Southern California Staycation Guide

**Burbank: The Ultimate Staycation Destination**

Recognized as "Media Capital of the World," Burbank invites you to dine at legendary restaurants, discover unique shops, take in a live TV taping and create your own staycation getaway. It’s also convenient to many of Los Angeles’ most exciting attractions, making Burbank an ideal setting to enjoy movie magic, connect and network — or simply relax and soak in the sun.

Here, you’ll discover Hollywood glamour while taking in the quintessential Southern California lifestyle. Lounge by the pool one day, hike in the adjacent Hollywood Hills the next, or take a horseback ride from the Los Angeles Equestrian Center through 50 miles of trails in Griffith Park. Golf lover? Practice your swing at the eighteen-hole par 3 course at the DeBell Golf Club. Foodie? Enjoy hip and upcoming restaurants and nightlife.

Explore the sets of your favorite movie and television shows at the Warner Bros. Studio Tour Hollywood. Burbank is home to many of the world’s most prominent film and television studios, and there is always an opportunity to see your favorite shows being taped live. Attending a live studio taping gives you a firsthand, interactive experience in entertainment. From the "The Big Bang Theory" to "Conan" to "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," you can participate in numerous TV show tapings for free.

Burbank neighborhoods are unique destinations in themselves. From Downtown’s vibrant restaurant scene and Magnolia Park’s retro boutiques, to the Airport District’s high-tech/big-retail convergence, and the Media District’s exciting dining options filled with studio executives, the Media Capital of the World appeals to every kind of traveler.

**BURBANK STAYCATION ITINERARIES**

Looking for different ways to spend the day? Here are just a few ideas to enhance your stay.

**SCENE 1: ADVENTURE & OUTDOORS**

- **Start off at Coffee Commissary** in the Media District — featuring breakfast served all day, delicious lunches, freshly brewed coffee, and hot out-of-the-oven pastries.
- **Marvel at sweeping views of L.A. from the top of the Verdugo Mountains at Stough Canyon Nature Center.** On a clear day, you can see Catalina Island!
- **Saunter horseback on a guided tour through 50 miles of serene trails in Griffith Park.** Looks familiar? It doubles as a set for classic westerns to detective thrillers, even sci-fi epics.
- **Try your skills at the Par 71 PGA recognized DeBell Golf Club**, delivering the most challenging yet affordable 5,600 yards of 18-hole golf in the region.
- **Wrap up your night surrounded by stars at the open-air Starlight Bowl**, home of Grammy award-winning artists.

**SCENE 2: FAMILY FUN**

- **Admire championship horses at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center** — the largest in Southern California — for free!
- **Stroll through over 400 shops and restaurants in Downtown Burbank**, or browse alongside celebrity stylists in the retro chic Magnolia Park neighborhood.
- **Grab a bite at Porto’s Bakery**, named by Yelp in 2015 as the #1 place to eat in the US.
- **Catch a movie at AMC Burbank 16**, one of the top movie theaters in the country, with exciting new releases, red carpet previews, and state of the art movie experience.

**SCENE 3: ENTERTAINMENT**

- **Reserve free tickets for a live TV show taping at Warner Bros. Studios** for guaranteed celebrity sightings
- **Ride and walk through the real sets of the world-famous Warner Bros. Studio Tour Hollywood.** The all-new Stage 48: Script to Screen lets you design your own movie costume, take a screen test on the Central Perk set from “Friends,” race through the streets of Gotham on a Bat-pod, and more.
- **Head to Universal Studios Hollywood** for the new The Wizarding World of Harry Potter attraction, where a world of wonder awaits you.
- **Catch a live theater mash-up at the Falcon Theatre**, directed by award-winning Hollywood legend, Garry Marshall
- **Laugh the night away at Flappers Comedy Club**, where they're still celebrating the repeal of prohibition with national comedy headliners, great food, and delicious drinks.

**SUMMER EVENTS**

This summer, there are plenty of exciting happenings in Burbank. Here are a few:

**BURBANK FARMERS MARKET**

Fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers every Saturday 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Downtown Burbank Farmer’s Market located in the Community Services building parking lot between Olive Avenue and Orange Grove.

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Pasadena: Where Culture and Sophistication Meet Neighborhood Charm and Delight

That place is Pasadena, where a tantalizingly unique blend of history, architecture, art, science, shopping, entertainment and dining come together to form a thriving cultural hub of activity. The city’s storied past fuses with its dynamic present, and its streets are alive with eclectic galleries, shops, restaurants, museums, botanical gardens, landmark theaters and nightlife nirvana.

