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E HOLLYWOOD HOTEL: A HIDDEN GEM IN LOS ANGELES

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I'm an East Coast girl, born and raised. So, when planning to trip to Los Angeles, I felt both clueless and overwhelmed. I mean, you don't get a name like the City of Angels or the City of Sunshine for no reason. There was so much to see and so little time! To my delight (and relief), I found the Hollywood Hotel. Due to the hotel's central location, I was able to fit in as much as possible in my short 3-day trip to California.
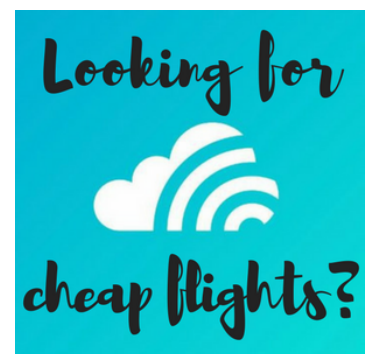
## The Hollywood Hotel Experience

About Me

My name is Leah, a 24-year-old who aspires to travel and learn as much as possible. I work as a translator and speak English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

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restaurants, boutiques, and night clubs. When it comes to overall value as a guest, the Hollywood Hotel is undoubtedly the best accommodation in the city. With its central location and 130 comfortable guest rooms, this hotel does everything it can to make you feel like a movie star.
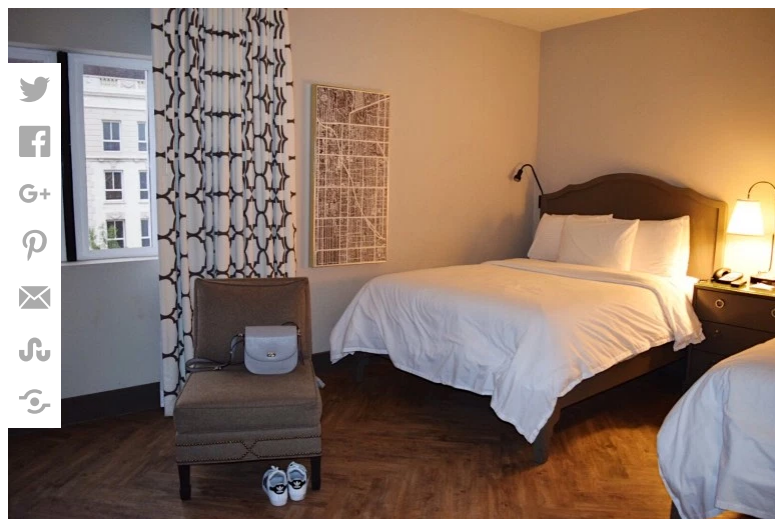

I started each day with the hotel's complimentary Hot International Buffet Breakfast. Let me tell you, this has to be one of the best hotel meals I've ever had! With omelets made to order, waffles, fruit, and coffee galore, there's something for even the pickiest of visitors! After breakfast, I often headed up to the concierge to ask about making plans for the day. The staff was always willing to book tours for us, suggest places to eat, and help us reach popular sites on our LA bucket list.

The Hollywood Hotel's outdoor courtyard

The hotel's amenities include a spa, sauna, fitness room, pool, and an adorable patio. Unfortunately for me, I came to LA during a rainy weekend. Nonetheless, the outdoor patio was still my favorite part of the Hollywood Hotel. I mean look at it, it's dreamy! Although the hotel is located in an urban area, this Mediterranean terrace will briefly transport you to paradise. On a sunny day, many guests will choose to work and relax in this area. Guests are also invited to meet on the patio for a cocktail hour in the evening.

If you're in Los Angeles during a bit of rain, the Hollywood Hotel has just the fix! You won't even need an umbrella to hit the Comedy Club or dine at the 1160 Bar & Lounge, both located on the
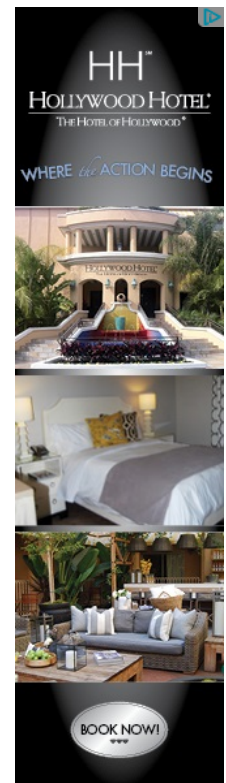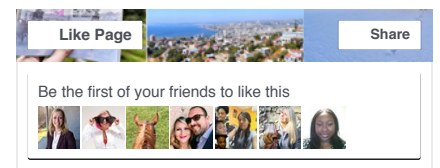
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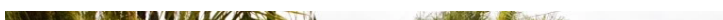
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The outdoor pool, open year round

If you're a coffee addict like myself, you'll be happy to know that there are tons of adorable cafés close by. You can also find darling brunch spots and all varieties of delicious restaurants. Even Sunset Boulevard, one of LA's most popular streets, is just around the corner. Here were some of my favorite one-of-a-kind eats close to the hotel:

- Intelligentsia Coffee: For coffee and pastries.
- Home Restaurant: For brunch and patio dining.
- Tlayuda L.A. Mexican Restaurant: For an authentic taste of Mexico.
- Churro Borough: Because yes, churro ice cream sandwiches are a thing.
- Bar Covell: For a glass of wine with the ladies.

The Hollywood Hotel was the perfect introduction to Los Angeles. Even in the rain, I couldn't have imagined a better weekend in La-La Land. I can't wait to have another opportunity to return to California (and hopefully the Hollywood Hotel, too!) in the future.

The Hollywood Hotel provided me with accommodations for the purpose of this post. Nonetheless, all opinions are my own. You ca find the Hollywood Hotel on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TripAdvisor.

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A hidden gem in L.A.

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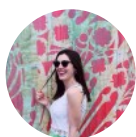
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