the property in 2010 and has spent the past few years renovating the historic space. (Rick Loomis/Los Angeles Times/TNS)

Travel Tip Hollywood dreams

Heading to Los Angeles? Here are three eclectic ways to play:


1. Clifton's, the iconic, over-the-top 1930s cafeteria that served 15,000 diners a day in its heyday, reopened last month -- with a waterfall, a giant meteorite and an entire forest's worth of taxidermied animals inside the five-story spectacle; www.cliftonsla.com (<http://www.cliftonsla.com>). Trust us. You want to go.

2. Care to wrangle gigantic balloons in a grand holiday parade? Hollywood's Hollywood Hotel is offering a package that includes discounted rooms, a buffet breakfast and a jaunt down the 3.5-mile Hollywood Christmas Parade red carpet on Nov. 29. Call the hotel at 800-800-9733 and use the XMAS promotional code; rates start at \$139, two-night minimum. More details: www.hollywoodhotel.net (<http://www.hollywoodhotel.net>); <http://bit.ly/1j85OVz> (<http://bit.ly/1j85OVz>).

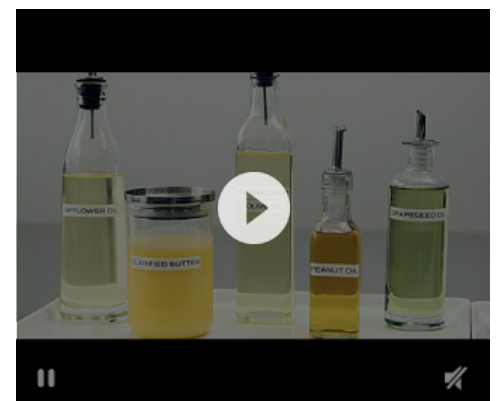
3. "MasterChef Junior" is holding auditions for kids ages 8-13 at Los Angeles' Loews Hollywood Hotel on Dec. 5. Grab an apron. Register here: www.masterchefjuniorcasting.com (<http://www.masterchefjuniorcasting.com>).

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