



## THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

Those with a thing for old Hollywood glamour can find the stuff of legends here. It has been said the upscale village of Beverly Hills itself was named for this idol, known by its devotees, appropriately, as the Pink Palace. Some say it's the original "Hotel California" of The Eagles fame. True or not, The Beverly Hills Hotel has had more celebrity sleepovers and sensational stories than the tabloid town can count. A string of romantic bungalows and lavish interior rooms, this pink stucco marvel even has a 1940s soda fountain frozen forever in time. Pink lovers can get their fill of the rose glow that comes from pink tennis balls, pink doggie bowls for visiting pets, pink pool towels and pink marble bathrooms. Enveloped gardens of palm trees, gardenias and jacarandas manage to be at once nostalgic and modern. Some come here just to swim in the same pool in which Katharine Hepburn dove, fully clothed, to celebrate a tennis victory, or to lounge in the same chair where Raquel Welch was discovered. Howard Hughes lived there for decades—and you'll want to as well. Do stop in at the hotel's new Bar Nineteen12, an energetic DJ-driven scene for jetsetters who like their party in a historic setting.

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## SAINT CECILIA

AUSTIN

Just a guitar riff from Austin's happening SoCo District, Hotel Saint Cecilia reveres solitude. A creation of hotelier Liz Lambert, the Saint Cecilia is an island of respite amid the addictive hubbub of downtown and the legendary live music scene. The intimate property is quirky, iconoclastic and quintessentially "weird" in spirit, like the city itself. Named for the patron saint of music and poetry, the hotel occupies a historic mansion, reinvented from the inside out. A medley of old and new, a celebration of visual and performing arts in action, and a fresh breath of fearless fusion, it juxtaposes Victorian bones with pop modernism. Purposefully secluded, the 14-room property is a private retreat, where you might not see another guest (but if you did, it might be Eric Clapton). Handmade Swedish Hastens mattresses, outdoor showers and full backyards with fire pits are among the hedonistic indulgences. The whimsically elegant Saint Cecilia evokes nostalgia with turntables in every room and an exhaustive catalog of vintage vinyl for your hipster soul.

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## THE DRISKILL

AUSTIN

Visitors who flock to Austin for hip music festivals like ACL and SXSW might think the festive city lives in the present tense. But back in the day, and even in the now, the hippest cats in town were of the political persuasion. Enter the Driskill, a cherished Texas architectural landmark that stands tall on party-beardy Sixth Street like a dowager empress among a cadre of court jesters. History buffs and devotees of the paranormal know it for its past. Once called the Palace of the Prairie, The Driskill cost its original builder his entire fortune. The white Romanesque structure heralded a new age when it was built in 1886, transforming the muddy Austin street scene. Since then, for more than a century The Driskill has lured visiting luminaries, from actors to politicians and the occasional rock star. Ideally located near the Capitol, it has (reputedly) been the scene for untold backroom deals (think Lyndon Johnson and beyond). Always stylish, its most recent transformation married the past with the present at the able hand of Dallas interior designer Vivian Nichols. Rooms are a swirl of bittersweet chocolate, crème and saddle tones, while special touches wow guests (see: a linen screen print of the hotel's image over the flat screen television).

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## MONTAGE DEER VALLEY

PARK CITY, UTAH

Be among the first to experience the recently tagged "world's best ski hotel." Just opened in December, Montage Deer Valley straddles the mountain to the delight of skiers in residence, who can walk out the door and merge into wide, ambling slopes. Rooms blend Craftsman architecture with warm earthiness, giving the new hotel that crusty soulful feel we crave in a mountain property. And yet, impossibly new, the place feels securely well oiled and perfectly in harmony. While standard rooms will accommodate small families, larger groups may opt for the capacious luxury of the residences. Those essentially mountainside castles offer all the expected Montage benefits. Known for its linens and amenities, the small but glorious Montage brand raises the bar with its first ski hotel, making this rendition sort of a Montage Plus. Local artwork punctuates the walls yet plays second fiddle to the Deer Valley slope-side vistas. Just 36 miles from Salt Lake City, the resort is five minutes by snowshoe to Park City's Main Street, where vivacious moments await. Can't make it for skiing? No worries. Some say summertime is even better. And best of all, Spa Montage has 29 treatment rooms open all year round.

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