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BURBANK HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION annual report 2013



### executive statement

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Dear Tourism Partners.

2013 was a breakout year for Visit Burbank. It marks the turning point when the Town Behind the Tinsel stepped into the limelight and drew national attention to Burbank as a leisure and business travel destination.

Built on the promise of delivering a true behind-the-scenes movie experience, the campaign invited tourists to explore Burbank's celebrity filled TV tapings, studio tours, shopping districts and star-studded hotels. As the town where Hollywood rolls up its sleeves and gets down to the serious business of entertainment, it was natural to spotlight Burbank's leading role in the production of the biggest film and television hits of all time.



Photo by David Sprague

The tourism response was immediate and enthusiastic. Since the formation of Visit Burbank in 2011, occupancy rates have climbed from 73.7% to 77.3% in 2013 — an almost five point increase. Over the same period, average daily rates jumped 8% to \$123.37. And total room revenue leapt a whopping 15%. All good numbers demonstrating the rise of Burbank as a visitor destination, delivering bottom-line results that benefit the community with increased sales, jobs and civic pride.

All of this is the result of a carefully laid out communications strategy that hit the travel market in 2013, including the:

- · Creation of a first-ever tourism website for the city
- · Launch of a national ad campaign reaching 26 million people
- Production of a visitor's guide that is currently available throughout California
- · Formation of partnerships with Travelzoo and others to boost hotel overnight stays

Details of these programs are elaborated on the following pages.

With such great momentum behind us, the plan is to consolidate strengths and broaden our reach in 2014. Strategies include boosting internet presence on travel sites, reaching out to key international markets such as China, and expanding awareness to include inflight and airport advertising.

On behalf of the Board, I thank everyone who helped Visit Burbank reap such incredible results in 2013, and look forward with pleasure to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

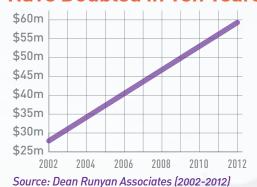
Tom Whelan

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**Burbank Hospitality Association** 

# quick facts

#### Burbank Room Sales Have Doubled in Ten Years



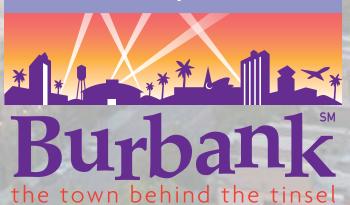
# California's Top Five Foreign Visitor Markets:

Mexico .....7,000,000 Canada .....1,540,000 China ...... 717,000 U.K. ...... 675,000 Japan ..... 590,000

Source: California Travel and Tourism Commission

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### about

The Burbank Hospitality
Association (BHA) is a nonprofit
assessment district whose
primary mission is to stimulate
economic development through
tourism. Ratified by a 91.4%
vote in October 2011, the BHA
completed the second year
of a five-year term in 2013.

Funded by a 1% assessment on room nights at Burbank hotels with 25 or more rooms, the budget is projected at \$520,000 annually over five years.

Operating as Visit Burbank, the goal is to boost hotel occupancy while positioning Burbank as a national tourism destination.

Domestic Visitor
Expenditures
In California
Rose An Estimated 4.9%
In 2013.

