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La Costa Resort & Spa

This tranquil property is its own village within the village of Carlsbad, boasting 610 guest rooms, villas and 76 suites sprinkled across 400 lush acres. Dine on seasonal SoCal fare at the indoor/outdoor BlueFire Grill, grab a cocktail in the plush Lobby

Lounge, play a round of tennis on one of 17 courts, golf on one of two 18-hole PGA championship courses, chill in one of eight swimming pools and five Jacuzzis, and get pampered at the sprawling Spa at La Costa, housing 42 treatment rooms and a generous outdoor courtyard. La Costa is offering a special promo where select rooms are 30 percent off and spa packages are discounted for the holidays.

2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad | 760.438.9111 | lacosta.com



Hyatt Regency Century Plaza

Don't be fooled by the seeming "corporate convention" vibe. While the Hyatt Regency (located in the heart of LA's Century City) is ideal for doing business with its cutting-edge, 25,000-square-foot ballroom and 100,000 square feet

of killer meeting space, the stunning property screams refined Hollywood glamour at its finest. A hotbed for celebs visiting incognito and a popular locale for dream weddings (Kendra Wilkinson and Hank Baskett were hitched here), the Hyatt offers whatever experience guests can dream up, from lounging in a poolside cabana to working on their fitness at the Equinox Fitness Club and Spa to stargazing while sipping cocktails and nibbling small plates at X bar, where many a Hollywood deal has gone down. And don't forget the sweeping LA views from its 726 luxe guest rooms.

2025 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles
310.228.1234 | centuryplaza.hyatt.com



Beverly Wilshire

Two words: Perfecto Rocher. Two more words: Wolfgang Puck. This famed Four Seasons hotel in the heart of Beverly Hills doubles as a destination for foodies, with newer chef Rocher helming a mod Californian menu with Spanish influences at The

Blvd, known for its prime views right at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Rodeo Drive; as well as Puck's famed steak house, CUT, boasting a sleek Richard Meier-designed interior. Grab a nightcap at Sidebar before retiring to one of the Beverly Wilshire's 395 well-appointed guest rooms, which include 137 suites. The property is also acclaimed for its service, rated among the best of any hotel property in the world. Care for a bottled water while you wait 30 seconds to check in?

9500 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills
310.275.5200 | fourseasons.com/beverlywilshire



Rancho Valencia

This charming property tucked away on 40 rolling acres in Rancho Santa Fe is under new ownership, now an Auberge Resort. The 43-casita Rancho Valencia is a destination for both tranquility and fitness buffs, featuring one of the most

romantic spas in the country and 18 tennis courts, plus both family and adults-only heated pools and hot tubs. Care to really splurge and indulge? The Villas at Rancho Valencia, 12 fractional ownership residences located on the property, are now available as rentals, each with three bedrooms and three-and-a-half bathrooms, plus private terraces with fireplaces and plunge pools — ideal for families or three couples looking for a fabulous getaway with literally all the comforts of home, and then some.

5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe
ranchovalencia.com | villasranchovalencia.com