



The Montage Beverly Hills

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The beautiful Montage Beverly Hills is ideally situated for shopping and dining among Rodeo Drive's storied collection of shops, restaurants and galleries. The hotel features 201 well-appointed guestrooms, including 55 suites as well as 20 private residences and Spa Montage Beverly Hills.

We stayed in a luxury one bedroom 875 square foot Beverly Suite, which features a king-sized bed, a private living room and one and one-half bathrooms. There is a very large book shelf, with reading material. Overlooking stunning views of the Beverly Hills skyline, the living room offers a comfortable sitting area with a queen-sized sleeper sofa and a dining table for two in select suites. Every indulgence imaginable is provided, including stunning marble and mosaic-tiled bathrooms with generous tubs and dual sinks, an executive desk with a 42-inch LCD television and an in-room guest tablet featuring access to all of the hotel's amenities and services at the touch of a button. There is complimentary champagne awaiting for you in the mini-bar upon arrival.

Guests here have access to the rooftop retreat, complete with a saline swimming pool and an exceptionally large whirlpool. Private poolside cabanas, The Rooftop Bar & Grill and lush landscaping are set against the backdrop of panoramic views of the Beverly Hills cityscape and the Hollywood hills. The Rooftop Grill serves fresh California cuisine in a comfortable atmosphere that perfectly complements an afternoon by the pool. We were absolutely enthralled with this setting and the welcoming staff, who set us up so comfortably and kept checking on us.

Montage Beverly Hills has partnered with chef and restaurateur, Geoffrey Zackarian who brought two new concepts, Georgie (<http://www.georgierestaurant.com>) and The Garden Bar, to the hotel and local community. We thoroughly enjoyed our dinner at Georgie, where our wonderful server Olivia guided us perfectly through a very impressive looking menu.

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Bulgari Hotel Beijing Opens

Bulgari Hotels and Resorts, a joint venture between Italian luxury brand jewelry-maker Bulgari and Marriott International, on September 27th opened its first location in China, in Beijing's Embassy District. It is only the fourth Bulgari-branded hotel in the world, with another in the pipeline for Shanghai in 2018. The 119 rooms and suites pair contemporary Italian design with state-of-the-art technology and opulent Italian furniture. Facilities include the 1,500sqm Bulgari Spa with 11 treatment rooms, a fitness centre and 25-metre swimming pool, fine-dining Il Ristorante – a collaboration with Michelin-starred Italian chef Niko Romito, and Il Bar featuring the brand's signature steel and bronze Oval Bar, which opens up onto an outdoor terrace with views of the gardens and the Liangma river.



Four Points by Sheraton Opens in Hefei

The Four Points by Sheraton, Baohe is the second Four Points property in the ancient city of Hefei, the capital of Anhui Province. The hotel offers 271 guestrooms and suites of simple design offset by modern comforts like 43-inch flat-screen TVs and high-speed Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. On site are three stylish restaurants and bars that serve a choice of local cuisine as well as international favorites: The Eatery is an all-day buffet dining venue; authentic Cantonese cuisine can be enjoyed at China Spice, which features 16 private dining rooms. The Lobby Lounge showcases the brand's signature Best Brews program with a wide selection of local beers served in a convivial atmosphere for guests to kick back and relax.