

CLAE's Classy Ode to Los Angeles

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I've only been to Los Angeles once, only one real trip to a place I had always mythologized in a million different ways. When I got there, it wasn't romantic at all, just tourists clamoring in and out of Pinkberry and the surprisingly cheap, unglamorous theater where the Academy Awards are held each year. That's not an insult. It quickly became one of my favorite places, felt like true America condensed into one sprawling, smoggy Mecca. To show off their new throwback-style shoe the Gregory, [CLAE](#) has stuck to a more pleasant ideal of California life than the one I had always imagined before I visited, a dude strolling around in sunnies and classic mid-century chinos on Long Beach with a cute dog. It's not real life, but check it out, if only to create a bubble to burst when you see the real Sunset Boulevard.

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