



\$625 Cremation – Affordable cremation services in Los Angeles

Why cremation?

Cremation is the preferred end-of-life disposition choice for over half of all Los Angeles residents today, and with a population of nearly 4 million, this means cremation is big business.

The cremation market is very competitive in Los Angeles, and with around 50 funeral businesses, it can be difficult selecting the right cremation provider for you. Cost is probably the determining factor these days for most people arranging a cremation. We are consumer savvy customers and we want the best value deal for the product or service we require. Why pay more, when you can pay less?

What is the cost of a cremation in LA?

The cost for a cremation in Los Angeles can vary dramatically depending upon which cremation provider you chose. In fact, you will be surprised by just how big that variance is in one city for the equivalent service.

The more traditional funeral establishments in Los Angeles will charge a higher price tag, as they are still locked into the dying culture of expensive funerals. You should be aware that Service Corporation International (SCI) that trades as Dignity Memorial also operates a number of cremation companies in Los Angeles. National Cremation Society, Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services and the Neptune Society* are all owned and operated by SCI, or affiliated with SCI.

Neptune Society – This trading name is also used by other funeral companies outside of Los Angeles in California.*

How do prices compare for a direct cremation in Los Angeles?

If you are looking for the best value low-cost cremation in Los Angeles, then the DFS Memorials provider at Cedar Hill Mortuary, is your best choice. In September 2018 we conducted a price comparison of low-cost cremation providers in Los Angeles, and as you can see from the results below, even in the 'affordable' bracket there is a variance.

Cremation Service Provider	Direct Cremation Price
Neptune Society (SCI)	\$1,705.00
Advantage (SCI)	\$1,190.00
National Cremation Society	\$895.00

Cremation Society of LA	\$698.00
Metropolitan Direct Cremation	\$685.00
Quality Cremations	\$675.00
DFS Memorials at Cedar Hill Mortuary	\$625.00

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This price comparison was for equivalent services for direct cremation and included the basic services of a funeral director to:

- Collect the deceased from the place of death & transportation to the crematory
- Conduct minimum basic preparation of the deceased for cremation
- Refrigerated storage if necessary
- File of all relevant state permits, medical documents and the death certificate
- Provide an alternative basic cremation container
- Provide a basic plastic urn or suitable receptacle for cremated remains
- Make available the cremated remains for collection

– Includes the crematory fee

Note: the death certificate and cremation permit fee are an additional cost to this quoted price.

The death certificate costs \$21.00, and the cremation permit fee is different depending on which county you are in. In Los Angeles County the permit fee is \$12.00.

Some low cost providers may advertise a cheaper price for a direct cremation but it may not be a fully inclusive package.

Are there any extra 'hidden' charges?

There are incremental services that you can add to this basic direct cremation package that will be charged as extra. These can be such things as – a private viewing before the cremation, attending the cremation, an upgraded cremation container or casket and an upgraded cremation urn. Most cremation providers can offer these as extras to your basic package depending upon your individual needs.

You should also be aware that there can be extra charges if:

- the deceased had any medical implants that require removal, such as a pace-maker
- or if the deceased weighed over 250 lbs.

In the event that the coroner has collected the body and your funeral director needs to collect the deceased from the coroners. The coroner charges a release fee. These fees vary by county:

- Los Angeles County \$374
- Orange County \$318

- Riverside County \$320
- San Bernardino County \$250
- San Diego \$280
- Ventura County CALL

Before the cremation can be performed the next-of-kin, or “authorizing agent” must complete and sign the [Declaration for Disposition of Cremated Remains form](#). Your cremation provider should help you with this, and with any assistance you may require with an application for financial aid.

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