

It's all about the royal treatment at Hollywood's favorite hillside hideaway

The Fresh PRINCESS of BEL-AIR

Swan Lake

AFTER A TWO-YEAR, \$100 million face-lift, the legendary Hotel Bel-Air still maintains the elegant beauty and glamorous charm that have attracted Tinseltown stylemakers, stars, royal dignitaries (and a certain Good Wife) for more than 50 years. This sprawling pink-hued Mediterranean-style property, part of the Dorchester Collection, promises the utmost privacy. In fact, Hotel Bel-Air's seclusion is so storied that reportedly Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr all simultaneously stayed here without any of them knowing about the others. Now that's an exclusive escape. Rates from \$515, hotelbelair.com — Mona Buehler

GORGEOUS GROUNDS

WHAT'S HOT: Swan Lake

WHY WE LOVE IT: In 1946, hotel entrepreneur Joseph Drown purchased 18 acres in the Hollywood Hills and transformed the grounds and stables into a natural California oasis—lush gardens and local vegetation including a grove of coast redwoods, pink primrose, white roses, daffodils, lavender, jasmine and orange blossoms. The jewel of the blooming crown: the picturesque Swan Lake on the front lawn. Hello dream picnic setting! And at Hotel Bel-Air you don't have to lift a finger. Thanks to chef Puck and his team, you can request a signature Bel-Air Basket stocked with sumptuous goodies, blanket, thermos, wine glasses and more. Starting at \$60 per person.



Picnic at Hotel Bel-Air

PASS THE PUCK

WHAT'S HOT: Wolfgang Puck at Bel-Air

WHY WE LOVE IT: Celebrated chef Wolfgang Puck's new namesake restaurant does it all: delectable dining, high tea, Sunday brunch, Bloody Mary bars and caviar in bed. For a tasteful tour of Wolfgang Puck at Bel-Air's culinary offerings, explore the "Taste of California" Dine and Stay Package (starting at \$990) where you'll enjoy a custom five-course meal, wine pairing, keepsake menu and deluxe accommodations.

HEAVENLY HAVEN

WHAT'S HOT: The Presidential Suite

WHY WE LOVE IT: When the walls whisper of Hollywood glamour (think Cary Grant and Grace Kelly), you have a legendary responsibility during renovation. Hotel Bel-Air managed to draw artfully from the past while perfecting for the present. The updated 6,775-square-foot ultraprivate compound boasts an Italian marble bath, full chef's kitchen, dining room, heated limestone floors, study, living room with grand piano, fireplace, private pool and a large Spanish courtyard. From \$15,000 a night.



The Presidential Suite and its private pool