

The Statue of Liberty stands prominently on the left side of the image, set against a backdrop of a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The statue is shown from the waist up, holding its torch aloft. The base of the statue is a large, multi-story stone structure.

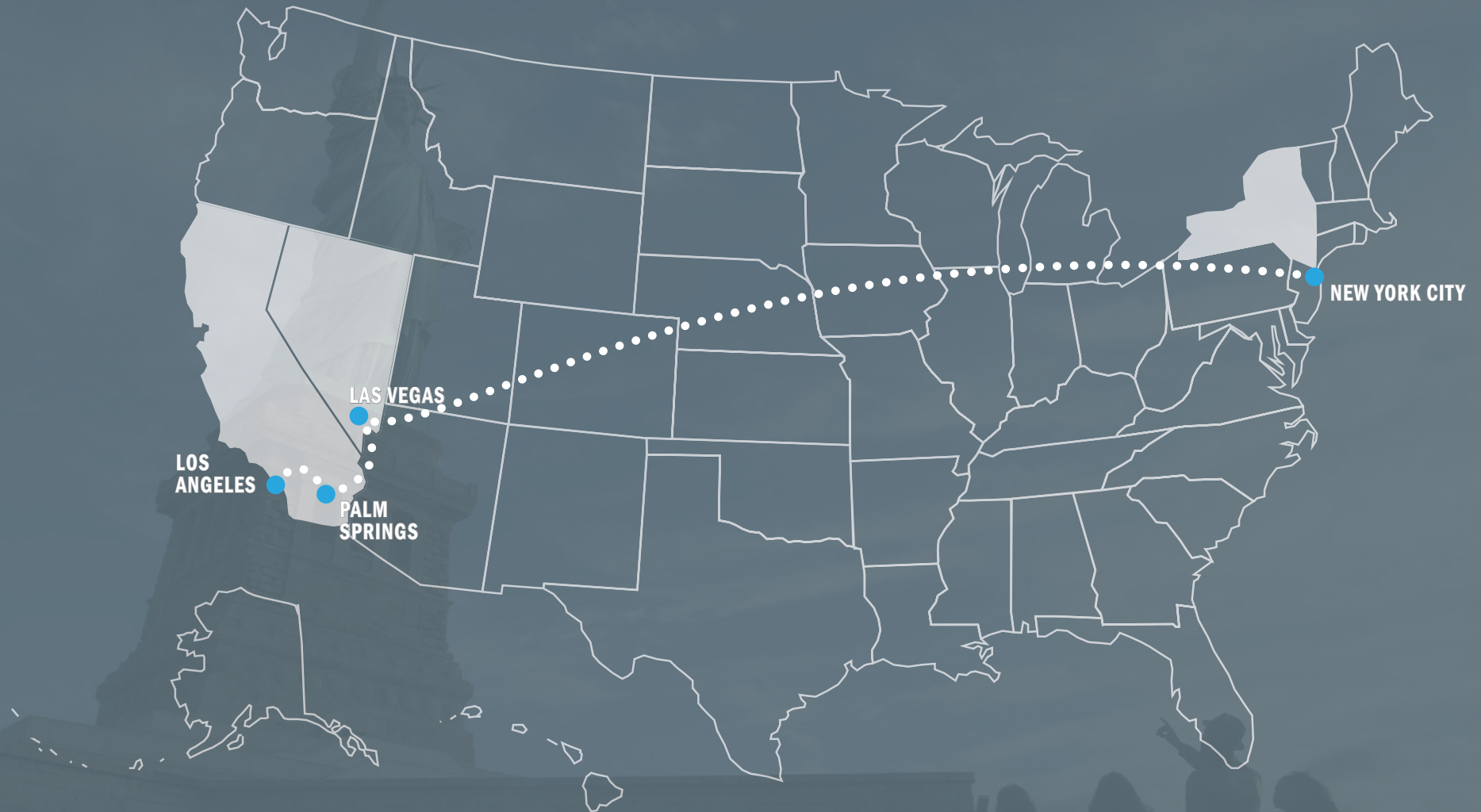
**INSIDER
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AT THE MOVIES

