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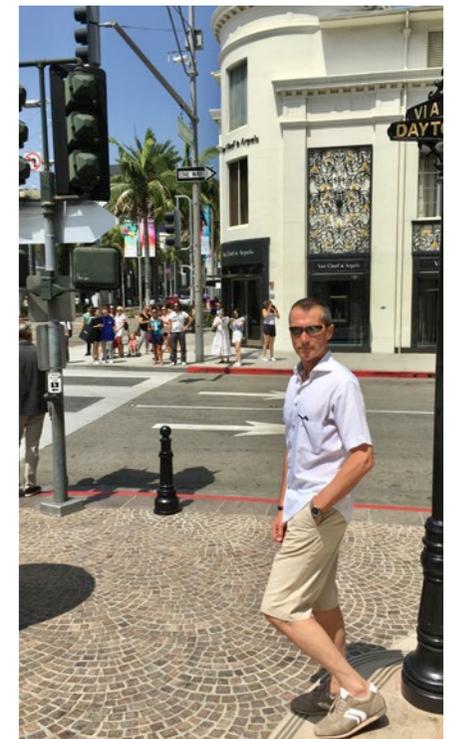
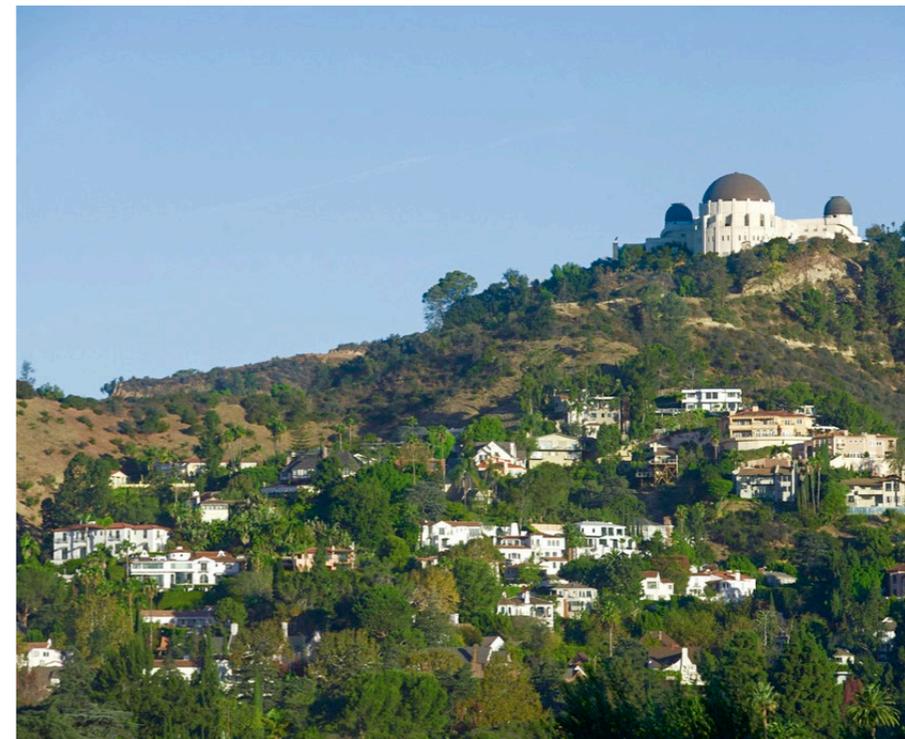
The so-called Platinum Triangle is set in the lush Los Angeles County, calling itself the mecca of exclusivity and luxury.

