

When travels take you to the Los Angeles area, be sure to add this historic destination to your itinerary. Book a lunch or dinner at the hotel's famed Polo Lounge, along with a stroll around the beautiful grounds and pool.

Opened 1912, the pink-painted palace is on Sunset Boulevard, and at first the typical nightly room rate was \$25, a bit high for the time. Today, rates start at \$700 and up, way up. If scandal is your thing, consider some famous shack ups by famous stars. Elizabeth Taylor honeymooned six times in one of the hotel's bungalows.

Bogart and Sinatra's Rat Pack often gathered at the bar. Katharine Hepburn dipped into the pool after tennis without bothering to change to a swim suit. And the Beatles came to the hotel after a gig for a midnight swim in the pool. If you want to do the same, be sure to bring your camera or smartphone to record the historic visit.