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Hollywood-style luxury at a Burbank hideaway

WALK INTO the Hotel Amarano Burbank and you immediately sense this is no ordinary hotel. The lobby's sleek, modern decor and designer furnishings put it at the level of LA's top luxury accommodations. Yet the welcoming, residential feel invites guests to make themselves at home and sip tea in front of the fireplace, enjoy a cocktail and tapas at the bar, or settle on a sofa and check e-mail (there's free Wi-Fi throughout the property).

The Hotel Amarano Burbank (formerly the Graciela Burbank Hotel) opened in 2002 and has since become the preferred hotel for savvy visitors and locals. It's just steps from Warner Bros. Studios and a few minutes from Walt Disney, NBC Television Studios, and Universal Studios. So it's little wonder that movie stars and television celebs are frequent guests, and hotel staffers are trained to treat celebrities with aplomb. "A five-time Oscar winner can walk in the door and no one's going to ask

for an autograph," vows General Manager Tom Whelan.

Upstairs, the 100 guest rooms are contemporary in style and cushy in feel, decorated in a soothing color palette of soft neutrals, greens, and blues, with Italian linens and down-filled duvets on the beds; iPod docking stations; and 42-inch, high-definition plasma TVs. Ten one-bedroom suites offer the ultimate in space and luxury, including pillowcases monogrammed with the guest's initials, and many rooms have kitchenettes. Naturally, the hotel provides 24-hour room service, as well as a fitness center, meeting rooms, a business center, and an array of spaces for functions.

Best of all, the Amarano offers guests complimentary town-car service to and from Bob Hope Airport and any other destination within a three-mile radius of the hotel. Visiting Burbank without having to rent a car? Now that's a luxury. *Rooms start at \$239. hotelamarano.com*

Stay and Play

Courtyard Los Angeles Burbank Airport

Road warriors will rest easily in Courtyard's king- or queen-sized rooms. Ergonomic Herman Miller chairs and Wi-Fi foster productivity, and the outdoor pool complete with fire pit means it won't be all work and no play. When it's time to head out, print your boarding pass at the Print and Go station, or check out the GoBoard for weather, maps, and directions to local attractions. *Rooms start at \$135. marriott.com/burcy*

Holiday Inn Burbank-Media Center

Stay in the midst of it all downtown. Browse the shops at Burbank Town Center or the stalls at the weekend farmers market. Or stay closer to home and browse the hotel's lush gardens, with a beautiful gazebo. When you're ready to relax, visit the sauna to steam your cares away. *Rooms start at \$199. holidayinn.com*

Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel and Convention Center

For efficient meetings or easy access to vacation hot spots, check in at this flyer-friendly property. Host your group in the 50,000-square-foot convention center, then adjourn to the on-site Daily Grill Restaurant for cocktails and classic Americana, or hop the free shuttle to Universal Studios. At the end of the day, unwind in one of 20 PURE Rooms, with allergy-friendly bedding and electronically purified air. *Rooms start at \$139. marriottburbankairport.com*



Safari Inn

Soak up Hollywood history at this 1950s landmark that blends retro decor (including the original Googie-style sign) with modern amenities. Linger by the outdoor pool or cozy up in your brightly decorated room and take advantage of the high-speed wireless Internet. Keep your eyes peeled for film crews: The Safari's been featured in movies and television shows such as *Six Feet Under*, *CSI*, and *Apollo 13*. *Rooms start at \$129. safariburbank.com*

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