

HAUTE LIVING

The Hautest Hotels In LA By Neighborhood

Scouting a hotel in L.A. can be daunting. There are so many options: beachy or iconic? Glamorous or eco-friendly? Santa Monica or Bel-Air? Hopefully, we've made your choices a little easier by breaking down our favorite hotels in the City of Angels by neighborhood. So pack your bags, and get ready to check in to these gorgeous properties, which have one, very important thing in common: they all offer pure luxury.

SURFRIDER MALIBU



Photo Credit: Nicole Franzen

Located on the iconic Pacific Coast Highway, The Surfrider, a Casetta hotel, is a 20-room coastal California beach house, built circa 1953, that's got a beachier feel than just about anywhere else in L.A. It's no wonder that the hotel — which is located just across from Surfrider Beach — was a hangout for surfers through the 1960s and 1970s, because it still feels that way today (and indeed, there were surfers chilling at the rooftop bar in the sunset hours, happily sipping on tequila cocktails after a day in the ocean, staring out at said ocean as if they couldn't quite remember being in it). The property is small and cozy, offering guests an array of beach amenities, including surfboards, paddleboards, umbrellas, beachbags, and more. It's main gathering point, of course, is its rooftop bar and restaurant, a guest-only affair with a bar and firepit, and the Pacific Ocean as its backdrop. The fare, quite simply, is fantastic — which makes it a real shame that hotel guests are the only ones to experience it. The menu focuses on coastal Californian fare, all locally sourced, sustainable, or organic. Bread is sourced from Gjusta, and the quality of the food is just next level — as are the drinks. Try the Apres Surf smoothie, a house-made tonic, or a "healthy" night cap (in the chillier months, sip on a chamomile and Manuka honey infused Hot Toddy by the firepit); there are also small scale natural and organic vineyards and distilleries, Ayurvedic teas, and local coffee roasts on offer.

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