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Visit this
Eames House
Los Angeles

Having survived January's Los Angeles wildfires, the mid-century home of Charles and Ray Eames has reopened to visitors – and now offers access to the designers' studio.

The wildfires that ravaged LA came perilously close to destroying the Eames House – the former home of mid-century designers Charles and Ray Eames and now a museum. After avoiding catastrophe and undergoing smoke restoration, it's ready to welcome visitors once again. For the first time in its 76-year history, this includes the adjacent Eames Studio, where Charles and Ray worked on everything from furniture prototypes to film editing. "People know them mostly for their chair designs but by coming here you also learn that they were graphic designers, artists, industrial designers and filmmakers," says Eames Demetrios, the designers' grandson. — WH eamesfoundation.org

05

Eat here
Golden Avenue
Brisbane

A new multi-level restaurant by J.AR Office transports the cool and calm of a Middle Eastern courtyard to the heart of Brisbane's commercial district, serving as a lush oasis with its climate-responsive design.



Designed by architects J.AR Office, Golden Avenue is a new restaurant from Brisbane's Anyday group. Its defining feature is a central space with an adjustable roof and shutters that let in sunshine on cool days and diffuse heat when it's warm. "In Middle Eastern architecture, this courtyard typology is valued for the air, light and refuge that it provides," says J.AR Office's Jared Webb. Combined with the building's thermal mass, additional shading and passive air circulation, it ensures that the restaurant doesn't have to rely on air conditioning. "We wanted to emphasise the feeling of being outdoors and embrace Brisbane's climate," says Webb. — NM anyday.com.au



06

Shelter here
Los Angeles Bus Shelter
Los Angeles

The bus shelter has been given a long-overdue revamp, offering real-time arrivals information, plus some very welcome shade.

Bus shelters have long been an underappreciated feature of city streets. Now, Los Angeles is tapping their potential with a network of modular bus stops inspired by Californian modernism. Designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill with the help of Designworks, Studioneleven and Tranzito-Vector, the shelters serve various needs. Every model features digital displays with real-time arrival times, weather information and alerts. Some will also feature e-scooter racks and e-lockers.

So far, the city has installed 150 units, with a total of 3,000 planned over the next decade. As climate change drives temperatures to unprecedented heights, the structures also provide shade in areas that lack tree cover. — EBR som.com



Olympic effort:
Ex-Los Angeles mayor Eric Garcetti is championing 28 infrastructure projects set to be delivered before the city hosts the 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympics.



07

Stay here
Miramonti Boutique Hotel
Merano

The beloved hotel's new cabins promise a soothing stay among the trees.



Merano's Miramonti Boutique Hotel has expanded its offering with three new cabins adjacent to the property, renovated under the direction of designer Harry Thaler. The project, he says, is about "simplicity, quiet and character. I developed Monti as a contemporary forest retreat that respects the heritage and the unique energy of the place." To bring the project to life, Thaler worked with Tara architects.

The residences are designed to blend with nature: think muted tones, plenty of wood and floor-to-ceiling windows. Best of all, the rooftops feature steel tubs for cold-water therapy and warming wood-fired saunas. "Each house is like a different chapter in the same book," he says. "It's a story of retreating into the forest and finding balance." — EJS hotel-miramonti.com