

Friday: Toro y Moi

Ventura Music Hall · doors 9 PM · the whole reason for the drive

Toro y Moi, with **Casi**, at Ventura Music Hall — 1888 E Thompson Blvd, about a mile east of downtown Ventura's Main St. The plan: settle the dogs at the cottage first, then drive the ~40 min back up the 101. Downtown bars & the pier are a 3–5 min hop from the venue for a pre-show bite.

The venue

Ventura Music Hall 9 PM

1888 E Thompson Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001

Doors listed 9 PM. Mid-size hall, general admission. Street + lot parking nearby; arrive with a little buffer.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

Beer & dives near the venue (the move)

Topa Topa Brewing — Downtown EASY BEER

104 E Thompson Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001

Central taproom, tons of taps, patio, dog-friendly — walkable to the show. The easy pre-show beer.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

MadeWest Brewing — Ventura Pier OCEAN VIEW

668 E Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001

Local craft beer on a dog-friendly deck right at the pier. Grab a beer + a walk before heading in.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

Sans Souci ("The Sewer") DIVE

21 S Chestnut St, Ventura, CA 93001

Ventura's legendary punk-rock dive — dark, cheap, full of character. The dive-bar move on a show night.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

Star Lounge DIVE

343 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001

Small downtown Main St dive, walkable to everything. No frills, just right.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

Dinner near the show

Winchesters Grill & Saloon

632 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001

Downtown steakhouse/saloon with a dog-friendly patio, casual-to-nice. Solid pre-show dinner near the theater district.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

Beach House Tacos

668 Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001

Fish tacos + margaritas right at the pier, open-air harbor-side seating; dogs welcome on the promenade. Casual, fun.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

Fancy cocktail (the occasional treat)

Bank of Italy Cocktail Trust

394 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001

Speakeasy craft cocktails in a historic bank building — the special-occasion nightcap.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

Rock & Drams

14 S California St, Ventura, CA 93001

Old-Hollywood room, serious whiskey + craft cocktails, velvet-couch cozy.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

VenTiki Tiki Lounge FUN

701 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001

Tiki escape with a patio + fire pit — a treat that isn't stuffy.

➤ [Apple Maps](#) [Google Maps](#)

Concert-night crawl: beer at Topa Topa or MadeWest → dinner at Winchesters or pier tacos → dive hop (Star Lounge + Sans Souci) → optional nightcap at Bank of Italy. All walkable downtown. **Getting home:** rideshare is scarce out here — keep a designated driver for the ~40-min run back to the cottage.

Sources: [Ventura Music Hall](#) · [Topa Topa Downtown](#) · [Sans Souci \(Yelp\)](#) · [Winchesters](#)

Each stop links to **Apple Maps** (preferred) and **Google Maps** — both search the same verified address, so they land on the same pin. skincheese.com/toro · v3 · verified Jul 2026. Dog rules & hours can change — a quick check on arrival is smart.