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Five reasons why the Montage Beverly Hills is where you should book when next in Los Angeles.

Elegance

It's not the newest hotel on the block (that's the Waldorf Astoria), nor the most iconic (Beverly Hills Hotel anyone?), but the Montage Beverly Hills is the most glamorous. From the Spanish Colonial-style architecture to the rooftop pool terrace with unfettered views over the Hollywood Hills, everything exhibits class.

Service is just as elegant - doors are opened, elevator buttons are pressed and banter is kept to an almost mindreading level of appropriateness.

Food Most hotels know the importantance of good food, but the

Montage is way ahead

of the pack. Visit Georgie, the inhouse restaurant that is the only west-coast outpost of top chef Geoffrey Zakarian. Dishes include Hakkaido scallops with parsnips, and roasted jidori chicken with pee wee potatoes. Choose a seat under the arches out on the terrace.

Star Quality

While we're not suggesting you go full Post Malone and 'throw a TV out the window of the Montage', this hotel is certainly set up to cater for celebrity. There's the secret entrance for the rich and famous to pull into the garage and take a lift straight to their floor, and there's the Ten Pound bar - an exclusive whisky hangout with





a menu that caters to rockstar-sized wallets. Choose a Macallan 65 Year Old - a dram will set you back US\$5000 (\$6392). And you'll want the ice to complement it. Order from the 'chilling menu' that includes ice spheres imported from the Scottish Highlands.

Location

Smack bang in the middle of Beverly Hills' Golden Triangle, the best of the district is at your fingertips. Rodeo Drive, with its iconic luxury shops (think Dior, Prada, Céline), is around the nearest corner, while on North Beverly Drive stores such as COS are more affordable. If you want to eat out, the storied

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

Rub shoulders with the A-list at Montage Beverly Hills; enjoy a cocktail in The Garden Bar; the serene spa; garden-inspired interiors in Montage's restaurant, Georgie.

Spago is close by, as is CUT by Wolfgang Puck, Citizen, which serves up great cocktails, and Sugarfish for some of the best sushi in town.

Spa

Hotels love to shout about how good their day spas are but no hype is needed for the Montage. Kim Vo is known as the best blonder in the business ask Goldie Hawn, Kate Hudson or Pamela Anderson - and his salon will take care of your locks before you explore the 20,000 square-foot urban oasis. Gilded wallpaper, Turkish steam rooms, dry redwood saunas, deluge showers, a wellness pool and 17 treatment rooms await.

Book in for the Secrets of the Cote D'Azur facial, and ask for Heather to deliver. Not only will your face be healed, your soul will feel touched too. www.montagehotels. com/beverlyhills. >>

