

## Sushi House Unico

Gather at the SHU in Bel Air  
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Let's be honest, we don't get up to the rarefied heights of Bel Air that often because there aren't many restaurants to choose from.

However, thanks to Beverly Hills Italian restaurateur Giacomino Drago, oddly enough, there is a new sushi spot to enjoy at Beverly Glen Circle, halfway between Westwood and the Valley.

Sushi House Unico (SHU for short, which also means "gathering place" in Japanese) might not have the flashiest, newest food in town, but there are a few interesting dishes on the extensive menu. The restaurant is a pleasant little space with high ceilings, a delightful wooden screen that is reminiscent of a bird's nest, and (questionably) colorful light fixtures. If you don't have a reservation, there is usually a place at the long bar of polished, rough-hewn walnut, where you can watch the friendly sushi chefs at work. You can order the usual selection of hand and cut rolls à la carte, and the menu always contains a few daily specials.

There is also a full non-sushi menu that features salads like one with artichoke and hearts of palm in a miso dressing, or a spicy mango albacore salad. Appetizers run the gamut from shiitake mushrooms stuffed with crab; to carpaccios of halibut, salmon and tuna; to lobster ceviche; to Kobe beef sashimi. For a main course, there are several teriyaki options, but you can also get Cajun-style John Dory, a tofu steak, rock shrimp tempura, or calamari and langostino over squid ink soba noodles, asparagus and mushrooms. SHU blends Japanese ingredients and California food styling on an eclectic menu that should entice sushi aficionados and avoiders alike.

### Sushi House Unico

**Address:** 2932 1/2 Beverly Glen Circle

**Cross Street:** Mulholland Dr.

**Neighborhood:** Bel Air

**Phone:** (310) 474-2740

**Website:** [www.shusushi.com](http://www.shusushi.com)

**Hours:** Mon-Fri Noon-3pm, Mon-Thurs & Sun 5-10pm, Fri-Sat 5-10pm

**Type:** Sushi, Japanese

-Eric Rosen

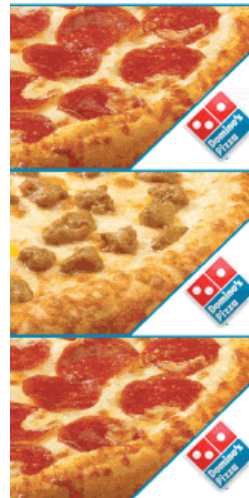


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