

Consider a Southern California experience that doesn't involve busy, expensive hotels in Beverly Hills or Malibu. In nearby Topanga Canyon, there's a quiet bungalow all gussied up in pirate theme. A great retreat for two priced from 95 pieces of eight.

Along with the swashbuckler theme, it has private waterfalls, pond, garden and hilly hiking trails. There are views of Hollywood from just above the Sunset Strip. It'll make you feel like you're with the Swiss Family Robinson with its tiki-themed decor both inside and outside.

You'll lounge by the fire pit on swinging chairs or dip in an outdoor bathtub covered in seashells. The guest house has one bedroom with bath. The rules include no kids, pets, nor group parties. For more info and booking, visit airbnb.com