

When travels take you to Southern California and you want to experience a taste of local elegance, indulge in a local custom. Here's a guide to five luxury hotel Sunday brunches:

Polo Lounge at The Beverly Hills Hotel: The famed hotel has been enchanting diners and guests for over a century. The Sunday jazz brunch features live music, and is served on the terrace.

The price, including a glass of champagne or a signature cocktail, is \$80 per person, \$30 for children 10 and under. The menu includes many breakfast specialties, as well as steak, chicken and salads. Keep alert, because a famous movie star may be at the next table. Catch at Hotel Casa Del Mar: It's brunch at the beach in Santa Monica for a great seafood experience, with ocean views and live music. Hotel Casa Del Mar is a beautiful luxury hotel right on the sand. Brunch offers items from a special menu of seafood and other specialties.

Sunday Brunch at Hotel Bel-Air: If with friends, relatives or out of town visitors and want to impress them, bring them to Sunday brunch at the Hotel Bel-Air. Enjoy fine food in a beautiful garden setting. Sunday brunch features live music and a hand-crafted Bloody Mary bar.

Brunch is \$70 with a glass of champagne or a Bellini cocktail. Kids under 9 are \$35. The menu features breakfast and lunch specialties. The hotel is tucked away off Sunset Boulevard and the UCLA campus in a residential neighborhood. The 12 acres of lush gardens are perfect for strolling after brunch.

The Penthouse at The Huntley: It's a restaurant, bar and ultra-lounge. Sunday brunch offers dramatic views of the Santa Monica beach coastline. It's served from a special menu of breakfast items and other choices.

The Grand Salon of The Queen Mary: The old luxury liner is permanently docked in the harbor of Long Beach, about a half hour drive from Los Angeles. It's now a luxury hotel and serves a great Sunday champagne brunch in the ship's Grand Salon. A traditional \$70 brunch buffet is served with Mexican specialties spice things up.