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Tucked Discreetly Off the Beaten Track, Le Parc Suites Hotel in West Hollywood is a Delightful Refuge Right in the Middle of it All

by Bea Broda

Already relaxed by the serene elegance at the entrance of the Parc Hotel in West Hollywood, the arrival of Dolly Parton the same day only reinforced my initial impression that mine was going to be an enjoyable stay. Despite being surrounded by the usual bustle of Hollywood and the fact that the hotel warmly welcomes your pets, one is relaxed by the decor's warm colors and the attentive, diplomatic attention and respect for privacy paid by the staff.



Another welcome feature is the complimentary house car valet service if you need to get somewhere within a few miles of the hotel. I had an appointment at a movie set and an affable fellow named Mario took me in the car pictured here. One reason I comment on this is that it's nice to know you can get somewhere quickly if you've opted not to rent a car, and secondly that Mario was such a kind soul and happy conversationalist!

The hotel has 154 boutique-styled suites that range in size from 650 to 1,000 sq. ft. If you feel like dining in, you're in for a treat with the Knoll restaurant. Seating only 42, the intimate setting is perfect for the informal business meetings Hollywood is known for, and also offers dramatic views from a rooftop terrace. (Skydeck.)



This is a well-priced accommodation choice considering the luxury appointments and proximity to the best of Hollywood, from Rodeo Drive and top nightclubs to the Hollywood Bowl. (Where, incidentally, Dolly was playing!)

Life is sweet for pets here too! To prove it, Le Parc Hotel employs a dog called Jackson Oscar, who leads the pets department. He is endowed with movie star good looks – making him quite photogenic if you choose to stroll the neighborhood with him! One of his jobs is to lay down the rules for animals, including not leaving them unattended, keeping them on a leash at all times when in the hotel outside of your room and paying a one-time \$75 fee for cleaning and upkeep. He’s really a hit with guests who come in and want to either pet them or play with the doggies. I’m not sure if Jackson Oscar oversees the hotel’s adorable and exclusive Doggie Beer, but if he ends up over-indulging, the broth it’s made of could only be nourishing!



There is an adequate gym for those that actually have the time or inclination to stay indoors and exercise while in Hollywood! The Skydeck is a very welcome respite on the third floor that includes a Heated Pool, Spa, Cabanas, a Lighted Tennis Court and a vista of the hills and the new Design Center.



The rooms are so spacious, and a comfortable sleep is guaranteed not just by the excellent mattresses, but by the wonderful pillows that were just the right consistency and thickness for me! Another nice feature was the free high speed wireless Internet service. Keeping with the current style, the rooms are currently being renovated with new carpeting and appliances.

Here are the Top Ten attractions in the area, which make staying at Le Parc a good choice:

Los Angeles is a treasure trove of world-class entertainment acts, five-star restaurants and top-bill shopping. Discover the best of the City of Angels and Hollywood with our Top 10 Attractions Guide to West Hollywood Attractions and the surrounding areas.

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The granddaddy of movie theme parks, Universal Studios Hollywood has evolved from a quaint backstage tram tour to a high-tech playground. Attractions and shows include Jurassic Park, Waterworld, King Kong, Backdraft, ET, Back to the Future and Terminator. The park also has Nickelodeon Blast Zone, a water playground, "Rugrats," and all sorts of entertainment including stunt tricks, animal capers and street entertainers. While you're here, be sure to visit City Walk a mega-entertainment, dining and shopping complex.

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Getty Center

1200 Getty Center Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90049
(310) 440-7300

Over a billion dollars was spent constructing The Getty Center, which houses a collection of memorable works of art from Greek and Roman antiquities to contemporary American and European photographs. It boasts panoramic views of the city, mountains, and the Pacific, and has a wide choice of places to dine and tranquil gardens to stroll.

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The Avenues – Art, Fashion & Design District

This posh district in West Hollywood offers premier shopping from international brands like Christian Louboutin to local favorites like Kitson and favorite fine-dining from Urth Caffé to Cecconi’s. With a legend of catering to movie stars and the elite, the Avenues exude quality and style. Immerse yourself in culture with year round events including free gallery walks, charity events, book signings and more.

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Hollywood & Highland

6801 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA
(323) 817-0220

A great place to shop and gather with friends in the L.A. area is Hollywood & Highland. Here, trend-setting fashion and gourmet-caliber dining prove that haute couture and beautiful people reign supreme. This truly unique complex includes the renowned Kodak Theatre, more than 60 specialty stores, public art exhibitions and some of the best photo spots of the Hollywood sign anywhere.

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Rodeo Drive/Beverly Hills

Only three blocks long, the stretch of shops and boutiques on Rodeo Drive is synonymous with “elegance” and has long been the shopping destination for travelers. Celebrated clothing designers, including Armani, Christian Dior, Chanel, Ferragamo, Versace, Gucci, Ralph Lauren and Valentino are here, and jewelry stores boast names like Cartier and Tiffany.

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The Sunset Strip

The Sunset Shopping Plaza features its own assortment of designer boutiques, while the Virgin Mega Store, which holds one of the largest music collections in the entire world, the Armani Exchange, Billy Martin’s Western Wear, Dolce & Gabana, Kenneth Cole Shoes and the Nicole Miller Boutique are all along the Strip and among the best attractions in West Hollywood.

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Melrose Ave

Since the early '80s, the stretch of Melrose Avenue between Fairfax and La Brea Avenues has defined hip shopping in Los Angeles. The storefronts alone are works of pop art and the dozen blocks are packed with hipsters trying to score the latest cool attire.

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Robertson Blvd.

Several blocks from Le Parc Suite Hotel, Robertson Blvd., between Beverly Blvd. and 3rd Street, is where Hollywood hipsters shop. There are Curve’s modern edgy outfits, a high-end Maxfield’s discount outlet, Maxfield Blue, an Industry MAC store, and a shimmering Giorgio Armani Home store.

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LACMA

5905 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90036
(323) 857-6000

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is the premier visual arts museum in the Western United States and a must-see on your West Hollywood vacation. More than 150,000 objects in its permanent collections offer Greek and Roman art, European paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts – from the Middle Ages through the twentieth century.

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Ahmanson Theatre

Music Center in Downtown Los Angeles
135 North Grand Avenue at Temple St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Part of the Los Angeles Center Theatre Group, the Ahmanson Theatre is a 2,000-seat marble complex in downtown Los Angeles that shows major productions like the Phantom of the Opera and more.

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Laugh Factory

8001 W. Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90046
(323) 656-1336

Comedy connoisseurs queue up early for the best seats to see today’s brightest new stand-ups at the Laugh Factory. You’ll see white-hot TV comics fresh from sitcoms and “Tonight Show” tapings at this famed club on your West Hollywood vacation.

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LA LIVE

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