NEW YORK – NEVADA – CALIFORNIA



AT THE MOVIES



New York City, New York to Las Vegas, Nevada

4 hours and 45 minutes flight time/2,240 miles

Las Vegas, Nevada to Palm Springs, California

4 hours and 15 minutes drive/230 miles

Palm Springs, California to Los Angeles, California

2 hours drive/110 miles

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Day 1

Grab a coffee and enter **Central Park**, strolling along the Central Park Mall and perching on benches featured in such famous movies as “Maid in Manhattan” and “Kramer vs. Kramer.” Head to the **Bethesda Terrace and Fountain**, a well-known Central Park movie location shown in “When Harry Met Sally” and “The Producers.” This was also the site of the famous sing-along in “Enchanted.” Continue across Bow Bridge, then leave the park at 79th Street and Fifth Avenue, location of **The Metropolitan Museum of Art**, better known as The Met. As one of New York City’s famous cultural institutions, this stunning architectural masterpiece is home to art, music and fashion collections and hosts the famous Met Gala. Remember the plot in “Ocean’s Eight” and the unforgettable heist? That took place at the Met Gala.

From The Met, go back to Central Park and follow East Drive to the Gapstow Bridge, the site where Kevin McCallister meets the Bird Lady in “Home Alone 2: Lost in New York.” Across the pond, step inside the spectacular lobby of **The Plaza**, the hotel where a large portion of the movie was filmed. Continue your movie tour along Fifth Avenue to one of New York’s celebrated stores, **Tiffany & Co.**, the namesake for “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” a classic movie starring Audrey Hepburn. Relive a famous scene and buy a pastry to eat while browsing at the jewelry in the famous windows. The next stop, at 52nd Street and Lexington Avenue, is the site of one of the best-known publicity photos ever taken – see where “The Seven Year Itch” star Marilyn Monroe posed over the subway grates as her white dress blows up with the gust from a passing train.

Lunch will be at one of New York’s historic places, **Grand Central Station**. The magnificent architecture makes this building a natural for movie locations, and it has been the backdrop for many, including “North by Northwest” and “The Avengers.” Enjoy lunch at its famous Oyster Bar & Restaurant, then walk across the street to the **New York Public Library**. After entering between the marble lions featured in “Ghostbusters,” go into the main lobby, which was the setting for Carrie’s wedding to Big in “Sex and the City.” As you explore this spectacular building, its books and exhibits, look for areas shown in “Spider-Man” and “The Day After Tomorrow.”

New York City’s famous skyscraper, the **Empire State Building**, has been the setting for many movies, most notably the unforgettable romantic scene in “Sleepless in Seattle” and the final refuge for “King Kong” in the 1933 movie starring Fay Wray. Return to Central Park tonight for dinner at a landmark restaurant, **Tavern on the Green**, the location for scenes in blockbusters such as “Beaches,” “Mr. Popper’s Penguins” and “Ghostbusters.”

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Empire State Building, New York City

Take a seat and relax for a moment at **Sutton Place Park** on 58th Street as you relive the scene in “Manhattan” where Woody Allen and Diane Keaton watch the sunrise over the East River and Queensboro Bridge. Next, take a taxi or the subway to **Flushing Meadows Park** in Queens, site of the 1964 World’s Fair. The fair’s Unisphere, a celebration of the coming Space Age and “Peace Through Understanding,” still stands at the site even through “Men in Black” showed the 120-foot metal globe being obliterated by a spacecraft. Returning to Manhattan, stop for lunch at **Café Lalo**, where Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks first met in “You’ve Got Mail.” A short walk from the café is the **American Museum of Natural History**, one of the largest in the world, with collections that include

plants, animals, artifacts and dinosaurs. The exhibits come to life in the family movie “Night at the Museum.” What could be more fun than seeing the characters, including Rexy the T. rex and Dexter the monkey? You cannot visit New York without exploring **Times Square**, especially at night when it’s illuminated by neon billboards. Relive scenes from such movies as “I Am Legend,” where Will Smith hunts deer in the deserted square; “Deep Impact,” where a giant wave destroys the area; or where “Captain America” wakes up after 70 years asleep. Eat dinner at **Planet Hollywood** with a fantastic array of movie memorabilia and spectacular views of Times Square.

