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GREATER PALM SPRINGS

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FIND YOUR OASIS

Greater Palm Springs encompasses nine cities, each offering its own blend of experiences. Here, we present a sampling of accommodations, attractions, shops, and restaurants to curate your ultimate desert getaway.

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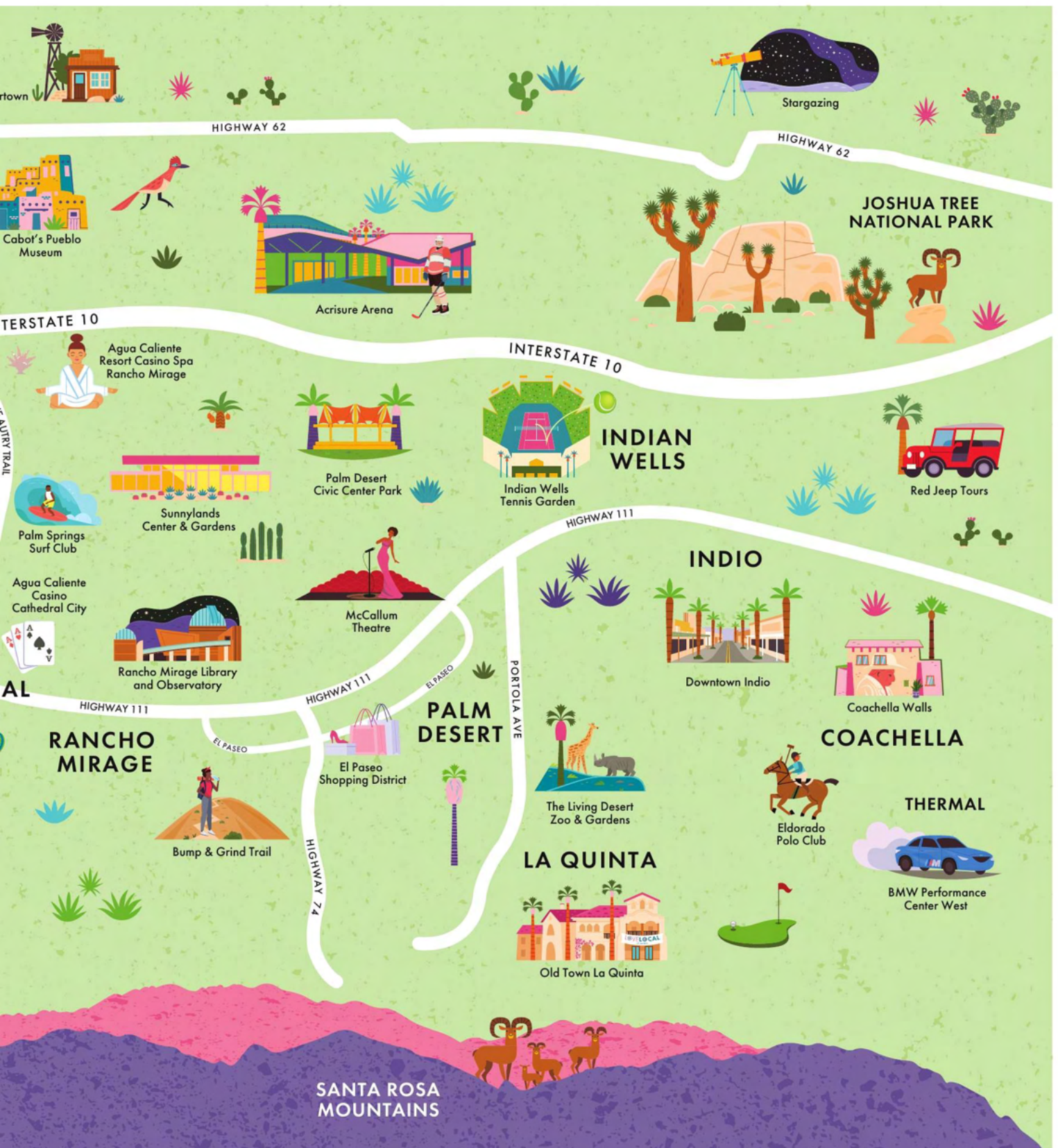
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Welcome



Start Your Adventure

Welcome to Greater Palm Springs — nine vibrant cities surrounded by the San Jacinto, Santa Rosa, and Little San Bernardino mountains. Beneath swaying palms and seemingly endless sunshine, a tapestry of cultures, ideas, and activity infuses this scenic destination with a rich and memorable sense of place.

As if emitting a siren song, the area has called to all sorts of travelers and settlers for more than a century. Railroads led to agriculture; development led to resorts and enviable pursuits of leisure. Today, renowned music, arts, and architecture festivals, along with major sporting events including pro tennis and golf, have starred this desert oasis on the global map. Yet the small-town feel of a relaxed resort community and the charm of midcentury living linger.

This guidebook to Greater Palm Springs tells the stories of the nine cities that comprise our sweet spot in Southern California. We've packed these pages with insider recommendations and a diverse assortment of places to stay, dine, shop, unwind, and explore to help you piece together the perfect getaway — whatever that looks like for you. See you around town!



A golf course view at the
Omni Rancho Las Palmas
Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage.

FAST FACTS

Region

Lower Colorado Desert

Sunshine

300+ days per year

Coollest Month

December

Average high: 70° F / 21° C

Average low: 41° F / 5° C

Warmest Month

July

Average high: 106° F / 41° C

Average low: 79° F / 26° C

Land

Acknowledgment

We pay our respect to the Cahuilla people past, present, and emerging who are the original stewards of this land and have been here since time immemorial.

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For additional ideas of where to go and what to do, and for stories about the people and culture of Greater Palm Springs, visit:

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Signature Events

There's always something fun happening in Greater Palm Springs. Here's a sampling of festivities worth adding to your agenda.



JANUARY

Palm Springs International Film Festival
psfilmfest.org

Paradise Road Show
paradiseroadshow.com

The American Express
theamexgolf.com

Oasis Music Festival
oasismusicfestival.com

Southwest Arts Festival
gcvcc.org

Palm Springs Pinot Noir Festival
palmspringspinotfest.com

FEBRUARY

Rancho Mirage Writers Festival
rmwritersfest.org

Taste of Jalisco
tasteofjalisco.com

Dr. George Charity Car Show
palmspringscruisinassociation.com

Lunar Festival
theriveratranchomirage.com

Tour de Palm Springs
tourdepalmsprings.com

Modernism Week
modernismweek.com

Desert Art Festival
westcoastartists.com

Palm Springs Modernism Show
palmspringsmodernism.com

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
datefest.org

Intersect Palm Springs
intersectpalmsprings.com

La Quinta Art Celebration
laquintaartcelebration.org

MARCH

Cathedral City LGBT Days
cathedralcitylgbtdays.com

Coachella Valley Wildflower Festival
desertmountains.org

BNP Paribas Open
bnpparibasopen.com

Palm Springs Fine Art Festival
westcoastartists.com

Glow in the Park
livingdesert.org

Fashion Week El Paseo
fashionweekelpaseo.com

Palm Desert Food & Wine
palmdesertfoodandwine.com

The Galleri Classic
thegallericlassic.com

American Documentary Film Festival
amdocfilmfest.com

APRIL

Opera in the Park
palmspringsoperaguild.org

Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival
coachella.com

Stagecoach
stagecoachfestival.com

MAY

White Party Palm Springs
whitepartyglobal.com

Memorial Day Air Fair & Flower Drop
psairmuseum.org

Arthur Lyons Film Noir Festival
arthurlyonsfilmnoir.org



March 15–21, 2024
Fashion Week El Paseo
fashionweekelpaseo.com

JUNE

Greater Palm Springs Restaurant Week
dinegps.com

Palm Springs International ShortFest
psfilmfest.org

JULY

Taste of Summer Rancho Mirage
tasteofsummer
ranchomirage.com

AUGUST

Splash House
splashhouse.com

SEPTEMBER

Cinema Diverse LGBTQ Film Festival
cinemadiverse.org

El Grito Fiestas Patrias
coachella.org

The Dinah
thedinah.com

OCTOBER

Joshua Tree Music Festival
joshuatreemusicfestival.com

Hwy 62 Open Studio Art Tours
hwy62arttours.org

**Modernism Week
October**
modernismweek.com

**Palm Springs
Modernism Fall Show**
palmsprings
modernism.com

**Tacos, Tequila &
Chavelas**
coachella.org

Desert Dressage
deserthorsepark.com

**Yum Food Fest &
Night Market**
yumfoodfest.com

**Chili Cook-Off &
Car Show**
psairmuseum.org

Howl-O-Ween
livingdesert.org

**Palm Desert
Golf Cart Parade**
golfcartparade.org

NOVEMBER

**Palm Springs International
Dance Festival**
nickersonrossdance.com

**Greater Palm
Springs Pride**
pspride.org

Run With los Muertos
runwithlosmuertos.com

**Rancho Mirage
Festival of the Arts**
ranchomirageca.gov

La Quinta Art Celebration
laquintaartcelebration.org

**Palm Springs
Veterans Day Parade**
psveteransday.com

Desert Art Festival
westcoastartists.com

Fall Family Festival
aboutfamiliesinc.com

**Cathedral City
Hot Air Balloon Festival &
Food Truck Fiesta**
hotairballoonfest.com

**McCormick's
Classic Car Auction**
classic-carauktion.com

**Props & Hops
Craft Beer Fest**
palmspringspropsand
hopsfestival.com

WildLights
livingdesert.org

Winterfest
cityofindianwells.org

DECEMBER

WildLights
livingdesert.org

Winterfest
cityofindianwells.org

**Festival of
Lights Parade**
psfestivaloflights.com

**Indio International
Tamale Festival**
indiotamalefestival.com

**Ironman 70.3 Indian
Wells-La Quinta**
ironman.com

**Cathedral City
Snow Fest**
snowfest.us

Snowtopia
psairmuseum.org

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country. Be inspired by the work of talented artists and add new treasures to your collections. The La Quinta Art Celebration happens twice a year: Nov. 16–19, 2023, and Feb. 29–March 3, 2024. Tickets are available online and at the gate and are valid all four days.



Stay in the Know

Event details may change. Find updates at palmspringslife.com/events or visitgreaterpalmsprings.com/events.

Points of Interest

Start planning your itinerary by identifying the local landmarks, entertainment venues, and major attractions you most want to see. Skip ahead to the city sections for the inside scoop on these notable locations — and to find nearby accommodations, restaurants, and other activities to fill the rest of your day.



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ACRISURE ARENA

📍 PALM DESERT

Home to the Coachella Valley Firebirds AHL team, the arena also hosts major concerts and shows.



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AGUA CALIENTE CASINOS

📍 PALM SPRINGS, CATHEDRAL CITY, RANCHO MIRAGE

Three locations offer 24-hour gaming, live music, and fine dining.



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AGUA CALIENTE CULTURAL PLAZA

📍 PALM SPRINGS

The cultural museum and spa celebrate the area's Cahuilla heritage.

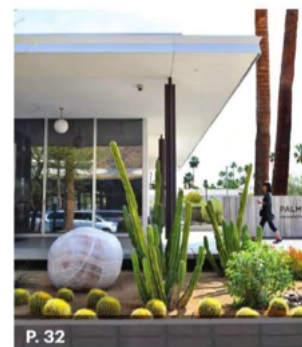


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ANNENBERG THEATER

📍 PALM SPRINGS

Concerts, films, lectures, and world-class performances converge at a state-of-the-art venue.



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ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN CENTER

📍 PALM SPRINGS

Midcentury-modern collections animate a historic building.



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AUGUSTINE CASINO

📍 COACHELLA

Locals love this small but mighty casino for its loose penny slots and variety of video machines.

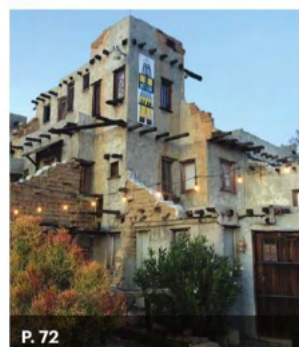


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BMW PERFORMANCE CENTER

📍 THERMAL

Unleash the power of the BMW M Series on a closed circuit.



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CABOT'S PUEBLO MUSEUM

📍 DESERT HOT SPRINGS

One of the desert's earliest settlers built this maze-like adobe museum.



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CLASSIC CLUB

📍 PALM DESERT

With 30 acres of water and plenty of trees, the Arnold Palmer course is a designated bird sanctuary.

TOP: MIKE ZITEK; COACHELLA VALLEY FIREBIRDS; MIDDLE: VISIT GREATER PALM SPRINGS; AGUA CALIENTE CULTURAL PLAZA; PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM; DANIELA STALLINGER; BOTTOM: AUGUSTINE CASINO; VISIT GREATER PALM SPRINGS; ANNA KULA; CHRIS MILLER



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COACHELLA VALLEY REPERTORY

📍 CATHEDRAL CITY

The nonprofit stages plays, cabarets, readings, and fundraising events.



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COACHELLA WALLS

📍 COACHELLA

Vibrant murals depict the Mexican culture and heritage of the local community.



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DESERT THEATREWORKS

📍 INDIO

Talented local performers enact recognizable and lesser-known plays and musicals.



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DESERT WILLOW GOLF RESORT

📍 PALM DESERT

Embracing the desert surrounds, two courses cater to all levels.



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EL PASEO SHOPPING DISTRICT

📍 PALM DESERT

Luxury retail, galleries, and high-end dining intersect on this street.



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ELDORADO POLO CLUB

📍 INDIO

Top polo players from around the world compete amid one of the sport's most beautiful settings.



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EMPIRE POLO CLUB

📍 INDIO

Known for music festivals, the club also hosts outdoor sporting events, including lacrosse and soccer.



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FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO

📍 INDIO

Stay and play at this 24-hour casino with golf, live shows, and bowling.



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FOREVER MARILYN

📍 PALM SPRINGS

This larger-than-life statue by artist John Seward Johnson II stands in front of Palm Springs Art Museum.



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INDIAN WELLS GOLF RESORT

📍 INDIAN WELLS

Two courses marry views of the Santa Rosas with pristine conditions.



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INDIAN WELLS TENNIS GARDEN

📍 INDIAN WELLS

Home to the BNP Paribas Open, the courts are also open for public play.



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LA QUINTA MUSEUM

📍 LA QUINTA

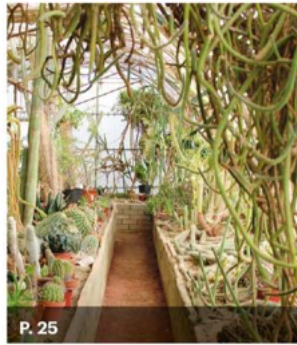
Exhibitions highlight the city's history, from Cahuilla culture to Hollywood's influence and beyond.



MCCALLUM THEATRE

📍 PALM DESERT

The 1,127-seat theater curates a lineup of award-winning productions featuring major stars.



MOORTEN BOTANICAL GARDEN

📍 PALM SPRINGS

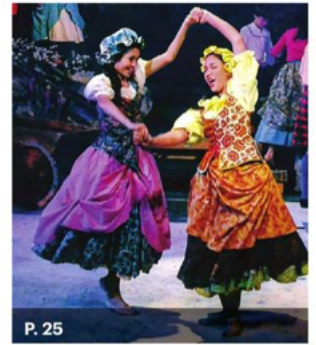
Native flora abounds in this dreamy 1-acre garden filled with photo-ops.



OLD TOWN LA QUINTA

📍 LA QUINTA

It's easy to while away the hours at this charming Spanish-style shopping and dining haven.



PALM CANYON THEATRE

📍 PALM SPRINGS

Local productions of well-known titles prevail at the long-standing community theater.



PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY

📍 PALM SPRINGS

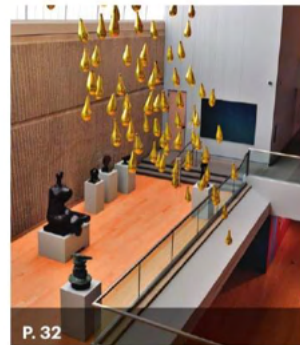
Ride in a rotating tram car to reach the Mount San Jacinto wilderness.



PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM

📍 PALM SPRINGS

See vintage aircraft and fly in a simulator — or an actual warbird.



PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM

📍 PALM SPRINGS

The area's largest museum features work from the world's top artists.



PALM SPRINGS SURF CLUB

📍 PALM SPRINGS

Get your surf on in a giant wave pool or float down the lazy river.



PEREZ ART & DESIGN DISTRICT

📍 CATHEDRAL CITY

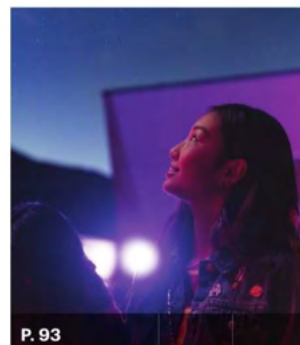
These art galleries and furnishing showrooms are filled with gems.



PGA WEST

📍 LA QUINTA

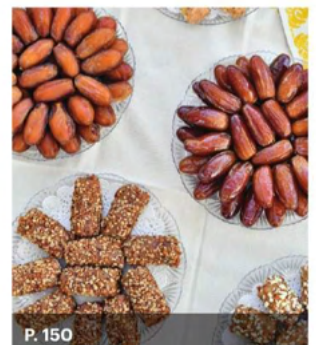
Host of the PGA's The American Express tournament, this acclaimed golf club has five public courses.



RANCHO MIRAGE OBSERVATORY

📍 RANCHO MIRAGE

Wonder at the wilds of space at a state-of-the-art stargazing facility.



SHIELDS DATE GARDEN

📍 INDIO

The scenic gardens at this historic date farm, famous for date shakes, make a great place to stroll.



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SILVERROCK RESORT

📍 LA QUINTA

Arnold Palmer designed this resort's 200-acre course, nestled in the Santa Rosa Mountains.



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SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO

📍 COACHELLA

Live entertainment and a lively taproom complement 24-hour table games and slot machines.



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SUNNYLANDS CENTER & GARDENS

📍 RANCHO MIRAGE

You can tour this historic estate that has hosted presidents and royals.



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TAHQUITZ CANYON

📍 PALM SPRINGS

A 2-mile loop trail through native oases cared for by the local tribe leads to a 60-foot waterfall.



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THE BLOCK

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This walkable hub of shopping, dining, and public outdoor spaces sits at the heart of downtown.

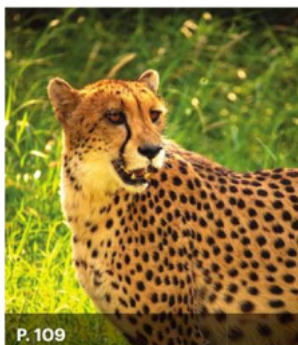


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THE INDIAN CANYONS

📍 PALM SPRINGS

Scenic trails wind through the ancestral home of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.



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THE LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS

📍 PALM DESERT

Feed the giraffes, walk with wallabies, and visit the new rhino habitat.

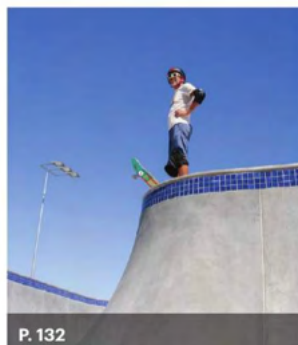


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UPTOWN DESIGN DISTRICT

📍 PALM SPRINGS

A blend of new and vintage boutiques, mid-mod galleries, and chic eateries defines this locale.



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X PARK

📍 LA QUINTA

One of the largest of its kind in California, the skate park has drawn rave reviews from the pros.

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SCENIC HIKES

1 Whitewater

The 3.7-mile, canyon-view loop blooms with colorful wildflowers in the spring.

2 Murray Canyon

In the Indian Canyons in Palm Springs, this 4.1-mile trail leads to a waterfall.

3 Spitler Peak

Head to nearby Mountain Center for a 12-mile trek along the Desert Divide.

4 South Lykken

Bighorn sightings are common on this 8.8-mile route in Palm Springs.

5 Cactus to Clouds

A challenging 21.2-mile ascent takes you to the top of Mount San Jacinto.

6 Pushawalla Palms

Loop 5 miles through an oasis on the fault line in the Coachella Valley Preserve.

7 Pacific Crest

Experience 12 miles of the PCT between Highway 74 and Live Oak Spring Trail.

8 Art Smith

This 16.7-mile, out-and-back route near Palm Desert is a fun challenge.

9 Painted Canyon

Venture to Mecca for an easy, 4.2-mile walk in a high-walled gorge.

10 Lost Horse Mine

In Joshua Tree National Park, this 4-mile loop leads to a historic mine.

For more great hiking ideas, visit hikingingsps.com.

Tours+ Travel

Best way to immerse yourself in Greater Palm Springs culture? First, select a transit option that suits your personal vacation style. Then, sign up for a tour to enjoy a broad overview of the local sights.



FIND YOUR WAY

Palm Springs International Airport

Major airports seldom feel like a breath of fresh air, but this one does with its indoor-outdoor flow and modern architecture, designed in the 1960s by Donald Wexler. Twelve airlines serve PSP with nonstop flights to and from more than

30 North American cities and connecting flights to and from 500-plus destinations worldwide. It's a walkable 2 miles to downtown Palm Springs and a short drive to other valley cities. flypsp.com

SunLine Transit Agency

Prefer public transit? SunLine operates the Coachella Valley's

buses, providing safe and environmentally conscious public transportation throughout the nine cities of Greater Palm Springs and beyond, as far as San Bernardino and the Salton Sea. Single-ride and multiday/monthlong passes are available. The website also lists contact info for taxi services. sunline.org

Desert Jet

Headquartered at the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport in Thermal, Desert Jet provides private jet charter services to more than 5,000 airports nationwide. Travel without the hassles of standard airports and experience the luxury of having the entire plane to yourself. desertjet.com

Palm Springs Classic Cars

For the ultimate Greater Palm Springs getaway, ride in style in a 1966 Cadillac DeVille or 1971 Jaguar XKE. While these vehicles are not available for self-driving, you can reserve them with a driver for special events and photo-ops to jazz up any occasion. palmsspringsclassiccars.com

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team works regularly with individuals, meeting and event planners, destination management companies, and tour providers to create the ideal transportation package for any outing. Whether you're planning a golf excursion, a wine tasting, a bachelor or bachelorette party, a wedding, or a work event, these savvy drivers have you covered.



CARDIFF TOURS

Customize a private tour for your crew or join one of the transportation company's regularly scheduled day trips, which depart from various locations throughout **Greater Palm Springs**. Destinations include Catalina Island; Los Algodones, Mexico; Del Mar; and Malibu.

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FUN TOURS TO TAKE

1 Big Wheel Tours

Hike, bike, or ride in the comfort of a Jeep or SUV as you explore natural wonders including the Indian Canyons and Joshua Tree National Park. bwbttours.com

2 Covered Wagon Tours

The good ol' days are alive and cracklin' by an open flame in Indio, where this niche tour company caravans guests on mule-drawn wagons. coveredwagontours.com

3 Tallgrass Hiking & Tours

Hike with a guide at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, Thousand Palms Oasis, and other stunning locations, or take one of many tours related to agriculture, renewable energy, and murals. tallgrasshikingandtours.com

4 Friends of the Desert Mountains

This nonprofit puts together informative guided hikes, nighttime adventures, and family-friendly stargazing parties at the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. desertmountains.org

5 Coyote Ridge Stable

Riders of any skill level can enjoy the beauty of Morongo Valley on a personalized route through the canyons. coyoteridgestable.com

6 Adventure Hummer Tours

Choose from an open-air or enclosed (and air-conditioned) Hummer for an off-road desert ride. adventurehummer.com

7 Palm Springs Celebrity Tours

Visit the homes of stars such as Frank Sinatra and Bob Hope as a guide shares stories of the heyday. palmsspringscelebritytours.com

8 Modern Tours Palm Springs

Enjoy a self-guided tour at your own pace, using your smart phone to lead you to architecturally significant homes. modernpalmssprings.com

9 Five-Star Adventures Tours

Marvel at the homes of the legends and icons of Palm Springs, as well as the scene-shaping midcentury-modern architecture that makes this a timeless destination. fsatours.com

10 Palm Springs Historical Society Walking Tours

Stroll through historic neighborhoods with a knowledgeable guide, or opt for a biking tour instead. pshhistoricalsociety.org

11 Desert Tasty Tours

Drink and dine your way through Greater Palm Springs with a guide. deserttastytours.com



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TOUR**Palm Springs Windmill Tours**

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Learn about turbine technology and snap a selfie with a wind farm backdrop. Explore at your own pace with a self-driving tour or join a guided

golf cart excursion. *Palm Springs Life* readers named this one of the area's best tours in the magazine's 2023 Best of the Best competition.

ADVENTURE**Fantasy Balloon Flights**

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→ FANTASYBALLOONFLIGHT.COM

It's time for a fresh perspective. Family-owned since 1981, Fantasy Balloon Flights sweeps riders off the desert floor in balloons that are more than eight stories high. Baskets range in size and can accommodate two to 10 passengers plus a pilot.



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TOUR**Red Jeep Tours by Desert Adventures**📍 74794 LENNON PLACE, STE. B
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Get up close and personal with some of the most breathtaking natural wonders of the desert, from the badlands of the San Andreas Fault to the lush palm oases in the Indian Canyons to the scenic landscape of Joshua Tree National Park. Since 1988, Desert Adventures has been one of the area's most highly regarded tour companies, offering entertaining tours in classic open-air Jeeps as their expert naturalist guides describe the flora,

fauna, geology, and history of the scenic surrounds. Signature San Andreas Fault Jeep Tours explore the company's private location in the Indio Hills, where riders get to visit a natural palm oasis, a replica Cahuilla Indian village, and the narrow canyons of the San Andreas Fault zone. Guided hikes take you through slot canyons to amazing overlooks. Desert Adventures also offers customized private and group tours and VIP experiences.

 **WATCH VIDEO**


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pedal to the metal to see just how powerful these vehicles can be on a closed course. Professional instructors are on-site to guide you through each turn.

BMW Performance Center West is located at the ultra-exclusive Thermal Club, a residential club sited around a race circuit that has been known

to host internationally recognized racing drivers. Half- and full-day courses are available, and all skill levels are welcome. The performance center will also design a custom private event for you and your crew.

This is your chance to spend a few hours in the all-new BMW M2, push a 617-horsepower BMW M5 through hairpin turns, or find the limit of a high-octane BMW M4 GT4. Buckle up! It's the ultimate rush.

 [WATCH VIDEO](#)





SIDE TRIPS

Cabazon

A short drive west from Palm Springs, this community has become known for its high-rise casino, roadside Cabazon Dinosaurs, and lengthy strip of designer outlet stores. The town's namesake, Chief Cabazon, was a leader of the Cahuilla Indians from the 1830s to '70s.

Whitewater Preserve

Owned by the Wildlands Conservancy and open to the public, the preserve, located 20 minutes east of Cabazon, comprises 2,851 acres with a river and brilliant wildflowers every spring. Permits for

camping, parking, and after-hours hikes are available at the visitor center and ranger station.

Yucca Valley

A gateway city to Joshua Tree National Park and Pioneertown, Yucca Valley sits along Highway 62 in the Little San Bernardino Mountains at an elevation of 3,300 feet. You'll find several vintage shops and good eats along the main drag.

WATCH VIDEO Joshua Tree

Access the national park known for fantastical rock formations and Seussian trees from either side of the valley. Take Interstate 10 West

to Highway 62 or I-10 East to Cottonwood Springs Road. Do some bouldering and stay late to stare at the stars.

Pioneertown

Established in 1946 by a group of Hollywood investors including Dick Curtis and Roy Rogers, Pioneertown was built as an Old West film set. This is where you'll find the legendary bar and music venue Pappy & Harriet's.

Landers

Past Yucca Valley and Pioneertown, this community formed in the early 1900s, when prospectors arrived to search for gold. Don't miss the Integratron and Giant Rock. On your way,

grab a bite at La Copine in Flamingo Heights.

Twentynine Palms

Home to the largest U.S. Marine Corps base, this town boasts burgeoning arts, music, and food scenes. While it may require a 50-mile trek from Palm Springs, the serpentine drive leads to a worthy adventure.

WATCH VIDEO Salton Sea

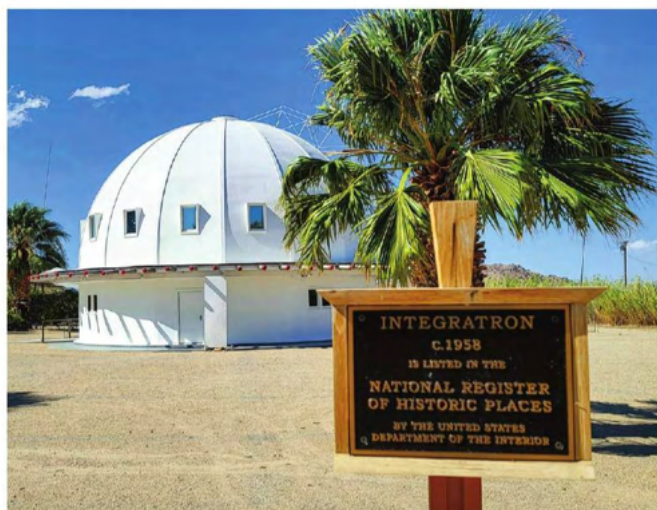
Follow Grapefruit Boulevard southeast from Indio, and you'll hit the Salton Sea, once envisioned to become a destination resort. Nature took its toll and left the beach abandoned. Though eerie, it is a landscape to stun.

Borrego Springs

The only California town that's surrounded entirely by a state park, Borrego Springs blooms with raw desert beauty and is a great choice for ATVs, camping, and some of the country's best stargazing. Giant metal sculptures provide fun photo-ops.

Idyllwild

I-10 West or Highway 74 (aka the Palms to Pines Scenic Byway), will connect you to Highway 243 and the mountain town of Idyllwild — an artisan-centric community with rustic cabins, boutiques, and miles of ponderosa forest waiting to be explored.



ATTRACTION Integratron

📍 2477 BELFIELD BLVD., LANDERS
☎ 760-364-3126
→ INTEGRATRON.COM

This Landers landmark began life as a wannabe time machine created by ufologist George Van Tassel, who claimed that an alien from Venus visited and

gave him the plans. Soaring 38 feet high, the dome is constructed entirely out of wood, with no metal or nails. It is said to be acoustically perfect, and several musicians have recorded here. Now privately owned by three sisters, the Integratron is open to the public for sound baths and occasional events.

Reservations are required. Book a sound bath, and you'll relax on a mat while a practitioner creates resonant sounds from quartz-crystal bowls that echo through the dome and take you on a sonic trip. If you simply want to stop by to visit the gift shop, call ahead to confirm it's open, as opening hours vary.

ATTRACTION Salvation Mountain

📍 603 BEAL ROAD NILAND
→ SALVATIONMOUNTAIN.US

A few dusty roads away from the Salton Sea lies the masterwork of late artist and Army veteran Leonard Knight. With detritus, adobe clay, and a rainbow of paints, he fabricated a mountain celebrating God's love. For three decades, Knight lived on-site in a 1939 fire truck and offered tours for visitors. The 50-foot-high Salvation Mountain, about a 90-minute drive from Palm Springs, is now cared for by local residents. Interior tunnels, supported by trees, lead to rooms with memorabilia, including a plaque from Sen. Barbara Boxer proclaiming the work a national treasure.

ATTRACTION Noah Purifoy Outdoor Desert Art Museum

📍 62975 BLAIR LANE, JOSHUA TREE
→ NOAHPURIFOY.COM/VISIT

The community's trash — abandoned objects like old tires, TVs, refrigerators, and broken toilets — became this man's treasure. Born in Alabama in 1917, Noah Purifoy was a longtime resident of Los Angeles before moving to Joshua Tree. He crafted his first sculpture with debris from the 1965 Watts riots. The late artist's outdoor museum of assemblage art features more than 100 installations and is free to visit from sunrise to sunset. Brochures are available at the welcome kiosk to help you map out your self-guided tour.