Source: Visit California



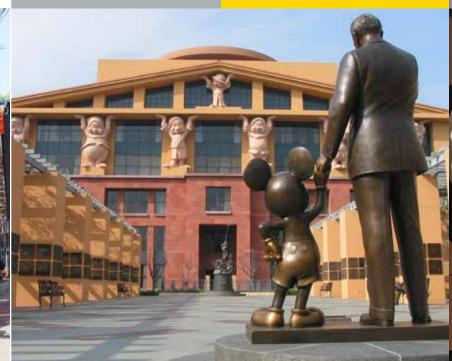


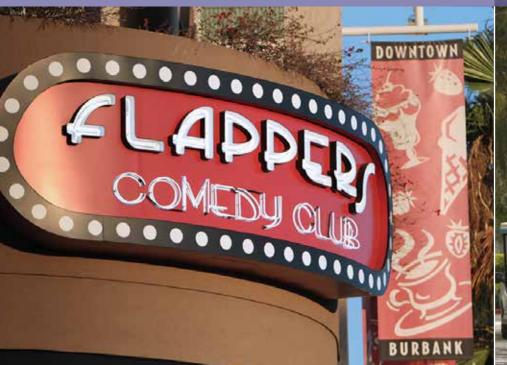


Time Magazine ranks the Warner Bros. Studio VIP Tour among the top 10 Things to Do in Los Angeles

Source: Time Magazin











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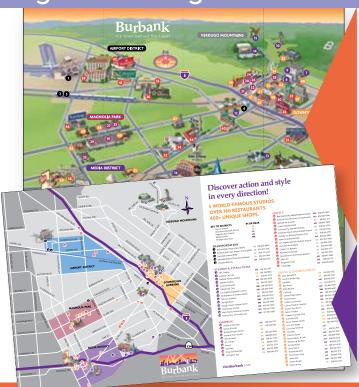
- 1 Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Hotel
- 2 Holiday Inn Burbank Media Center
- 3 Courtyard by Marriott Los Angeles Burbank/Airport
- 4 Hotel Amarano Burbank
- 5 Residence Inn by Marriott
- 6 Ramada Inn Burbank Airport
- Coast Anabelle Hotel
- 8 Safari Inn
- 9 Extended Stay America Burbank Airport
- 10 Best Western Plus Media Center Inn & Suites
- 11 Quality Inn Burbank
- 12 Burbank Inn & Suites
- 13 Travelodge Burbank
- 14 Portofino Inn Burbank
- 15 Tangerine Hotel

# 15 HOTELS 2,200 ROOMS 50,000 SQ.FT. Convention Space

# The Hottest Places For A Day Or Extended Stay!

One Blockbuster City. Four Dynamic Districts. Star-studded Action All Around.

# generating buzz in 2013



#### Visitor Destination Guide

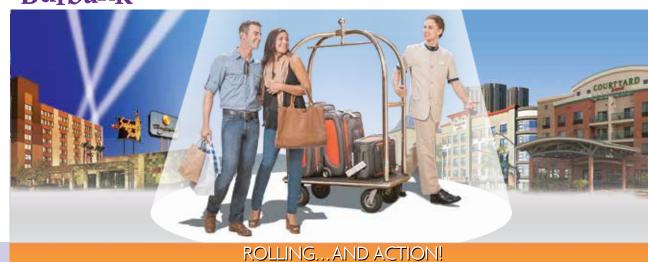
- Foldout city guide featuring local points of interest, hotels and attractions
- Distributed at more than 1,000 tourism destinations, three California Welcome Centers and nine airports
- More than 13,050 handed out per month in off-season, and 26,100 at peak periods
- Available at major conventions and meetings such as the CTN eXpo attracting 6,000 attendees
- Annual readership exceeds 200,000 visitors

#### Concierge Map

- Convenient tear-off map highlighting major attractions and amenities
- Designed to be written on and used for self-guided walking and / or driving tours

The Visit Burbank campaign launched in Spring 2013, and simultaneously hit web, print and social media in a coordinated strategy.





Check-in to style, then check out TV and movie magic

visitburbank.com Tourism gateway site with "Book Your Trip" >>> function powered by JackRabbit, the preferred hotel reservation system. >>> Resulted in nearly 2,500 lodging referrals in seven months.

