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See a Live Theater Show

Stars like Morgan Fairchild and Melanie Griffith honed their craft at the famous Falcon Theatre, opened in 1997 by Garry Marshall, the renowned director, writer, and producer behind such shows as *Happy* Days and The Odd Couple. Still going strong, the lineup this winter includes a musical twist on the classic fairy tale *Snow* Queen performed by the Troubadour Theater Company, a freewheeling ensemble known to call upon audience members to be part of the show. A few miles north, The Victory Theatre Center focuses on new works—ranging from comedies to dramas—by emerging American playwrights. falcontheatre. com, the victory the at recenter.org

Study the Arts Other can't-miss spots



Coffee Commissary
This sunlit spot serves
coffee from the West
Coast's most respected
roasters. coffeecommis
sarv.com



Center Stage Gallery Works by animators and visual effects artists are showcased here. Once a month, industry pros offer portfolio critiques. centerstagegallery.com



Moore's Delicatessen
The walls of this breakfast and lunch spot are
decorated with drawings
by illustrators from
studios like Nickelodeon
and Cartoon Network.
mooresdeli.com



Zamba Boutique Pick up a unique souvenir at this whimsical shop, a treasure trove of vintage furniture, jewelry, gifts, and clothing. zamba boutique.com



Portal of the Folded Wings Made of marble, mosaic, and elaborate sculpture, this outdoor rotunda near Bob Hope Airport was built to honor aviation pioneers. portal ofthefoldedwings.net



Backside Records
Pick up some vinyl at this
hip spot, where DIs are
often invited to spin
during business hours.
backsideonline.com

Curtain Call

Three more theaters to scope out

Colony Theatre

From November 8 through
December 14,
the romantic
play Handle
With Care takes
the stage here.
colonytheatre.

Theatre Banshee

Of the three productions this nonprofit typically rolls out each year, one is always written by an Irish playwright or has an Irish theme. theatre banshee.org

Grove Theater Center

An abridged version of the holiday favorite A Christmas Carol begins its run here in late November. gtc.org



Explore the Outdoors

Head northbound on Walnut Avenue, and you'll arrive at Stough Canyon Nature Center, an educational facility that serves as the gateway to the Verdugo Mountains' scenic hiking paths. Inside, you'll find trail maps and exhibits detailing native plants and wildlife. Outside, sun-kissed trails lead trekkers through native flora like chaparral, coastal sagebrush, and toyon, while offering stunning views of the surrounding mountains and the L.A. skyline. Time your visit to coincide with the nature center's free, guided bird walks or fitness hikes. Or for a prime stargazing opportunity, opt for the twilight trips—guides set up telescopes atop a hill for unobstructed views.burbankca.gov

Fresh
Air
Find it in
unexpected
places around
Burbank



Lemonade LA The spacious patio of this bright and modern cafeteria is a prime spot to feast on seasonal fare and sip lemonade in flavors like cucumber mint. lemonadela.com



L.A. Equestrian Center Set on 75 acres of green fields in Griffith Park, SoCal's largest equestrian center hosts nearly 50 horse shows each year. la-equestriancenter.com



DeBell Golf Club One of Burbank's best kept secrets, this lush course delivers spectacular city views. After a round, refresh at the club's Canyon Grille. debellgolf.com



Olive & Thyme This beloved spot just moved into a new, sunlit space. Nab a sidewalk table, and join the foodies who flood here for pastries, lattes, salads, and sandwiches. oliveandthyme.com



Market City Caffe
The place for peoplewatching downtown?
This authentic Italian restaurant's sprawling patio.
marketcityburbank.com



Bob's Big Boy Every Friday night, the parking lot of the country's first Bob's Big Boy fills with restored vintage rides during the classic car show. bobs.net

On the Move

The best trails around

Chandler Bikeway

Bronze sculptures are set up along the 2-mile Burbank portion of this popular bike path. chandler bikewaybur

bikewaybur bank.com Vital Link Trail If you're into switchbacks and steep climbs, take this 3.7mile ridgeline path. You'll be

rewarded with views of downtown L.A. in the distance. burbankca.gov Los Angeles

River Trail
This 51-mile
trail travels the
length of the
Los Angeles
River. Eye the
waterway along
the 13-mile
stretch that
runs through
Burbank. amer
icantrails.org