10 HIGH DESERT GIFT SHOPS

1 Grateful Desert

Handcrafted tinctures, body and home care products, art, and gourmet goods. gratefuldesert.com

2 Moon Wind Trading Co.

A carefully curated natural desert lifestyle boutique. moonwindtradingco.com

3 White Label Vinyl

New and used records, plus vintage Western wear, books, art, and more. whitelabelvinyl.com

4 The Station

This 1949 Richfield service station sells quirky souvenirs, T-shirts, and sarapes. thestationjoshuatree.com

5 Hey There Projects

Folk art, books, zines, ceramics, and desert lifestyle supplies. heythereprojects.com

6 Milk Thistle

An herbal apothecary with teas, candles, divination books, and witchy things. milkthistleyuccavalley.com

7 Wine & Rock Shop

Natural wines, enchanted rocks, and tons of surprises. wineandrockshop.com

8 Pioneertown General Store

Vintage clothing, turquoise and silver, and apothecary items. pioneertowngeneralstore.com

9 Scorpion Lollipop

Craft beverages and colorful gifts, from Tarot cards to German gift wrap. scorpionlollipop29.com

10 Mojave Flea Trading Post

A marketplace of makers from Joshua Tree, the Coachella Valley, and beyond. shoptradingpost.com

Palm Springs



"Forever Marilyn" stands in front of Palm Springs Art Museum. Opposite: A balcony view at Drift Palm Springs.

COURTESY CITY OF PALM SPRINGS (2)





Palm Springs began charming travelers in the early 1900s with its warm, dry weather. They came to Nellie Coffman's famed Desert Inn, originally a sanitarium with modest tent lodgings for people with respiratory issues and later a world-class resort, refashioned with suites for a highbrow clientele. By the time the city was incorporated in 1938, Coffman's inn had become the geographical and social center of town.

The swinging '60s ushered in an era of swanky cocktail parties and experimental architecture, and notable names arrived to pal around Palm Springs' tennis clubs and golf greens.

Thanks to artful preservation efforts, many historic properties remain intact today. Legendary midcentury hotels now deliver stylish, modern amenities. The revived downtown offers an array of shops and culinary haunts to explore. And the Agua Caliente Cultural Plaza, opening in 2023 at the center of town, only adds to the city's timeless appeal and amenities.

5

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1 Sacred Ground

The Palm Springs area is the ancestral home of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. A 2018 archaeological dig at the Agua Caliente Cultural Plaza site dates the tribe back at least 8,000 years.

2 Mecca for Mod

Some of the world's best midcentury architects selected Palm Springs to be the canvas for their modern visions. Albert Frey, John Lautner, E. Stewart Williams, Richard Neutra, and Donald Wexler are just a few who designed buildings that remain standing today.

 WATCH VIDEO**3 Swaying Palms**

In the summer of 1949, more than 300 palm trees were planted in downtown Palm Springs along Palm Canyon Drive as part of a beautification project. That fall, the city hosted a barbecue to celebrate the occasion.

4 Make a Splash

Ever wonder what it would be like to swim in a celebrity's pool? Here, you have the chance. Frank Sinatra's former Twin Palms Estate is among many celebrity homes available as vacation rentals and for weddings and events.

5 Michelin Approved

While no local chefs have earned a coveted Michelin star (yet!), eight Palm Springs restaurants have been listed in the *Michelin Guide*: 4 Saints, Bar Cecil, Boozehounds, Cheeky's, Tac/Quila, The Barn Kitchen, The Colony Club, and Workshop Kitchen + Bar.



SPONSORED
HOTEL

Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs

📍 100 W. TAHQUITZ
CANYON WAY
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-904-5015

➔ ROWANPALM
SPRINGS.COM

The tallest building in downtown Palm Springs lives up to every single one of its seven stories. The Kimpton Rowan's spacious lobby and beautifully crafted interiors immediately set a casual but sophisticated tone for the experience ahead.

The lobby, with its intimate Window Bar, is one of the property's many winsome social spaces, which also include the city's only rooftop pool. The poolside High Bar and restaurant 4 Saints offer awesome 360-degree views. Downstairs, guests gather at Juniper Table, a popular breakfast, lunch, and coffee spot that opens to a courtyard in the heart of downtown.

Soothing rooms emphasize luxury, comfort, and discovery with amenities ranging from USB ports inset in marble nightstands and TVs equipped with screen-casting gear to bathrooms stocked with Atelier Bloem products.

Best of all, the Kimpton Rowan is mere steps from Palm Springs Art Museum and all the boutiques and restaurants along Palm Canyon Drive.



COURTESY KIMPTON ROWAN PALM SPRINGS (2)



SPONSORED

HOTEL**Villa Royale**

1620 S. INDIAN TRAIL
PALM SPRINGS

760-327-2314

→ VILLAROYALE.COM

Once a Hollywood hideaway, Villa Royale has transformed into an influencer magnet with a midcentury club feel and pop art design. Spanish tiles pair with vibrant murals and unique décor in each of the 37 rooms. On-site restaurant Del Rey dishes up a dark and moody atmosphere

alongside sumptuous Mediterranean and Spanish cuisine. Servers will also deliver craft drinks and tapas poolside, whether you're sunbathing on a chaise lounge or encamped in one of the posh cabanas. And good news for Instagram-famous doggies: Pets get the royal treatment, too.

HOTEL**Korakia Pensione**

257 S. PATENCIO ROAD, PALM SPRINGS

760-864-6411

→ KORAKIA.COM

These luxe, Mediterranean-inspired lodgings comprise two historic villas once owned by silent-film star J. Carol Naish and Scottish painter Gordon Coutts. Immerse yourself in the Korakia experience with a quiet stroll through the property's citrus and olive trees before a dip in either of two saltwater pools. Then book a spa service or steal away to a private nook with a novel borrowed from the hotel's library lounge. Make time for the midday Moroccan tea service. In the evenings, enjoy the magic glow as hundreds of candles and lanterns are ritually lit by staff. It may seem like you're miles away, but it's all only steps from downtown Palm Springs.



SPONSORED

HOTEL

Drift Palm Springs

📍 284 S. INDIAN CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

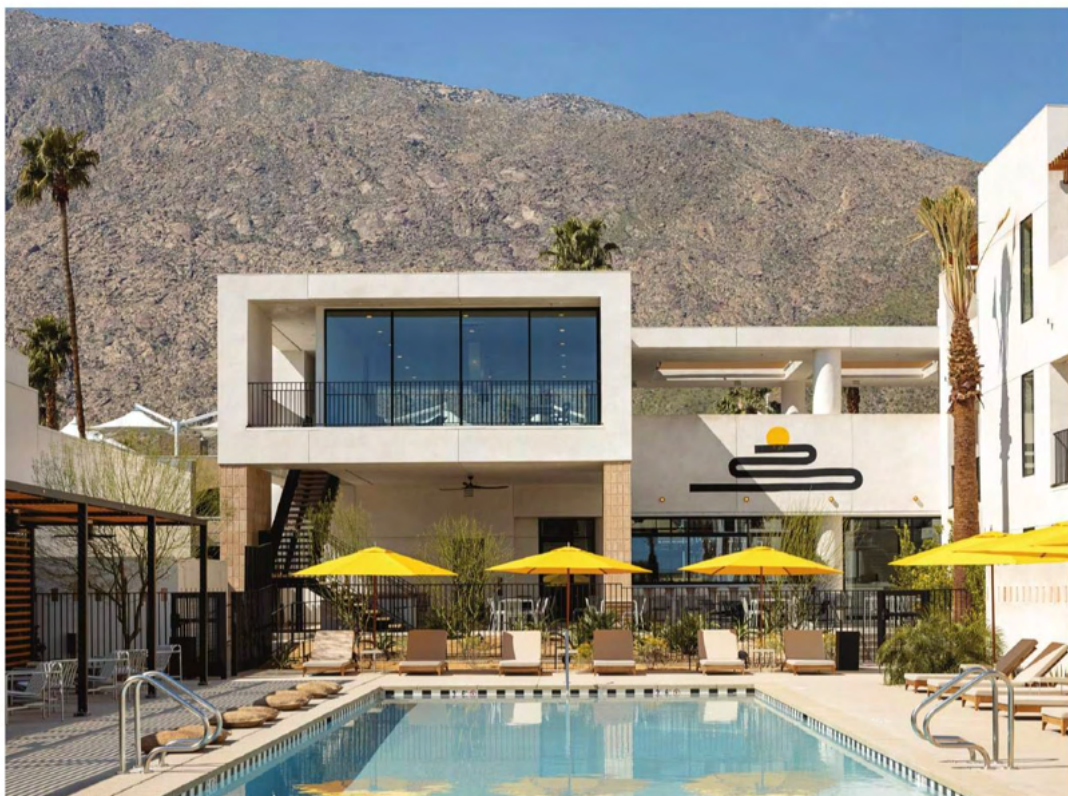
☎ 888-976-4487

➔ [DRIFTHOTELS.CO/
PALMSPRINGS](https://drifthotels.co/palmsprings)

Those looking for group-friendly accommodations — think families, couples, and friend getaways — now have a hot new hotel option with the opening of Drift. Guests can stay together and take advantage of amenities like a resort-style pool and the all-day restaurant and bar Maleza, then stroll to the shops, restaurants, and entertainment options in downtown Palm Springs.

Most of the property's accommodations are large, multibedroom and multibath suites with luxe living rooms, stocked kitchens, and private outdoor spaces, all done in a minimal-but-modern style.

With a mix of indoor and outdoor seating and an impressive ambiance, Maleza is worth a visit even if you're not staying at the hotel. Elevated Baja-inspired shareable plates like mahi ceviche, crab tostadas, steak aguachile, and oysters topped with jalapeño mignonette are just a few of the tasty offerings. Also look for a weekday happy hour and weekly programming including a late-night menu, food and drink specials, and night swims on Thursday evenings.



COURTESY DRIFT PALM SPRINGS (3)



SPONSORED

RENTALS**ACME House Company**

📍 750 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS

☎ 866-840-9552

→ ACMEHOUSECO.COM

The perfect Palm Springs getaway starts with the perfect place to stay. ACME offers a meticulously curated portfolio of privately owned, impeccably maintained, and centrally located vacation rentals. Each property is subject to a rigorous screening process for design, quality, amenities, and cleanliness,

and every home is chosen to invoke fun and ensure a memorable atmosphere for the ultimate Palm Springs vacation experience. Whether it's a luxurious condo, a vacation home with a chef's kitchen, or a pet-friendly pad with a pool, when you trust ACME House Company, you can rest assured you'll have no regrets.

HOTEL**Sparrows Lodge**

📍 1330 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-327-2300

→ SPARROWSLODGE.COM

Commissioned in the early 1950s by MGM actor Don Castle and his wife, Zetta, this charming property embraces its unique history. After several name and ownership changes, and an extensive restoration in 2013, the hotel took flight as Sparrows Lodge. Many original details remain, while a modern-rustic vibe prevails in the décor and thoughtful amenities. Rooms are absent of TVs and phones, encouraging guests to unwind or mix and mingle in common spaces like the outdoor fire pits or communal Barn Kitchen restaurant — the culinary experience, celebrating local produce and American heritage, earned a write-up in the Michelin Guide. Dining reservations are required for those who aren't staying at the hotel.



FROM LEFT: COURTESY ACME HOUSE COMPANY (2); COURTESY SPARROWS LODGE (2)



The Pink Paloma
(5246)



The Morse House
(5237)

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RENTALS

Natural Retreats

📍 515 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-272-5174

→ NATURALRETREATS.COM/PALMSPRINGS

Whether you're looking for a midcentury modern home with a pickleball court, an original Hugh Kaptur-designed retreat built into a mountainside, or a Spanish colonial in the Movie Colony neighborhood with a story to tell — Natural Retreats has the

vacation home rental for you. The luxury rental management firm pays special attention to every guest's journey, from seamless booking to easy check-ins. Experience an extraordinary vacation in Palm Springs and across the Coachella Valley.

HOTEL

Yara Hotel

📍 221 E. SONORA ROAD, PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-507-2410

→ YARAPALMSPRINGS.COM

Revived and redesigned, this adults-only, Spanish-style boutique hotel recently emerged as a serene retreat for slow living. Inspired by the natural beauty of the desert, the Yara Hotel creates a faraway feel with intentional details reminiscent of the Mediterranean. Amenities include a saltwater pool, a workplace lounge, breakfast and drinks on-site, and luxury linens. Ten guest rooms — including three spacious suites — all face the pool and courtyard and are thoughtfully finished to feel like light and airy sanctuaries. Book one room and mingle with other guests or buy out the entire property. Traveling with your furry companion? The property is pet friendly.



HOTEL**Parker
Palm Springs**

📍 4200 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-770-5000
→ PARKERPALMSPRINGS.COM

Eat, sleep, dream, and treat yourself to a pampered stay at this Jonathan Adler–designed fantasyland with three large pools, four clay tennis courts, a pétanque court, a croquet lawn, a lavish spa, and a fitness studio. Despite its size, the property remains ultra-private thanks to a maze of tall hedges. A trio of on-site dining options includes brunch favorite Norma's.

HOTEL**The Colony
Palms Hotel &
Bungalows**

📍 572 N. INDIAN CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-969-1800
→ COLONYPALMSHOTEL.COM

Opened in the 1930s, this Spanish colonial gem has a colorful history involving mobsters and Hollywood stars. Refreshed by designer Steve Hermann, The Colony Palms blends bygone glamour with a modern art-deco aesthetic. The property features 57 rooms and suites, and the poolside Colony Club restaurant is open to the public.

**HOTEL****Trixie Motel**

📍 210 W. STEVENS ROAD, PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-808-0014
→ TRIXIEMOTEL.COM

Conceptualized by drag queen Trixie Mattel (who you may recognize from *RuPaul's Drag Race*) and designed in partnership with Danielle Nagel of Dazey Den, the renovation of Trixie Motel was filmed for a Discovery+ series produced by Drew and Jeremy Scott of *The Property Brothers*. Walking distance to all the main attractions in Palm Springs,

the brightly colored, retro haven features seven themed rooms including the “Malibu Barbara,” “Queen of Hearts,” “Pink Flamingo,” and even a “Yeehaw Cowgirl Suite.” There’s a photo-op at every turn and, of course, plenty of pink. Sashay by the gift shop to bring a piece of this one-of-a-kind motel home, even if you aren’t staying there.

**ASK A LOCAL****TRIXIE MATTEL**

Owner
Trixie Motel

**1 Why I love
Palm Springs:**

Midcentury modern is definitely my vibe. I love how vintage everything in Palm Springs looks and feels.

**2 Favorite places
to see local art:**

Desert Art Center has beautiful work from local artists. And it's in such a cool building. Love the Palm Springs Art Museum, too, where you can see artwork from here and around the world.

**3 Must-see when
in Palm Springs:**

On *Trixie Motel*, we went to Robolights, not far from downtown Palm Springs. I'd never been to anything like it! It showcases one person's extensive and eccentric collection. I guess I can relate! It's worth a drive by for the fun photo-op.

ATTRACTION

Palm Springs Surf Club

📍 1500 S. GENE AUTRY TRAIL
PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-205-3634
→ PALMSPRINGS SURFCLUB.COM

Surfing in the desert? Yeah, it's a thing. A few big-name surfers go ahold of an abandoned water park in Palm Springs, tricking out the former wave pool to rip major cylinders for all their closest friends. The facility recently opened to the public. In addition to the surf pool, the club features a rerouted lazy river, a selection of original waterslides, a modern restaurant and full-service bar, and a spa.

ARTS + CULTURE

Annenberg Theater

📍 101 N. MUSEUM DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-325-4490
→ PSMUSEUM.ORG

Located on the lower level of the Palm Springs Art Museum, this 430-seat theater named after late philanthropists Walter and Leonore Annenberg stages a variety of live visual and performing arts productions, from jazz and classical concerts to stand-up comedy and informative lectures. The venue also hosts community events and symposiums.

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ARTS + CULTURE

Palm Canyon Theatre

📍 538 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-323-5123
→ PALMCANYONTHEATRE.ORG

This nonprofit regional repertory company has produced live stage performances and fostered education through the performing arts for 27 years. Highlights this season include *Steel Magnolias* (Oct. 6–15, 2023); *Elf, The Musical* (Dec. 1–17, 2023); *Something Rotten!* (Feb. 9–25, 2024); *Sweeney Todd* (March 8–24, 2024); and *Bye Bye Birdie* (July 5–14, 2024). Individual tickets and season packages are available for a variety of musicals and plays that run from September to July in the comfortable 208-seat theater. In June and July, Palm Canyon Theatre holds a kids' summer camp for acting, singing, dance, stagecraft, make-up, and other theatrical skills.