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Times Square, New York City



Brooklyn Bridge, New York City

Day 3

Spanning the East River between the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, the **Brooklyn Bridge** is one of the oldest suspension bridges in the USA. Relive classic movie moments as you walk across the bridge to Brooklyn. Remember Green Goblin's fight with Spider-Man to save Mary Jane, the scene where Miranda and Steve made up in "Sex and the City" or the bridge being blown up in "I Am Legend"? When you arrive in Brooklyn, take a cab or ride-share service across the **Verrazano-Narrows Bridge** to Staten Island. Ask the driver to stop before crossing the bridge so you can re-enact the "Saturday Night Fever" scene where Tony shares a bench with Stephanie, overlooking the bridge while dreaming of leaving Brooklyn for Manhattan.

Board the **Staten Island Ferry** for the free crossing back to Manhattan. The ferry, which was in one of the pivotal scenes of "Spider-Man: Homecoming," offers breathtaking views of the **Statue of Liberty**. This iconic symbol of freedom has been the focal point of many Hollywood movies. Remember the scene as Rose sees the statue for the first time in "Titanic" or the shocking scene at the end of the original "Planet of the Apes"? Upon arrival in Manhattan, take a 30-minute walk past the **Charging Bull sculpture** on Wall Street, past the **9/11 Memorial** and **One World Trade Center** to the Fire Department of New York's **Hook and Ladder 8** fire station, the headquarters for "Ghostbusters."

For lunch, take a short cab ride or ride-share service to the Lower East Side to **Katz's Delicatessen**; try the pastrami sandwich. Look for the "...hope you have what she had!" sign to find the table where Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan sat for a memorable scene in "When Harry Met Sally." Save room for dessert, and take a short walk to the West Village to enjoy cupcakes at the **Magnolia Bakery**, a favorite of Carrie's in "Sex and the City." Who can come to New York and not shop? **Macy's**, one of the world's largest department stores, was the setting for "Miracle on 34th Street." There is no better time to visit than the holiday season, when the store is decked out in its Christmas splendor. Head to Greenwich Village tonight to eat one of New York's fabulous pizzas at **Joe's Pizza**, where Peter Parker worked in "Spider-Man 2."

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Day 5

Start a tour of Las Vegas with a photo opportunity at the **Las Vegas welcome sign** on the southern part of the Strip, then cross the road to get to the **Little Church of the West**, relocated here when its original home, the Frontier Hotel and Casino, was demolished. The chapel has been home to some real star weddings – including Cindy Crawford to Richard Gere, and Judy Garland to Mark Herron – as well as the movie wedding of Elvis Presley and Ann-Margret in “Viva Las Vegas.” A short walk along the Strip past **Mandalay Bay** and **Luxor** is the **Tropicana**; take a taxi or ride-share service to get there quickly. The Tropicana was the site of the Tropicana casino in both “The Godfather” and “The Godfather Part II.” The resort was home to the Folies Bergere revue show for over 50 years and was featured in “Viva Las Vegas” and “Diamonds Are Forever.” Although the hotel has been renovated and updated, the famous red 1957 Chevy is still a key feature at the entrance.

Proceed to the **MGM Grand** to see the larger-than-life statue of Leo the MGM lion in front, then take the monorail to your next stop, the **Westgate Las Vegas**, which was formerly the Hilton Las Vegas and home to Elvis Presley in the 1970s. The hotel was The Whyte House in the James Bond movie “Diamonds Are Forever.” For an authentic Las Vegas experience, eat lunch on the Strip at the **Peppermill**, the backdrop for the movies “Casino,” “The Cotton Club” and “Showgirls” – their burger is a must-try. Across the street from the Peppermill is **Circus Circus**. “Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery” and “Diamonds Are Forever” featured its famous Midway, where you can watch circus acts perform daily.

