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## The Hotel Wilshire, LA

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Leah Simpson checks out the latest Boutique Hotel in LA, The Hotel Wilshire.

Not to be confused with The Wilshire Hotel in Koreatown (I made the unfortunate syntax mistake with my cab driver and ended up paying double the fare), The Hotel Wilshire is a new luxury boutique hotel in Miracle Mile. Their 74 rooms each come with a chaise lounge, high definition LCD TV, media hub with complimentary WIFI, as well as an in-room honour bar.

But with various room types to choose from - standard rooms, junior suites, one bedroom suites, connecting rooms, and Hollywood View Suites – not everyone can get beautiful views of the Los Angeles cityscape from their bed. While some accommodations unfortunately are blocked by neighbouring structures, the rooftop restaurant has incredible views of the Los Angeles skyline and the Hollywood Hills.

Experience the cool California vibe by the pool and lounge in a cabana or get cosy next to the outdoor fire pit. It's all happening upstairs where vibrant American cuisine and signature cocktails are served at The Roof on Wilshire, featuring the creations of Chef Eric Greenspan.

Part of the Greystone Hotels group it is one of the city's secrets but it won't be for long. The hip and stylish hangout is sure to rival some of LA's celebrity hotspots by the time 2012 is out. It's tucked away just one block from the affluent Beverly Hills area but its gleaming blue-lit exterior acts as a beacon to visitors.

The best thing about the up-and-coming brand is its homely feel compared to many places with the same offerings. The small lobby area – with helpful staff on hand to help with luggage, travel directions and tips on the area – is an indication of the unpretentious atmosphere.

Monochrome, brown and yellow designer furniture waits by the front door, with cushions and throws draped over the sofa, helping to continue that relaxed air as you wait for your cab or the valet to deliver your car upon departure.

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