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Recommended Restaurants

There are many lovely restaurants in and around the hotel area, but here is a simple guide that offers a variety of options to experience the vibrant Los Angeles culinary scene.

We encourage you to make reservations as this will be a busy time due to the scheduling of the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards the same weekend.

BEVERLY HILLS & WEST LOS ANGELES

CUT by Wolfgang Puck

Instant Steakhouse Success by architect Richard Meier (The Getty Center) and restaurateur Wolfgang Puck; Celebrities and local Angelenos alike flock to dine on the Japanese infused, American-style ala carte menu of Kobe beef and seafood. Advance reservations are essential. Full menu offered at the adjacent Sidebar lounge, perfect for first-come-first-serve diners.

Beverly Wilshire Hotel, 9500 Wilshire Boulevard / (310) 275-5200, Ext 8500 / wolfgangpuck.com

Bouchon

Easily one of the best French bistros in L.A., Thomas Keller's newest upscale restaurant sits only a block and a half from the Beverly Wilshire. Under chef Rory Herrmann, the kitchen turns out classic bistro dishes tweaked to Keller's modern sensibility. Have a croque madame at the bar or reserve a table for a slice of quiche, maybe the Florentine, custard interleaved with gorgeous emerald green spinach leaves.

235 N Canon Drive, Beverly Hills / 5 Minute Walk / (310) 271-9910 / bouchonbistro.com

Spago

The jewel in Wolfgang Puck's crown of culinary achievements, this beautiful space features California French cuisine with signature Austrian influences. The five-course tasting menu is sublime with expert wine pairings. Experience award-winning pastries from chef and cookbook author, Sherry Yard.

176 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills / 5 minute walk / (310) 385-0880 / wolfgangpuck.com

Mastro's

This swanky dining establishment features prime steak, fresh seafood and live music nightly (upstairs). Known for USDC hand cut crustaceans and fin fish, as well as USDA hand cut prime steaks and chops. Try the Ahi Tuna and one-on Kansas City Strip steak with wasabi-mash potatoes.

246 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills / 10 minute walk / (310) 888-8782 / mastrorestaurants.com

E. Baldi

“Studio execs, agents with their newly minted starlets and other heavy-hitters come to dine at this Beverly Hills Northern Italian from Giorgio Baldi's son, Edoardo, known for sophisticated, superb cuisine set down in a tight, energetic setting.

375 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills / 5-minute walk / (310) 248-2633 / ebaldi.com

Picca Peru

Picca, which means “to nibble” is a modern Peruvian cantina with a Japanese flair from award-winning Chef Ricardo Zarate. You'll discover over 50 refined Peruvian dishes designed to be passed around the table. Loud and lively, but a lot of fun, make sure to enjoy a cocktail off the menu by master mixologist Julian Cox... the Avocado Project is my fave!

9575 West Pico Blvd, Beverly Hills / 5 minute drive / (310) 277-0133 / piccaperu.com

Baltaire

Sexy Brentwood steakhouse serving beautiful prime cuts. Nice size patio and bar area make this a pretty popular spot for lunch and dinner.

11647 San Vicente, Brentwood / 15-25 minute drive / (424) 273-1600 / baltaire.com

SANTA MONICA & THE BEACHES

Water Grill Santa Monica

“Seafood so fresh it seems as if they just fished it out of the ocean” is the hook at these upscale-casual Downtown and Santa Monica eateries also featuring just about every kind of oyster you can imagine. Kitchy décor, close to all the energy in Santa Monica.

1401 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica / 25-minute drive / (310) 394-5669 / watergrill.com

Nobu Malibu

Simply outstanding sums up Nobu Matsuhisa's Malibu Japanese featuring amazing sushi and innovative Peruvian-influenced plates served by a fantastic staff in a lovely oceanside setting; factor in a patio filled with gorgeous patrons including a smattering of celebs and fans say if your wallet can handle it, it never disappoints.

