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## Getaway Perks

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Hotel Wilshire in Los Angeles

*Hotel Wilshire, Kimpton Hotels*

Love is in the details. At least that's what Oprah says. When you're on vacation, it's the details that standout. [Freebies](#) are being offered by more [hotels](#) than you'd think; no longer limited to your standard continental breakfast, these freebies are useful and inventive. From hearty breakfasts to bike rentals, and even in-room yoga, hotels have stepped up their game. Here are a few complimentary items you'll find on your next getaway.

### Hyatt Palm Springs

The recently renovated Hyatt Palm Springs offers their guests a "**Wow Cart**". This cart is rolled by every guest room from 4-6 pm, and offers complimentary items including; bottled water, soft drinks, freshly baked cookies, whole fruit, fun-sized candies, ice, cups, utensils, and napkins.

## The Hollywood Hotel

This hotel that was originally located on Hollywood Boulevard and then reopened in 1964 on Vermont Ave. in the heart of East Hollywood, not only offers **complimentary Wi-Fi and parking** (which is amazing in LA) but is probably most known for its hot, hearty free breakfast. **Ten varieties of cereal**, muffins, bagels, pastries, croissants, breads and fresh fruit are available to all guests. An “egg station” for made-to-order omelets with up to eight different fillings, scrambled, fried or just plain egg whites is also available. Sausage, cheese and a variety of cold cuts complete the protein offerings. Vegan guests can enjoy flour tortillas with their choice of fillings.

## Hotel Wilshire and Hotel Palomar, Los Angeles

These Kimpton Hotels in LA and nationwide, offer complimentary bike rental, walking maps and **in-room yoga service** that features yoga mat, props, towels, fruit-infused water and dried fruit and nuts. Each Kimpton Hotel room has a wellness TV channel that offers yoga and pilates instructions for guests to follow. Along with these goodies, the hotels offer a Social Hour from 5-6 pm with complimentary wine and cocktails.

## Hard Rock Hotel San Diego

The freebies offered at the Hard Rock in [San Diego](#), and at Hard Rock Hotels across the country, are centered around the two things they’re most known for; music and fun. Their “Sound of Your Stay” program offers the following complimentary services to their guests:

**tracks™** is a complimentary music download program, which provides guests with the ability to download playlists designed for Hard Rock by celebrities and music professionals. At check-in, visitors receive a code to download their choice of three themed playlists, including "City" which features cutting edge rock and electronic sounds, "Players" which reflects the classic side of Hard Rock and "Resort" which has more recognizable pop-rock hits and up-and-coming bands about to break.

**picks™** is a Fender guitar room service program. Visitors of the hotel call the front desk and choose from a menu of 20 Fender guitars, including Stratocasters, Telecasters and even bass guitars to play during their stay. The guitar is then delivered to the room, complete with a Mustang Floor Amplifier and SOUL by Ludacris headphones – allowing for a high-volume jam out session with zero noise complaints.

**mix™** allows guests to match beats and remix like a professional DJ with the in-room delivery of a Traktor Kontrol S2 mixer, a laptop loaded with Traktor PRO 2 digital mixing software and a pair of SOUL by Ludacris High Def headphones.

**Electra Bicycles** has partnered with Hard Rock Hotel San Diego to offer a complimentary Electra Cruiser rental during their stay. The cruiser bicycles come with Electra's patented Flat Foot Technology®, a frame design that provides riders with increased comfort and control, and the ability to comfortably place both feet on the ground while still seated. The upright riding position also allows riders a wide view of the road to help them focus on where they are going. All guests who borrow a set of Electra wheels during their stay will also be outfitted with a helmet and bike lock for safe riding and storage.

### **Ritz-Carlton Miami**

How Miami is this? The Ritz-Carlton features a “**Tanning Butler**”. This butler’s job is to stroll the pool deck and beach area, and offer sunbathers complimentary Evian facial sprays, personal sunglasses-cleaning services, and a variety of sun-tanning products.

### **Westin Dawn Beach Resort & Spa, St. Maarten**

The largest resort on the Dutch side of the island, Westin Dawn Beach Resort and Spa, offers a **free 3-6 pm mocktail, art and live entertainment social** every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This event features local artists’ work, live fusion Caribbean music, and mocktails like virgin Daiquiris and Guavaberry Coladas.

### **Great Wolf Lodge**

Guests at any of the family-friendly Great Wolf Lodge property will find a card in their rooms for a free **20 page Shutterfly photo book**. After returning home, guests visit the Shutterfly Great Wolf Lodge Photo Book website, enter the code and upload their photos. This lodge offers locations from Garden Grove to Boston.

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