

Rick & Susan's Motorcycling Adventure to LA

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The weather here couldn't be better except that it can get to be a little warm in the valley for motorcycle riding. Today we thought we would venture out early before it got too hot and head to LA. Why not? It was Sunday, the forecast was fabulous and LA is only about 100 miles away!

We left the park at 9:45 and headed west on the I-10 to Highway 60, a scenic route through Riverside, back to I-10 until we reached the Coast Highway in Santa Monica. We enjoyed temperatures which ranged from 24C (75.2F) to 38C (100.4F), depending on where we were and as long as we were moving, it didn't seem too hot. Not really knowing where we were going, we headed north on Highway 1 (the Coast Highway) and the next thing we knew, we arrived in Malibu. Cool, we always wanted to go to Malibu! At one point we stopped so I could take a picture and lo and behold, a large pod of killer whales were passing by, occasionally breaching and casually swimming south. From there we continued north then we took Highway 101, south. We had a route in mind but somehow we got lost and ended up in all the places we wanted to go to someday anyway!

We ended up driving along Ventura Boulevard, then found ourselves in Hollywood driving along Sunset Boulevard right through Beverly Hills, past Bel Air and Brentwood. Somehow we ended up where we started and passed the famous Santa Monica Pier before continuing south to Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach before taking Highway 91 back eastward. We put 390 miles on the odometer and arrived back at Catalina at 8:00. It was a long day but a really good one and despite being lost for part of it, we got to see some pretty spectacular homes and some beautiful coastline.