22706 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu / 40-50 minute drive / (310) 317-9140 / noburestaurants.com

Mastro's Ocean Club Malibu

“Steak with a scene” sums up this glamorous chophouse in Malibu offering amazing cuts and seafood along with great martinis and professional service in a spectacular (if sometimes noisy) ocean-adjacent location.”

Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu / 35-45 minute drive / (310) 454-4357 / mastrosrestaurants.com

Geoffreys

From its stunning, romantic beachside setting, this Malibu Californian has played host to Marilyn Monroe, JFK and much of Old Hollywood's glitterati – and remains as classy as ever with its sweeping ocean views from almost every seat.

27400 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu / 45-60 minute drive / (310) 457-1519 / geoffreysmalibu.com

Gjelina

“A must on the hipster farm-to-table circuit, this fabulous Abbot Kinney American features delicious, unique pizzas and other shareable ultra-fresh plates in a loud, scenic setting; while service can be spotty, most can't wait to go back. Patio seating is prime real estate!

1429 Abbot Kinney Boulevard, Venice / 30-35 minute drive / (310) 450-1429 / gjelina.com

HOLLYWOOD AND WEST HOLLYWOOD

AOC

“Still holding its own after more than a decade, this ever-popular Beverly Grove Californian from Suzanne Goin never disappoints with imaginative Med-inspired small plates matched by a legit wine list, genial service and classy quarters featuring a breathtaking patio; it remains a favorite for special occasions, leisurely weekend brunches or just chilling at the bar.”

8700 West 3rd Street, West Hollywood / 12-15 minute drive / (310) 859-9859 / aocwinebar.com

Boa

The soaring, slanted ceiling with a circle cut out of it to show off the night sky gives Boa Steakhouse on Sunset a futuristic feel. Add prime cuts of beef with a trendy, stylish crowd and you have a modern steakhouse worth the drive.

9200 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood / 10 minute drive / (310) 278-2050 / boasteak.com

The Bazaar

With 177 different styled chairs and over 20 glass and crystal chandeliers, world-renowned designer Philippe Starck has teamed up with Chef Jose Andres to unleash pure creativity into this new Spanish hotspot at Hotel SLS. Inventive tapas like foie gras wrapped in cotton candy, mozzarella-tomato pipettes with micro basil and seared piquillo peppers stuffed with goat cheese grace the menu to appease even the most adventurous foodie.

465 South La Cienega Boulevard, Beverly Hills / 15 minute drive / (310) 246-5555 / thebazaar.com

Barton G - The Restaurant

“Event designer and Miami restaurateur Barton G. Weiss offers dining as theater at this over-the-top American where the crazy food – complete with whimsical props – is presented by an entertaining staff along with delicious drinks like nitro-cocktails amid refined surroundings; critics contend the whole package is style over substance (and for an expensive fee no less), but the presentation alone is worth the cost of admission.”

861 North La Cienega Boulevard, West Hollywood / 12-15 minute drive / (310) 388-1888 / bartongtherestaurantla.com

Catch LA

“Hailing from New York, with outposts around the globe, this hot spot is known for its celebrity sightings, colorful cocktails and enviable rooftop set in the heart of the West Hollywood Design District. The room — under a retractable roof, filled with big circular booths, ivy-covered wood beams and foliage-filled chandeliers — is the stage for massive shellfish towers, loaded sushi rolls, whole wok-fired lobsters and huge plates of meat, with a sizable price tag to match.”

8715 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood / 15 minute drive / (323) 347-6060 / catchrestuarnts.com/catchla

Cecconi's

Classic Italian restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well as cicchetti (Italian tapas), seven days a week. Absolutely beautiful and well appointed space with popular landscaped terrace. Sit in the main restaurant, on the terrace, or at the bar with its wood-burning oven.

8764 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood / 15-20 minute drive / (310) 432-2000 / ceconiswesthollywood.com

Gwen

“Celebrity chef Curtis Stone and brother Luke are at the helm of this high-end, full-service restaurant and butcher shop in the heart of Hollywood. The retail side features glass cases full of cuts, chops, sausages, fowl,

cured meats and more; the polished dining room, with its corner bar, chandeliers and views into the fiery kitchen grills, is a grand setting for the five-course dinner menus – plus cocktails and an eclectic wine program.”