A Structure With a Story

Palm Canyon Theatre is located in the historic Frances S. Stevens School, which opened with two classrooms in 1927. A few years later, an auditorium was added, which became the very first theater in the city of Palm Springs.



ATTRACTION

Moorten Botanical Garden

📍 1701 S. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-327-6555
→ MOORTENBOTANICALGARDEN.COM

There's far more to Moorten Botanical Garden than nailing the perfect Instagram snapshot inside the Cactarium, although you'll definitely come away with a ton of amazing photos. Founded in 1938, the garden occupies approximately 1 acre. Owner Clark Moorten grew up on the property and continues to care for his parents' thriving flora. The self-guided tour is a must, as is visiting with the resident tortoises and doves. This is a special place, so take your time. The plants are priced well — you may find your own mini cactus (or 20) to remember the visit.

CASINO

Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs

📍 401 E. AMADO ROAD, PALM SPRINGS
☎ 888-999-1995
→ AGUACALIENTECASINOS.COM

Open 24 hours, the downtown casino features slots, table games, and high-limit gaming along with a sports bar and a steakhouse. Evenings heat up on the dance floor at Cascade Lounge, known for Latin music nights every Sunday.

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HIKING

Indian Canyons

📍 38520 S. PALM
CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-323-6018

➔ INDIAN-CANYONS.COM

A short drive from downtown Palm Springs, a beautiful oasis rises from the San Jacinto foothills.

The region has been preserved by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians since time immemorial. More than 60 miles of trails switchback through pristine scenery, from gorges and desert-scape to waterfalls and the world's largest grouping of *Washingtonia filifera* palm trees, also known as the California fan palm.

The Indian Canyons comprise the Palm, Andreas, and Murray canyons. This sacred land was once inhabited by the ancestors of the Agua Caliente people, who were drawn to the shelter of its jagged cliffs, the shade of its lush palm groves, and the perennial water flows. Remnants of irrigation ditches, rock mortar grounds, and rock art remain in the area today.

Pick up a trail map at the Palm Canyon Trading Post as well as mementos and collectibles such as artisan pottery, baskets, and jewelry.



TOM BREWSTER





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ATTRACTION

Agua Caliente Cultural Plaza

📍 100 N. INDIAN CANYON, PALM SPRINGS

→ AGUACALIENTE.ORG

The Agua Caliente Cultural Plaza in downtown Palm Springs is a cultural heritage destination celebrating the history, culture, traditions, and modern life of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

The Spa at Séc-he offers a state-of-the-art

spa fed by the ancient Agua Caliente Hot Mineral Spring. The rest of the 5.8-acre complex features the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum and an education garden. The facilities are joined by a Gathering Plaza and Oasis Trail, activated with flowing

water, *Washingtonia filifera* palm trees, and stunning rock formations that capture the essence of the Indian Canyons and Tahquitz Canyon, the Agua Caliente people's ancestral home.

The 48,000-square-foot museum offers exhibits and programs

ETHAN KAMINSKY, COURTESY
AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS



covering topics from Cahuilla history and culture to contemporary land stewardship and conservation. Galleries focus on the creation and migration stories, the Indian Canyons, Tahquitz Canyon, archaeological discoveries, and artistic expressions such as

ollas and baskets. Many artifacts on display, including projectile points, were recovered from the plaza site during construction in 2018. Remarkably, some items were radiocarbon-dated to be more than 8,000 years old.

For the Agua Caliente

Band of Cahuilla Indians, no site is more significant than the hot mineral spring on its ancestral land, in what is now downtown Palm Springs. Its pure mineral water provided a place for ritual bathing, social activities, physical healing, and spiritual connection.

They have called the spring *Séc-he*, the Cahuilla term for “the sound of boiling water,” since the beginning.

The Agua Caliente people have been sharing the healing water with visitors for more than 130 years, even before the turn of the 20th century, making

it the Coachella Valley’s first tourist attraction.

With so many opportunities to reflect, learn, and experience aspects of Cahuilla heritage, the Agua Caliente Cultural Plaza is set to be a peaceful area to ponder the place the Agua Caliente people call home.

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ATTRACTION

**Palm Springs
Aerial Tramway**📍 1 TRAMWAY
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 888-515-8726

➔ PSTRAMWAY.COM

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway — with the world's largest rotating tram cars — travels more than 2½ miles along the cliffs of Chino Canyon, transporting visitors to the pristine setting of the Mount San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness. You begin the 10-minute ride at the Valley Station — elevation 2,643 feet — and end at the Mountain Station, elevation 8,516 feet. During this journey, tram cars rotate slowly, offering spectacular sights of the Coachella Valley below and close-up views of the rugged canyon.

At the Mountain Station, breathtaking vistas and delectable food at two restaurants provide a perfect Alpine escape with temperatures up to 40 degrees cooler than the desert floor.

Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy hiking more than 50 miles of picturesque trails, ranging from beginner to experienced. Overnight camping is available with advance reservation.

In the winter (snow conditions permitting), enjoy snowshoeing or cross-country skiing in a forest wonderland.



COURTESY PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY



COURTESY PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM; VISIT GREATER PALM SPRINGS

SPONSORED

Attraction

Palm Springs Air Museum

📍 745 N. GENE AUTRY TRAIL
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-778-6262

➔ PALMSPRINGSAIRMUSEUM.ORG

You can't help but stand in awe when you walk through the 91,000 square feet of climate-controlled hangars at Palm Springs Air Museum, home to more than 73 aircraft from World War II and the Korean, Vietnam, and Cold wars. The latest addition: the F-117 Nighthawk Stealth Fighter that flew during Operation Allied Force and Desert Storm (pictured, below left).

Memorabilia, an expansive library, and interactive displays, including flight simulators, round out the experience. Plus, there's a children's area with airplane and helicopter cockpits to explore.

Volunteer docents, many of whom have flown these planes, are available to answer any questions. Some share stories from their experiences during museum lecture events, which supplement annual programming such as the Props & Hops Craft Beer Festival and the Memorial Day Air Fair & Flower Drop.

Care to experience one of these planes firsthand? Warbird rides start at \$125.

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SPONSORED

HIKING

Tahquitz Canyon

📍 500 W. MESQUITE AVE., PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-323-6018

→ TAHQUITZCANYON.COM

Beautiful and serene Tahquitz Canyon has long been cared for by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. Today, this 2-mile canyon trail near downtown Palm Springs is a popular hiking spot, steering explorers from its opening at West Mesquite Avenue to a majestic desert waterfall a mile up the rocky trail. Discover native wildlife such as Peninsular bighorn sheep meandering through their natural habitat, preserved rock art, and ancient irrigation systems, then find respite at the 60-foot-tall Tahquitz Falls — a place of power that rejuvenates. Ranger-led interpretive hikes are also available.

▶ WATCH VIDEO



Tahquitz Visitor Center

Located at the entrance to the canyon, the Tahquitz Canyon Visitor Center offers educational and cultural exhibits along with an observation deck and a theater room showing *The Legend of Tahquitz*, about the tribe's first shaman.



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SHOP

Crystal Fantasy

📍 268 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-322-7799

→ CRYSTALFANTASY.COM

Opened in 1987, this crystal shop vends a curated selection of minerals and crystals from around the world, as well as jewelry, candles, books, home décor, and meaningful gifts. Stop in for a psychic reading and check the schedule for arts fairs, drum circles, sound healing, and other programs.



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ARTS + CULTURE

Grace Home Gallery

📍 1003 PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-904-6337

→ GRACEHOMEFURNISHINGS.COM

Located in the Uptown Design District, Grace Home Gallery features iconic midcentury photography from influential artists such as Slim Aarons (shown here), as well as special exhibitions that maintain a quintessentially desert vibe.

ARTS + CULTURE
Palm Springs
Art Museum📍 101 N. MUSEUM
DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-322-4800

→ PSMUSEUM.ORG

At the heart of downtown in an E. Stewart Williams–designed building, Palm Springs Art Museum is a beacon of fine art and culture known for its modern and contemporary works and a vast collection of art from the American West. This season's exhibitions include *Picasso* and *Kali, Artographer, 1932–2019*, both on view November 2023 through April 2024.

ARTS + CULTURE
Architecture
and Design
Center📍 300 S. PALM
CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-423-5260

→ PSMUSEUM.ORG

Another E. Stewart Williams–designed building contains Palm Springs Art Museum's Architecture and Design Center. This 13,000-square-foot glass and steel structure houses the museum's design-related collections. Don't miss *Albert Frey: Inventive Modernist*, Jan. 13 to June 3, 2024.

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SHOP

Just Fabulous

515 N. PALM
CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

760-864-1300

→ BEJUSTFAB.COM

Whether you're seeking that "special something" for yourself or a loved one, you'll satisfy your search at this "oh so chic" Palm Springs boutique.

Expect good vibes and fun times while perusing the curated collection of whimsical gifts, cheeky greeting cards, limited-edition art, books, candles, products for kids and pets, and much more.

"I named it 'Just Fabulous' and not 'Just OK' for a reason," owner Stephen Monkarsh says. "My life purpose is to spread joy to others. If you're not feeling fabulous when you enter my boutique, I want to make sure you do when you leave."

Monkarsh is expanding the brand, too. The Just Fabulous Home store opens in November across the inner courtyard from the main boutique. He is also designing a special collection of products exclusively featuring the colorful, midcentury-inspired art of bestselling author Greg Paprocki.

Palm Springs Life readers recently voted Just Fabulous "Best of the Best." It only takes one visit to see why!



BOOK SIGNINGS

Just Fabulous frequently hosts celebrity book signings where fans can be seen lining up around the block to attend. Past authors include **Lily Tomlin**, **Martyn Lawrence Bullard**, **Jay Jorgensen**, **Bob Mackie**, **Adele Cygelman**, and **Lisa Vanderpump**, to name just a few.



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ARTS + CULTURE

The Shag Store

📍 745 N. PALM CANYON
DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-322-3400
→ SHAGSTORE.COM

▶ **WATCH VIDEO**

The Shag Store offers fine art, books, apparel, and fun midcentury-inspired gifts created by Southern California-based artist Josh Agle, better known as Shag, who considers the Coachella Valley his second home. Many of the products can only be found at this store, though the team recently opened a new outpost at Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas.

Known for an artistic style that draws inspiration from commercial

illustrations of the last five decades, Shag infuses his designs with a sly sense of humor that is unmistakably of our time. His art and products epitomize the colorful, hedonistic lifestyle of midcentury Palm Springs and recognize the area's status as a world-class destination. His work has been exhibited in the United States, Japan, Europe, and Australia, and he has designed projects for The Walt Disney

Company and the Venetian Resort Hotel Casino in Las Vegas.

An anchor in the Uptown Design District for more than 10 years, The Shag Store has established itself as one of the city's must-see landmarks. The gallery has grown from a small retail space into a 3,000-square-foot showroom. Walking into the interactive store is like stepping into Shag's mind, with art spanning his more than 30-year career. Every print is

signed and numbered by hand to prevent fraud and avoid the trend of machine-signing.

Guests can have their fortune told by a palm-reading machine or take selfies among the colorful silk-screen prints. And if you're on the hunt for a specific piece that is not available in store, the gallery has exclusive access to Shag's archives dating back to 1997, and they are happy to help you acquire it.

COURTESY THE SHAG STORE (3)



Top: "The Mammoth Martini"
(2023), a limited-edition,
silk-screen serigraph.

SPONSORED

SHOP

Destination PSP

📍 170 N. PALM
CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-354-9154

➔ DESTINATION
PSP.COM

The Palm Springs lifestyle is alive and well at Destination PSP, the home of wonderfully unique, originally designed merchandise including fun gifts and souvenirs, customized apparel, poolside wares and housewares, and other items for your home and closet.

Take note for your next pool party — Destination PSP's melamine and acrylic dinnerware, drinkware, trays, and patio-friendly accessories are the perfect way to set the mood. Their oh-so-colorful, midcentury-modern designs are swoon-worthy *and* pool-safe.

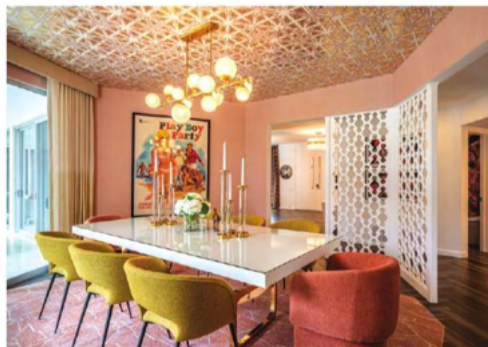
Meanwhile, your attire becomes just as eye-catching when choosing fashions from Destination PSP's own vibrant line of mod swimwear and matching resort shirts. The store features retro-inspired styles for men, women, and children that are made in California.

Whether you're a local or here on vacation, it's easy to capture the vibrant spirit of Palm Springs with a visit to Destination PSP.

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COURTESY DESTINATION PSP (3)



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Grace Home Furnishings

📍 1001 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-904-6337

➔ GRACEHOMEFURNISHINGS.COM

Grace Home Furnishings was founded in 2000 by designers Michael Ostrow and Roger Stoker. The firm provides expert one-on-one interior design services at their Palm Springs and Los Angeles studios, as well as offering a curated selection of custom furniture, accessories, rugs, and lighting at their showroom in the Uptown Design District of Palm Springs.

Grace Home Furnishings works in a variety of design styles, including midcentury modern, Spanish, and updated traditional. Their interior design projects can be found throughout California as well as in New York, Connecticut, London, and Puerto Rico. They have garnered the attention of such publications as *Traditional Home*, *Architectural Digest*, and *House Beautiful*.

Whether you are looking for a special piece of furniture or full-scale interior design services, Grace Home Furnishings can turn that vision into a reality that is classic and refined, elegant yet comfortable.

SPONSORED

SHOP

**Wabi Sabi
Japan Living**

300 N. PALM
CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

760-537-3838

→ WABISABIJAPAN
LIVING.COM

This home goods store in downtown Palm Springs specializes in Japanese tableware, cookware, high-quality kitchen knives, Japanese whisky, sake, and other specialty items for entertaining traditionally seen in Nippon culture.

The guys behind the scenes, Darrell Baum and Osamu Sagara (shown at right), are well-versed in Japanese design. They travel to Sagara's home country every year to visit family and friends and also to seek out new products for the store. Their deep passion for the area's time-honored customs propelled them to open this space so they could introduce the traditions and tools of Japan to their neighbors in Greater Palm Springs.

In addition to the array of authentically crafted houseware products, the retail store features a sake-tasting patio, quality forged knives to test, and weekly cooking demonstrations. Stop in to discover the *wabi-sabi* mindset, which in Japanese, refers to embracing the beauty in imperfection and impermanence.





SPONSORED

SHOP

PS HomeBoys

📍 108 S. INDIAN CANYON DRIVE PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-318-7388

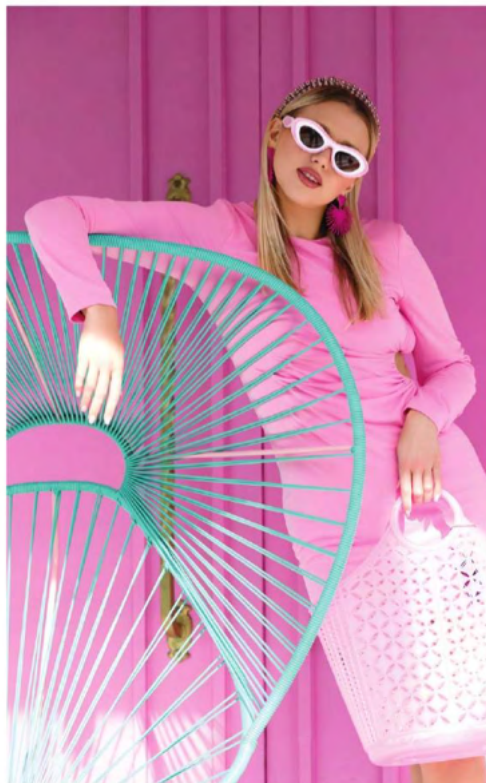
➔ PSHOMEBOYS.COM

PS HomeBoys promises a fun shopping experience, whether you're a full-time resident or a visitor coveting the desert-oasis lifestyle.