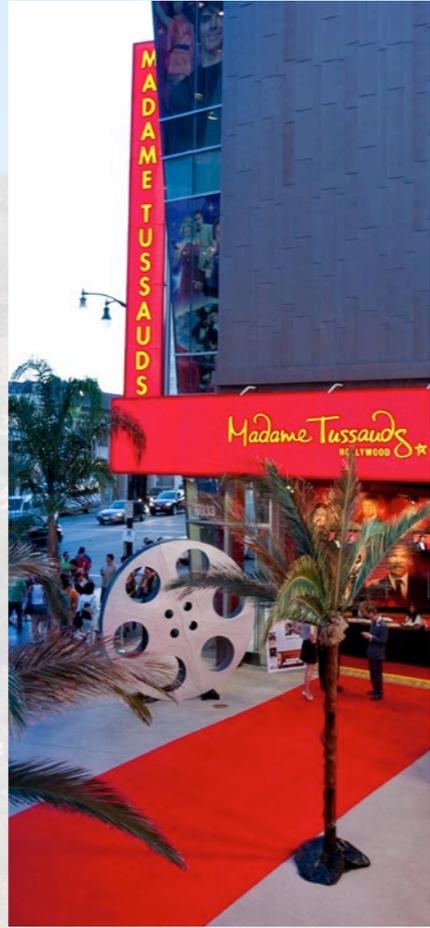
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Just west of Hollywood, bordering Bel Air and on the road leading to Santa Monica beach, it is a treasure trove of designer shops, movie stars, custom-built cars and trendy restaurants.





Los Angeles is the second most populous city in the United States and is a galaxy. Within it spring forth - autonomously, characterized and otherwise exclusive - various towns and neighborhoods. Beverly Hills is certainly among the best known. Films, television series and documentaries have made it a success since "Sunset Boulevard" with Gloria Swanson. Here we offer a couple of hotels and restaurants that are well worth the visit.

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Spago, Beverly Hills



et's start by saying that you have to book...well in advance. Otherwise don't even think about getting in. In the heart of Beverly Hills, on Canon Drive, Spago is the flagship restaurant of the group created by the multi-talented Austrian chef, Wolfgang Puck. The chef of Oscar night to be clear, very telegenic as well as creative. So, it is here that one comes to see and be seen.

But this is just the glamour aspect, the façade one. The point is that Spago is also substance. Behind every dish there is a meticulous search for the products from the market, in season, across all of California. You can opt for à la carte or choose a tasting menu. We tried the latter on August 25th, a warm late summer evening, and we were seated in the courtyard. The place was packed, but the service was irreproachable. As soon as we were at the table, the napkins disappeared only to reappear matching the color of our clothes. We experienced the Eight-Course Chef's California Tasting Menu with its very fresh, organic and healthy taste. A succession of light creations, yes, but really satisfying - you do not leave hungry.

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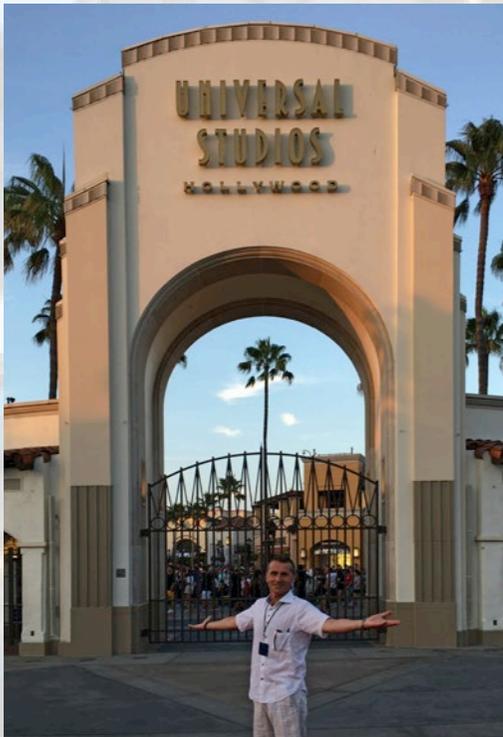


CUT, Beverly Hills

It is located inside the Beverly Wilshire, at Four Seasons Hotel, so you cannot miss it, given the visibility and importance of this historic hotel (that of *Pretty Women* to be clear). CUT is the first in the chain and still stands in its original location. It is a reinterpretation of the traditional American steak house in a modern and international way. Obviously, red meats dominate the menu with a vast heterogeneous selection by origin (Illinois, Nebraska, Idaho up to the Japanese Wagyu of Miyazaki), for feeding (cattle fed with corn or grass) and for times and ways of maturation (wet or dry-aging, from 21 to 35 days). A rich selection of homemade sauces is on the menu to accompany the meat, and the staff is always available to advise. The environment is elegant but still quite informal. The atmosphere is lively as befits a steak house. The extensive wine list is played out on California and France with sporadic quotes from Argentina, Australia, Portugal and Italy.

