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DREAM DAYS

The challenge: design three ultimate California experiences—the glamorous movie-star life, the perfect surfer day, and an unforgettable foodie adventure. Our writers did it—and you can too



DAY 1 MOVIE-STAR STYLE



Hollywood Hills



Rodeo Drive

I STRIKE
A POSE IN A
MICHAEL KORS
DRESS, WHILE
HANNAH DOES HER
BEST INDIE
ROCKER LOOK IN
AN ASYMMETRIC
LEATHER
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DESTINATION: Los Angeles area

“Welcome back,” says the blue-suited, English-accented concierge as I walk

through the doors of Spa Montage, in the five-star Montage Beverly Hills. It is my second time here this morning, having arrived earlier for bliss-out treatments.

“You simply *cahn’t* have too much relaxing,” he purred.

Actually, I think I am testing the functional limit, having returned to the spa to retrieve my sunhat, car keys, and yes—my purse. Was it the hot-stone massage that has robbed me of my brain cells, or the lazy soak in the gilt-tiled mineral pool? Now this perfectly coiffed gentleman is reassuring me that it’s okay to suspend reality for a while.

In fact, it is my mission. I have come to the center of all things glam with my daughter Hannah (actually, I think she might have disowned me if I hadn’t let her come). My goal: live the glamorously indulgent movie-star life for one perfect day. Can I do it? Can anyone do it?

Even in my fog-brain state, I know the answer: Why yes, *dahling*, of course.

Now that I have the keys back, we drive in our rented convertible to The Redbury, a posh **Hollywood** hotel with huge suites and private balconies. Here we have an in-room session with Angela Horvath of Angela Mobile Makeup, and soon she has us properly primed for our next stop: **L.A.’s** ultimate mall, The Grove, for a session with stylist-to-the-stars Marina Monroe at her boutique, Stylehaüs. (Anyone can browse her collection gleaned from her favorite designers; you can

also become a member for personal styling.) Champagne flute in hand, I strike a pose in a Michael Kors dress, while Hannah does her best indie rocker look in an asymmetric leather jacket and lime-green kicks.

We keep the fashion fantasy going with a cruise down **Rodeo Drive** in **Beverly Hills** (favorite

site, the black-trimmed Chanel boutique), then twist into the **Hollywood Hills** at sunset. For dinner, we dine on modern

Italian fare at Culina, part of the Four Seasons Los Angeles at Beverly Hills. Then back to The Redbury for rooftop views of glittering Hollywood.

And then, time to relax. You know, you simply *cahn’t* have too much relaxing.

—HARRIOT MANLEY

MORE INFO

Beverly Hills
lovebeverlyhills.com

Hollywood
hollywoodchamber.net

Los Angeles
discoverlosangeles.com

The Redbury