#### BOOK YOUR TRIP

- >>> Downtown Burbank
- >>> Warner Bros.
  Studio VIP Tour
- >>> Visit Burbank

# TRAVELZOO

Burbank was highlighted as

# "Featured Destination" in the U.S. Top 20 Travelzoo newsletter

running in July and August reaching

#### 10+ million subscribers

Total clicks to Visit Burbank website:

3,475

Destination page views:

42,751

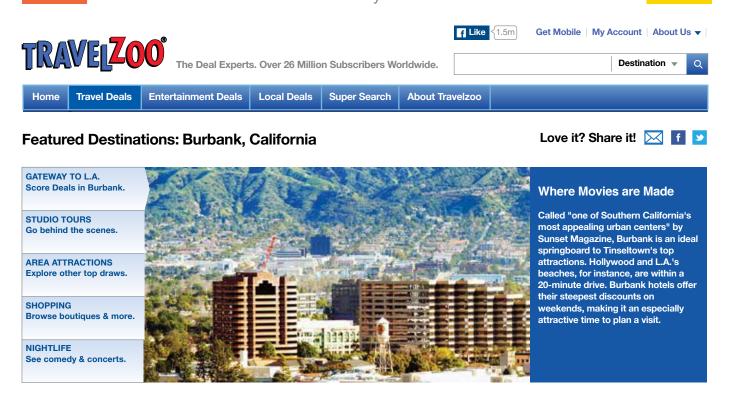
Resulted in

#### 333 additional passengers booked

via Burbank Bob Hope Airport

#### and 124 room nights at Burbank hotels

Media coverage included ABC News and The Travel Guy with Bill Burke



# print campaign launch











ad campaign reached 26 million

# 2013 strategic event partnerships

## **Creative Talent Network Animation eXpo**

The 5th Annual eXpo boosted hotel occupancy at Burbank hotels while solidifying the city's reputation as Animation Capital of the World.

More than
1,100
room nights
were booked at
Burbank hotels

The eXpo attracted a record-breaking

6,000 animators from around the world and 400 exhibitors

on view

So many students and faculty from San Jose State attended that the Animation/Media department was forced to close!!

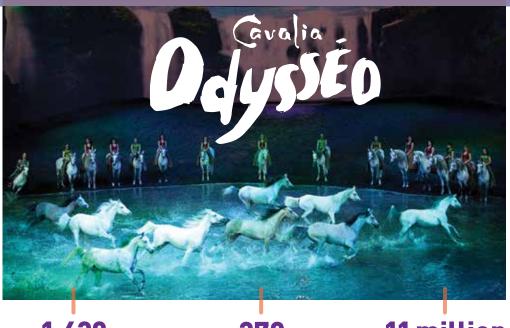
Burbank was proclaimed

"Animation Capital of the World"

on opening night at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center



CTN Animation
block at the
Downtown Burbank
ARTS Festival
attracted thousands
of fans to meet
and greet with
top animators



1,430 room nights booked at Burbank hotels

270 local jobs created

11 million
people reached via
media coverage

A return engagement of the 2011 blockbuster, Cavalia's Odysseo once again dazzled the critics in 2013. Drawing audiences of nearly 100,000 during a 47-performance run, Odysseo was extended twice in order to meet ticket demand.



**2.300** runners

more than **\$60,000** raised

Held on Thanksgiving Day, the early morning run on a double-loop course through Downtown Burbank supported a great cause, the Burbank YMCA's membership assistance program.

Business and leisure visitation to California will outpace that for the U.S. through 2016

# three record-breaking years

# Burbank Occupancy Burbank Average Daily Rate \$80% 77.3% \$120 \$113.99 \$113.99 \$113.99 \$2011 2012 2013 Source : Smith Travel Research, Inc.

# BURBANK Ranks in the TOP 10 of L.A. County VISITOR DESTINATIONS

as measured by TOT receipts

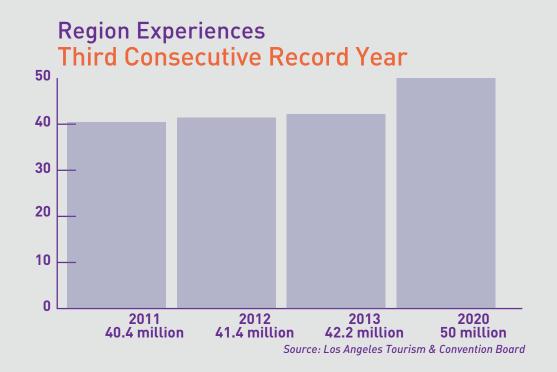
Source: Dean Runyan Associates

# Burbank Leads L.A. County Occupancy Rates in 2013

Source : Smith Travel Research, Inc.