Walk south along the Strip to **Treasure Island**, where you will see warships from the now-closed Sirens of TI show. In “Miss Congeniality,” it was the setting for the last scene, where Sandra Bullock rescued Miss USA during the pirate battle. Relax by the pool this afternoon before seeing one of the Cirque du Soleil shows. The Beatles LOVE is sure to spark a party mood, or catch one of Las Vegas’ current headliner acts.

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Fremont Street, Las Vegas

Today, head to the **Venetian Resort and Casino** to explore St. Mark's Square, ride gondolas on the canals and view the Campanile. The resort featured in "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" and the "Rat Race" is at the site of the former Sands Hotel, the setting for the original "Ocean's Eleven." The Copa Room featured in the 1960 movie was the venue for regular appearances by Rat Pack members Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Peter Lawford and Dean Martin. While at the Venetian, visit **Madame Tussauds** and take a picture with wax figures of your favorite stars.

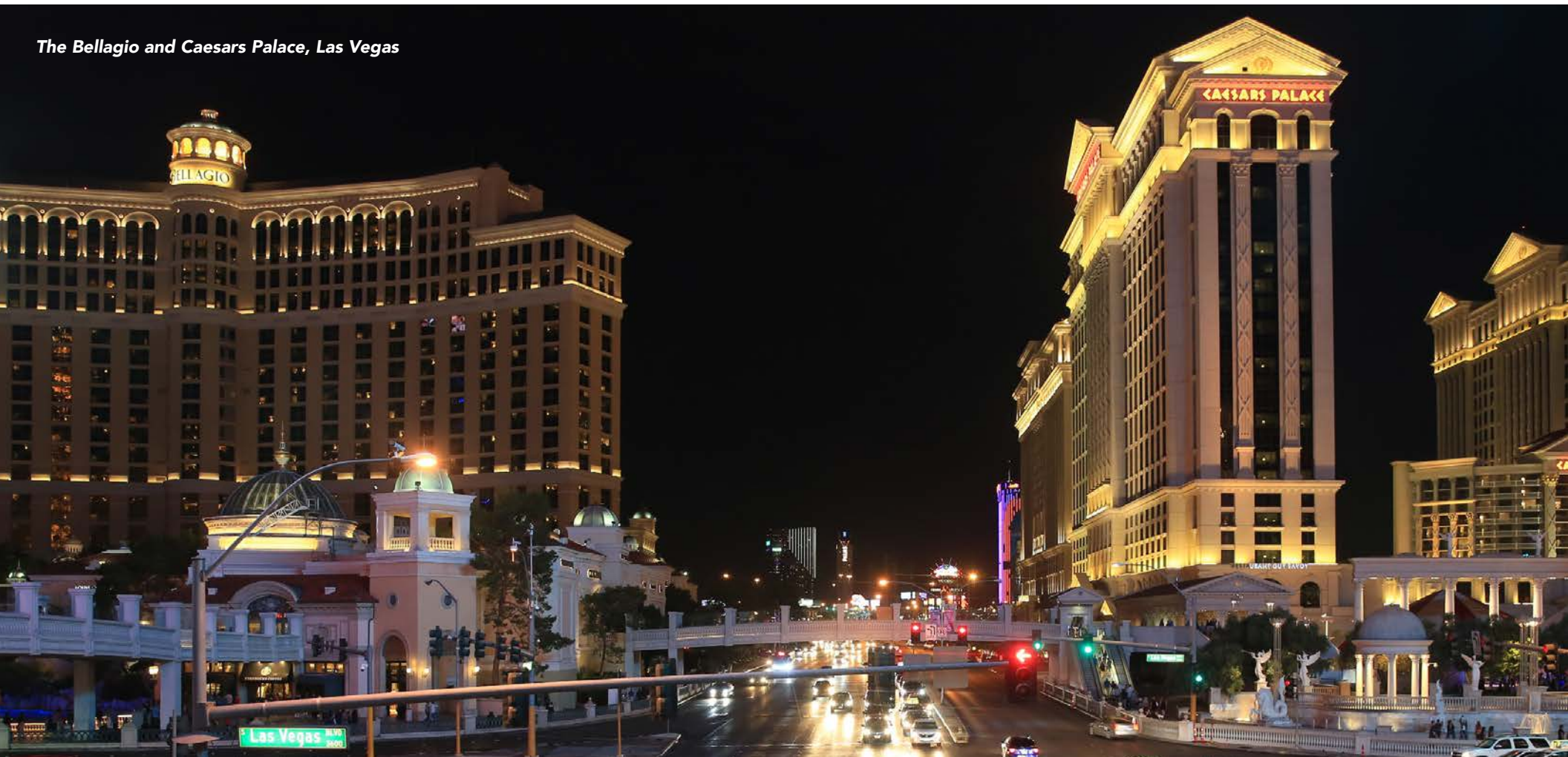
Remember the movie "Vegas Vacation" with Chevy Chase? Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and the Dolphin Habitat across the street at **The Mirage** was the setting for many scenes, and the casino is where Clark Griswold gambled away the family's life savings. Next to The Mirage is the