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Universal Studios, VIP Experience

After the opening of the section dedicated to Harry Potter, The Studios have attracted even more visitors. Not only fans of the story of the boy wizard but people of all ages eager to experience in person the pursuit of the magic ball. And the wait does not disappoint.

The VIP Experience is definitely a plus: small groups, personalized visit, no lines, gourmet dining and parking all included.

Do you believe your senses? Perhaps you had better think twice before answering. What awaits you at the Studios is beyond imagination. Of course, a visit to the set is interesting: you recognize places and glimpses of famous movies, and backstage always has its charm. But try Despicable Me or Transformers, fantastic 3-D rides that will deceive your senses and make you believe you are in the middle of the action.

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Rooms & Suites 117
Villas 0 - **Restaurants** 1
Spa yes
Children yes

Chain Viceroy Hotels & Resorts
Affiliation none
Activities sightseeing

Score	79
Environment	80
Design	78
Service	80
Cuisine	78
Health	78
Spa	77
Rooms	80

In a quiet and elegant residential street just over a mile from Rodeo Drive stands the elegant building that has housed the hotel since 1975. An institution that has followed Hollywood history for half a century. Here sojourned Liz Taylor, Richard Burton and Lord Olivier, to name a few.

The decor over the years has been adapted to fashion and today is characterized by the elegance of its contemporary rooms and suites that, accompanied by attentive and discreet service, have made it a success. The rooftop pool offers a great view of the surrounding area and the small spa next to the gym allows us to keep fit. The Avec Nous restaurant is the bistro on the ground floor and offers contemporary French (and Mediterranean) cuisine.

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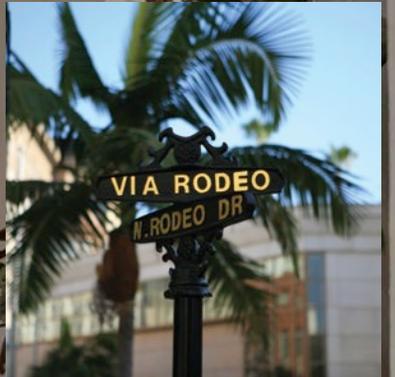
Los Angeles at Beverly Hills



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...e are a stone's throw from Rodeo Drive, yet this Four Seasons is an oasis of tranquility. Surely glamorous, very prestigious, but enveloping and protective. Suitable for those looking for a full-immersion experience in Beverly Hills and then "retire" to a home away from home. It is almost an urban resort more than a city hotel, thanks to the swimming pool on the top floor, large with lots of greenery but especially set up for daily use rather than a hurried dip.

Lawrence Taylor





There is a visit at the Four Seasons Los Angeles that cannot be missed, and it's the one to Culina. The name is taken from the Latin word for cooking and this unequivocally sends us back to Italy. The menu created by Executive Chef Luca Moriconi is in Italian with the translation alongside - this already inspires authenticity.

We tried a Rustichella Salad (Tuscan & baby kale, bresaola, oven-dried tomatoes, pecorino, bean sprouts) and a Caprese di bocconcini (buffalo mozzarella, tomatoes, celery, taggiasca olives, basil, aged balsamic vinegar) as an appetizer. Then came the Lasagne di Grazia (classic beef lasagna, parmigiano reggiano) and Risotto di carciofi (artichokes, Piave aged cheese, tarragon, aged balsamic vinegar). Among the desserts of Pastry Chef Federico Fernandez, we chose the Millefeuille (vanilla cream, honey ice cream, black truffles) and a bar-shaped Tiramisu with Espresso Meringue. The extensive wine list offers the best of Italian production divided by regions, accompanied by the irremissible champagne and some labels of Napa Valley. The warm and attentive service of the prepared Italian staff accompanied the excellent experience and makes us consider Culina one of the best Italian restaurants in LA - if not the best.





The Spa completes the sojourn. Various treatments to try are on the menu. Recommended for those who are back from a long flight is the signature treatment, the Surrender Massage. Among other things, to the Spa are periodically sent external experts available for consultations on Ayurvedic medicine, non-surgical facial treatments, reiki and psychotherapy by appointment.



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