### tourism is on the rise



#### In 2013

Domestic overnight visitation achieved its highest historical level at 22.3 million

Source: Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board

business travel 23%

leisure travel 77%

- International visitation set a record with 6.2 million visitors in 2013, a 2.6% percent increase over 2012
- China is now L.A.'s No. 1 overseas market

Source: Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board

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#### future focus



# Going Global

Initiate marketing campaign on an international scale

- Outreach to the all-important Chinese market via the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board's first official China Travel Guide
- Increase visibility in in-flight magazines: Southwest Airlines Spirit and US Airways Magazine

# **Getting Social**

Generate newsy content for the Town Behind the Tinsel

- Grow Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and social media platforms
- Integrate social media and website to maximize sales



# Boosting Visibility Utilize travel sites and events to drive room sales

- Partner with #1 travel site TripAdvisor
- Develop tourist targeted signature event

# **Attending Conventions**

Represent the Visit Burbank brand at travel shows

Travel Exchange - Los Angeles, February 16-20, 2014

Go West Summit - Seattle, February 24-27, 2014

U.S. Travel Association's International Pow Wow - Chicago, April 5-9, 2014

California Travel Summit - Los Angeles, June 23-25, 2014

#### **Looking Ahead for California**

- Total visits to increase 2.6% Travel expenditures to increase 5.9%
- International to grow by 5%
   Leisure up by 4.9% Source: Visit California

### on the horizon

#### Two Properties will Increase TOT by an Estimated 20% Source: Hotel Developers

#### **Hilton Garden Inn Hotel**



- 210 rooms including 10 suites
- Six stories with subterranean parking
- Located at Verdugo Avenue and South San Fernando Boulevard **BREAKING GROUND 2014**

#### • 170 rooms

- Five stories with subterranean parking
- Located at South San Fernando Boulevard between Santa Anita and Providencia Avenues

**BREAKING GROUND 2014** 

#### **SpringHill Suites by Marriott**



### aerotropolis

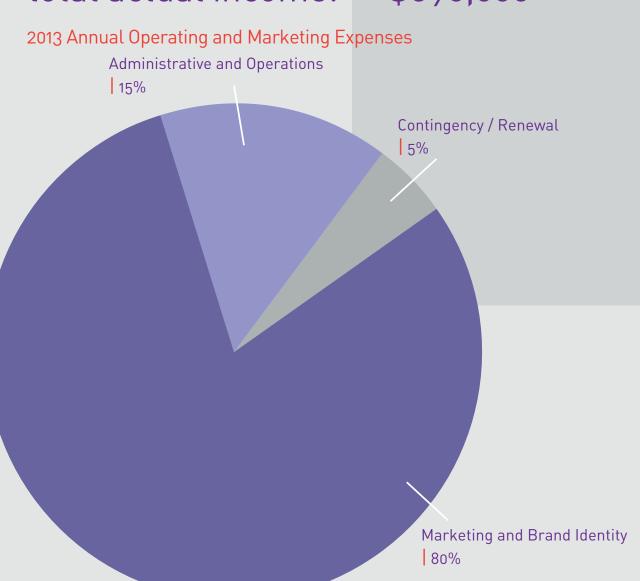
The Airport District is poised to takeoff as a premiere Southern California transportation and hi-tech hub delivering countless opportunities for the visitor market.

# opportunity:

Demand for hotel room and meeting space will outgrow current supply.

