

FYI Travel: L.A. gets 'Wicked'

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The musical hit "Wicked" is playing in Hollywood's historic Pantages Theater until March 2008, and visitors can purchase a hotel package and stay at one of a dozen top L.A. hotels. The show has already broken the Pantages Theatre house record for the highest grossing show. The 12 hotels that are participating in this offer are among L.A.'s top places to stay. Ticket prices are in addition to hotel packages below.

GOOD WITCH, BAD WITCH - A dozen of the top hotels in Los Angeles are offering package deals for fans of 'Wicked,' playing at the historic Pantages Theater. CNS Photo. Crowne Plaza Beverly Hills

Located halfway between Venice and the Pantages, the hotel is also walking distance to Rodeo Drive and a great array of restaurants from fancy to family friendly. Rate: \$185, call 310-553-6561, ask for Gerry or Brooke, code: WIC.

Renaissance Hollywood Hotel

Package includes deluxe accommodations for two, full breakfast buffet for two, discount card from Hollywood and Highland Entertainment Center, overnight valet parking and shuttle pass to the Pantages for two. Rate: \$306, call 800-769-4774, valid until Dec. 31, 2007. Phone in code: 21ECEP.

Sheraton Universal

Overlooking Universal Studios Hollywood, the 20-story tower offers fantastic views of the Studio and the San Fernando Valley. The three-story poolside wing offers rooms with balconies or direct pool access. Rates: \$199 for regular room, \$299 for an executive suite, call 818-509-2710, code: Wicked.

Sportsmen's Lodge

The Sportsmen's Lodge is minutes to the Pantages, Beverly Hills and the major attractions. It offers a free shuttle to Universal Studios Hollywood, free hotel parking, a heated Olympic pool and 200 remodeled rooms. Rates start at \$149, phone 800-821-8511, valid until March 2008.

Wilshire Grand Los Angeles

Includes executive-level room, tax, parking and deluxe continental breakfast for two in the executive lounge. Located in downtown Los Angeles with door-to-door subway access to Hollywood Boulevard, Universal Studios Hollywood and the Pantages. Rate: \$169, call 888-773-2888, code: Wicked (online or phone-in).

Sofitel LA

Package includes one night's stay in a superior room for two, overnight valet parking, continental breakfast for two, VIP access to ticket reservations and a "Wicked" amenity delivered to your room upon check-in. Rate is \$455, phone 800-521-7772, code: WIC.

Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn at Universal Studios Hollywood

Located in the heart of North Hollywood, next to Universal Studios Hollywood/CityWalk, the hotel offers wireless Internet free of charge, free shuttle service to Universal Studios Hollywood/CityWalk, an

outdoor swimming pool, sauna, tennis court, kid's playground and two restaurants. Ask for special AAA rate, phone 818-980-8000.

The Fairmont Miramar Hotel Santa Monica

The Westside "Wicked" package at The Fairmont Miramar Hotel includes a full American breakfast for two, overnight parking, two exclusive tickets to the show and a limited-edition "Wicked" chocolate box amenity. Rate: \$359, phone 800-441-1414, offer expires Dec. 31.

Marriott Los Angeles Airport

Package includes breakfast for two and free parking for one night. Rate: \$119, phone 310-641-5700, online code: CUE.

Hilton Los Angeles Airport

Package includes a junior suite on one of 16 floors, access to the Executive Towers Lounge that offers an evening reception and morning continental breakfast, VIP access to ticket reservations, a "Wicked" welcome gift and transportation courtesy of Broomstick Limousine to and from the show with champagne and strawberries. Rates: \$250 (no limo), \$600 (with limo), phone 800-445-8667.

The Hollywood Roosevelt

The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel is just blocks away from the Pantages and features two highly acclaimed restaurants, a pair of exclusive nightspots and an intimate spa garden with its heated Olympic-size swimming pool. Rate: \$209, phone 800-950-7667.

The Mosaic Hotel Beverly Hills

Package includes accommodations in the preferred luxury room, private Town Car transportation to and from the show and breakfast for two. Rate: \$625, additional nights \$325 per night, phone 310-278-0303.

FYI: To see these deals online, visit www.seemyla.com/getaway/index.html.

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