The vibrant design showroom captures the quintessential Palm Springs aesthetic in its iconic mix of midcentury-meets-modern offerings, including indoor and outdoor furniture, fabulous wallpaper, artwork and home décor, chic gifts, resortwear, and fashionable accessories for your wardrobe.

There's a fun sense of discovery as you browse the store. Their unique blend of furnishings are sure to transform any space into a Palm Springs-inspired haven. But if you need a little help, you're in luck. More than a boutique, PS HomeBoys offers interior design services to help you transform your home into a true reflection of you.

One visit, and you'll see why PS HomeBoys was named the desert's Best Furniture Store in a 2023 Coachella Valley Independent poll.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: BRANDON HARMAN; BULATOVA PHOTOGRAPHY; BRANDON HARMAN

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ARTS + CULTURE

Desert Art Center

📍 550 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-323-7973

→ DESERTARTCENTER.ORG

Established in 1950, Desert Art Center is the oldest arts organization in the Coachella Valley. The 2,000-square-foot gallery, located in

Palm Springs' Uptown Design District, is open daily October through May with new shows, exciting exhibitions, and special events happening monthly.



A Lesson in History

Desert Art Center occupies a historic building, completed in 1927, that served as the first school in Palm Springs. In 1974, the city purchased the site, and President Gerald Ford dedicated it as a permanent home for the cultural arts.



ACTIVITY

Mogo Silent Disco

→ MOGOSILENT
DISCO.COM

Dance your way through downtown Palm Springs! All ages are welcome to participate in this fun hourlong experience in which everyone in your group dons a pair of headphones and explores a 1.25-mile stretch of the strip to the same soundtrack. Expect upbeat pop, disco, and hits from the 1980s, '90s, and 2000s. Grab a ticket to join a themed night, or book a private tour for you and your crew.



DESTINATION

Uptown Design District

📍 NORTH PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS

→ VISITPALMSPRINGS.COM/UPTOWN-DESIGN-DISTRICT-GUIDE

Uptown unfolds like a luxury design tome celebrating the style and panache of both midcentury and modern-day Palm Springs. Chic clothiers like Trina Turk, Wil Stiles, and Candice Held blossom with cheery fabrics in easy-

to-wear silhouettes, while vintage and contemporary furnishing showrooms and art galleries attract patrons chasing an interior refresh. It's an ideal spot to stroll if you're seeking a design-minded souvenir or gift. When

hunger or the need for a craft cocktail strikes, modern eateries stand at the ready to satisfy. The district is home to the pooch-friendly hangout Boozehounds and other spiffy restaurants representing a variety of international cuisines.



SPONSORED

SHOP**Peepa's**

120 N. PALM
CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

760-318-3553

→ PEEPASPS.COM

This chic boutique for gifts, clothing, and fun decorative accessories embraces the colorful midcentury-modern aesthetic of Palm Springs and encourages everyone to live their life in color.

Celebrating five years in business, Peepa's has become a "must-stop shop" when visiting Palm Springs. Peepa's carries diverse collections of products ranging from kitschy gifts and games, sassy greeting cards, and original artwork by local artists to men's resort and swimwear, caftans, women's ready-to-wear, swim, and resortwear, along with a large assortment of splashy fashion accessories and sunglasses. The boutique also carries product designed by the owner, Jeff Witthuhn, and an expansive collection from Unique Vintage and Smak Parlour, as well as collections from Parke & Ronen, Katy Perry Shoes, and Sam Edelman.

Peepa's is a proudly gay-owned business that strives to carry products that are made in America. Customers rave about the service standards and the store experience, set to a soundtrack of fun, upbeat disco music. When you're at Peepa's, you know you're in for a fabulous, and *fabulous* looking, time.

SPONSORED

DOWNTOWN**The Block**

9 201 N. PALM
CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

8 760-846-8900

→ THEBLOCKPS.COM

The pulse of every city feeds off the heartbeat of its downtown district, and Palm Springs is no exception.

Smack in the center, the walkable cross section from North Palm Canyon Drive to North Museum Drive and East Tahquitz Canyon Way to Museum Way showcases some of the city's best shopping, dining, and entertainment alongside rich history and modern architecture. Outdoor art punctuates the space — including the brushed-steel “Isabelle” sculpture by Julian Voss-Andreae — while street performers in the outdoor gathering area near the Kimpton Rowan hotel and Starbucks often animate it with live music.

Culinary options abound, from grab-and-go meals at Haus of Poké and On the Mark to Italian at Il Corso, modern Mexican at Clandestino, and rooftop dining and drinks at the Kimpton Rowan, a food temple with refined menus.

You'll find a free public parking lot behind the Kimpton Rowan off East Tahquitz Canyon Way, just west of Belardo Road.



FROM TOP: COURTESY KIMPTON ROWAN PALM SPRINGS; BRANDON HARMAN (2). OPPOSITE: BRANDON HARMAN



SPONSORED

DINING

Elmer's Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

📍 1030 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-327-8419

➔ EATATELMERS.COM

Walt and Dorothy Elmer opened a pancake house in Portland, Oregon, long before the City of Roses had developed its reputation as a haven for free-thinking gastronomes. Founded in 1960, amid a rising countercultural movement in the Northwest, Elmer's Colonial Pancake House became an immediate success thanks to the couple's commitment to bringing people together over homestyle cooking with wholesome ingredients.

The pancakes were great, too. In fact, the diner-style restaurant still uses Walt's original batter recipe — rumor has it, he purchased the fluffy-pancake formula for \$1,000 and kept it locked away in a safe. Over the years, the menu expanded with lunch and dinner items, and in 1966, Elmer's began franchising. In addition to winning local best

breakfast awards, the Palm Springs location has been recognized by Yelp as one of the "Top 50 Brunch Spots in the United States."

Known for Walt Elmer's famous buttermilk pancakes and the Classic German Pancake, which is "almost as big as Crater Lake," the menu features Northwest flavors and favorites such as Tillamook cheese and sausages from Portland-based Zenner's Sausage Company.

While the food is a star in its own right, it's the service that makes guests smile. Led by local owner Jacky Donnell and a genuinely friendly team, the Palm Springs outpost delights desert residents as well as Northwestern snowbirds craving a taste of home. Donnell is proud of the reputation the eatery has built as a local favorite and strives to make Elmer's a restaurant of choice for generations to come.



COURTESY ELMER'S RESTAURANT (3)





SPONSORED

DINING

Wilma & Frieda

📍 155 S. PALM CANYON
DRIVE, STE. A21-27
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-992-5080

➔ WILMAFRIEDA.COM

📍 73575 EL PASEO,
STE. 2310
PALM DESERT

☎ 760-773-2807

A go-to brunch spot since it opened on El Paseo in Palm Desert a decade ago, Wilma & Frieda continues to attract patrons with a menu of “childhood favorites with a grown-up flavor profile,” shares co-owner Kelly McFall, who conceptualized the elevated eatery with her brother, Kreg Alexander.

The restaurant is named after their two grandmothers — on their maternal side, Wilma is remembered for her Southern

comfort cooking and retro cat-eye frames, while paternal grandmother Frieda could whip up a perfect dinner party at a moment’s notice. Their legacies marry with a farmhouse atmosphere and vintage family recipes that, as McFall puts it, are mostly homemade and always foodie friendly.

Among the most popular items is the signature griddled meatloaf, prepared with Ritz crackers and onion soup mix (a trick they borrowed from

Wilma). Benedicts are beyond basic with ingredients like short rib, Duroc pork, or tomato and avocado, all with housemade hollandaise. On the sweet side, the blackberry custard French toast is so decadent, it’s almost like bread pudding. There’s also a banana-caramel variation and a cinnamon-sugar-crusted churro waffle topped with vanilla crème anglaise.

Of course, like any great brunch spot, leafy salads, sandwiches, and

gourmet burgers round out the offerings. And you may luck out with off-menu specials like scallops or prosciutto-wrapped shrimp.

It’s no surprise this Coachella Valley staple has appeared on the Food Network four times, including in *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives* and *Big Food Bucket List*. The spacious downtown Palm Springs location is also open for dinner and hosts special events like bingo and supper club nights.





SPONSORED
COFFEEHOUSE
Koffi

📍 1700 S. CAMINO REAL, PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-322-7776
→ KOFFICOFFEE.COM

📍 515 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-416-2244
📍 650 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY, PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-318-0145

Co-founders John Abner and John Strohm opened the first Koffi location in Palm Springs two decades ago. The café has since grown into a local empire with three bright and cheery locations in Palm Springs, as well as a roastery café in Rancho Mirage.

Baristas whip up cold brew, lattes, Americanos, and more using Koffi's sustainably sourced, house-roasted beans. The coffee beans hail from locales including Mexico, Ethiopia, and Peru. Blends often share monikers with Coachella Valley landmarks, such as San Jacinto (a citrusy variety with berry notes) and Thunderbird Country Club (herbal, with a tangerine and hazelnut finish). *Palm Springs Life* even has its own blend.

Oh, and the breakfast sandwiches and baked goods beat what you'll find at any major chain.



SPONSORED
COFFEEHOUSE
Café La Jefa

📍 750 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-673-7456
→ CAFELAJEFA.COM

This modern, Latin-influenced coffeehouse and restaurant doles out delicious specialty coffees, teas, and wholesome chef-crafted eats. Baristas serve Sisters Coffee, roasted in Oregon, and offer a wide variety of prepackaged snacks that make it easy

to grab a bite when you're on the go. If you've got time to chill or are in need of a comfortable spot to work remotely, find a seat on the spacious patio or in the cozy indoor lounge. Café La Jefa is open daily for breakfast and lunch, and online ordering is available.



DINING
Café
Mon Amour

📍 333 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-327-0382

Care for a trip to Paris? This charming French café on the main drag in downtown Palm Springs will transport you there. Along with prime people watching on the patio, enjoy breakfast, sandwiches, sweets, and coffee along with neighborly service from owners Edouard and Sabrina Moulin.

DINING
The
Sandwich
Spot

📍 276 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-778-7900
→ SANDWICHSPOTPS.COM

Tennis buffs will appreciate items like the Djokovic (turkey, bacon, cheddar, and avocado) and French Open (marinated chicken, hot sauce, blue cheese, and pepper jack). Top it off with one of the best fresh-baked cookies in town.

DINING

Townie Bagels

📍 650 E. SUNNY DUNES ROAD, STE. 5, PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-459-4555

→ TOWNIEBAGELS.COM

Ask any New Yorker what makes a bagel a *bagel*, and they'll say that you have to boil it. Otherwise it's just glorified bread. Townie Bagels, in the Warm Sands neighborhood of Palm Springs, is

the only bagel shop in the area that uses this method. The result is so tasty, Townie often sells out and closes early, so it's worth it to call ahead and confirm availability before you drive over and join

the queue. They serve homemade schmears and sandwich options topped with favorites like eggs and bacon or lox, onions, and capers, plus a selection of fresh-baked breads and espresso drinks.



DINING

Farm

📍 6 LA PLAZA, PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-322-2724

→ FARMPALMSPRINGS.COM

Tucked in the historic La Plaza shopping district, you'll find a slice of Provençal paradise. With a focus on fresh ingredients and scratch-made sauces, jams, and dressings, Farm welcomes guests for all-day dining. The breakfast and lunch menus offer French-inspired staples like eggs Benedict and crêpes. For dinner, the space transforms into a romantic setting for a refined prix-fixe menu of elevated cuisine with flawless wine pairings. This restaurant is autism-certified through International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES).



SPONSORED

DINING

French Miso Café

📍 19 LA PLAZA, PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-699-7730

→ FRENCHMISOCAFE.COM

French Miso Café is a cute and romantic restaurant, tucked away from the busy Palm Springs streets, where you can enjoy a mix of traditional Japanese and French food at the same table.

Set in a quaint and intimate courtyard with tiled floors, pink bougainvillea plumes,

and mountain views, the outdoor seating area will make you feel like you've been transported to a destination in southern France.

In addition to lunch and dinner, the restaurant hosts a popular brunch on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Reservations are recommended.



La Plaza

French Miso Café is located in the historic La Plaza shopping district, designed by famed architect Harry Williams. When the outdoor plaza opened in 1936, it was the first shopping center of its kind in California.



SPONSORED

DINING

Il Corso

📍 111 N. PALM CANYON
DRIVE, STE. 180
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-656-3770
→ ILCORSODINING.COM

📍 73520 EL PASEO
PALM DESERT

☎ 760-341-6700

Il Corso may be tucked into the heart of downtown Palm Springs, but stepping foot in the restaurant will transport you all the way to the Italian countryside. Chef and owner Claudio Marfia and his father, Mario, designed the eatery to echo the Tuscan wood-and-stone farmhouses of the younger Marfia's youth.

The food, too, draws inspiration from Tuscany. Add the flavors of his father's Sicilian hometown,

and you have a recipe for a menu that's rich with expertly prepared seafood, housemade pastas, and tender meats.

Marfia began developing Il Corso's offerings long before the restaurant's first location opened in Palm Desert in 2014. He identified his favorite dishes while working at Italian restaurants in his early days as a chef, then lent each plate his personal touch. "It's like a playground," he says of

crafting the meals that keep customers coming back to Il Corso time and time again.

Those include chimichurri-topped lamb chops and a melt-in-your-mouth grilled octopus appetizer. Guests also love the sumptuous branzino and the spaghetti scoglio, a pasta dish mixed with clams, mussels, shrimp, and calamari in a silky and spicy tomato sauce. The restaurant receives seafood deliveries six days a week.

Whichever dish diners choose, they can couple their selection with one of dozens of Italian and Californian wines or a classic libation.

The Marfias' attention to ultra-fresh ingredients and balanced flavor pairings makes for a truly special dining experience — as does their clear passion for bringing customers joy. In true Italian fashion, Marfia says, "we do everything with our heart."





SPONSORED

DINING**Lulu California Bistro**

📍 200 S. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-327-5858

➔ LULUPALMSPRINGS.COM

There's always a party at Lulu! A delightful culinary adventure awaits treasured guests at this restaurant, where more than 70 freshly made California-inspired dishes make their way to the newly refreshed dining room, patio, and bar. The restaurant's mottos, after all, are: "We serve smiles," and "There's always something to love at Lulu."

Three beautiful spaces host an active crowd: people-watchers on the patio and in the climate-controlled atrium; guests sipping signature cocktails at the busy, buzzy bar; and

indoor diners, sitting in the lively main dining room or newly designed terraces.

"We opened 12 years ago with a huge commitment to downtown Palm Springs, and that helped to spark the town's renaissance. It's been so nice to see us grow together," founder Jerry Keller says. "Lulu serves the finest, freshest food available with daily-delivered seafood, locally sourced produce for salads and vegetarian dishes, and freshly baked desserts."

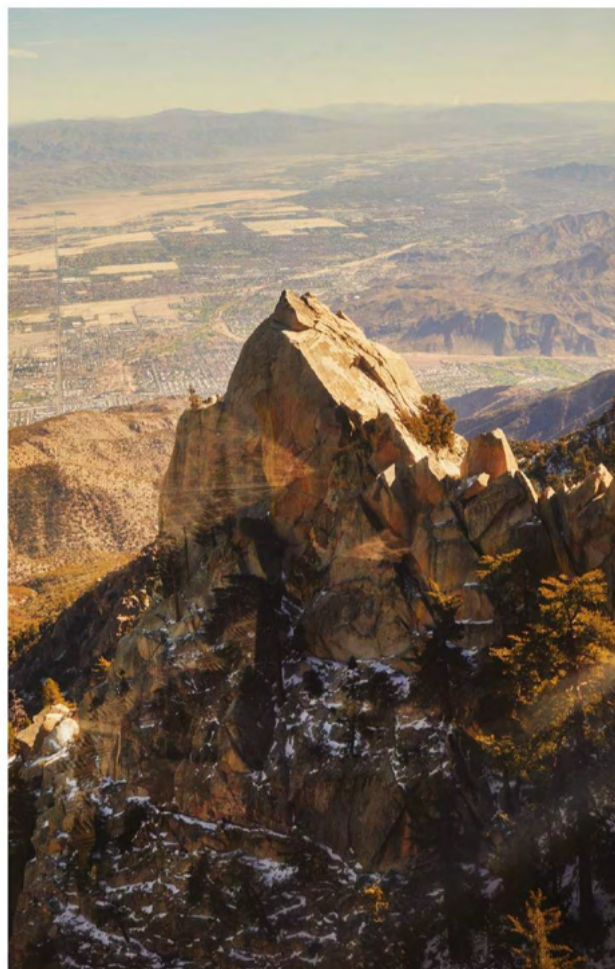
The Lulu menu boasts something for every palate: fried calamari, an array

of healthy salads, mouthwatering grilled filet mignon, five fresh fish dishes, and an award-winning three-course weekend brunch with sweet and savory choices. They even serve handspun pink cotton candy for dessert!

