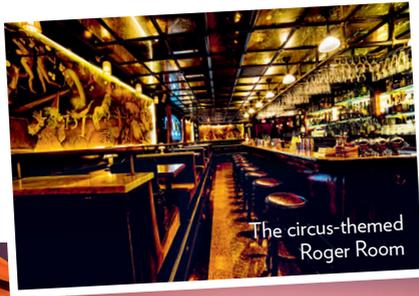


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HOLLYWOOD HIGHS

Twenty-five years after Sheryl Crow wistfully crooned about seeing the sunrise along Santa Monica Boulevard, AARTI VIRANI gives in to the lure of West Hollywood



The circus-themed Roger Room



Rooftop of Andaz West Hollywood



Sunset Plaza



Ceconni's

E.P. & L.P.



Taste on Melrose

fusion spot serving inventive Fijian, Chinese and Vietnamese flavours. Ascend to the rooftop, where handcrafted cocktails and sweeping views of the Hollywood Hills beckon.

SHOP

For a swanky twist on the classic American mall, explore the Beverly Center (Beverlycenter.com), an eight-storied behemoth with nearly 200 eateries and boutiques such as Burberry, Prada, and Gucci. An intimate shopping experience awaits at Sunset Plaza (Sunsetplaza.com), a cluster of Georgian buildings that house Armani Exchange and H&M among other notable names. Stylish souvenirs can also be found on Melrose Place, which has an Isabel Marant outpost next to an unlikely oasis of succulents and cacti.

SAVOUR

Taste on Melrose (Ilovetaste.com), an elegant brunch standby, complete with a buzzing front porch, dishes out American classics influenced by the region's farmers markets. Bonus points for their vegan menu, which includes squeaky-clean options like papaya barbecue "meatballs" and a wild mushroom pizetta.

GAWK

For almost guaranteed celeb-sighting—thanks to its proximity to Beverly Hills—head to Ceconni's (Ceconniwesthollywood.com), a dining destination favoured by Ellen DeGeneres and Gwen Stefani, to name a few.

IMBIBE

As an understated alternative to the ubiquitous red-rope lounges, The Roger Room (Therogerroom.com) is a circus-themed place with a rare selection of absinthe cocktails. Look out for it—it's the door to the left of a psychic reader's lair. ■

AZA ZIEGLER

The 26-year-old designer of Calle Del Mar, a colourful collection of made-in-LA knits, shares her neighbourhood favourites

SHABON VINTAGE

"There aren't an overwhelming amount of pieces, but just enough to search through to feel like you've won the lottery. I love their rhinestone cowgirl belts and denims. Shabonla.com

JON & VINNY'S

"I love their 'LA Woman' pizza and pasta specials—and the wine shop at the back." Jonandvinnys.com

THE NOW

"It's a pop-in massage boutique, and feels like quite a retreat. Easy and affordable, you wish they'd decorate your house." Thenowmassage.com

There's more to hyper-liberal West Hollywood than drunken debauchery. Chock full of sleek boutiques, Cali-fresh cuisine, and iconic art, this sexy sliver of a city pulls out all the stops to ensure you have enough for a star-studded itinerary.

STAY

The Andaz West Hollywood (Hyatt.com) has a rock 'n' roll-themed décor with ultra-luxe amenities such as the highest pool in LA. Be sure to dine at the on-site restaurant, Riot House, for sharable eats like mahi mahi tacos and lacquered chicken with charred squash.

PLAY

Mingle with the city's cool girls at E.P. & L.P. (Eposangeles.com), a multi-level Asian