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Swanky updates from L.A.'s best hotels make a staycation more appealing than ever.

By Nadine Jolie Courtney

Whether at the beach or in Beverly Hills, a spate of updates and enticing new offerings have recently been unveiled from cream-of-the-crop properties all over the city. To celebrate its 10th anniversary this fall, **SLS Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Beverly Hills** (from \$365 per night, 310.247.0400, slshotels.com) has just finished a massive \$22 million redesign, spearheaded by Avenues Interior Design. The renovation, including all rooms and public spaces, includes a new 5,200-square-foot Garden Room and Terrace—complete with a showstopping retractable skylight room and a private VIP entrance. Meanwhile, updated rooms include handsewn Picasso print pillows and illustrated maps of L.A.

Live the dream at **Dream Hollywood's** luxurious new President Suite, GuestHouse (\$4,500 per night, 323.844.6417, dreamhotels.com). Encased in glass with sweeping 180-degree views of the city, the 1,750-square-foot suite, designed by Kevin Young, offers floor-to-ceiling windows, a full kitchen and screening room, and private wrap-around terrace, as well as an entertaining space, a Sonos sound system and a vintage record player with stocked music collection.

On the westside, Santa Monica's **Shutters on the Beach** (from \$600 per night, 310.458.0030, shuttersonthebeach.com) is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a 25th Côtés de Provence rosé created exclusively for the beachfront property. Made in partnership with French Champagne house Pommery, from Château La Gordonne, the grenache, shiraz and cinsault blend boasts red fruits and citrusy aromas. Further up the shore, at **Nobu Ryokan Malibu** (from \$1,500 per night, 310.317.3000, noburyokanmalibu.com), the serene Japanese-inspired property has collaborated with beauty and wellness emporium The Detox Market on complimentary customized bath salts. Guests can enjoy the citrus- and jasmine-infused Horizon Glow

Ritual Soak bath salts in the beachfront ryokan's teak soaking tubs, available in each of the 16 guest rooms.

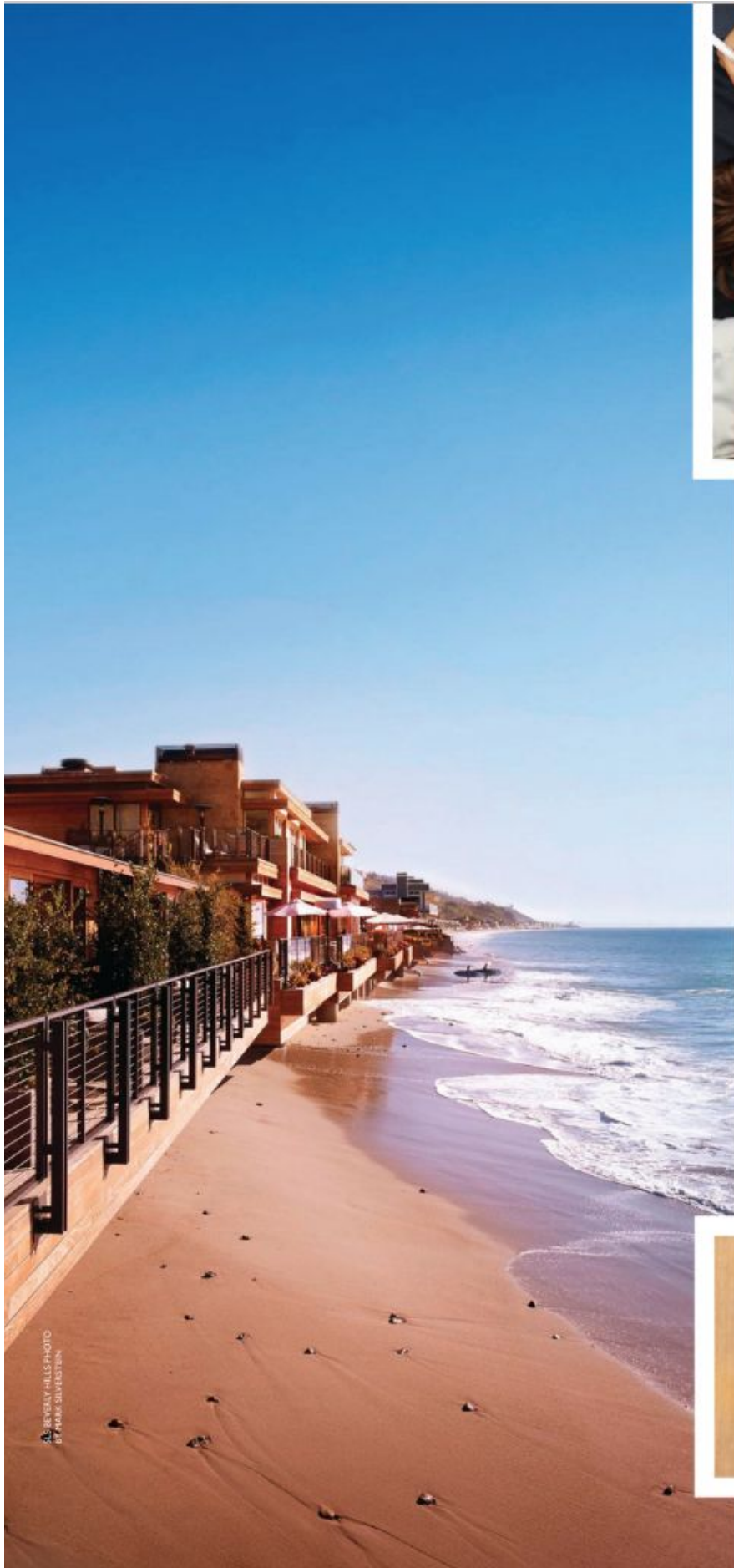
Downtown, just-reopened iconic stay **Hotel Figueroa** (from \$230 per night, 866.734.6018, hotelfigueroa.com) welcomes reservations-only Bar Alta this month, featuring 28 seats of tableside service from a bespoke craft cocktail cart—plus Casbah, a hidden bar-within-a-bar mirrored private room—dreamed up by Dushan Zaric of celebrated NYC bar Employees Only.