# total budgeted income:\$520,000

total actual income: \$690,000



#### 2013 Allocations

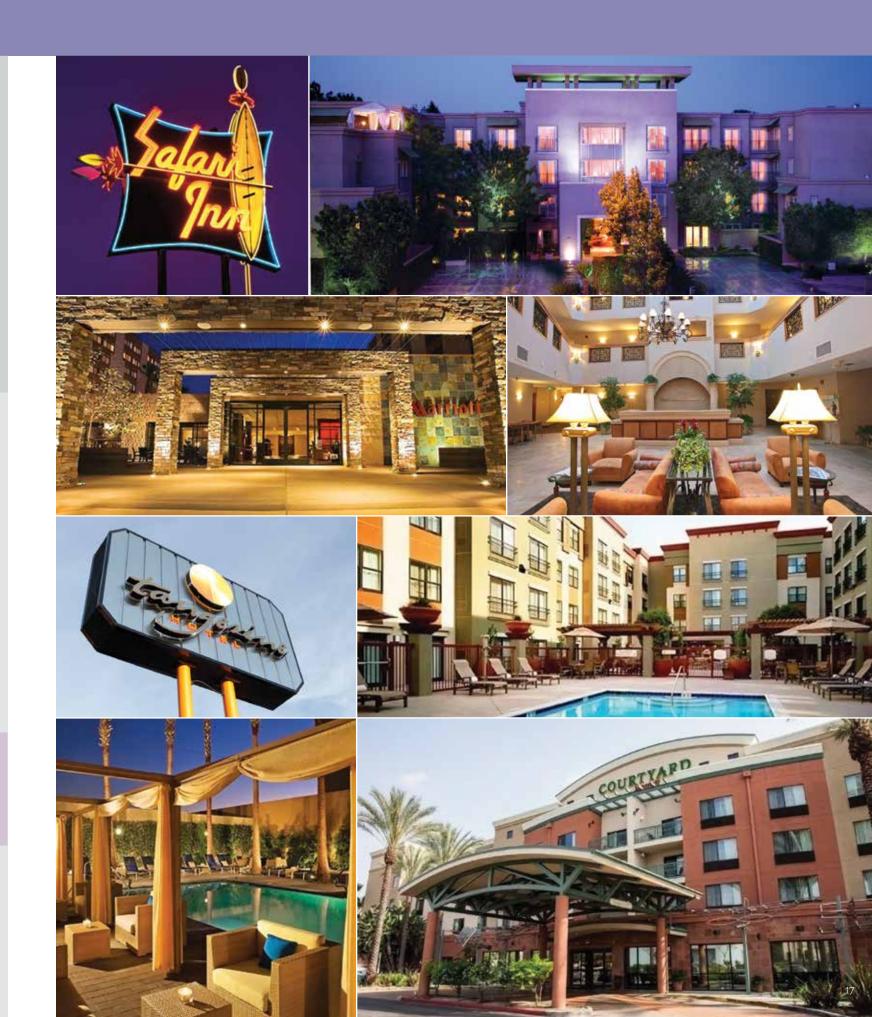
#### Marketing and Brand Identity | 80%

- Execution of media campaign
- Development of website and collateral materials
- Launch of social media campaign
- Targeted special event support

#### Administrative and Operations | 15%

- Staffing
- Insurance
- Other administration expenses

Contingency / Renewal | 5%



# balance sheet ending 9/30/2013

# statement of cash flows 10/2012 - 9/2013

#### **OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Net Income	428,959.27
Net cash increase for period	42 <mark>8</mark> ,959.2 <mark>7</mark>
Cash at beginning of period	457,999.43
Cash at end of period	886,958.70

Balance Sheet and Income Statement reviewed by Certified Public Accountant.

