

Hollywood Tour Guide/Literature

Hollywood Bowl Interior:

An inside view of an empty open air concert hall to take in unimpeded or uninterrupted view of the stage and the entire expanse of the bowl.

Hollywood Walk of Fame, TCL Theatre and Hand/Foot Prints of Hollywood Celebrities:

The Hollywood Walk of Fame comprises more than 2,600 five-pointed terrazzo and brass stars embedded in the sidewalks along 15 blocks of Hollywood Blvd. and 3 blocks of the Vine Street in Hollywood, California. One can get a Hollywood Star in 5 categories, films, TV, music, radio and live performances. The stars are permanent public monuments to achievement in the entertainment industry, bearing the names of a mix of musicians, actors, directories, producers, musical and theatrical groups, musical and theatrical groups, fictional characters and others.

The Creative Life or TCL Chinese Theatre is a massive structure seen from the exterior, however, the interior can be seen for a ½ hour tour for \$18 regular price, however, \$14 for senior discount.

The sidewalk in front of the theater contains the cemented hand and footprints of popular and accomplished or multiple awardees among Hollywood actors and actresses.

Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel:

The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel is a historic hotel located in Hollywood Boulevard in the Hollywood district of Los Angeles, California. It opened on May 15, 1927 and is the oldest continually operating hotel in Los Angeles. It was designated in 1991 as a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument. It was named after the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. It was financed by a group that included Louis B. Mayer, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks and Sid Grauman. It cost \$25 million (\$36.1million today) to build. The million dollar mural at the bottom of the hotel's Tropicana Pool was painted by David Hockney in 1987. It underwent several multi-million renovations by several owners.

The building has a Spanish Colonial Revival Style interior, with leather sofas, wrought iron chandeliers and colorful tiled fountains. The Gable-Lombard penthouse is named for Clark Gable and Carole Lombard who used to stay in the room for five dollars a night. The Marilyn Monroe suite is named after the actress who lived at the hotel for 2 years early in her career and posed for her first commercial photography shoot by the pool. She and Arthur Miller were said to have met at the hotel's Cinegrill nightclub. Montgomery Clift stayed at the hotel for 3 months in 1952 during the filming of From Here to Eternity. Errol Flynn is rumored to have created his recipe for bootleg gin in a tub in the hotel's barbershop. Shirley Temple learned to do her familiar stairstep dance routine on the hotel stairs. Other notable guests include Charlie Chaplin, Mary Martin, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Prince, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

Throughout the years, there have been humors of hauntings and ghosts at the hotel. Some involve celebrities who previously stayed at the hotel such as Marilyn Monroe, Montgomery Clift, and Errol Flynn.

Dolby Theatre:

The Dolby Theatre is a Hollywood landmark that showcases the latest innovations from the leader in entertainment technology. Renowned as the home of the Academy Awards, the Dolby Theatre is a 180,000 square foot, 3,400 seat theatre that amplifies its commitment to science and innovation.

Complete with 215 individually powered loudspeakers, the Dolby Theatre features one of the most sophisticated sound systems in the world. The theatre is equipped with Dolby Atmos cinema sound playback – the most natural, lifelike sensory experience available at a movie theatre. The company, Dolby Laboratories, plans to continue updating the auditorium with newer technologies as they become available.

Since its opening on Nov. 9, 2001, the theatre has been the venue of the annual Academy Awards ceremony. During the rest of the year, it hosts numerous live concerts, awards shows, symphony performances and other events.

The hall from the front entrance to the grand stairway (leading up to the theater) is flanked by storefronts, as well as Art Deco columns displaying the names of past recipients of the Academy Award for Best Picture, with blank spaces left for future Best Picture Winners, well in the 21st century. Currently the columns are set for Best Picture up to 2071. In a fashion reminiscent of Hollywood movie-making, the building is dressed before the Academy Awards ceremony, sometimes with a different sign on its façade, red drapery to hide its storefronts, and the famous red carpet running up its grand stairway.

Griffith Observatory:

It is the Southern California's gateway to the cosmos! Visitors can look through telescopes, explore exhibits, see live shows in the Planetarium (\$3-\$7 for 45 minutes) and enjoy spectacular views of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Sign. It has many interesting exhibits that show you how the solar system works, etc.