Surrounded by a safe haven of friendly neighborhoods and family-driven attractions, Pasadena is nestled at the base of the spectacular San Gabriel Mountains, just 10 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles—but seemingly a world away. It’s a walkable, welcoming community bursting with opportunities for every preference, whether that’s strolling the boutiques and antiques of Old Pasadena; exploring the culture and innovation at world-famous museums; dining among the stars; sipping your way through relaxed happy hours, wine bars and dance clubs; or simply taking in the great outdoors in and around town.

It’s easy to sample your way through the next foodie frontier, where a new wave of artisan eats and handcrafted poutines is remaking the SoCal culinary scene. With more than 550 eateries, Pasadena boasts more restaurants per capita than New York City. No wonder it’s become the new foodie frontier for the hip, savvy and hungry. The birthplace of Julia Child, Pasadena offers an epicurean extravaganza, with eating possibilities ranging from charming outdoor cafes to elegant dining rooms and everything in between.

The splendor and delight of all that is Pasadena can be found at every corner of the city and centrally located at three distinct and energetic downtown districts located within the city’s 1.5-mile downtown core. With tree-lined avenues, cobblestone courtyards, sidewalk bistros, and countless retail offerings, Pasadena is the ultimate mall without walls—a pedestrian-welcoming merchandising hub where hidden shopping gems are on every corner.

Set among Pasadena’s historic 19th century shopping marketplace, today’s Old Pasadena is a lively authentic downtown center that boasts a cool and inviting vibe with its appealing mix of more than 220 specialty shops and exclusive national retailers. One Colorado is a creative open-air square, which converted a turn-of-the-20th-century warehouses meet gleaming modern boutiques. Faded signs and “ghost murals” are everywhere as well and can be found along Old Pasadena’s 22 historic blocks of tree-lined sidewalks and quaint alleyways.

Rich in culture and laced in tradition, the Pasadena Museum of California Art is the private art collections ever assembled. The famed museum creates and curates landmark museums and galleries, housing everything from European masters to early California Impressionists to modern art. The famed Norton Simon Museum is known around the world as home to one of the most remarkable private art collections ever assembled. The Pasadena Museum of California Art is the only museum in Southern California devoted to California’s art, architecture and design from mid-19th century to the present. The USC Pacific Asia Museum is dedicated to the preservation of art and culture of the Pacific Asia, and it has one of only two authentic Chinese gardens in the United States. Literacy lovers can peruse rate books and manuscripts. Explore mile upon mile of stunning botanical gardens, top-notch performing arts organizations and live concert venues. There are more eyes fixated on Pasadena to start each year than on any other city in the world. For more than a century, two magical and unequaled New Year’s Day traditions—the Tournament of Roses Parade and the Rose Bowl Game—have captured the imaginations and interests of people everywhere. In an unrivaled celebration, the 127th Tournament of Roses Parade presented by Honda on Jan. 1, 2016, will march down Pasadena streets to the theme of “Find Your Adventure.”

With its magnificent scenery and balmy climate, it’s no surprise that Pasadena is the ideal setting for outdoor recreation and exercise. The Arroyo Seco is home to Brookside Park, Pasadena’s largest public park and home to the world-famous Rose Bowl Stadium, Brookside Golf Course and the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center. The park also accommodates tennis, badminton, handball, softball, horseshoes, archery, casting and lawn bowling. Joggers and bicycle riders find the area perfect for their regular exercise. Throughout Pasadena, there are biking, walking and running trails and courses.

The city’s collection of conveniently located comfortable hotels runs the gamut from great little inns and charming bungalow-style properties to a mix of brand hotels and luxury five-star resort experiences like the landmark Langham Huntington Pasadena and the brand new Hotel Covington at 1222 Pasadena.

Learn more from the Pasadena Convention & Visitors Bureau, (626) 795-9111, visitpasadena.com, or City of Pasadena Economic Development, (626) 744-7351, www.cityofpasadena.net/economicdevelopment.
Discover the HEARTBEAT of Southern California’s Culture

From scenic hiking to boutique downtown shopping to creative dining to perusing world-class museums, Pasadena embodies the California lifestyle that travelers who venture off the beaten path will experience.

