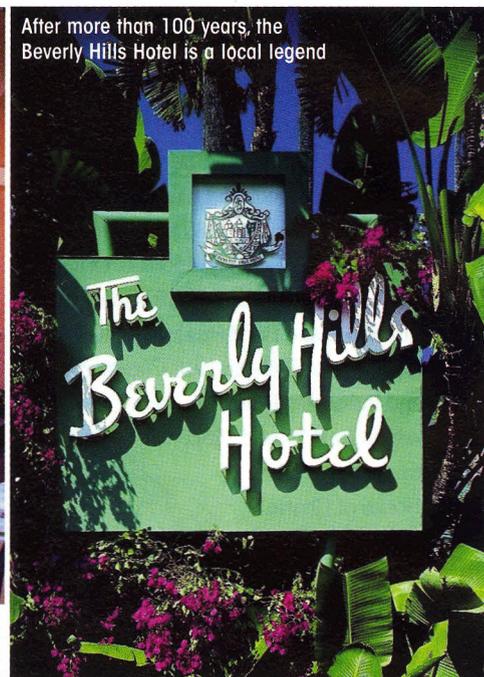


The Beverly Hills Hotel *An Authentic Gem*

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The iconic Polo Lounge remains the place to see and be seen in Beverly Hills

After more than 100 years, the Beverly Hills Hotel is a local legend



Planning a retreat during the hectic holiday season? You won't find a more perfect spot than the Beverly Hills Hotel. The "pink" palace, situated atop 12 acres of prime real estate in the rarefied 90210 zip code, has long welcomed guests accustomed to pampering.

Built in 1912, the BHH offers 185 rooms and suites — plus 23 storied bungalows nestled in a romantic garden setting. Elizabeth Taylor honeymooned with six of her eight husbands in the bungalows and lived in Bungalow 5 with Richard Burton when they were newlyweds. Marilyn Monroe preferred Bungalow 1. John Lennon and Yoko Ono once hid out in Bungalow 11 for a week.

After more than a century, the hotel's Polo Lounge remains *the* spot to socialize, ink big deals, enjoy live piano, and be seen. The great traditional atmosphere and professional wait service here are reminiscent of another era. Like the rest of the property, the iconic identity of this famous watering hole — and the equally famous

Polo Lounge Patio — has been carefully maintained.

The hotel's ambience is that of a relaxed resort — especially at the large swimming pool, which is surrounded by ten beautiful cabanas. While the pool is reserved for registered guests, the Cabana Café — serving meals and drinks — is open to non-guests. The Fountain Coffee Room is popular with locals — including some celebrities — who sometimes have to wait in line for one of the 19 stools facing the counter. The cheerful staff creates a welcoming atmosphere and even remembers regulars' preferences.

Many guests appreciate the historic ambience and great service provided by the hotel and return time and again. The BHH is also a popular staycation destination. If you're thinking of shopping during your stay, you'll be glad to know that the hotel's house car is provided free of charge for trips within five miles — and that includes Rodeo Drive. (310.276.2251, www.dorchestercollection.com)

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Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor lived in Bungalow 5 for several years



Two-legged and four-legged guests enjoy the pampering at The Beverly Hills Hotel