storied **Caesars Palace** with its Roman theme and famous fountains. The elevators, pools and spectacular gold and marble entrance were featured in "The Hangover."

Cross the Strip for a late lunch at **Mon Ami Gabi** French bistro in **Paris Las Vegas**; request a table on the patio – it's worth the wait, as you can watch the **Fountains of Bellagio** from here. After lunch, visit the **Bellagio**, just as famous for being the setting for the 2001 remake of "Ocean's Eleven" as it is for those spectacular fountains. The conservatory's stunning seasonal displays and lobby with a beautiful Chihuly glass sculpture on the ceiling were seen in the movie. Watch shows, performed every half hour, where the fountains erupt to a musical score, just as the gang from "Ocean's Eleven" did at the end of the movie.

Accommodation: Las Vegas, Nevada

The Bellagio and Caesars Palace, Las Vegas



PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Day 9

Before leaving Palm Springs, eat breakfast at **Sherman's Deli & Bakery**. Open since 1963, this New York-style deli is a landmark in the desert. Take Interstate 10 to Los Angeles, the hub for moviemaking. As you enter Los Angeles, stop for a photo of **Watts Towers**, built by an Italian immigrant between 1921 and 1954 out of concrete, broken glass, metal and other found items. The towers – the tallest is 99 feet – are featured in many movies, including “La La Land.” If you want to experience old Hollywood, check into a hotel in the Hollywood, Sunset Strip or Beverly Hills neighborhoods.

Start your movie tour on **Hollywood Boulevard**. Explore over 2,600 sidewalk stars on the **Walk of Fame** celebrating such icons as Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable and Barbra Streisand. Stand in the footsteps of your favorite celebrities. Step into a side street to reach **1738 N. Las Palmas Ave.**, the building where Julia Roberts lived in “Pretty Woman” and Richard Gere climbed the fire escape. A must-stop on Hollywood Boulevard is the **TCL Chinese Theatre**, the setting for the opening scene of “Singing in the Rain” and site of many movie premieres, starting with “King of Kings” in 1927 and including “Star Wars” in 1977.

The first Academy Awards ceremony was in 1929 at the **Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel**; pay homage to the Oscars and visit the historic lobby, maybe ordering a bite to eat or a cocktail in **Teddy's Bar**. Want to see a real Oscar trophy? Take a “Beyond the Red Carpet” tour at the **Dolby Theatre**, the current home of the Academy Awards ceremony. Staying with the classic Hollywood theme, consider eating dinner this evening at **The Musso & Frank Grill**, which is featured in “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood.” With over 100 years of Hollywood history, the restaurant hosted famous patrons including Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin, Greta Garbo, Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor and Steve McQueen. The stars relaxed and Hollywood deals were struck at Musso's.

