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First Street, 1910



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Little Tokyo (aka J-Town)

Los Angeles has long had one of the largest populations of Japanese outside of Japan. The first Japanese restaurant in the area of what was to become Little Tokyo opened in 1885, just off 1st Street, at a time when USC itself occupied a handful of buildings at the southern edge of town. By the 1920s, it had become the economic and cultural center for Japanese Americans. The relocation trauma of World War II dealt a heavy blow to the community and, despite its postwar resuscitation, Little Tokyo has never regained the dominant position it once held. Even so, it remains as one of the city's most enduring ethnic neighborhoods and continues to claim its place as the cultural center for Japanese Americans in Southern California.

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Nisei Week Grand Parade, August 15, 2010

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Map of Little Tokyo, 1941



Source: 圖入回顧五十年 / 須々木榮 = My 50 years in America / by P. M. Suski (1959), page 98
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USC's [Japanese American Relocation Digital Archive \(JARDA\)](#) includes 222 photographs, part of the Online Archive of California's [JARDA](#) project.

[Rafu Shimpō](#) is the "newspaper of record" for Los Angeles' Japanese community.

[Little Tokyo Historical Background Bibliography of Resources](#) / Michael Several (1998).

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Book Search

Search USC's Homer Catalog:

Try searching for "Japanese Americans California Los Angeles"
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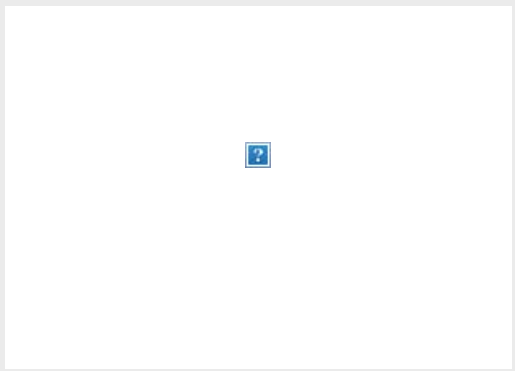
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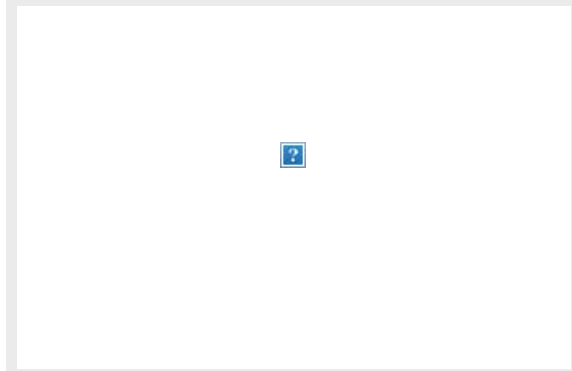
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Views of Little Tokyo





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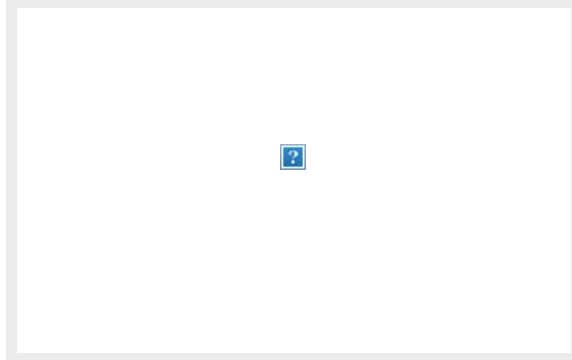
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Eating in Little Tokyo

Aside from language, food is probably the strongest means for preserving culture among Japanese Americans and for the rest of us to appreciate Japanese culture. Many people continue to return to Little Tokyo to eat, often at a favorite restaurant or to taste once more a favorite dish. The late actor Richard Mulligan ("Soap") was such a loyal customer at Aoi that his photo is still enshrined on the restaurant's wall, ten years after his death. There is a wide range of choices and pricings, so whether you are craving the oroshii soba at Suehiro's, sushi from any number of restaurants, vegan fare at Shojin, the only thing going on at the Shabu Shabu House, pork katsudon from Koraku, or pizza from one of the gourmet food trucks that now frequent 2nd Street, there is always a reason to come back to Little Tokyo.

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LADOT Dash

One easy and inexpensive way to get from campus to Little Tokyo is the LA DOT (Department of Transportation) Dash network. If you are traveling on weekdays during work hours (6am - 6:30pm), it will only cost you \$0.35 each way. Take the Route F Dash up Figueroa (ask for a transfer) and transfer to a Route A Dash. It's a nice way to tour downtown. For routes, fare structure and scheduling, go to the [LA DOT Dash](#) website.

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Metro Bus and Rail Service

If the Metro Rail Service is convenient for you, there is now a Little Tokyo / Arts District station on the Metro Gold Line (Edward R. Roybal Linea de Oro), just to the east of the Japanese American National Museum. Routes, fares and schedules can be seen at the [LA Metro Home](#) website. If you use the Trip Planner on that site, you can enter "University of Southern California" and "1st Street and Los Angeles Street" as points of departure and arrival and you will see several alternative routes.

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By Car

Of course, there is always the option to drive to Little Tokyo. From campus, you can drive north on Figueroa Street and turn right on either 2nd or 1st Street, then look for parking once you have passed Los Angeles Street. Parking can be expensive, but if you go to the mall parking lot at 4th and Central and buy something, you could get your parking validated.

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