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## Spending Two Perfect Days In Beverly Hills



Montage Beverly Hills' Presidential Suite, *Photo Credit: Montage Hotels & Resorts*

When it comes to luxurious destinations, Beverly Hills has a well-deserved reputation as a playground for the rich and famous, with plenty of opulent homes, high-end shopping and top-tier restaurants to show for it. But even if you don't lead the lush life year-round, you can try it on for size by spending a weekend in this sunny **Los Angeles** dream world.

## Day One

Check into Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star [Montage Beverly Hills](#) and settle into one of its spacious suites overlooking Beverly Canon Gardens. Plush details such as fireplaces, marble bathtubs, private terraces and substantial closet space will have you feeling at home in no time. A visit to the Five-Star [Spa Montage Beverly Hills](#)' Moroccan-style mineral pools should be your next priority, followed by a cold-pressed juice sipped at the hotel's rooftop café where you can take in sweeping views of the Hollywood Hills.

Next, head six blocks down Wilshire Boulevard to visit the newly renovated Neiman Marcus, where plant-based chef Matthew Kenney recently opened [Matthew Kenney NM](#), a vegan standout in a neighborhood known more for its Italian cuisine and steaks than green Californian fare. A vibrant bowl of sesame-ginger kelp noodles with rainbow carrots, arugula and nori will leave you much better equipped to contemplate that monumental handbag purchase.

Keeping in the spirit of wellness, visit the brand new [Alo Yoga](#), the yoga-wear company's first flagship store on Canon Drive; the spot has a sunny rooftop deck and yoga studio plus an organic kombucha café.

Nearby Five-Star [The Beverly Hills Hotel](#) also offers public yoga classes each Saturday morning through its 9021-OM program. A visit to the historic "Pink Palace" is essential and the class is a great way to see the property; make sure to visit the downstairs soda fountain and gift shop of goods splashed with the hotel's signature banana leaf and hot-pink print.

After a wardrobe change, meet friends for drinks at the brand new [Cut Lounge](#) in the nearby Four-Star [Beverly Wilshire, Beverly Hills \(A Four Seasons Hotel\)](#). Nosh on satisfying snacks like crab avocado toast with [Santa Barbara](#) uni, seared sirloin skewers with harissa aioli and bite-sized truffle grilled cheese — and don't overlook the Japanese whisky list either.

When a dinner-sized hunger strikes, Wolfgang Puck's beloved steakhouse [Cut Beverly Hills](#) is right next door, and his celebrated [Spago](#) is just a stone's throw from there.

There are plenty of newly opened restaurants to try out too. Iron Chef Geoffrey Zakarian's [Georgie](#), located in Montage Beverly Hills, serves classics made modern with a global palette of ingredients; the two-level [Nerano](#) specializes in house-made pasta crafted by chef Michele Lisi, who comes to California by way of Puglia, Italy.

For after-dinner drinks, head to [Wally's](#), a Beverly Hills institution and wine bar boasting over 2,500 different bottles plus rare spirits, craft beer and selections of caviar, chocolate and truffles.

## Day Two

Start the morning off with a latté and a croissant at chef Thomas Keller's [Bouchon Bistro](#), conveniently located adjacent to the Montage.

You'll need the sustenance for a customizable bike tour with [Bikes and Hikes LA](#). See where the city's most fabulous locals live, and cycle to destinations like Beverly Gardens Park, the curious Witch House and Greystone Mansion and Gardens, where countless movies, TV shows and music videos have been filmed.

To see even more of the neighborhood, pick up a 40-minute [Beverly Hills trolley tour](#), which runs on the hour and features art, architecture and historical highlights.

Break for lunch at Four-Star [The Belvedere](#), the newly renovated restaurant tucked inside of Five-Star [The Peninsula Beverly Hills](#). Chef David Codney's fresh and elegant fare includes dishes like potted smoked salmon with roe and dill, charred Caesar salad with crispy Brussels sprouts and kale, and Mediterranean meagre with spinach salsa verde and endive. Save room for pastry chef Stephanie Boswell's incredible desserts, which are a feast for both the eyes and mouth (two words: fabergé s'mores).

No trip to Beverly Hills is complete without a visit to Rodeo Drive — even if you're just window-shopping on the palm-lined retail paradise. Chanel, Prada, Burberry, Valentino and Dolce & Gabbana are just a handful of the brands with storefronts on the famed street. True VIPs can be found sipping champagne on Louis Vuitton's scenic deck, being fitted at Bally for made-to-order leather shoes or trying on clothes in one of the private shopping lounges found at many of the boutiques.

For your final night, book far in advance for dinner at [Tempura Endo](#), the only location of this [Kyoto](#)-style tempura restaurant found outside of Japan. The full omakase experience is a feast consisting of fried bites of shrimp toast, Wagyu beef, uni, prawn and scallop with caviar — all prepared by two chefs at a centerpiece-worthy copper-covered fryer.

There's undoubtedly no better way to end a visit to Beverly Hills than an experience at [£10](#) — that is, if you can finagle a reservation. The secret bar, which is tucked away on the second floor of the Montage and accessible only through a kitchen entrance, specializes in Macallan single malts. The list includes scotch aged in sherry oak and old rare bottles aged anywhere from 15 to 64 years. A dram of the latter, poured over an ice sphere molded from Scottish water and served in Lalique crystal glassware, will cost you \$6,400.

But you know what they say: "When in Beverly Hills..."