Go Behind the Scenes

Home to Warner Bros., Disney, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, and countless other famous studios, Burbank is without a doubt America's entertainment capital. On a VIP tour of the Warner Bros. studio—the only one open to the public—sit on the couch in Central Perk, the coffee shop featured in Friends, and wander through the Picture Car Vault, a giant soundstage that houses eight high-tech vehicles used in the Batman movies. As you ride around the studio's 110-acre campus, you're likely to encounter film crews at work. The tour also includes a stop at a green screen, where you can pose in a scene from your favorite Warner Bros. film or TV show. Want to be part of the crowd during live-audience shows like *Conan* and *The Big* Bang Theory? Tickets are available, but book early! vipstudiotour.warnerbros.com



"Warner Bros. is a working studio lot, so you never know who you might see. During a tour, you'll uncover what it takes to create some of the most memorable moments in film and television."

—DANNY KAHN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR DEPARTMENT

Sleep Here Three hotels suited for TV and movie buffs



Safari Inn You might recognize this hotel from its appearances in films like Apollo 13 and True Romance and TV shows like Six Feet Under. safari burbank.com



Hotel Amarano
Celebrities favor this
luxe boutique hotel for
its posh new suites and
heated saltwater pool.
hotelamarano.com



Tangerine Hotel
A stone's throw from
Warner Bros. Studio,
each room at this
modern hotel features
a vibrant mural.
tangerinehotel.com

Watch The Ellen DeGeneres Show

Daytime TV's most adored talk-show host tapes at Warner Bros. Studio. Here's how to get free tickets and what to expect when you go.

PLAN AHEAD Request tickets as far out as possible at ellentv.com/tickets. Tapings usually fill up months in advance.

LAST-MINUTE ADVICE

A limited number of standby tickets are available. Call 818.954.5929 before noon on the day of the show you're requesting tickets for.

WHAT TO WEAR It's often cold in the studio, so dress in layers.

SCORE A SOUVENIR Like

to dance? Guests who show their moves during the crowd warm-up often earn free T-shirts.

For tickets and more information, check out visitburbank.com.

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Shop Magnolia Park

This leafy neighborhood is lined with locally owned shops offering everything from antique lunchboxes to stylish women's apparel and modern paintings. Tucked along the five-block main stretch are purveyors like It's a Wrap!, where you can buy clothing worn in TV shows like *True* Blood and Breaking Bad. Other notable stops: Autobooks-Aerobooks (one of Jay Leno's faves), which has a global reputation for its selection of car-, motorcycle- and airplanethemed reads, and Mindfulnest, where you can create your own scented candles before browsing jewelry, ceramic bowls, and other locally made housewares. visit magnolia park.com



Pit Stops Refuel at these top Magnolia Park spots



Romancing the Bean Start your day with a Mason jar filled with cold-brewed coffee and a house-made muffin or scone. romancing thebeancafe.com



Porto's You'll probably encounter a line at this revered establishment, but its well worth it for desserts like chocolate-filled croissants and mango cheesecake. portosbakery.com



Monte Carlo Italian
Deli & Pinocchio
Restaurant Grab and
go at this iconic Italian
grocery, or take a load off
at its cozy restaurant.
montecarlodeli.com



Tony's Darts Away
This pub, owned by Tony
Yanow, creator of Golden
Road Brewing, is the epicenter of L.A.'s craft beer
movement. tonysda.com



Luna Vine Wine Bar Choose from 50 wines by the glass, paired with cheese, charcuterie, and a menu of small plates that changes daily lunavinewinebar.com



Handy Market Clouds of smoke start wafting early from the parking lot of this well-stocked corner store every Saturday, when it doubles as a BBQ joint. handymarket burbank.com

In the Bag Head downtown for more shopping

Urban Habitat
The specialty
here? Armoires,
bookcases, and
other exquisitely restored
furniture
from around
the world.
urbanhabitat
style.com

Make-Up
Designory
(MUD) This
make-up store
doubles as a
beauty school
and trains
hundreds of
students to
work in the
entertainment
industry. mud

shop.com
rA Organic
Spa This day
spa, which has
celeb clientele,
carries a wide
range of products from Hungarian skin care
line Éminence.
raorganicspa.
com

Make Burbank Your Base

Burbank has plenty of thrills within its city limits, but another perk of staying here is the easy access you have to a slew of L.A.-area attractions. The Hollywood Bowl, one of the largest and most storied outdoor amphitheaters in the country, sits just 6 miles south of downtown. While the summer concert season is the major draw, the on-site museum leaves plenty to explore any time of the year. Among the highlights: clips from movies that were filmed at the fabled venue, including *Anchors* Aweigh with Frank Sinatra, and the new Beatles-themed exhibit, which commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Fab Four's first appearance here. hollywoodbowl.com



"We think of Burbank as the center of everything L.A. You've got Hollywood, the Staples Center, Rose Bowl Stadium—all of these destinations are reachable in 20 minutes or less from Burbank."

