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SHOP

#### **CAVIAR DREAMS**

A food emporium offers fare for every taste.

BY AMBER GIBSON

Petrossian, 321 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood 310-271-6300 // petrossian.com

Delicacies ranging from the world's best caviar to cheese to foie gras will lure every food lover into Petrossian. Pair a 125-gram caviar tin of your choice with one of 53 bottles of Champagne — perhaps the 2000 Cristal Brut Rosé will interest you. Two Champagne flutes and mother-of-pearl spoons are included, plus Petrossian will ship anywhere in the country.

General Manager Christopher Klapp acts as a concierge for guests, helping find the perfect pairing. "I particularly like crisp, dry Champagnes that balance out the natural oils and fats in caviar," he says. "Typically, I try to stay away from strong, bolder, aged Champagnes. The delicate flavors of the sea imparted through caviar can be lost if the pairing does not let the caviar shine on its own."

If roe isn't your indulgence of choice, there are gourmet coffees and teas to enjoy with buttery cookies and pastries. Carnivores will savor the fresh pâtés and foie gras alongside charcuterie and artisanal cheeses. There's even a specialty chocolate collection, made by Valrhona exclusively for Petrossian, that includes a white-chocolate caviar bar.

## EAT

### SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Cuba meets Mexico at a casual Malibu eatery.

BY HAYLEY DULIN

Café Habana, 3939 Cross Creek Road, Malibu 310-317-0300 // habana-malibu.com

Looking for a hip spot with a lively atmosphere and solid menu? Head down the Pacific Coast Highway and stop at Malibu's Café Habana. Tucked back in the Malibu Lumberyard, the area's premier shopping district, the eatery is the California outpost of its East Coast brethren. Flanked by luxury and specialty stores, the exterior is inviting, featuring palms and teakwood. Inside is a casual dining area with high-top tables, sleek booths and a bullet-riddled bar salvaged from Deadwood, South Dakota. The adjoining outdoor space is intimate yet casual, with candles, strewn lights and a foliage wall providing privacy.

Café Habana's menu includes a variety of Cuban and Mexican specialties. Starters range from roasted plantains and shrimp ceviche to the must-try grilled corn: on the cob and sprinkled with cotija cheese, a dash of chili powder and freshly squeezed lime juice. Entrées include the legendary Cuban sandwiches, ropa vieja, tacos and enchiladas. Wednesday is karaoke night — the liveliest evening of the week, with plenty of celebrity sightings. Otherwise, the vibe is beach-casual, creating a great place to sit back, relax and enjoy a margarita.





## STAY

### **BEVERLY HILLS GLAM**

Travel back in time to South California's golden age.

BY AMBER GIBSON

Montage Beverly Hills, 225 N. Canon Dr., Beverly Hills 310-860-7800 // montagehotels.com/beverlyhills

A tribute to vintage Hollywood, the glamorous Montage Beverly Hills exudes Mediterranean elegance, with colonnades, hand-painted ceilings and mosaic tile work. The 201 guest rooms, including 55 suites and 20 private residences, are ideally located for a shopping spree at the iconic Golden Triangle — a scene straight out of *Pretty Woman*.

There's classical music playing underwater at the rooftop pool, and turndown service includes house-made truffles. Pamper yourself at the Spa Montage with a classic European facial or a massage before dining at Scott Conant's James Beard-nominated Scarpetta, followed by a nightcap of Macallan's rarest whiskeys at £10 upstairs. Or enjoy a night in, sipping Champagne while soaking in your marble bathtub.

The Rooftop Grill's new vegan menu includes fresh-pressed juices, blueberry flaxseed pancakes, and an açaí bowl with crunchy almond butter and buckwheat groats. There's simply no better way to start your day than noshing here while gazing out on the Hollywood Hills.

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