Accommodation: Beverly Hills or West Hollywood, California

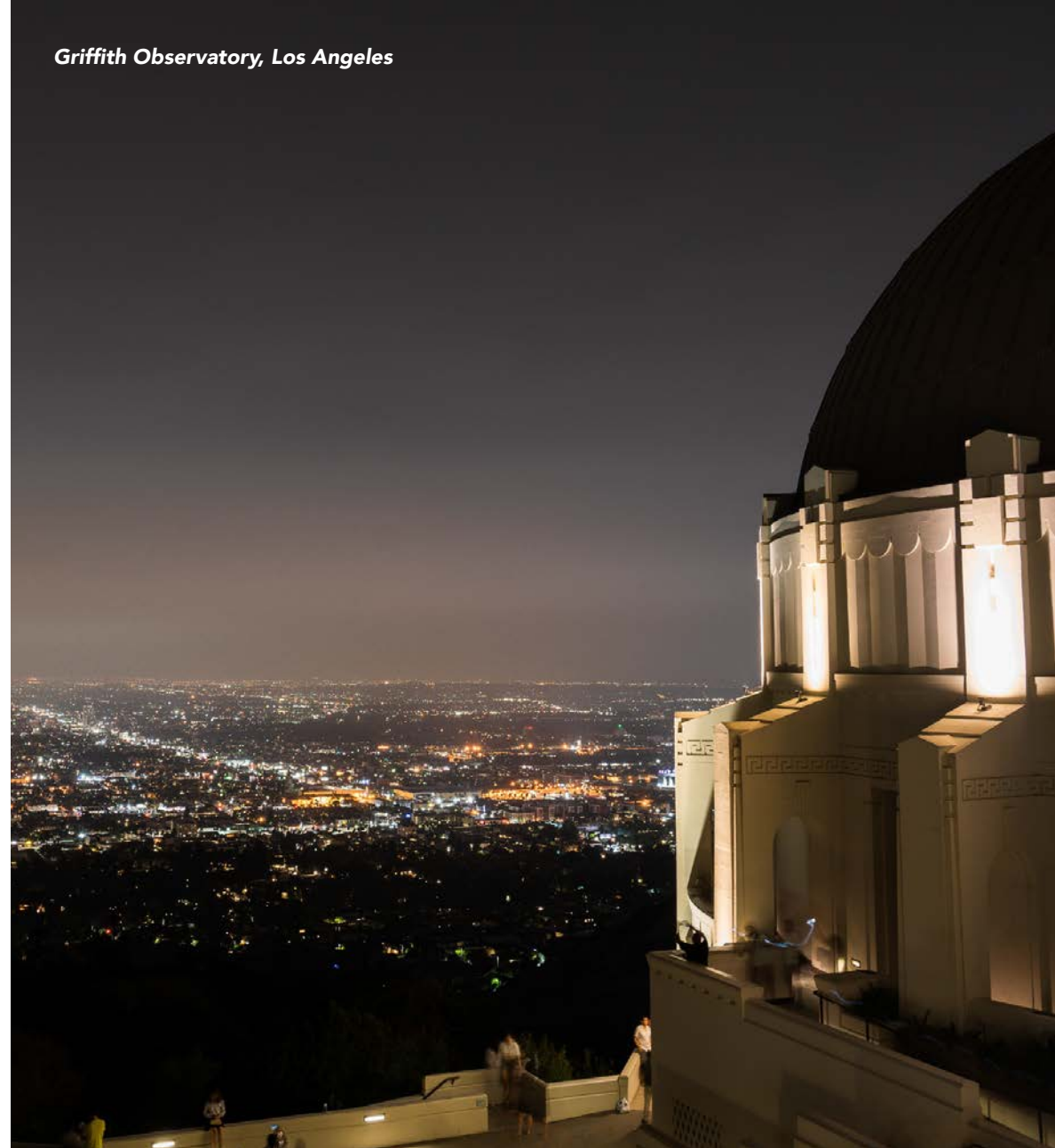
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Day 10

