

# LOS ANGELES HOTEL BEL-AIR

## One day itinerary: **Parks & Gardens**

Lights, camera, action. Los Angeles is a busy city that's always on the go. But away from the film sets and Hollywood glamour, is an abundance of parks and gardens that balance out the bustle and offer some much-needed tranquillity. From tropical botanical gardens to intimate secret gardens, this one-day itinerary takes you on a tour of the most serene green spaces in Los Angeles.

*Begin the day with a 30-minute drive from Hotel Bel-Air or Beverly Hills Hotel to Arlington Garden.*



### ARLINGTON GARDEN

*T: 0626-578-5434 | 275 Arlington Drive, Pasadena, CA 91105*

A beautiful public space in Pasadena, Arlington Garden was built on the former private garden of a millionaire's mansion. The only one of its kind in the area, the lesser-known park is filled with plants and vegetation from around the world, from Australia to Madagascar. Native wildlife, Mediterranean-style fountains and a labyrinth also await discovery within the tranquil space.

*Then, take a 10-minute drive to The Huntington.*



### THE HUNTINGTON

*T: 0626-405-2100 | 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108*

Part-library, part-art gallery, part-botanical gardens, after browsing the Huntington's vast collection of books and artworks, head outside to explore the gardens, within which grow some 15,000 plant varieties. Don't miss the Frances and Sidney Brody California Garden, the Desert Garden, or the striking Japanese Garden.

*Take a 10-minute drive to the next stop, Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden.*



### LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN

*T: 0626-821-3222 | 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91007*

Located in the heart of Rancho Santa Anita, the 127-acre Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden unites history and nature. It's home to several historic structures from Native America and the late 19th century, and several beautiful conservation gardens filled with plants, herbs, roses, aquatic features and tropical greenhouses.

*Drive for 25 minutes to reach the penultimate garden of the day.*



## EXPOSITION PARK ROSE GARDEN

*T: 0213-763-0114 | 701 State Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90037*

A stone's throw from the California Science Center, Exposition Park Rose Garden adds a dose of colour to the concrete jungle. The seven-acre garden is filled with tens of thousands of rose bushes, covered in fragrant blooms of myriad colour and variety, arranged around a central fountain. The beautiful space is so important that in 1991 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

*Next, it's a 20-minute drive to Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden.*



## MILDRED E. MATHIAS BOTANICAL GARDEN

*T: 0310-825-1260 | Tiverton Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90095*

Located on the south-eastern corner of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) campus, the 7.5-acre Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden is dedicated to the preservation of plant species from around the world. Make your way around the garden's picturesque paths, discover areas dedicated to different world climates and keep an eye out for turtles and Japanese koi swimming in the stream and ponds.

*End the day with a 10-minute drive to Hotel Bel-Air or Beverly Hills Hotel.*

*All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.*