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For the past 50 years, the Sunset Marquis has been the home away from home for actors, artists, filmmakers, fashion designers and perhaps most notably, rock stars. The legendary hotel at 1200 Alta Loma Road became a safe haven for those in the know to escape the chaos of the Sunset Strip and such famous clubs as the Whisky a Go Go, The Roxy and the Troubadour.

After a major \$35 million renovation, the property is comprised of 154 suites and villas that expand over four acres in the heart of West Hollywood. Nondescript from the outside, the Sunset Marquis is modern, hip and has an undeniable cool factor that is reinforced by the constant reminders of rock memorabilia all over the hotel.



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01 Sunset Marquis Villa Pool

02 Spa Treatment Room

03 Spa Garden

04 Cavatina Restaurant – Outdoor Patio



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MORNINGS

The best way to start your morning is with a walk a few blocks down to Urth Caffe for coffee and then work your way over to Runyon Canyon for an easy hike to scope out a view of L.A. from the top. Work your way back down and head to The Hudson for a leisurely breakfast of brioche french toast or a short rib benedict—you did just go for a hike, after all.

Back at the hotel, take advantage of the quiet time—no early risers here—and stroll through the property, checking out all of the framed photos of rock legends during their time at the Sunset Marquis. You'll feel cool just for being there.

AFTERNOONS

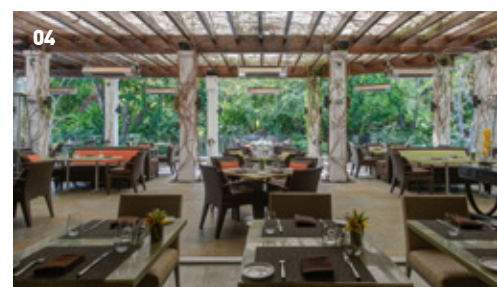
If it's nice out (*and chances are it will be*), go for a dip in the Villa pool and spend the afternoon lounging in a cabana, with a break for lunch at Cavatina, the hotel's open-air restaurant. Don't be surprised to find yourself dining next to a supermodel or musician, but don't geek out either. Celebs come to the Sunset Marquis for the privacy and the ability to relax undisturbed.

At such an exclusive hotel, you might not expect it to be family friendly. Not true at all in this case. In fact, upon check in, the staff is more than happy to set your room up with anything you could possibly

need for a child ... mini bath robes, a high-chair, crib, child-sized fruit plate, you name it. And once you've settled in a bit, they even send over a personalized gift for your child, like a little rocker tee and coloring books.

Although I have to admit, the coolest part of their kids program might be the Future Rocker Passport. Each child receives a passport book that instructs them to go to the front desk to take a photo and then they embark on a scavenger hunt around the property that yields fun facts with a guided tour and ultimately ends in prizes for each passport stamp accrued. It's fun for hours, if you're game to play along.

If you're visiting kid-free, spend the rest of the afternoon in the Spa's 1,800 square feet of relaxation. Indulge in one of the massages or body treatments while sprawled out in one of the spacious treatment rooms, on one of the massage beds by Porsche (*yes, Porsche*). If romance is in the cards, go for the couple's massage with rose petals and candlelight in a private suite, complete with a rainfall shower for two.



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EVENINGS

01 Bar 1200

02 A Room at the Sunset Marquis

03 Presidential Bathroom

The Sunset Marquis is in such a prime location for dining out, the possibilities

are endless. You can't go wrong with trendy gastropub The Churchill or Pace, a cozy Italian gem up Laurel Canyon. Once you've fueled up for the night, check out a show or bar hop around town with drinks at Chateau Marmont, Harlowe, Grandpa Johnson's or The Secret Club on Fairfax (*Google it*).

Eventually find your way back to the Sunset Marquis and hit up Bar 1200—the hotel's bar that is not your ordinary hotel bar—for a dark and sultry nightcap. Who knows who you'll rub elbows with.



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LOVE

It's all you need. Well, that along with a luxury villa to crash in after you and your partner indulge in couple's massage ritual. Package includes accommodations in a deluxe villa for two guests, a couple's spa ritual, breakfast and valet parking.

SUNSET 2 SUNRISE

Party like a rock star on Sunset Boulevard and then crash in luxury and recover with a delectable breakfast so you can do it all over again. Package includes accommodations in a suite or villa, breakfast, Sunset Strip All Access VIP passes, Equinox passes and valet parking.

STAY & PLAY

No need to bring your own axe. Borrow one of theirs and jam in your room till your ears bleed. Package includes a one night stay in a deluxe villa for two, use of an EG-1 Traveler Guitar (*including headsets*) for duration of stay, passes to Equinox Health Club, breakfast vouchers, a Sunset Strip All Access VIP pass and valet parking.

PLANNING AHEAD

Getting There

The Sunset Marquis is located in the heart of West Hollywood, just off of the Sunset Strip. From San Diego, it's around a two-hour drive, depending on traffic.

When to Go

Check upcoming concert calendars and make a weekend out of it. Anything at the Hollywood Bowl or the Greek Theater completes the L.A. experience!

Book It

Rates start around \$300 for a standard room and go up if you choose a suite or a villa. Reservations can be made online at sunsetmarquis.com.

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