Dining out in West Hollywood: A Celebrity-Spotting Guide





West Hollywood (or "WeHo" to those in the know) is home to numerous hot spots where you're likely to spot a celebrity or two, from trendy restaurants to hip bars and clubs. If you're hoping to spot an A-lister while out dining, then you're in luck. Here's your guide to the best <u>dinner spaces in West Hollywood</u> where the celebrities like to hang out.

Favorite celebrity restaurant hangouts in WeHo

1. Chateau Marmont

The ultimate see-and-be-seen spot in West Hollywood, Chateau Marmont has long been a celebrity magnet. The patio garden and restaurant is where many A-listers like to hang out, including the likes of Lady Gaga, Christopher Walken, Katy Perry, and Lana Del Rey.

Down a few glasses of bubbly, nibble on the steak tartare (a house favorite), and enjoy the sunshine while celebrity-spotting. Just don't try to snap a photo if you do spot one, as there's a very strict no-photo policy.

2. Craig's

Craig's probably offers one of the best chances of seeing a celebrity while dining in West Hollywood. The odds are so good that paparazzi are usually parked outside, waiting for a sighting of Jane Fonda, Martin Scorsese, or Kim Kardashian. The menu is a mix of eclectic American and Italian, including Buffalo wing pizza, honey truffle fried chicken, and an extensive vegan menu.

3. Catch LA

Situated on a swanky rooftop overlooking Melrose Avenue, Catch LA has been a celebrity hot spot since opening in 2016. Celebrities such as Cindy Crawford, David Beckham, Mariah Carey, Kylie Jenner, Jamie Foxx, and David Guetta have all been spotted here. The city views are fantastic, as is the quality of the seafood. The menu is massive, but top options include the chilled seafood tower, truffle sashimi, and salmon belly carpaccio.

4. Fig & Olive

For delicious Mediterranean fare in a glamorous yet relaxed setting, head to Fig & Olive. The space itself is gorgeous,

with soaring ceilings, a central olive tree, an upstairs lounge, and a terrace. There's even a private entrance for Alist celebrities, such as Paul McCartney, Johnny Depp, and Ryan Gosling, to evade the paparazzi. The menu is extensive, but your best bets include the crostini, crudo, beef carpaccio, and the olive oil tastings.

5. Gracias Madre

Another celebrity-magnet where you're likely to encounter paparazzi outside is Gracias Madre. Taylor Swift is a huge fan. The menu is organic, vegan, and Mexican-inspired, but the flavors are rich and vibrant. The décor is also stunning, with hand-painted tiles, antique mirrors, and iron lanterns all around the visually stunning patio. The cocktails pack a punch, including signatures like their Negroni Verde and Al Pastor Old Fashioned.

6. Cecconi's

Part of The Soho House Group, Cecconi's is one of LA's most famous restaurants. The atmosphere is glamorous yet laid-back, with a bright and sunny patio and delicious Italian fare. It's a popular celebrity hangout, and you might see the likes of Ellen DeGeneres or Gwen Stefani. Sip on an Aperol spritz and start with the cicchetti, or Italian tapas, then finish off with a wood-fired pizza or a sophisticated pasta.

7. Dan Tana's

Since opening in the 1960s, Dan Tana's has attracted all manner of celebrities, from rock stars to movie legends. The décor is decidedly old-school and non-trendy, with red booths and red and white checked tablecloths. The menu also features all the classics, from spaghetti with meatballs to chicken parmesan. Wash it all down with a bottle of chianti, or one of their very stiff martinis.

8. Delilah

This beautiful Art Deco space offers a luxurious supper club vibe and a safe space for celebrities indoors where photos aren't allowed. This private atmosphere draws the likes of Kanye West and Drake. This is the spot to grab a magnum of champagne as you relax on plush banquettes dimly lit by candlelight and chandeliers. Top food choices here include the ahi tartare, burger, and baby-back ribs.

9. Sushi Park

It may be situated in a less-than-glamorous strip mall on Sunset Boulevard. But A-list celebrities like Jay-Z, Beyonce, Chris Martin, and Leonardo DiCaprio have all been spotted here. This is the place to go for authentic sushi and sashimi, with no trendy rolls in sight. Better yet, go for the omakase and let the chef choose the freshest cuts of fish for you.

10. PUMP Lounge Restaurant

Founded by Real Housewives star Lisa Vanderpump, PUMP is as over-the-top as the show that made its founder famous. The décor is Mediterranean-inspired, with an olive grove garden patio, massive iron lanterns, and marble countertops. The menu is French- and Italian-inspired. Enjoy the vibrant and loud atmosphere, and maybe catch a glimpse of Lady Gaga or Jennifer Lawrence.

Scoring that celebrity sighting while dining out in West Hollywood

The restaurants listed above are not the only places frequented by celebrities. Nor is there ever a guarantee that you will spot one during your dinner. However, they are well-known hot spots for A-listers, which greatly increases your odds of spotting one.

Be sure to make a reservation well in advance, as most of

these places book out months in advance (at least, for non-celebrities and those without the right connections). The food isn't always the greatest. But then, you're most likely going there primarily to spot a celebrity. Also be aware that some places have strict no-photo policies. Risk a photo and you might just find yourself tossed outside to wait with the paparazzi.