Start your day in the Santa Monica Mountains at **Griffith Observatory**, the setting of movies including “La La Land,” “Jurassic Park” and “Charlie's Angels,” but best known for the climactic shootout in the James Dean classic “Rebel Without a Cause.” You'll also have spectacular views of Los Angeles and the **Hollywood sign**, one of the most-recognized sites in the world, and a must for anyone visiting Los Angeles. If you want to hike to the sign, it's an 8.5-mile round-trip. For a shorter walk and amazing views, go to **Mount Hollywood**, a 2.5-mile round-trip. No movie tour would be complete without taking the World-Famous Studio Tour at **Universal Studios Hollywood**. Movies are filmed on the sound stages you'll visit. Explore the property department as well as the Psycho house, Amityville from “Jaws” and Elm Street. Enjoy the many rides and attractions celebrating today's blockbusters.

Accommodation: Beverly Hills or West Hollywood, California

Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles



The first stop today will be a two-hour **Paramount Pictures Studio Tour**. Enter through the hallowed gates, where many stars have passed, before enjoying a behind-the-scenes experience exploring the backlot, sound stages and prop warehouse that were home to such blockbusters as “Sunset Boulevard” and “Titanic.” Adjacent to the studio is the **Hollywood Forever Cemetery**, the final resting place of many Hollywood stars. Pick up a map at the flower shop as you enter if you want to locate where Mickey Rooney, Cecil B. DeMille, Douglas Fairbanks and hundreds of other stars were laid to rest. The cemetery opened in 1899 and houses two indoor mausoleums as well as outdoor graves marked with headstones, monuments and other more unusual markers. Visit the Judy Garland Pavilion, where the late star was laid to rest in 2017 after being moved from her original burial place in New York.

Stop for an early lunch at **Connie and Ted’s**, just a short drive away on Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood, and try their lobster roll. Next, head to the **Hollywood Hills** and drive through Laurel Canyon to **Mulholland Drive**, passing the homes of many stars. On Mulholland Drive, stop at the **Barbara A. Fine Overlook at the Summit** to enjoy views of stunning homes and Los Angeles in the distance. Head down through Coldwater Canyon to **Beverly Hills** to see more homes of the stars. Book a tour or buy a map and explore on your own. Must-sees are **Pickfair**, **Greystone Mansion** and **Hearst Castle**.

On the way to **Rodeo Drive**, drive past **Beverly Hills City Hall**, which served as the police station in “Beverly Hills Cop.” Stroll along Rodeo Drive and window shop at stores where Julia Roberts in “Pretty Woman” was refused service before going on a shopping spree with Richard Gere’s money. Another favorite haunt of the stars is the **Beverly Hills Hotel**. The setting for many movies, the hotel is pictured on the cover of the Eagles’ “Hotel California” album. Stop for a cocktail at **Bar Nineteen12** or coffee at the **Fountain Coffee Room**. You never know who you might bump into. Head back along Sunset Boulevard to the famous **Sunset Strip**, home to celebrity hangouts such as **The Viper Room** and **Skybar**. If you can get a reservation, spoil yourself and have dinner at **Chateau Marmont**, the ultimate celebrity hangout; dine on the terrace or in the dining room.

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Paramount Studios, Los Angeles

Visit the **Pacific Ocean** before leaving the city. Start at **Venice Beach** to discover an eclectic mix of street performers, funky shops, unique restaurants and, of course, **Muscle Beach**. This Bohemian hangout is not to be missed. Walk the boardwalk where Olivia Newton-John skated in "Xanadu" and explore

the beautiful beach. Heading toward the airport, stop in **Santa Monica** and visit its famous pier with a carousel – it was the setting for the Looff Hippodrome in "The Sting." It's also where Forrest Gump "ran clear to the ocean." Eat lunch before heading to the airport.



Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica