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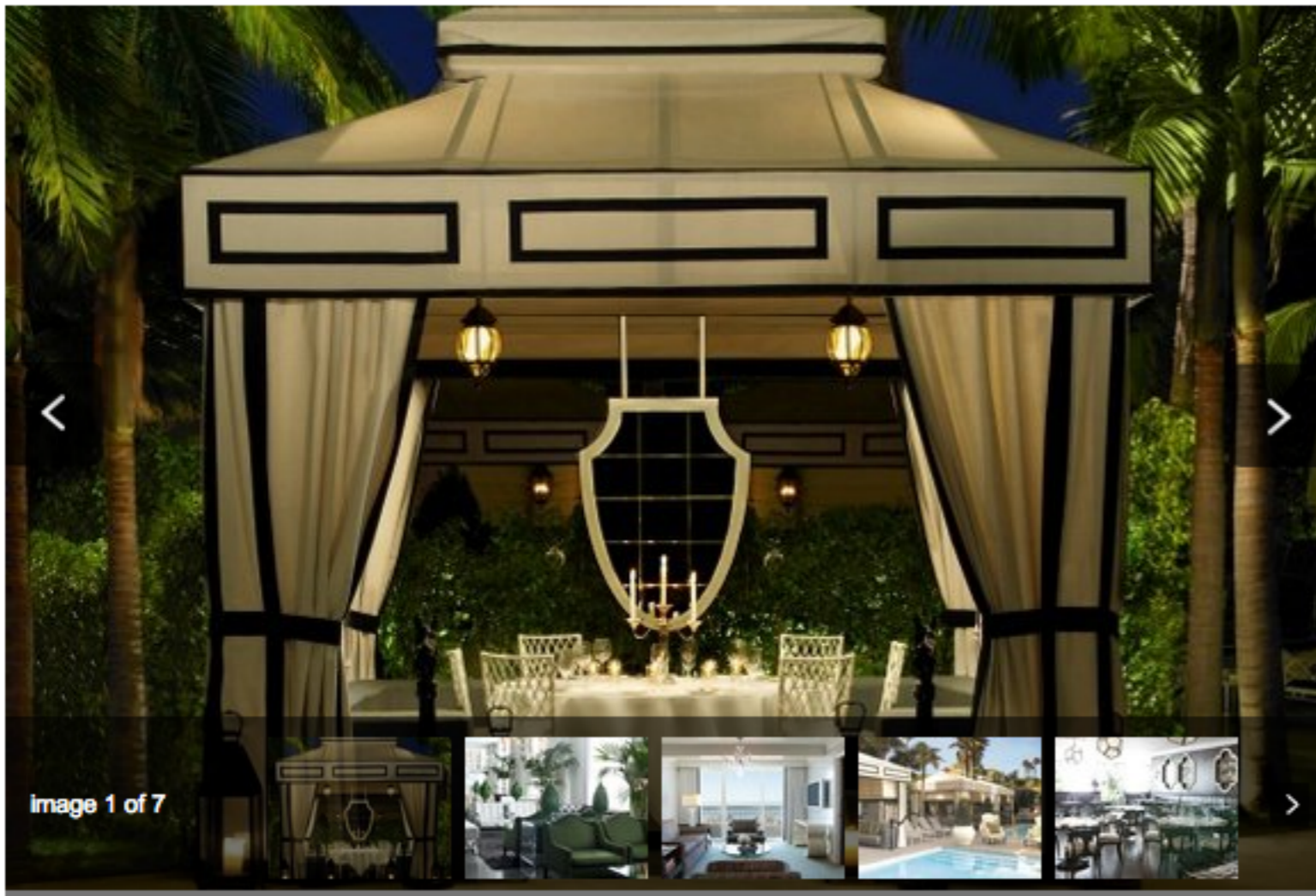
Viceroy Santa Monica

1819 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA 90401, | [United States Of America](#) ◆◆◆◆

From **£209** per room per night

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Kitted out by American interior design guru Kelly Wearstler, the **Viceroy Santa Monica** is the perfect mix of sophistication, glamour and opulence. Modern, yet quirky, it has all the things a luxuriously-inclined boutique hotel just yards away from Santa Monica's legendary beach should have: two outdoor pools, a gym, a gourmet restaurant, a chic yellow themed library and a hip destination bar.

Up in the rooms you're met with 100% Egyptian cotton linens, the compulsory snazzy flat-screen TVs, 'beauty bars' with full-sized pampering products from Neil George as well as iHome and DVD players. The Monarch Suite is the Viceroy's headliner: a VIP Penthouse it's got a grand marble entry, living room with wet bar and convertible sleeper sofa, lavish bedroom and en suite bathroom complete with whirlpool tub and steam shower. All of which is capped off with some jaw-dropping ocean views stretching from Catalina to Malibu.

The Viceroy's chic watering hole in the Cameo Bar, which aesthetically is a mix of classic style and retro-chic. Part lounge (with weekend DJs), part hotel bar, part patio, it's the perfect spot for a refreshing Mint Julep and nibbles. For a gourmet meal, the sleek wood-paneled Whist, with its elegant cream, high-backed armchairs is the place to go to sample Chef Tony DiSalvo's modern take on Mediterranean cuisine.

One tiny blip? There's no spa at the hotel. But you can order an in-room massage, or even better, book one in the cool white poolside cabanas one evening. Afterwards, they double up as the perfect spot to sip cocktails at night.

What's hot?

- The sleekly styled rooms
- The white poolside cabanas
- The extensive menu of beautifully rendered cocktails
- Low food miles – Chef Di Salvo sources all his produce locally

What's not?

- The extortionate valet parking fees

Need to Know: Viceroy Santa Monica

Number of rooms: 162

Check-in/check-out times: 3pm and 12noon

Room service: Yes. 24 hours

Spa: No. But you can book an in room or poolside massage by GreenBliss EcoSpa, Santa Monica's original mobile eco-luxury spa service.

Dogs welcome: Yes (under 30 pounds)

Eating and drinking: Take your pick: Whist, a sleek Mediterranean-influenced gourmet restaurant, or the Cameo Bar, an intimate lounge that spills out onto the pool deck and is one of the city's hottest places to see and be seen.

Near to? A short walk, and an even quicker cab ride, to the wonders of the 3rd Street Promenade, the Santa Monica Pier and the beach.

Getting there: The hotel is a 25-minute cab ride from LAX airport.



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Best room: The Monarch Suite

Best dish: Chef DiSalvo's meatballs – a third generation recipe handed down from his Sicilian ancestors – have become quite the house speciality.

Fashion/design credentials: The very stylish décor is by interior design darling Kelly Wearstler – what else do you need to know?

Who stays here? The hotel has a number of high-profile celebrity fans including Sean Penn, Bethany Frankel, Kim Kardashian and Selena Gomez.

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