The act of bringing good food together with smiles and cheer doesn't stop there. "We deeply believe in supporting charitable efforts and organizations," Keller says. "Lulu's restaurant and catering success is always shared with our local community to help people in need."

COURTESY LULU CALIFORNIA BISTRO (3)





SPONSORED

DINING Peaks Restaurant

📍 1 TRAM WAY
PALM SPRINGS
☎ 760-325-4537
→ PSTRAMWAY.COM

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Palm Springs Aerial Tramway's Mountain Station — having recently completed a three-year, \$13 million restoration — beckons both nature explorers and diners to the Alpine forests of Mount San Jacinto State Park.

Perched 8,516 feet above the desert floor, the station offers three dining options: Lookout Lounge, Pines Café, and Peaks Restaurant. The latter provides unparalleled views of the Coachella Valley, earning the No. 8

spot on *Architectural Digest's* 2017 list of "Word's Best Cliffside Restaurants." You'll begin your dining journey aboard the world's largest rotating tram car, enjoying unrivaled views of Chino Canyon and the Coachella Valley.

At Peaks, world-class chef John Fritch prepares seasonal dishes that complement the changing weather — heartier options in the snowy winter months

and lighter fare in summer. No matter the season, he finds inspiration in simple, quality ingredients.

Popular starters include the duck confit flatbread (baked with brie, cremini mushrooms, and apricots and drizzled with balsamic glaze), while entrées like slow-braised pork osso bucco (over potato purée and broccolini) and the Colorado rack of lamb — "bigger than a New Zealand rack and more dramatic on

the plate," Fritch points out — serve up the ultimate comforts.

To really warm your spirits, find a seat by the hearth and order from the extensive wine and cocktail lists. The Strawberry Basil Buck (made with Teeling Whiskey, strawberries, and basil leaves) and Espresso in the Clouds (espresso vodka, cream, and liquor) are a toasty cap to any meal or trail adventure.

BRANDON HARMAN (3)





SPONSORED

DINING

**Spencer's
Restaurant**

701 W. BARISTO ROAD
PALM SPRINGS

760-327-3446

→ SPENCERS
RESTAURANT.COM

Set at the historic Palm Springs Tennis Club, an exclusive gathering place since its inception in the 1930s for such celebrities as Katherine Hepburn and Bob Hope, Spencer's Restaurant is synonymous with the desert's classic style. Elegance and comfortable informality intertwine to accommodate any dining occasion, from a power lunch or private party to a romantic evening for two or Sunday brunch.

Named after owner Harold Matzner's award-winning 110-pound Siberian husky, the restaurant welcomes well-behaved pups on its three patios. Outdoor seating is temperature-controlled, and the terrace is shaded by trees — a scenic atmosphere rivaled only by the sumptuous cuisine. The colossal shrimp cocktail, pan-fried Chilean sea bass, Australian rock lobster tail, center-cut veal chop, and Black

Angus filet mignon are house favorites, but save room for dessert: The banana split is sinfully good, and the 24 Carrot cake is a must. The extensive wine list, which garnered the Best of Award of Excellence from *Wine Spectator*, and craft cocktails from the indoor-outdoor bar complement any meal.

Spencer's exquisite atmosphere has garnered national acclaim. It was named one of the "100 Best Brunch and Alfresco

Restaurants in America" by OpenTable diners and has won many local best-of-the-best honors.

The storied mountainside Bougainvillea Room is a picture-perfect setting for weddings and events of up to 250 guests. Additionally, Spencer's offers a full catering menu of services through its subsidiary, Carousel Catering, which provides off-site catering anywhere in the Coachella Valley.

BRANDON HARMAN (3)





SPONSORED

DINING**Trio Restaurant**

📍 707 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-864-8746

➔ TRIOPALMSPRINGS.COM

This vibrant Uptown Design District hot spot has developed a reputation for prioritizing happy guests and tasty comfort food. Now entering its 14th year, Trio is undergoing an exciting modernization. Founding owner Tony Marchese, a regular presence in the daily operations, playfully elaborates: “We’ve gone to college, we’ve done our thing, we’ve worn our crazy outfits, and now we’re ready to

get serious. It’s time to walk the runway.”

Changes involve a full renovation of the restaurant space, bringing more subtlety, nods to modernism, and sophistication than ever before. The menu is evolving, too, as Trio has partnered with executive chef Jeremy Loomis to further the new vision.

Chef-driven dishes focus on the bounty of California — from ocean catches to ranch offerings to farm-fresh produce. Highlights

include housemade pasta and crowd pleasers like wagyu New York strip and tomahawk pork chops.

As Palm Springs has blossomed over the last 14 years, Trio has been there to match and exceed rising expectations from diners. Embarking on the next season, Trio Restaurant promises an exciting, re-imagined culinary experience that will delight guests for many years to come.





SPONSORED

SWEETS**Brandini Toffee**

📍 132 S. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS
 ☎ 760-200-1598
 → BRANDINITOFFEE.COM

Brandini Toffee is a local, family-owned company that has gone global thanks to an Oprah endorsement, among other rave reviews. Almond toffee is the staple, but the company's list of goodies has grown to include toffee popcorn, chocolate-dipped pretzels rolled in toffee crumbles, toffee milkshakes, and hand-dipped ice cream bars. For a factory tour, make the drive to the flagship store in Rancho Mirage.

DINING**Bill's Pizza**

📍 119 S. INDIAN CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS
 ☎ 760-325-5571
 → BILLSPIZZAPALMSPRINGS.COM

At Bill's Pizza, it's all about the thin yet chewy sourdough crust. In his quest to perfect the recipe, late owner Bill Tracy ate his way through Italy and across the United States. He opened his namesake pizzeria in Palm Springs

in 2010 and Palm Desert in 2017. Both locations continue to champion his dough recipe, slinging brick-oven pies that compelled food critics Jane and Michael Stern to name Bill's among the best pizzerias in the country.

DINING**Workshop Kitchen + Bar**

📍 800 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS
 ☎ 760-459-3451
 → WORKSHOPKITCHENBAR.COM

Conceptualized around the idea of an atelier, or a workshop/studio

space for designers and artists (in this case, chefs), Workshop presents a symphonic seasonal menu of sustainable, SoCal-grown fare — including produce cultivated in the restaurant's own gardens. Sit indoors to experience the cool neo-brutalist ambiance that earned the eatery a James Beard Award.

**DINING****Mr. Lyons Steakhouse**

📍 233 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS
 ☎ 760-327-1551
 → MRLYONSPS.COM

If you're after decadence, look no further than this swanky establishment known for steakhouse classics with a modern edge. The atmosphere will transport you to a bygone era when jazz standards and martinis ruled, while the innovative menu undeniably taps into contemporary California culinary standards of the highest caliber. Before or after your meal, duck behind the secret curtain in the lounge for a libation at the speakeasy, Seymour's.

FROM LEFT: COURTESY BRANDINI TOFFEE; COURTESY MR. LYONS STEAKHOUSE

SPONSORED

DINING

Smokin' Burgers

📍 1775 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, STE. 220
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-883-5999

→ SMOKINBURGERS.COM

This bustling neighborhood joint keeps the crowds coming back with made-to-order burgers, generous portions, and a lively atmosphere that includes a spacious patio and friendly Cheers-like full bar that stays open late seven days a week. The 187 Burger, topped with grilled habaneros, jalapeños,

and ghost pepper sauce, is said to be the desert's hottest, while the Awesome Burger (pictured) with crispy onions and bacon may be among the most awesome. There are also sandwiches, salads, wraps, tacos, fish and chips, and veggie and turkey burger options. The wild-caught Alaskan salmon is a local favorite.



Double the Happy

Smokin' Burgers hosts two happy hours every day, from 3 to 6 p.m. and again from 9 p.m. till midnight. With well-priced food on the menu, plus discounts on house wine, beer, and well drinks, how can you go wrong?

MOLLIE KIMBERLING (2)



SPONSORED

DINING

Johnny Costa's Ristorante

📍 440 S. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-325-4556

→ JOHNNYCOSTAS.PALMSPRINGS.COM

From the classic Italian music to the candlelit tables, the nostalgic atmosphere at Johnny

Costa's Ristorante will transport you back to midcentury times. It's no wonder Frank Sinatra was once a regular at this fine restaurant, which has been honored by *Palm Springs Life* as Best Italian Restaurant for 12 consecutive years. The Costa family has carried on the legacy

of late chef/owner Johnny Costa, who was pals with Sinatra when he moved to Hollywood from New York in the 1960s and a decade later served as the singer's personal chef at his desert home. Costa's pedigree lives on in his legendary recipes, including the must-try cioppino.

VISITGREATERPALMSPRINGS.COM

SPONSORED

DINING

**Eight4Nine
Restaurant
& Lounge**

📍 849 N. PALM
CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

☎ 760-325-8490

➔ EIGHT4NINE.COM

Light, bright, and animated by its winsome food, drinks, and happy diners, Eight4Nine Restaurant & Lounge is a place to see and be seen in Palm Springs' Uptown Design District. The wildly popular creation of serial restaurateur Willie Rhine and celebrity photographer John Paschal unfolds over 9,000 square feet, with a buzzy lounge featuring a backlit white onyx bar — a comfortable spot for cocktails and small plates — plus a sprawling dining room and romantic patio with the San Jacinto Mountains as its backdrop. The stylish restaurant is outfitted with Louis XIV ghost chairs, a mix of whimsical chandeliers, and a 30-foot outdoor firewall. The menu is equally attractive, with items such as Gone Straw Farms fried chicken, a healthy pasta e ragu bucatini, grilled Scottish steelhead trout (Rhine's personal favorite), and 849 caramel macchiato cake.



COURTESY EIGHT4NINE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE (2)



SPONSORED

SUPPER CLUB

Purple Room

1900 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

760-322-4422

PURPLEROOMPALMSPRINGS.COM

Built in 1960 and located inside Club Trinidad Hotel in Palm Springs, Purple Room Supper Club remains standing as one of the city's original Rat Pack hangouts where Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., and Dean Martin would drink and dine. The vibe and spirit of this intimate

club are alive and well — refreshed for the modern era — as owner Michael Holmes and his staff serve up craft cocktails, sophisticated cuisine, and live entertainment to a new generation of patrons.

Every weekend, Purple Room hosts acclaimed cabaret stars for ticketed dinner

shows — including a regular, raucous parody of the 1963 *Judy Garland Show*, in which Holmes portrays the beloved star and her celebrated guests. There's live entertainment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, which begins with Jazz Happy Hour at 4 p.m., followed by Rat Pack-era music. Bourbon and whiskey fans will flip for the Purple Room Bourbon Bar, showcasing the Coachella Valley's largest selection of rare and small-batch bourbons and whiskeys.



SPONSORED

**DINING
NIGHTCLUB****Reforma**

333 S. PALM
CANYON DRIVE
PALM SPRINGS

→ REFORMAPS.COM

When the team behind hot new restaurant and nightlife venue Reforma began conceptualizing their space, they knew they wanted to create a venue that merged excellent food with stellar nightlife. “We wanted to launch a nightclub but also wanted to have a food component that’s really impressive, not just an afterthought,” says co-owner Rob Giesecke, who adds that the restaurant very elegantly transitions into a nightclub as the evening goes on. The interior design of Reforma was equally as important and draws inspiration from cosmopolitan Mexico City, Lima, Santiago, and Buenos Aires. Currently, the nightclub hosts events in partnership with local and national DJs and dance parties several nights a week, including Gasolina (billed as the largest reggaeton party in the country) on Fridays and the Belico Party on Saturday nights,

catering to fans of Latin music styles and anyone looking for a fun night out. Reforma’s kitchen serves innovative dishes centered around a wide array of Latin American cultures. There are Argentinian-style cuts of beef, classic *lomo saltado* stir fry and sea bass ceviche inspired by Peruvian fare, Mexican street-style *elotes*, and a Chilean *escalope* dish with über-thin chicken breast and roasted red pepper chimichurri. The daily happy hour menu features lighter bites and discounted drinks. The restaurant’s bar area becomes even more energized when dinner service ends. Bar seating and communal tables fill with crowds and imaginative cocktails including mezcal Negronis and Oaxacan Old Fashioneds. Saturday mornings, locals and visitors show up for what’s become Palm Springs’ most popular drag brunch. More weekday events are planned for the season. Keep an eye on their website for announcements.



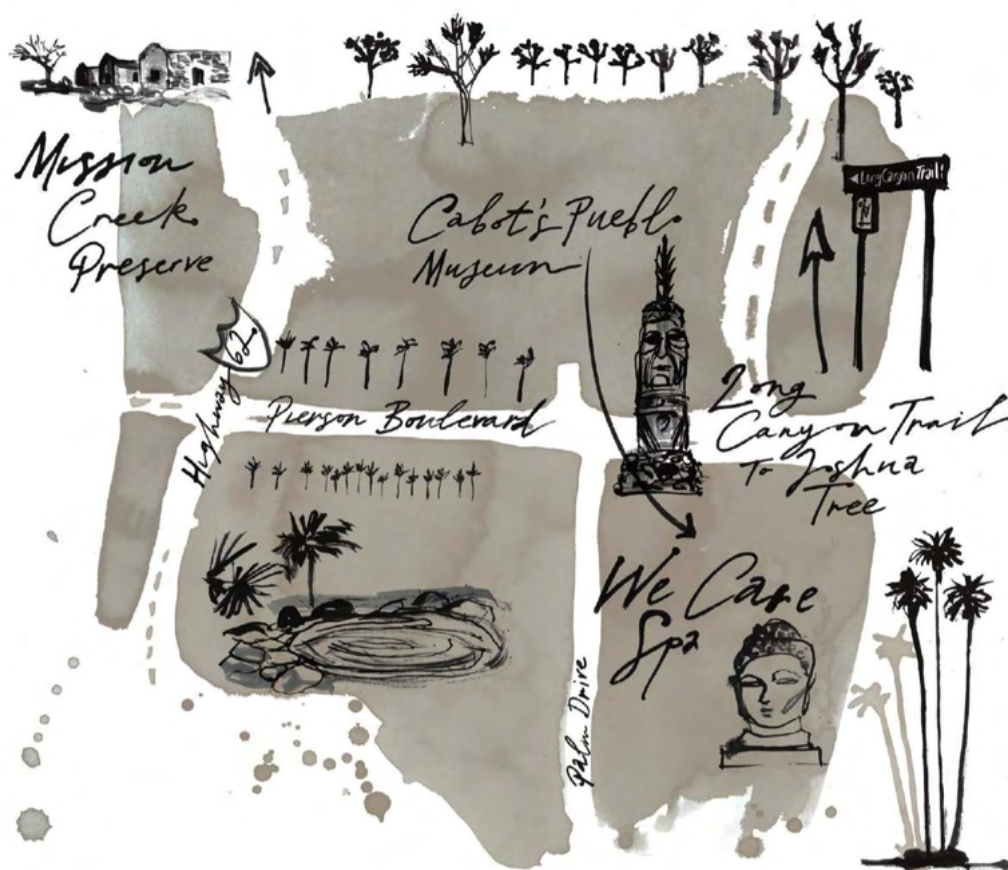
MOLLIE KIMBERLING (3)



Desert Hot Springs

Mineral water abounds in Desert Hot Springs at properties like Azure Palm Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa Oasis.





Nestled between the San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains, an open desert landscape has called to those seeking healing for more than a century. They come for the ancient mineral waters that bubble beneath the earth's surface.

Cahuilla Indians made early camps here. But the land sat mostly unoccupied until settlers arrived in the 1900s, drawn by the 1877 Desert Land Act, which promoted homesteading in barren areas of Western states. Cabot Yerxa was among the first to arrive, settling in 1913 on 160 acres, tapping the naturally occurring hot and cold mineral waters, and building a pueblo that stands today as a landmark of the town.