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STARLIGHT BOWL 2016 SUMMER CONCERTS
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DOWNTOWN BURBANK CAR CLASSIC
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- Coast Anabelle Hotel: coastanabelle.com
- Courtyard by Marriott Burbank Airport: marriott.com/burcy
- Extended Stay America Burbank Airport: extendstayamerica.com
- Holiday Inn Burbank Media Center: holidayinn.com
- Hotel Amarano Burbank: hotelanarano.com
- Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel: marriott.com/urban
- Portofino Inn Burbank: portofinoinn.com
- Quality Inn Burbank Airport: qualityinn.com
- Ramada Burbank Airport: ramada.com
- Residence Inn by Marriott Burbank/Downtown: marriott.com/burri
- Safari Inn: safariburbank.com
- SpringHill Suites Burbank/Downtown: springhill.com/bur
- Tangerine Hotel: tangerinehotel.com
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Plus, opening this summer, check out the new Hilton Garden Inn adjacent to Downtown Burbank! Hilton.com

If you or friends are coming in from out of town, plan to arrive in the heart of the action at the Hollywood-Burbank Airport, which is close to all of Burbank’s 17 hotels. Once here, it’s easy to experience the best of Los Angeles. Adjacent to Universal Studios Hollywood, and just minutes from the Hollywood Bowl, the Walk of Fame, Griffith Observatory and the Rose Bowl Stadium, a Burbank vacation makes for an ideal Southern California staycation.

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- Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel: marriott.com/urban
- Portofino Inn Burbank: portofinoinn.com
- Quality Inn Burbank Airport: qualityinn.com
- Ramada Burbank Airport: ramada.com
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Revered Filmmaker Guillermo del Toro Brings Monsters to LACMA

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) will feature an exhibition titled “Guillermo del Toro: At Home with Monsters” from August 1-November 27, 2016. It will be the acclaimed filmmaker’s first museum retrospective.

The exhibition explores del Toro’s creative process by bringing together elements from his films, objects from his vast personal collections, drawings from his notebooks, and approximately 60 objects from LACMA’s permanent collection. The diverse range of media—including sculpture, paintings, prints, photography, costumes, ancient artifacts, books, maquettes, and films—totals approximately 500 objects and reflects the broad scope of del Toro’s inspirations.

“To find beauty in the profane. To elevate the banal. To be moved by genre. These things are vital for my storytelling,” said del Toro. "This exhibition presents a small fraction of the things that have moved me, inspired me, and consoled me as I transit through life. It’s a devotional sampling of the enormous love that the things that have moved me, inspired me, and consoled me as I transit through life. It’s a devotional sampling of the enormous love that

The exhibition are borrowed. Dicke’s blend of realism and fantasy, fascination with the city, sense of humor, and predilection for taxonomy, multifarious character types, and intricate plot twists resonate in del Toro’s films. Visitors will subsequently experience a version of Del Toro’s Rain Room (not that Rain Room), a favorite spot in Bleak House in which del Toro has installed a false window and special effects to simulate a perpetual thunderstorm.

The next section explores del Toro’s interest in Magic, Alchemy, and the Occult. His films are full of puzzles, talismanic devices, secret keys, and quests for forbidden knowledge. Movies, Comics, Pop Culture delves into del Toro’s obsession with cinema, from B movies and horror films to directors Alfred Hitchcock and Luis Buñuel. Del Toro’s voracious appetite for film is matched by his enthusiasm for comic books and his admiration for a wide range of illustrators such as Moebius (Jean Giraud), Frank Frazetta, and Richard Corben.

Frankenstein and Horror reveals del Toro’s lifelong love affair with the tale of Dr. Frankenstein and his monster. del Toro is also adept at creating truly beautiful and heroic in their vulnerability and individuality, they mirror the hypocrisies of society and bring to light corrosive standards of perfection.

Though he identifies with the tragic type of monster, del Toro is also adept at creating truly terrifying ones. He begins by thinking of a monster as a character, not simply an assembly of parts. He must be visually convincing from all angles, both in motion and at rest.

The final section is Death and the Afterlife. Growing up in Guadalajara, Mexico, in the late 1960s and 1970s, del Toro had a number of disturbing confrontations with death, seeing corpses in the street, in a morgue, and in the catacombs beneath the church. His strict Catholic grandmother instilled in him the notion of original sin and even submitted him to exorcisms in a futile attempt to eradicate his love of monsters and fantasies. The pursuit of immortality—promised in Catholic doctrine as the reward for following the church’s teaching—is often seen in his work as a misguided, arrogant desire, destined to bring about the downfall of those caught up in it. del Toro’s films often include characters acting entirely out of self-interest alongside others who are forced to make sacrifices. His flawed or damaged characters frequently find purpose in community; they take responsibility for their own survival and that of the individuals and environments around them.