



## Hollywood's Golden Age at **GEORGIAN HOTEL,** Santa Monica, CA

If you want a getaway that's rich with history without going far, head to the Georgian Hotel on Santa Monica's Ocean Avenue. This eye-catching Art Deco style building transports guests back to the Golden age of Hollywood with a "Speakeasy" restaurant and one of the few remaining ocean front terraces where you can enjoy martinis and cigars like the celebrities of that era. This tower of turquoise and gold was one of the first skyscrapers to go up on the coastal getaway to the stars who trekked in from Hollywood and Beverly Hills in the 1930s and 40s. This is where regulars such as Clark Gable, Fatty Arbuckle and Carol Lombard would unwind from the grind of filmmaking. The Georgian's been

catering to the same caliber of guests for more than 70 years. A series of multi-million dollar renovations have modernized the rooms with earth-tone decor and high-tech amenities while reminding guests of the hotel's roots with photos of the legends who stayed here and a once very sparsely populated Santa Monica. Even an elevator operator still escorts guests to their floor. The Red Griffin room in the hotel's basement was once a speakeasy and is said to be haunted with celebrity ghosts. Their pictures hang on the red flocked wallpaper walls above the wall-to-wall red leather banquettes. Besides offering modern luxury while retaining the charm of its Old Hollywood history, accommodations here translate into panoramic ocean views and being able to park your car for the duration, as all entertainment is within walking distance. The hotel's restaurant is only open for breakfast (which is wonderful; try the baked French toast), but there are many fine dining locales for blocks, as well as shops, spas, movie theaters and of course, the timeless attraction...the sprawling Santa Monica beach.

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