Yerxa's buddy L.W. Coffee named and began to develop Desert Hot Springs in the 1940s, enticing visitors with wellness retreats. The city has since blossomed into a destination for spa-seekers, and it continues to welcome wanderers hoping to renew, refresh, and encounter the spirit of this oasis.

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WAYS TO RELAX

1 Healing Session

From sound baths to aura cleansing, Vibe Higher Collective aims to promote holistic possibilities through curated events and workshops based around the therapeutic mineral waters of Desert Hot Springs.

2 Mineral Soak

Just east of the San Andreas Fault, sulfur-free mineral water emerges from an underground aquifer at temps of up to 180 degrees Fahrenheit. Reap the benefits, such as reduced inflammation and increased metabolism, at one of the city's many hotels and spas.

3 Halotherapy

Azure Palm Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa Oasis houses a large Himalayan salt room, where you'll lay on bamboo mats atop a salt bed, so you can literally absorb the experience in a sauna-like 110 degrees. Halotherapy, or salt therapy, is suggested for respiratory issues.

4 Great Outdoors

The vast landscape in and around the city contains miles of hiking trails traversing varied terrain. If you're up for a 10-mile trek one way, follow Long Canyon Trail into Joshua Tree National Park.

5 Cannabis

Innovative since the homesteader days, Desert Hot Springs was the first city in Southern California to legalize large-scale medical cannabis cultivation. The city welcomes canna-tourism and those who come to enjoy what some say is the best cannabis in the valley.

HOTEL

Desert Hot Springs Inn

📍 67840 HACIENDA AVE.
DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 760-600-0246

➔ DESERTHOTSPRINGS
INN.COM

With only six rooms, this hotel is truly a boutique experience. Natural mineral waters fill the 85-degree pool and 102-degree spa, while mountain views from the guest rooms provide dreamy ambiance indoors and out.

A lifelong dog lover, innkeeper John Thatcher creates a pet-friendly environment without pet fees, deposits, or breed restrictions. Looking to relax with a little THC? The property is cannabis friendly, too.



HOTEL

The Spring Resort & Spa

📍 12699 REPOSO WAY
DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 760-251-6700

➔ THE-SPRING.COM

Built in 1957, this modest hangout got its start as a rustic escape with a hand-painted sign and a rectangular pool. It reportedly welcomed a few luminary regulars who sought a private getaway; their names were kept under wraps, as they are today. Purchased in 2003 and renamed The Spring, the microresort and spa now flaunts its main attraction: natural hot springs that flow into three pools and private outdoor bathtubs in select suites. A host of spa services round out the programming.



RESORT

Azure Palm Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa Oasis

📍 67589 HACIENDA AVE., DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 760-251-2000

➔ AZUREPALMHOTSPRINGS.COM

Majestic mountain vistas. Desert-blue skies. Healing waters. Check, check, check. Miracle Hill is the backdrop for a few posh spa retreats, including Azure Palm, where a 100-foot-long pool filled

with mineral water beckons lap swimmers and hillside hot springs abound. Between soaks, choose from more than 35 spa treatments and check out the expansive Himalayan salt room, popular for its calm-

ing and detoxifying effects. From morning vinyasa to vino beneath the Big Dipper, this recently renovated property is sure to deeply enhance your wellness experience. Get ready to say, "Spaaaaa."



RESORT

Two Bunch Palms

📍 67425 TWO BUNCH PALMS TRAIL, DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 800-472-4334

→ TWOBUNCHPALMS.COM

Since its founding in the 1930s, this adults-only retreat has changed hands seven times over seven decades and was at one point said to be the secret refuge of gangster Al Capone.

In the '70s, part of the property was designated clothing optional, luring hippies and a handful of Hollywood's elite (who still visit for the privacy). That *au naturel* soaking spot has become the stone grotto — swimwear required — where today's bathers bask beneath palm fronds between luxurious spa treatments, yoga sessions, and spiritual and meditative workshops.

Focused on sustainability, Two Bunch is a carbon-neutral resort with a 3.5-acre solar farm on-site that powers the entire property. Open only to guests, the restaurant prepares farm-to-fork produce and whole foods free of hormones and additives.



HOTEL

The Good House

📍 12885 ELISEO ROAD
DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 760-251-2885

→ WELCOMETOTHE
GOODHOUSE.COM

It took only one soak in the mineral waters of Desert Hot Springs for Brian Edson to see what makes the area so special. Soon after, he and business partner David Shaker opened The Good House, an intimate property with seven unique suites and a pool circulating the

healing waters that lend this city its name. This tranquil retreat offers a lush, quiet getaway where guests can not only soak, but also participate in juice cleanses and enjoy fresh California cuisine made with herbs and produce grown on the property. Choose between overnight stays or day passes (which include access to the entire property, including a sauna). Either way, don't miss the transformational therapies at the on-site spa, including reiki, reflexology, and raindrop therapy.

HOTEL

The Getaway

📍 68110 CLUB CIRCLE DRIVE, DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 760-676-9360

→ DHSGETAWAY.COM

This intimate, midcentury-modern hotel contains spacious studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom fully furnished apartments. Each unit provides a comfortable and stylish home away from home. The property welcomes kids and pets, with a shared pool, and can accommodate groups of up to 15 for a buyout.

SPONSORED

HOTEL

We Care Spa

📍 18000 LONG CANYON ROAD
DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 800-888-2523

→ WECARESPA.COM

Come for an intensive personal transformation. Leave with a new lifestyle. For nearly 40 years, practitioners at We Care Spa have facilitated guided fasting, educational workshops, and alternative healing modalities to help visitors achieve a healthier mindset and physical well-being. Detox through liquid nutrition, then revitalize through treatments

ranging from reiki and sound baths to clay wraps. No wonder this 20-acre retreat attracts A-list stars like Tom Ford, Matt Bomer, and Venus Williams. Twenty-eight suites offer private terraces and circadian light fixtures to reset your internal clock. A juice bar services the pool and cabanas, all overlooking uninterrupted vistas of the mountains.



FIND YOUR RENEWAL

Get unlimited access to We Care Spa with a **Day Pass**, inclusive of a selection of spa services, daily yoga sessions, and a variety of sound baths, nutrition classes, cooking workshops, and more.



WELLNESS

Vibe Higher Collective

📍 DESERT HOT SPRINGS

→ VIBEHIGHERCOLLECTIVE.COM

This collective of healers, artisans, and chefs cultivates community through workshops that center around alternative forms of healing — think astrology readings, reiki-infused sound baths, and yoga. Select classes are cannabis friendly. The main purpose of these events, according to founder Stephanie Gray, is for people to

better understand themselves, so they can better navigate the world. Workshops happen at various locations around Desert Hot Springs (including Aqua Soleil Hotel & Spa, The Good House, and Desert Hot Springs Inn). Fees are on a sliding scale to make the programming more accessible to the community.

GOLF

Mission Lakes Country Club

📍 8484 CLUBHOUSE BLVD.
DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 760-676-4400

→ MISSIONLAKESCOUNTRYCLUB.COM

Tee off against a backdrop of picturesque mountain and windmill views 1,000 feet above Palm Springs. With arguably the toughest finishing holes in the Coachella Valley, this hilly Ted Robinson course presents an exciting spread for low-handicap golfers. PGA professionals provide beginner and advanced instruction and host junior programs.



ASK A LOCAL

STEPHANIE GRAY

Founder
Vibe Higher Collective

1 Path to launching:

When I first started, I had a holistic café. I started off doing only food, and then I dove into skincare, and then massage. I realized that there's all these intricate connections.

2 Why this city:

Desert Hot Springs is [reported to be an energy] vortex, and it has these healing mineral waters — I felt that could be utilized together. Having the healing waters along with artisans and chefs to be able to showcase their work is what I felt would be beautiful for the community as a whole.

3 Favorite spot in Desert Hot Springs:

The Camille Canyon Ridge Loop trail leads you up to a view of the entire Coachella Valley. On the Fourth of July, you can see all the fireworks from every city.

GOLF

Desert Dunes Golf Club

📍 19300 PALM DRIVE, DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 760-251-5370

→ DESERTDUNESGC.COM

Designed by acclaimed golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Jr., this par-72 track pairs a links-style layout with natural sand dunes and desert vegetation. The course has hosted U.S. Open and PGA Tour qualifying events. Conditions test players of all skill levels, presenting a particularly tricky challenge with frequent winds.



HIKING

Mission Creek Preserve

📍 60550 MISSION CREEK ROAD
DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 760-369-7105

→ WILDLANDSCONSERVANCY.COM

The Coachella Valley is home to a vast array of species, many of which thrive in this 4,760-acre preserve. Located between the Sonoran and Mojave deserts, the area comprises hiking trails (it's 4 miles to the Pacific Crest Trail from the parking area) and, surprisingly, natural wetlands fed by a perennial stream. Visit in the spring to see wildflowers.

HIKING

Long Canyon Trail

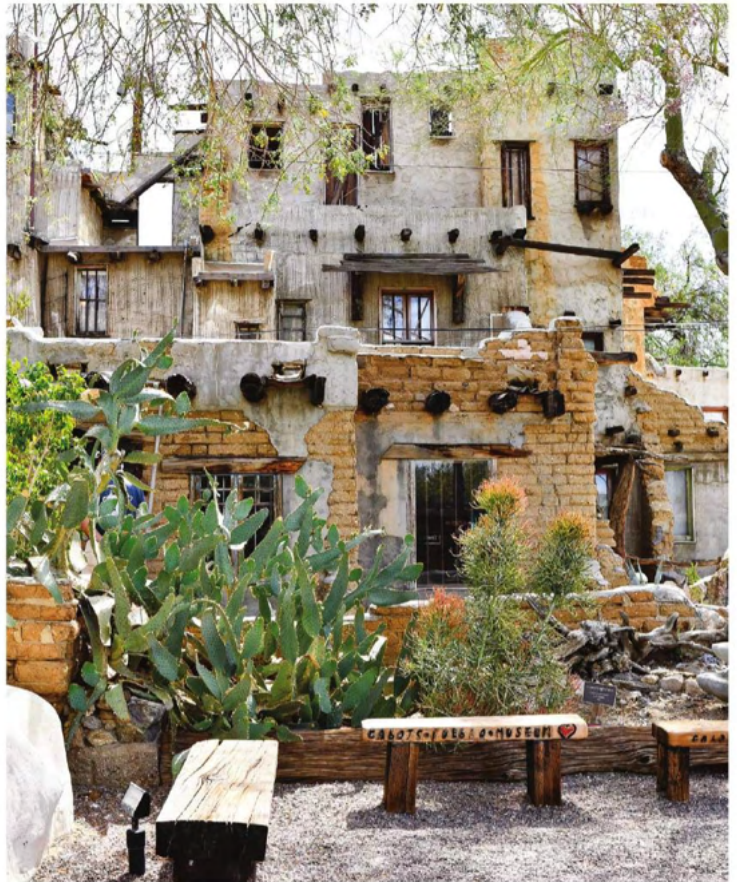
📍 LONG CANYON ROAD, DESERT HOT SPRINGS

This 12-mile trek (one way) links Desert Hot Springs to Joshua Tree National Park, where hikers recommend leaving a car for the journey home. Beginning at a trailhead located on Long Canyon Road, about a mile north of Hacienda Avenue, the moderately challenging route serves up stunning views with an ascent of approximately 1,200 feet.

Find More Hikes

Discover other trails
in Desert Hot Springs.

▶ GET TRAIL MAP



ARTS + CULTURE

Cabot's Pueblo Museum

📍 67616 DESERT VIEW AVE., DESERT HOT SPRINGS

☎ 760-329-7610

→ CABOTSMUSEUM.ORG

▶ WATCH VIDEO

Cabot Yerxa, born in 1885 on the Sioux Reservation in the Dakota Territories, was an adventurer, artist, architect, builder, writer, entrepreneur, and activist. He came to homestead in Desert

Hot Springs in 1913. While digging a well, he discovered the hot and cold mineral springs that put the town on the map. The maze-like, Hopi-style pueblo he built by hand in the 1940s is now a cultural attrac-

tion. Cabot's Pueblo Museum contains 35 rooms (and 150 windows) displaying Native American art and artifacts, as well as a collection of Yerxa's own art, handiwork, and souvenirs from his faraway travels.

**Artisans at the Pueblo**

In the spirit of Yerxa's desire to nurture an artistic community, Cabot's Pueblo Museum hosts an artisan market featuring one-of-a-kind works by local makers every second Saturday of the month, November through March.



FARM

Sam Cobb Farms

📍 22325 HENRY ROAD
DESERT HOT SPRINGS
☎ 760-861-1664
→ SAMCOBBFARMS.COM

Sam Cobb wanted to be a farmer his whole life. “Nothing more, nothing less,” he says. With two degrees in agriculture and three decades working for the United States Department of Agriculture under his



belt, Cobb “retired” to the Desert Hot Springs area and planted 5 acres with date palms, including medjools, barhis, and black gold (a unique variety that Cobb developed). Seasonally, Cobb

hosts walking tours of his family farm for individuals and groups that dig into plant science and the life cycle of dates. He also hosts an outdoor market on Saturdays and Sundays where he sells his dates.



DINING

Delicias Mexican Cuisine

📍 66121 PIERSON BLVD., DESERT HOT SPRINGS
☎ 760-894-3400
→ ILOVEDELICIASMEXICANCUISINE.COM

Longing for a visit to Mexico City? You can find the taste — and vibes — at Delicias. A family-run restaurant informed by the owners’ heritage, Delicias reflects the magic of Mexico City’s culture, the creativity of its culinary scene, and the warmth of its

community. When you’re in the mood for beautifully plated eats, live music, and inventive cocktails (plus a great happy hour with \$5.99 craft margaritas), this is the place. They’re open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Just look for the mural at the entry.

BAR

Playoffs Sports Lounge

📍 12105 PALM DRIVE
DESERT HOT SPRINGS
☎ 760-894-3006
→ PLAYOFFSSPORTSLOUNGE.COM

Catch the game in a lively atmosphere. At Playoffs, 12 flat-screen TVs toggle between all the major sporting events, and the kitchen stays open late. More than a sports bar, Playoffs also hosts ongoing Rainbow Wednesday events, where you can play laugh-out-loud bingo or trivia with your favorite local drag queens.