6600 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, 90028 / 30-35 minute drive / (323) 946-7500 / gwenla.com

Madeo

A backdrop of black-and-white framed photographs, curved booths and an immense wood bar lends a classic feel to this already authentic Beverly Hills hangout. Open for lunch and dinner the Northern Italian menu offers staples like veal-stuffed ravioli, classic pizza Margarita and whole striped bass. The ricotta cheesecake made in-house is a must-order, sending you right back to the streets of Italy.

8897 Beverly Blvd, West Hollywood / 15 minute drive / (310) 859-0242

Norah

“Full of luxe textures — white marble, leather, bubble-light chandeliers, dark woods, leafy trees and black and white contrasts — this stylish eatery and bar offers communal tables with mismatched stools and custom-made chairs, plus low-slung sofas for a loungey vibe. The eclectic contemporary American menu trends toward seasonal, wood-grilled fare, plus oysters and charcuterie — mostly small plates with a few choice entrees to pair with cocktails.”

8279 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood / 15 minute drive / (323) 450-4211 / norahrestuarnt.com

Pizzeria Mozza/ Osteria Mozza

Nancy Silverton and Mario Batali are making beautiful pizza together at this tiny Hollywood Pizzeria and we Angelenos can’t get enough. Equally sinful is the more diverse Osteria menu next door, where a marble Mozzarella bar is made famous alongside an exquisite list of Italian wine. Next best thing: Dining on the streets of Rome!

641 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood / 25 minute drive / (323) 297-0101 / pizzeriamozza.com

Republique

“Walter and Margarita Manzke's big, bustling brasserie in Hancock Park is excellent in every way, from its bold, inventive French menu with extensive charcuterie and oyster offerings and outstanding baked goods to its beautiful setting with mile-high ceilings and attentive service.”

624 South La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles / 15-20 minute drive / (310) 362-6115 / republiquela.com

Roku Sunset

“Hoping to reinvent the flash and flair of traditional teppanyaki cooking, this latest concept from the group behind the Sushi Roku chain features teppan chefs preparing sizzling Wagyu beef, spot prawns and other high-grade ingredients on grill tables. The sprawling setting includes indoor and outdoor spaces designed with a relaxed Asian aesthetic.”

9201 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood / 10-15 minute drive / (310) 278-2060 / innovatedining.com/restaurants/roku

Toca Madera

“Atmosphere is king at this clublike cantina in Beverly Grove where organic Mexican sharing plates (including some vegan options) are nearly overwhelmed by the interesting decor featuring a sleek patio, sugar skulls and a crystal quartz bar stocked with tequila.”

8450 3rd Street, West Hollywood / 10-15 minute drive / (323) 852-9400 / tocamadera.com

Estrella

Taking inspiration from the gorgeous canyons in SoCal, this eclectic space has vintage decor and an interesting all day Modern American menu.

8800 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood / 15 minute drive / (310) 652-6613 / estrellasunset.com

The District by Hannah An

"Beautiful luxe surroundings, including a nice deck, provide a backdrop for super-rich seafood dishes and other interesting Vietnamese eats at this expensive-leaning Beverly Grove eatery from restaurateur Hannah An (Crustacean)."

8722 West 3rd Street, West Hollywood / 12-15 minute drive / (323) 366-2940 / thedistrictbyha.com

Ysabel

"While there is a menu of New American dishes at this West Hollywood elbow-bender, the main draw is the cocktail program. The space sprawls from a bar in the front to a bar in the back, with a spacious outdoor patio. "

945 North Fairfax Avenue, West Hollywood / 15-20 minute drive / (323) 366-2940 / ysabel.la

DOWNTOWN

Bestia Downtown

Husband-and-wife team Ori Menashe (ex Angelini Osteria) and Genevieve Gergis are a force to be reckoned with at this new fave in Downtown's Arts District, a hot destination for on-point rustic Italian fare from an open kitchen; urban-trendy digs and cool servers are more reasons it's so crowded and deafening – not that you need to talk with food like this!

