

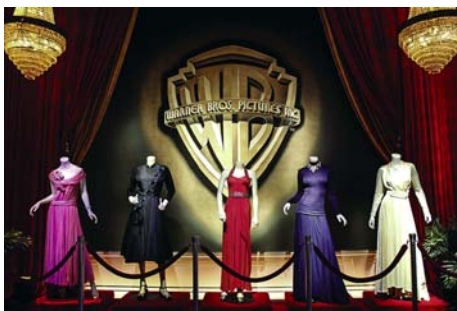


Warner Brothers Tour brings you behind the scenes of a real working studio

by Mike Cohen

When in the Los Angeles area you really should not miss an opportunity to experience the Warner Brothers Studio Tour (<https://www.wbstudiotour.com>) in Burbank. This is a three hour visit inside a real working Hollywood studio. Guests get to explore outdoor sets and soundstages used to create productions such as *Gilmore Girls*, *The Big Bang Theory* and *Argo*.

Each tour includes exclusive access to original props, costumes, picture cars, and sets used from *Batman* to *Friends*. Additionally, studio tour guests stop at the DC Universe - DC Comics Exhibit, the real Central Perk *Friends* set, spots used for the motion picture *La La Land* (such as the café where Emma Stone's character worked), the original *Batman Museum* - *Batmobile* Collection, and so much more. We went into the buildings where the *Ellen Degeneres* and *Conan O'Brien* shows are recorded. There is plenty of time to pop out of your trolley and take photos.



While we were at the WB, we went behind the scenes of the hit tween drama *Pretty Little Liars*. We had the opportunity to see and experience a collection of authentic props and wardrobes from the show for the first time, including iconic costumes worn by the show's five lead characters.

On December 9, 2016, a reimagined exhibit opened offering an up-close look at authentic props and costumes from *Fantastic Beasts* and *Where to Find Them* and the beloved *Harry Potter* films.

Soundstage and Backlot availability is subject to change daily due to production on the lot. No two tours are alike. A studio and deluxe tour experience is unique every day of the week. And with more than 450,000 registered artifacts, the Warner Bros. Prop Department contains countless treasures used in nearly a century's worth of entertainment. The latter was established in the early days of the Studio to house the antiques from the very first Warner Bros. productions. Today, it has grown to over 200,000 square feet and four floors of set dressing. From *Casablanca* to *The Hangover*, you'll see history unfold right before your eyes during your journey through arguably the largest prop department in the world.

Stage 48: *Script to Screen* features an interactive soundstage exploring phases of the film and television production process. Here is where you see how Hollywood is

made. The knowledgeable tour guides, like ours named Tim, will happily answer all of your production-related questions—and reveal even more of Hollywood's best-kept secrets—during this 45-minute, self-guided experience at one of the best things to do in Los Angeles. From screenwriting and casting, to audio mixing and the glory of awards season, guests will enjoy a truly immersive look at how the magic of Hollywood is made. I even got to hold a real Academy Award trophy for the camera, weighing in at eight pounds.

The best way to purchase tickets is online via wbstudiotour.com and clicking the "Buy Tickets Now" button, located at the top of the website. Online purchases allow you to print your tickets at home for your convenience. The parking lot is located at 3400 Warner Blvd. Burbank, CA 91505. ■

