



4 Great Reasons Why Beverly Hills is a “Local Exotic” Travel Destination

Lucky for you if you’re an LA Local. “Exotic” Beverly Hills is just a drive away!

I love to vacation in exotic places. But who says “exotic” has to be *far far far away*? (That’ll be the only movie quote you’ll see here.) I’ve been living in Beverly Hills for more than twenty years. I’ve owned restaurants here, raised a family, made many friends, and learned so many things. Like anywhere else, though, I suppose, it’s easy to take your own backyard for granted.

But I don’t like to take anything for granted. I’m constantly looking for places in my own neighborhood to eat and be entertained. So, I’ve taken it upon myself to do more exploring locally – even to places that are very well known to me and my friends. Then, it’ll be no surprise that I have mapped out four of my favorite places around Beverly Hills that are so fun; I think they qualify as part of the “local exotic” scene.



Let's start at [The Palm Beverly Hills](#). A fabulous surf'n turf landmark restaurant located on Canyon Drive's well-known "restaurant row." This is the 'rebuilt' Palm – the old one ran in West Hollywood for more than 40 years and had to move after their lease ran out. But what a rebuild! My favorite dish is the 4lb female lobster. The tails are larger than male lobsters and served on huge pewter serving plates. Order the best creamed spinach you've ever tasted to enjoy with your lobster. Open for lunch and dinner. Reservations are recommended.

How about brunch on Saturday or Sunday? I highly recommend [The Blvd](#) restaurant at the Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills for the "bottomless" Champagne Bar. They serve Perrier-Jouet Champagne – a fabulous bottle of bubbles with no bottom! Try a little fruit mix-in with OJ (for Mimosas) or peach (for Bellinis). And you really can't go wrong with anything on the brunch menu. Definitely make reservations if you want to go.

Want casual dining but with a flair for refined? I recommend the [South Beverly Grill](#) on South Beverly Drive. It's one of those places where you can really feel at home for lunch or dinner. I think part of the appeal is the simplicity of the menu. You really want to try their hamburger and fries. Sit at the bar and try to be in George's area. He's the best bartender in Beverly Hills. There are no reservations for the bar, but if you want a table, I recommend reservations, especially for dinner.

Hopefully, there's a concert you want to see while on your tour of Beverly Hills, and there's no better venue than the world-famous [Hollywood Bowl](#). My favorite thing to do during the summer program is to get a box and bring a picnic for "al fresco" dining during one of the special themed presentations. What an exotic experience to listen to your favorite musician under the stars. Right?

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