



SOFITEL, LOS ANGELES

Cronuts are not what you'd expect to be greeted with at a French hotel, but the Sofitel has embraced LA "culture" with the marriage of the croissant and donut upon arrival. Double windows block out the LA noise, and views of the Hollywood Hills greet the day. Directly across from the Beverly Center, the 295-room Sofitel provides easy access to the gargantuan mall (although I miss the Loehman's that used to be next door). Right down the street from Joan's on Third (a favorite lunch spot), and a hop, skip and a jump from my incredibly talented hair stylist Brant Mayfield, who works at Chris McMillan's salon on Burton Way, the Sofitel is at the center of the LA universe.

Remodeled interiors, Le Spa, and a revamped restaurant, Esterel, with elegant modern decor make for a fun evening within the hotel walls. Book a spa appointment, lounge or dine in-house, or better yet, slip under the covers, squish into the signature pillow-top bed and duvet and have a "Bon Soir" indeed.—S.L.

FOOT TO THE PEDAL » 51 miles

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BACARA RESORT AND SPA

Tucked into the bluff and beaches of the Gaviota coast between the Pacific Ocean and Santa Ynez Mountains like a pearl in its shell, Bacara Resort & Spa is a luxurious gem of a getaway in any season. Spend your weekend walking the pristine beach or relaxing in your own private poolside cabana with a dedicated waiter, or take in the ocean views from the resort's reopened restaurant, The Bistro, whose celebrity chef de cuisine, Chris Turano, blends the finest locally sourced ingredients with flavors of Italy, rich in seafood, fragrant olive oil, fresh herbs and farmers' market vegetables. Like everything else at this oceanfront resort, The Spa heavily favors the sea. The BAVOR Signature SeaCreation Massage utilizes precious extracts of microorganisms found in the depths of the sea and an exclusive Sea-Telligent Complex made with sea silk protein to visibly reduce wrinkle depth, enhance skin elasticity and firm facial contours. Enjoy an intricate facial massage incorporating coral and sea stones and



know that a portion of the proceeds from this wonderfully indulgent treatment is donated to the Gaviota Coast Conservancy. Before you leave, make sure to take in some flights at the new Foley Food & Wine Society wine tasting room, which includes wines from Kuleto Estate, Chalk Hill Estate, Sebastiani and Lancaster Estate. The wine bar offers guests

and members of The Foley Food and Wine Society the opportunity to taste and purchase wines, as well as to utilize a personalized concierge service for wine outings, cooking classes, reserve tastings and more. Rooms start at \$350 per night. —J.A.

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