# income statement 10/2012-9/2013

INCOME/EXPENSE	
Income	
001 · Assessments-City Treasurer	684,826.94
002 · Interest	5,543.68
Total Income	690,370.62
Expense	
60900 · Business Expenses	7,435.00
60940 · Trademarking	6,600.00
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	14,035.00
62100 · Contract Services	
62110 · Accounting Fees	1,350.00
Total 62100 · Contract Services	1,350.00
62500 · Consultants	88,242.00
Total 62500 · Consultants	88,242.00
64000 · Marketing	
64020 · Advertising	5,670.00
64040 · Website Development	40,000.00
64060 · Social Media	6,970.00
64000 · Marketing - Other	2,282.32
Total 64000 · Marketing	54,922.32
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	191.99
65030 · Printing and Copying	954.84
Total 65000 · Operations	1,146.83
65060 · Salary Expenses	66,999.96
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	5,752.00
65130 · Sponsorships	15,000.00
65140 · Membership Dues	500.00
65150 · Website Maintenance	11,700.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	32,952.00
68300 · Travel and Meetings	
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	715.00
68320 · Travel	1,048.24
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	1,763.24
Total Expense	261,411.35
Net Income	428,959.27

### 2013 BURBANK HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION

#### Board of Directors and Staff

#### **Executive Committee**

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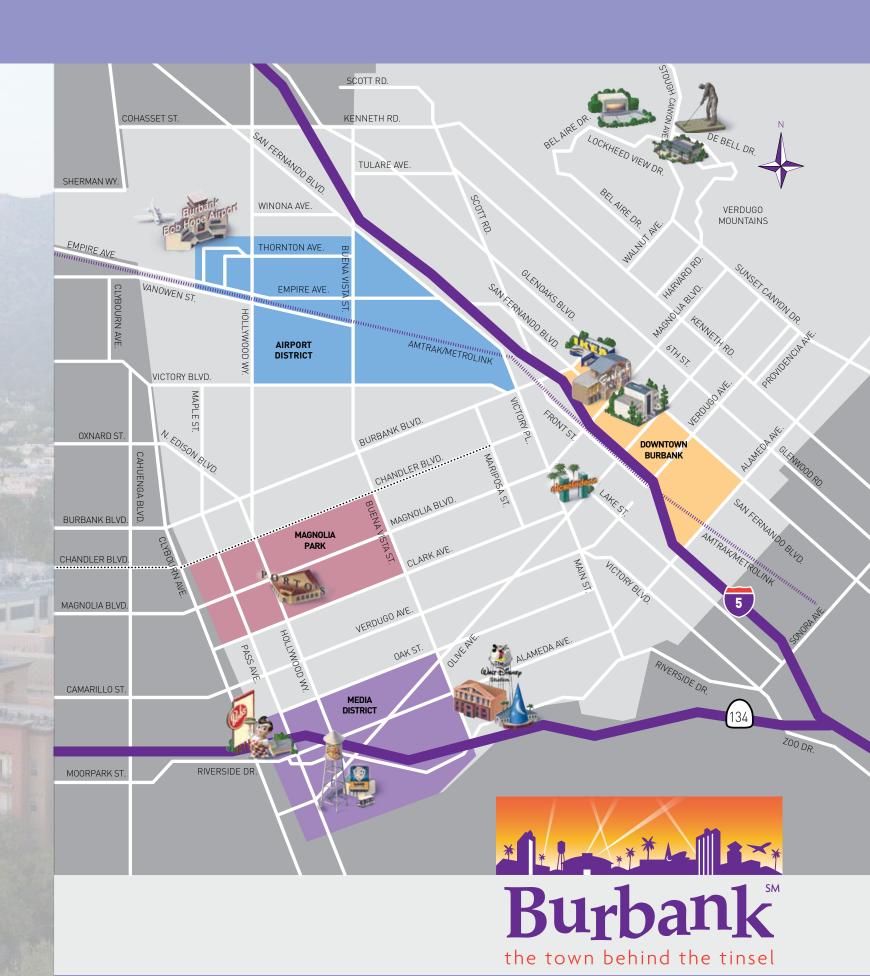


















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