

[OUR TOWN]

Family Vacation at the Beverly Garland Hotel

Kids suites make this Holiday Inn comfy for multigenerational groups

WHERE: The Beverly Garland Hotel, located in Universal City, Calif., is tucked away below the foothills of the Hollywood Hills with convenient access to Universal Studios, Universal City Walk, the Hollywood Bowl, the Kodak Theatre, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the Hollywood Walk of Fame and more.

WHAT: The historic property was once owned by actress Beverly Garland and designed with a California Mission style. The hotel was later purchased and transformed into a Holiday Inn. Recently, however, the property has undergone a major renovation to restore the property's boutique charm. Still managed by Holiday Inn, guests can experience the feel of a boutique property with the benefits of a major hotel brand.

GUESTROOMS: The best feature at the hotel are the Kids Suites. These rooms offer a living area with a king-size bed and a separate area with bunk beds, a flat-screen television and a small desk for children. Parents will enjoy the extra privacy that these rooms offer, as well as the extra space. Kids Suites, as with most rooms on the property, also have a balcony, so that parents can have even more privacy in the evening.

FUN FOR KIDS: While the pool is sure to be a hit with families, there are also tennis courts and a playground on property — that is, if the kids aren't worn out from a full day at Universal Studios. The hotel provides free shuttle service to the theme park. In the summer, there are additional amenities for children including poolside activities such as Dive In movie showings.

HOT TIP: The hotel's location is very close to L.A.'s little-known metro station. From there, clients have easy access to Hollywood, Downtown L.A. and the Mid-Wilshire area without needing a car. — *Janeen Christoff*

