



The uni baguette at Hinoki & the Bird.

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## CENTURY CITY

The former Fox Studio backlot in LA comes alive with destination eateries and serious retail therapy.

**Why Now:** Although Century City is hopping with studio executives, the high-rise business district is known for its lack of life at street level. But with a recent \$1 billion mall renovation, acclaimed dining options and an upcoming revamp of the Century Plaza Hotel, the area's reputation is quickly shifting from bleak to sleek.

**Where to Go:** Dare we say it? The big buzz in Century City centers around the updated Westfield mall, and for good reason. Southern California has perfected the ubertrendy, open air shopping experience, and this rendition is at the apex of the genre. Not a shopper? Sample the fare at some of the world's biggest foodie

brands instead. Feast on Sichuan- and Mandarin-style plates in an upscale setting at Meizhou Dongpo or hit Eataly, the much-anticipated tri-level emporium of Italian foods. Between lounge-worthy courtyards and luxury brands, find local flavors at Randy's Donuts—the glazed ones are delish—and Wexler's Deli.

Step outside the mall for inspiration and culture at the Annenberg Space for Photography. Afterward, two enduring restaurants await for a memorable lunch or special dinner. Nab a seat on the garden patio at Hinoki & the Bird for an exquisite meal and ambiance, both infused with a Japanese sensibility. Nearby, chef Tom Colicchio's Craft Los Angeles offers seasonal classics in an elegant setting. Try the braised beef short ribs or avocado salad, then enjoy people-watching among the entertainment industry's heavy hitters.

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**HIT THE TOWN**

- ☉ **Clementine**  
Grab coffee or lunch at this airy sidewalk café.
- ☉ **The Spa at Equinox Century City**  
Book a treatment and get access to the members-only fitness club as well.
- ☉ **Copper Lounge**  
An impeccable hotel bar for bourbon and cigar enthusiasts.



Under Canvas Mount Rushmore

### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Hang with presidents Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln while glamping in the Black Hills at the recently unveiled **Under Canvas Mount Rushmore** • Fans of *Serious Eats* Food Lab columnist J. Kenji López-Alt will want to head to his latest experiment: **Wursthall**, a San Mateo eatery specializing in sausages • London members-only and celeb-filled club **An-nabel's** has relocated to posh digs in a Georgian townhouse, with private dining rooms, a garden terrace and a cigar salon • Seattle's **Nordic Museum** also has a new home, a stunningly sleek building in Ballard that opens May 5 • Starting this month, NYC resto Eleven Madison Park is bringing its **EMP Summer House** pop-up back to East Hampton for the season.

## HOT LIST

### NEW L.A. HOTELS

#### KIMPTON LA PEER HOTEL

With sophisticated styling and cool amenities—in-room nightcap service, custom picnic baskets, house calls from celeb hairstylist Marco Pelusi—this art-centric hotel is making its mark in West Hollywood's Design District.



#### DREAM HOLLYWOOD

See and be seen at this hip hotel that offers stunning views of the Hollywood Hills and the LA skyline. Enjoy them from the cabana-lined rooftop pool, drink in hand, or pop downstairs for dinner at buzzy Beauty & Essex or Tao.



#### HOTEL FIGUEROA

Fresh off a multimillion dollar revamp, this DTLA fixture draws on its Spanish Colonial roots for décor inspiration. Cocktail lovers: Nab one of the 28 seats at Bar Alta, a swanky reservations-only spot serving bespoke drinks.