Over on Doheny, **Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles, Beverly Hills** (from \$545 per night, 310.273.2222, fourseasons.com/losangeles) has launched plant-based menu Folia, inspired by celebrated chef Matthew Kenney of Plant Food + Wine. Available in the wellness rooms and at the poolside restaurant, the menu features starters, entrees and desserts—a herbivores' delight. Thanks to a brand-new partnership with SandSpa, stressed guests in need of extra TLC can book **Mr. C Beverly Hills' Unplug, Revive & Recharge** package (from \$840 per night, 877.334.5623, mrcbeverlyhills.com), featuring a lavender-eucalyptus bath soak, an 80-minute detox treatment, and a hot stone and essential oil massage, plus amenities such as organic cold-pressed juice by Juice Press and sleep-inducing tea made from chamomile, passion flower and rose petal. Package stays culminate in a restful night in a suite.

Finally, for those wanting a respite from Indian summer, **The Peninsula Beverly Hills** (from \$665 per night, 310.551.2888, peninsula.com) has completed a cabana renovation, including one dedicated to poolside spa treatments. Offering privacy sheers, new furniture and a 49-inch flat-screen TV, the staffed cabanas also come with treats like smoothies, green wellness shots and a fully stocked fridge. Nonhotel guests can reserve a cabana (\$450 per day, up to five people), which includes full-day use of the pool, steam room and showers. With restorative properties like these in your very own backyard, who needs to head out-of-town? ■

Balconies overlooking Carbon Beach at Nobu Ryokan Malibu





MR. C BEVERLY HILLS PHOTO BY ANDREW SILVERSTEIN



From top: A relaxing spa treatment at Mr. C Beverly Hills, newly managed by SandSpa. Mr. C Beverly Hills also offers a restorative package stay, which includes a night in a suite.



From top: Dream Hollywood's new Guest-House Presidential Suite offers stunning city views; SLS has redone all rooms for its 10th anniversary, including the 1,900-square-foot Presidential Suite; Folia at Four Seasons Beverly Hills features plant-based dishes such as mushroom and squash tacos with cashew crema.



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Where would you check in for your ultimate L.A. staycation?



1] KATHRYN ROMEYN
contributing writer
"I'd head straight to The Surfrider Malibu, the dreamiest escape for a cool beachy weekend that feels far from L.A. Beyond being stoked on the surf across the street, there are hammocks to laze in and an insanely delicious lineup of locally sourced food and curated drinks to be had on the idyllic rooftop deck."



2] SARI TUSCHMAN
contributing writer
"Without question, I would check into the Malibu Beach Inn. You can watch the waves crash practically beneath you as you eat your meals on the hotel's gorgeous deck, and then the sound of them lulls you to sleep once you retreat to your room. It's my idea of beach perfection."

3] HEATHER PLATT
contributing writer
"The Langham Huntington, Pasadena is more than a luxury escape. It is a trip back in time to a stunning historical property where guests can linger over poolside brunch, sip traditional afternoon tea, indulge in dinner at The Royce Steakhouse and, in between meals, visit the nearby Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens."



4] SHONTEL HORNE
contributing writer
"Nobu Ryokan Malibu would be my dream getaway. The property is far enough from my Los Feliz home to double as a proper vacation, and, between the serene coastal atmosphere, boutique vibe and the fact that Nobu's sushi is steps away, a staycation there would be the perfect way to recharge."



5] ELIZA KRPOYAN
contributing writer
"The NoMad Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles is where I go when I miss my old home in Manhattan. Though I literally live down the street from the former Bank of Italy building, it transports me to the other side of the country, where the original NoMad is located. And, when I enjoy weekend brunch on the hotel's rooftop with 80-degree weather year-round, I'm reminded how lucky I am to have the best of both coasts."



ELIZA KRPOYAN PHOTO BY STEPHANIE TODARO