2121 East 7th Place Downtown Los Angeles / 45-60-minute drive / (213) 514-5724 / bestiala.com

Otium

"This rustic-chic modern American restaurant is filled with natural light and accents of steel, wood, copper and ceramics. The raw and refined look mimics chef Timothy Hollingsworth's menu offerings, which make use of the on-site garden, wood-fired grills and rotisseries."

222 South Hope Street, Los Angeles / 35-45 minute drive / (213) 935-8500 / otiumla.com

Redbird

"Dining is a religious experience at this New American hot spot from Neal Fraser, where the progressive, artful menu highlighting refined versions of familiar dishes is almost as revelatory as the setting in the gorgeous open-air rectory of the incredible Vibiana Cathedral Downtown; add in inventive cocktails served by a warm and wonderful staff and acolytes can hear the choir!"

114 East 2nd Street, Los Angeles / 35-45 minute drive / (213) 788-1191 / redbird.la

The Factory Kitchen

"A contender for best pasta in town, this bustling, moderately priced Italian culinary gem in a funky, concrete-laden warehouse in DTLA's industrial Arts District brings the wow factor with its divine, must-order handkerchief noodles (though the devoted deem nearly every dish a masterpiece, including the innovative flatbreads); the crowds have discovered it, so waits and jet-engine noise levels are inevitable, but the friendly staff helps make the room a bit more manageable."

1300 Factory Place, Los Angeles / 35-45 minute drive / (213) 996-6000 / thefactorykitchen.com

CLASSIC LOS ANGELES FAVORITES

The Grill on the Alley

Serving lunch and dinner daily, a true grill offering a selection of fresh seafood, steaks, chops, salads, sides and even chicken potpie. Sunday's prime rib dinner is legendary. Try their excellent chocolate sundae. Full Bar.
9560 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills (entrance on Dayton Way) / 2 block walk / (310) 276-0615 / thegrill.com

Ivy on Robertson

A celebrity favorite; American fare served in a quaint cottage setting nestled amongst trendy shopping hotspots like Kitson, Lisa Kline, Madsison and Seven for all Mankind. Lunch on the patio is best on sunny days, but by request only.

113 North Robertson Boulevard, Beverly Hills / 10 minute drive / (310) 274-8303 / theivyrestaurants.com

Katana

Located in the heart of the Sunset Strip, this modern Japanese gem serves top-notch sushi and robata ("by the fireside") and a varied vegetarian menu. The outdoor patio can't be beat for a view of the Strip and small-group entertaining.

8439 West Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood / 15 minute drive / (323) 650-8585 / innovatedining.com/restaurants/katana

KOI

Celebrity hotspot (frequently seen on HBO'S "Entourage") where the exquisite sushi and Japanese menu easily matches the stylish atmosphere designed by Thomas Schoos (O-Bar & Citizen Smith). The Tuna Sticky Rice and the Rock Shrimp Rolls are a must!

730 North La Cienega Boulevard, North of Melrose / 15 minute drive / (310) 659-9449 / koirestaurant.com/

Mr. Chow

Our famous neighbor serves Gourmet Chinese like nobody else. The always in-style atmosphere keeps the celebrities and Beverly Hills locals coming back again and again for their (verbal) menu favorites.

344 North Camden Drive, Beverly Hills / 5 minute walk / (310) 278-9911 / mrchow.com

Nobu LA

Chef Nobu Matsuhisa has joined La Cienega's famous restaurant row! Featuring a modern Asian design with ruby-hued banettes beneath a large array of silkworm cocoon lanterns, Nobu has made another hit. Classics like yellowtail sashimi with jalapeno still adorn the menu alongside new dishes such as Kobe skirt steak and wasabi duck breast.

903 North La Cienega Boulevard, West Hollywood / 15 minute drive / (310) 657-5711 / noburestaurents.com