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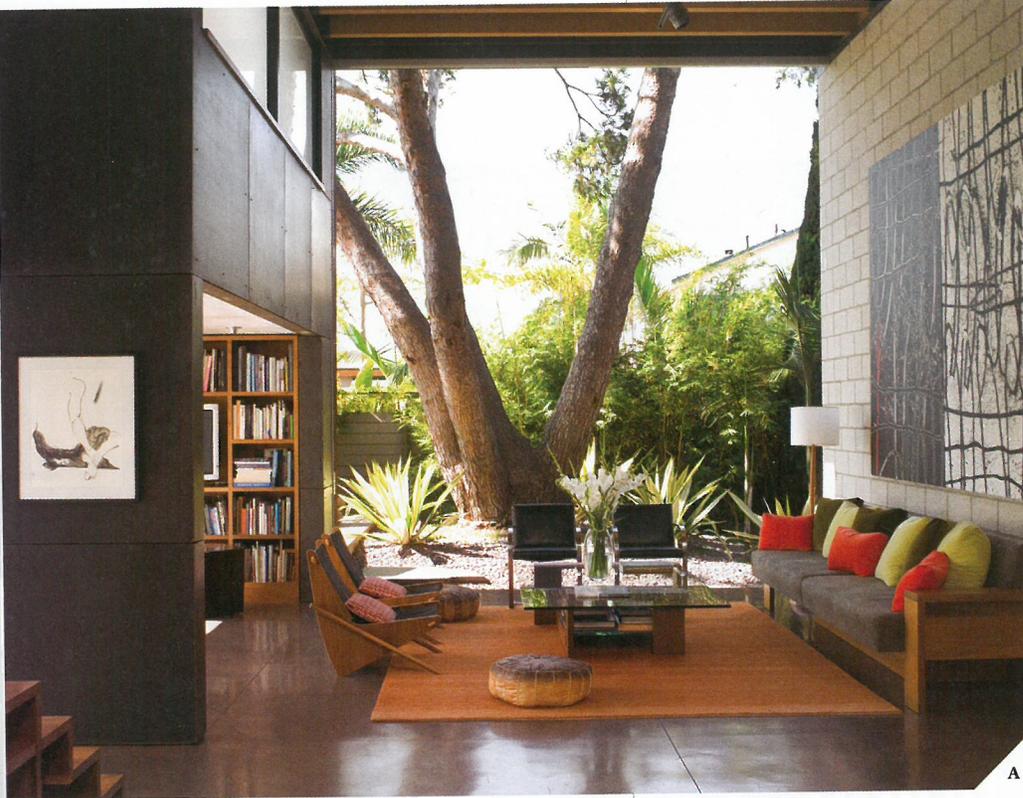
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# Modern for All



# Dwell Home Tours

Once a year, the owners of select modern homes by top Los Angeles architects allow a glimpse inside.

As part of Dwell Design Week, which runs ahead of and concurrent with Dwell on Design, the Dwell Los Angeles Home Tours provide a rare opportunity to experience some of the finest modern houses in Los Angeles. We've selected ten residences, split evenly between the East and West sides of the city: Our West Side tour, on Saturday, June 14, includes projects by AIA architects David Hertz, Steven Ehrlich, and Don Dimster (see My House, page 92). Our East Side tour, on Saturday, June 21, features homes by Michael Ferguson of Space International, and Escher GuneWardena. Each tour ticket includes a free two-day pass to Dwell on Design. Here is a sneak preview of select homes from both tours.

## West Side: 700 Palms

In the 1980s, architect Steven Ehrlich helped usher modern design into Venice, sparking a shift in the sleepy beach bungalow neighborhood. As Venice continues to transform, Ehrlich's vision remains relevant. His own home at 700 Palms (A + B), which received the 2009 AIA Housing Award, emphasizes flexibility—a must in this constantly changing neighborhood. A roll-down scrim enables privacy or openness, a floating suspended bridge separates living and dining areas, and a window wall slides open to expose the garden. Despite practical features, such as recycled materials and heat-absorbent concrete flooring, the home feels inclusive, nodding to Venice's communal spirit. [s-ehrllich.com](http://s-ehrllich.com)



## East Side: VillaCasa

In Mount Washington, known for its perilously steep streets, architect Michael Ferguson of Space International created an atmosphere at VillaCasa that is at once grand and comfortable (C + D). Seizing on the gently sloping site, he installed a lap pool that doubles as a retaining wall, allowing for courtyards beside the pool and outside the ground floor living and dining areas. The sizable horizontal space—which draws in cooling canyon breezes that waft through the home—permitted the house to be positioned in the middle of the property, above street-level neighbors for added privacy. Upstairs, strategically placed openings offer views of the landscape rather than houses below. [space-intl.com](http://space-intl.com)

