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# World-Class Weekend

Whether it's shopping, sipping, sleeping, or seasonal celebrating, Beverly Hills has it all.



New in the 90210 (from top): The elegant Lobby Lounge at the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills welcomes patrons for a quick bite or afternoon tea; OnlyRoses blooms show their long-lasting colors; for its Avocado Carpaccio Pizza, Jean-Georges Beverly Hills piles a soft crust with slices of the creamy green fruit sprinkled with lime, cilantro, and serrano chiles.



Everything is perfect in Beverly Hills. Everyone dresses better, the streets are cleaner, the service is sharper. And even without snow, it's a smart-looking town for holiday shopping, as visitors and well-to-do locals shop side by side. Here's what's new in the flats of Beverly.

## STAY

A fitting tribute to all this perfection is the opulent 12-story **Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills** ([waldorfastoria.com/beverlyhills.com](http://waldorfastoria.com/beverlyhills)), designed with custom Italian marble and Lalique installations. All 170 rooms offer panoramic views (of course, the higher the room, the better). Technology is tantamount to the exceptional personal service aided by an in-room iPad smart system that controls lighting, temperature, music, even the drapes. La Prairie spa beckons. A chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce or Maybach takes guests anywhere within two miles (thankfully, Rodeo Drive's only a half mile away); the ultra-luxe men's clothier Bijan is on site, as well as on Rodeo.

Prefer to rough it, BH style? Head for the rooftop of Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel for the **Urban Glamping Experience** ([fourseasons.com/beverlywilshire](http://fourseasons.com/beverlywilshire);

from \$3,500). A 16-by-10-foot tent sits upon a 2,140-square-foot terrace and is outfitted with a queen bed, a crystal chandelier, marble lamps, and a fur rug. The marble bathroom, however, is inside the adjacent Veranda Suite (completely furnished and included), where Warren Beatty resided for 10 years.

## SHOP

An excursion to Rodeo Drive and environs is a must. The high-end designer stores have staying power—Bulgari, Chanel, Tom Ford, Salvatore Ferragamo, Versace, Tiffany & Co., and oodles of others. A standout is the chic two-story **Goyard** ([goyard.com](http://goyard.com)) boutique, which showcases its 164-year history of French luxury leather craftsmanship in luggage, bags, accessories, even dog accoutrements, all emblazoned with the distinguished chevron logo.

Say it with flowers as Simon Cowell and Madonna do with arrangements from **OnlyRoses** ([only-roses.com](http://only-roses.com)), the first U.S. location of the prestigious London brand that specializes in long-lasting Ecuadorian fresh roses. The boutique carries 12 rose varieties (from a rotating selection of 250) at all times as well as Infinite Roses that last for a year or more and come in 24 colors, including chocolate, Tiffany blue, and black. >

FROM TOP: COURTESY OF THE WALDORF ASTORIA BEVERLY HILLS; COURTESY OF ONLYROSES; WILLIAM RUST



Uncommon indulgences (from top): Glamping goes urban at Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel; Ice Box Crudités at Georgie is a standout starter; Ladurée's Ispahan takes a macaron to new heights with raspberries and rose petal and lychee cream; St. Supéry's Rodeo Drive tasting salon raises the bar for wine tasting.



## EAT

Holiday shopping requires sustenance, and refined refueling abounds. **Ladurée** ([laduree.com/us](http://laduree.com/us)) is a pretty-as-a-picture pink-and-green Parisian patisserie, whose founder created the first *macaron*. Pastries take center stage here, but don't miss the positively decadent French lunch entrées such as Vol au Vent de Volaille (chicken in puff pastry with mushroom cream sauce). Turning the tables is exclusively vegan fare at **Gratitude Beverly Hills** ([cafegratitude.com](http://cafegratitude.com)). Servers pose philosophical questions, such as “What’s eclectic about you, today?” as they serve plant-based gourmet dishes with an emphasis on inventive bowls, detox drinks, and spins on burritos and pasta.

“Tasting room” doesn’t do justice to the expansive, sophisticated **St. Supéry Estate Tasting Salon** ([stsupery.com](http://stsupery.com)). It’s easy to while away the hours at a bistro table or the custom curved bar while mulling over flights, bottles, or by-the-glass choices from the eponymous Napa Valley producer’s Rutherford and Dollarhide estate vineyards.

Celebrated chefs are as revered as film stars here. Partner and chef Geoffrey Zakarian offers cultivated American takes on global cuisine, such as Moroccan-spiced lamb shank and Oxtail Cavatelli at **Georgie** ([georgiesrestaurant.com](http://georgiesrestaurant.com)) in Montage Beverly Hills. Platings are remarkably pretty (check out the Ice Box

Crudités) as is the ambience, which reinvents itself from breakfast to lunch to dinner with subtle changes in lighting and linens. Michelin-starred Jean-Georges Vongerichten brings **Jean-Georges Beverly Hills** to the Waldorf Astoria. Designed by Pierre-Yves Rochon, its terrazzo flooring, Murano glass chandelier, and floor-to-ceiling windows make a spectacular backdrop for the chef’s repertoire of dishes that range from simple to decadent to succulent: Meyer Lemon Gelée with Caviar and Crème Fraîche, black truffle pizza, and roasted Maine lobster.

## GET IN THE SEASONAL SWING

The main drags—Rodeo Drive, Canon Drive, North Beverly Drive, and South Beverly Drive—strive to outdo the ordinary and wildly succeed. Conventional tinsel, banners, and lights are complemented by geometric and iridescent light installations, most notably an installation of polyhedral sculptures by **HYBYCOZO** (The Hyperspace Bypass Construction Zone, two avant-garde artists who create geometric works) at Beverly Canon Gardens. The area goes **BOLD** (Beverly Hills Open Later Days; [lovebeverlyhills.com](http://lovebeverlyhills.com)) by featuring extended shopping hours, nightly entertainment, DJ performances, sidewalk art, a Chanukah celebration on December 18, and Santa visits at the Paley Center for Media and Two Rodeo Drive. ♦