-VICTOR J. GILL, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS, BOB HOPE AIRPORT

Get Out Three more must-sees within minutes of Burbank



10 Minutes Away: Universal Studios Hollywood The 3-D Despicable Me Minion Mayhem ride debuted in April. In 2016, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter opens. universal studioshollywood.com



20 Minutes Away: Rose Bowl Stadium Home to the oldest college football bowl game, this storied stadium also hosts concerts and a flea market throughout the year. rosebowlstadium.com



15 Minutes Away: Griffith Observatory Perched on a hillside above the city, this L.A. icon features a stunning 285-seat planetarium and a Zeiss telescope that's open to the public. griffithobservatory.org

Events Calendar

CTN ANIMATION EXPO

November 21–23 ctnanimationexpo.com

TURKEY TROT

November 27 burbankymca.org

THE RINK IN
DOWNTOWN BURBANK

November 28, 2014– January 19, 2015 dtnbur.com

DOWNTOWN BURBANK ARTS FESTIVAL

April 11–12, 2015 dtnbur.com

STARLIGHT BOWL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Every Saturday, July– August starlightbowl.com

DOWNTOWN BURBANK

CAR CLASSIC

July 25, 2015 dtnbur.com

BURBANK COMEDY FESTIVAL

August 16–22, 2015 burbankcomedyfestival.com

BURBANK CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET

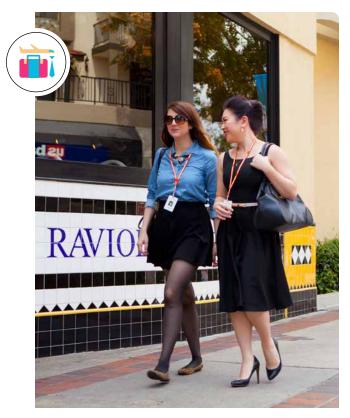
Every Saturday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. burbank.com

LADIES' NIGHT OUT IN MAGNOLIA PARK

Every last Friday of the month visitmagnoliapark.

For a full list of Burbank events, go to visitburbank. com.

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Bond with Your Co-Workers

Downtown Burbank provides the ideal backdrop for kicking back with colleagues. A few of our favorite places: Flappers Comedy Club and Restaurant, where headliners like Jamie Kennedy and Sarah Silverman regularly take the stage, and Story Tavern, home to Ping-Pong tables, shuffleboard, and an extensive craft beer list. At Burbank Bar and Grille, catch live music Thursday through Saturday nights, or sign up for a Paint Nite, where you and your group can sip cocktails while creating your own watercolor creations. And if it's shopping you're after, hit up Burbank Town Center, a three-story mall with nearly 170 stores. dtnbur.com

Business Hotels Mix work with pleasure when you book a room at one of these spreads



Residence Inn Burbank Downtown Among the perks for long-term guests of this spacious hotel: a \$25 grocery gift card for every seven days booked. marriott.com



Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Hotel Bringing the family? A free shuttle ferries guests to nearby Universal Studios. marriott burbankairport.com



Courtyard by Marriott Los Angeles Burbank Airport A stay here means easy access to the airport, the shops and restaurants of Empire Center, and the major studios. marriott.com



Coast Anabelle The on-site restaurant, Olive's Bistro & Lounge, serves a mean martini. We recommend the Mediterranean, made with grape vodka and a dash of grenadine. coastanabelle.com



Extended Stay America Burbank Airport New flooring and fresh paint revamp the rooms at this inviting hotel. extendedstay america.com



Holiday Inn Burbank Media Center Treat yourself to a cocktail and a panoramic view of the city from Crystal View Lounge, on the top floor of the West Coast's largest Holiday Inn. ihg.com