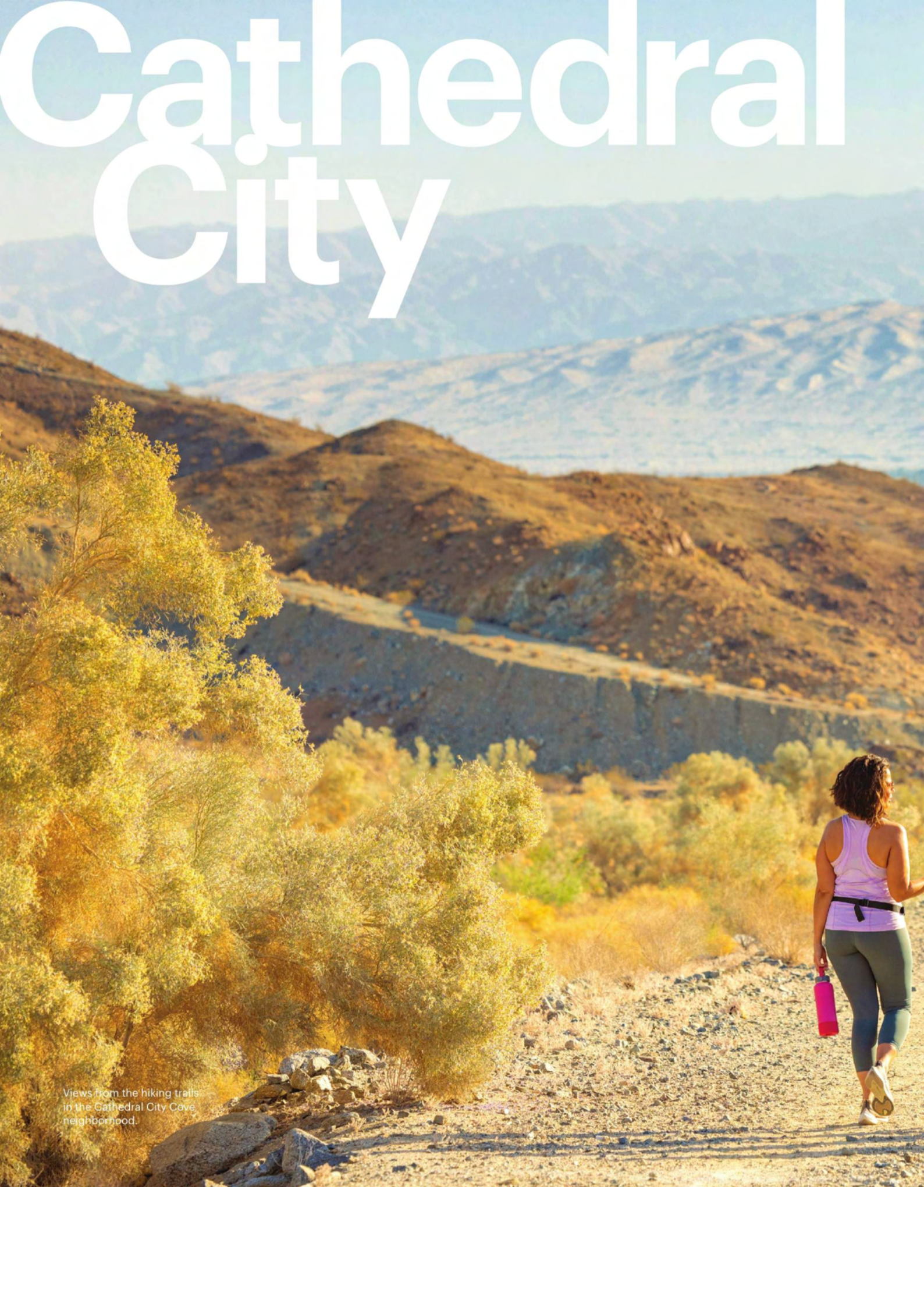
DINING

ITS Taste of India

📍 3104 PALM DRIVE
DESERT HOT SPRINGS
☎ 760-671-6283
→ ITSTASTEOFINDIA.COM

Homestyle Indian cooking abounds at this independent eatery hidden away in a quiet shopping center. There are plenty of chicken and lamb entrées on the menu, from tender tikka masala to tomato-based curry, however the locally loved place is also a mecca for the meat-free set. Familiar items like cauliflower-and-potato aloo gobi and samosas pair with veggie-stuffed naan selections. Save room for an Indian dessert.

Cathedral City

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a light purple tank top, dark green leggings, and a black belt, is hiking away from the camera on a dirt trail. She is holding a pink water bottle in her right hand. The trail is surrounded by dry, yellowish-brown bushes and trees. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is a bright, sunny day in a desert environment.

Views from the hiking trails
in the Cathedral City Cove
neighborhood.





In 1850, California surveyor Col. Henry Washington came upon a series of rock formations resembling a European cathedral. He named the area Cathedral Canyon, which 75 years later inspired the name of this town.

A destination for artists like plein-air painter Agnes Pelton, who settled in the 1930s amid the rocky foothills in a neighborhood now known as Cathedral City Cove, the area also became a hideout for Hollywood high rollers who sought out the exclusivity of the bygone Dunes Club casino in an era when gambling was still underground.

The vibrant city was incorporated in 1981 and in recent years has adopted the slogan "where art lives." Still a haven for creative types, Cathedral City boasts an ever-expanding public arts scene anchored by the Downtown Arts & Entertainment District, which hosts regular concerts and community festivals. The area is experiencing major growth, making it the perfect time to explore this inclusive and welcoming city.

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THINGS TO DO IN THE CITY

1 Stroll Downtown

The walkable Downtown Arts & Entertainment District stretches from Agua Caliente Casino to the Community Amphitheater and offers a variety of dining and entertainment options. Future plans include a pedestrian path to connect walkers to the Cathedral City Cove.

2 Take a Swing

Desert Princess Country Club features a 27-hole golf course, where each set of nine holes presents a unique array of challenges. At nearby Cimarrón Golf Resort, two 18-hole courses of varying length cater to players of all skill levels.

3 Bring Your Pup

The Cathedral City Dog Park at Panorama Park has two sides: one for big dogs and another for small ones. There are shade structures and drinking stations for pups and people, and the facility is fenced for off-leash play.

4 Head for the Hills

Cathedral City Cove is one of the desert's many beautiful hiking areas, offering sweeping views of the Coachella Valley from its perch in the foothills. Find the Cathedral Canyon Trailhead on Foothill Road.

5 Get Ready to Rock

Located downtown, the Community Amphitheater hosts regular open-air concerts and cultural events. Instantly recognizable, the amphitheater's sharply angled roofline was inspired by origami.

EXTENDED STAY

Homewood Suites by Hilton

📍 67711 30TH AVE.
CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 760-980-7070

→ [HILTON.COM](https://www.hilton.com)

Conveniently sited minutes from the airport, freeway, and downtown Palm Springs, this 197-room property offers condo-style suites for extended stays. Some rooms and the expansive pool area overlook the 18th hole of the adjacent Cimarrón Golf Resort's Boulder Course with views of Mount San Jacinto as a backdrop. Pets are welcome, hot breakfast is on the house, and every Wednesday evening, the hotel hosts a complimentary cocktail hour for guests.

RESORT

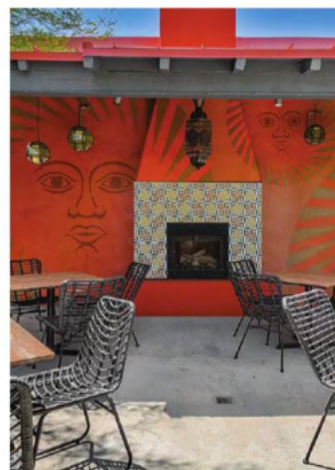
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Golf Resort

📍 67967 VISTA CHINO, CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 760-322-7000

→ [DOUBLETREEPALMSPRINGS.COM](https://www.doubletreepalmsprings.com)

Nine tennis courts, 27 holes of golf, a full-service spa, and a giant azure pool. What more do you need? How about pickleball, racquetball, basketball, bocce ball, and horseshoes? They have that too. When hunger strikes, DoubleTree's Polanco Kitchen serves a mix of SoCal-inspired flatbreads, seasonal salads, and specialties like Tajín-crusted salmon with cilantro pesto and green papaya slaw. Plus, brunch is available all day. DoubleTree regulars know the cherry on top is the fresh-baked chocolate chip cookie that greets you at check-in.



RESORT

The Paloma Resort

📍 67670 CAREY ROAD, CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 760-864-1177

→ [THEPALOMARESORT.COM](https://www.thepalomaresort.com)

Centered around a historic, mission-style adobe that now houses The Paloma's Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant and speakeasy, the newly opened resort pairs a peppy palette with an effervescent pool scene. One- and

two-bedroom bungalows dot the property, each with colorful murals of cactuses, agaves, and other desert plants, bringing vibrancy to the walls. The daily resort fee includes use of bicycles, the fitness center, and

a putting green, plus first option to reserve the premium air-conditioned Citrus Suite cabana at the foot of the pool; it's equipped with a full kitchen and optional butler service. In the mood to chill? Book a treatment at the spa.



ARTS + CULTURE

Museum of Ancient Wonders

📍 69028-B E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 442-268-5004

→ MOAW.ORG

In an unassuming strip mall, you will discover a unique collection of treasures, such as laboratory fossil casts of legendary dinosaur discoveries and a replica of the Lucy skeleton (pictured) from the National Museum of Ethiopia. While these artifacts aren't the real things, the sheer number of objects is astounding. The *Mesozoica* exhibit includes pieces gathered from more than 30 museums around the world.

SHOP

Revivals

📍 68401 HIGHWAY 111
CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 760-969-5747

→ REVIVALS
STORES.COM

What's old is new again at this popular thrift store with four locations around the Coachella Valley. This one specializes in clothing and new and vintage furniture. Whether on the prowl for a distinctive dining

set or a new-to-you kimono, there's a good chance you'll find what you're looking for, plus more. Bonus: Proceeds benefit local nonprofit DAP Health. The location accepts donations seven days a week.



ARTS + CULTURE

Coachella Valley Repertory

📍 68510 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE
CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 760-296-2966

→ CVREP.ORG

This 200-seat venue has a mighty track record for staging compelling plays, musicals, concerts, and cabarets, along with other special events. An on-site conservatory contains two classrooms that accommodate theatrical arts classes.

SHOP

Perez Art & Design District

📍 68895 PEREZ ROAD, CATHEDRAL CITY

→ PEREZARTDISTRICT.COM

Feast your eyes and feed your soul with a walk around the Perez Art & Design District. Here, you'll find artists working in a variety of styles and media, as well as purveyors of distinctive

modern and vintage furnishings and objects. If the thought of walking into artists' spaces intimidates you, visit on the fourth Friday of the month for a free art walk from 5 to 8 p.m.



RECREATION

Boomers!

📍 67700 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 760-324-5600

→ BOOMERSPALMSPRINGS.COM

The whole fam will have fun whacking their clubs around three 18-hole mini golf courses, all illuminated for evening play. Embrace your need for speed around banked curves, hairpin turns, and straightaways on the go-kart track; cool off on the bumper boats; and show off your moves in the arcade on Dance Dance Revolution. Boomers! also has a climbing wall and batting cages.



CASINO

Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City

📍 68960 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 888-999-1995

→ AGUACALIENTECASINOS.COM

Between the spicy nightlife, the action on the casino floor, and the tequila bar serving more than 50 types of agave-based spirits, the newest property in the Agua Caliente Casino collection promises — and delivers — 24-hour fun.



MOVIES

Mary Pickford Is D'Place

📍 36850 PICKFAIR ST. CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 805-328-7100

→ DPLACE ENTERTAINMENT.COM

Named after the early 1900s Canadian film actress and producer known as “America’s Sweetheart,” the Mary Pickford movie theater is the nucleus of downtown Cathedral City. The cinema has lounge-style seating and a well-stocked concessions bar serving ice cream, wine, and beer. If you like to feel your films, try the motion-enhanced D-box chairs that move and shake along with the action.

RECREATION

Big League Dreams Sports Park

📍 33700 DATE PALM DRIVE, CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 760-324-5600

→ CATHEDRALCITY.BIGLEAGUEDREAMS.COM

Sports enthusiasts, rejoice! It’s your chance to play Fenway Park, Yankee Stadium, and Wrigley Field. The athletics complex has scaled-down replica fields along with a 20,000-square-foot

indoor soccer pavilion, coin-operated batting cages, a restaurant, and an arcade. Grab a hot dog and catch a league game. Or rent out the property: Big League Dreams is available for private events.



GOLF

Cimarrón Golf Resort

📍 67603 30TH AVE. CATHEDRAL CITY

☎ 800-701-1656

→ CIMARRONGOLF.COM

Counted among the most unique playing terrains in the valley, the two John Fought–designed courses at Cimarrón present an open, links-style layout across rustic desert routing. Whether taking on the longer Boulder Course (6,782 yards) or the short and strategic Pebble Course (par 55 at 3,020 yards), players will find generous landing areas matched with taut tests of wind considerations and well-undulated greens. Facilities include a driving range and clubhouse restaurant. The on-site Dave Pelz Scoring Game School provides one-, two-, and three-day sessions to brush up your short game.

DINING

Brunch 101

📍 68718 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, STE. 101 CATHEDRAL CITY
 ☎ 760-507-8464
 → BRUNCH101.COM

Co-owners Oscar Vazquez and Natasha Garcia love brunch so much the restaurant industry veterans and longtime friends decided to launch a concept restaurant around it. Offerings include coffee with Irish cream and mimosa flights, omelets and Benedicts, overnight oats, and açai bowls. The fun environment and friendly service is a bonus.

DINING

Sammy's Place

📍 69034 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE CATHEDRAL CITY
 ☎ 760-770-4030
 → ORIGINALSAMMYSPLACE.COM

The brainchild of Sammy Pace, an old-school restaurateur who is also responsible for Sammy G's and Trilussa Ristorante, this modern Italian-fusion hot spot serves a true taste of Italy. Chef Scott Robertson, who has cooked for the Obamas, helms the kitchen, while master mixologist and manager Mike Mogavero promises quality cocktails and has a knack for suggesting great wine pairings. Favorites include lasagna with Pace's family meat sauce, lobster ravioli, and desserts like spumoni and torta della nonna.



SWEETS

Azucena's Raspados y Ice Cream

📍 68420 RAMON ROAD CATHEDRAL CITY
 ☎ 760-202-3920
 → FB.COM/AZUCENAS RASPADOS

If you've never had Mexican shaved ice, known as *raspados*, Azucena's is the perfect spot to initiate yourself. The family-owned *raspaderia* prepares the sweet and sometimes spicy treats the traditional way: A machine shaves large blocks of ice into snow, which gets topped with housemade syrups crafted with fresh fruit and a bit of sugar. Flavors run the gamut from kiwi to coconut to the ever-popular mangonada, loaded with mango chunks, topped with chamoy (a sour fruit sauce) and Tajín (chili-lime salt), and commonly served with a tamarind straw.



DINING

Tony's Burgers

📍 35903 DATE PALM DRIVE, CATHEDRAL CITY
 ☎ 760-832-7794
 → TONYSBURGERS.COM

This no-frills burger joint and bar slings almost three-dozen beefy varieties, ranging from the classic with special sauce to the monstrous Hulk burger (for superheroes only, the menu claims). All are stacked tall and served with pickle spears and yellow peppers on the side. Fresh-cut fries come in a wealth of flavors — yellow curry, truffle, blue cheese, and garlic are just a few — but you'll also find fried avocado slices and made-to-order sweet potato fries on the menu, as well as a wide assortment of non-beef options like chicken sandos and shrimp tacos.

DINING

El Asado Meat Market & Mexican Grill

📍 27800 LANDAU BLVD., STES. 103 & 104 CATHEDRAL CITY
 ☎ 760-459-3566
 → [INSTAGRAM.COM/ELASADOMEATMARKET](https://www.instagram.com/elasadomeatmarket)

At El Asado, butcher to belly is the new farm to fork. This unassuming meat market doubles as a grill with a menu of — you guessed it — grilled meats and fusion Mexican fare. Ingredients like bone marrow and scratch-made sauces (the *pipián* is a specialty) make this spot a cut above other taco shops. Feel like doing your own cooking? El Asado brings in an assortment of premium cuts, including beautifully marbled wagyu, Prime tomahawks, and Duroc pork belly. The market also vends tortillas, cilantro, onions, and all the necessities for a taco night at home.

SWEETS

Monster Shakes

📍 68718 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, STE. 300 CATHEDRAL CITY
 ☎ 760-832-6166
 → [MONSTERSHAKESPS.COM](https://www.monstershakesps.com)

What's better than a milkshake on a hot day? A monster shake on any day, regardless of the temperature. Dazzle the senses with over-the-top treats loaded with epic extras like doughnuts, cotton candy, and entire candy bars. Dole soft serve, fruit smoothies, and chocolate-dipped bananas round out the menu.



DINING

Daniel's Table

📍 68327 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE CATHEDRAL CITY
 ☎ 760-699-7072
 → [DANIELSTABLE.COM](https://www.danielstable.com)

Daniel Villanueva's passion for cooking germinated at a young age, when he would watch his grandma in the kitchen. Now, at Daniel's Table, he works with farmers from the Coachella Valley and

beyond to create ingredient-driven recipes that change weekly based on what is in season. "I focus on small businesses, small ranches, and what's readily available based on season and weather," Villanueva says. The menu includes freshly made meals that everyone can enjoy, from fish to red meat to vegan fare. Everything is prepared over firewood and an open flame.



BREWERY

Luchador Brewing Company

📍 68510 E. PALM CANYON DRIVE, STE. 140, CATHEDRAL CITY
 ☎ 909-797-2337
 → [LUCHADORBREW.COM](https://www.luchadorbrew.com)

Housemade suds and seltzers pair with Tijuana-style street food at this brewery in downtown Cathedral City with 15 rotating taps. Named after lucha libre (Mexican wrestling), Luchador serves lunch, dinner, and a tasty south-of-the-border-inspired weekend brunch. Beer-friendly bites include tacos, wings, nachos, and bacon-wrapped dogs first made popular at the brewery's flagship location in Chino Hills. Patrons order their eats from a full-size food truck built into the space.



ASK A LOCAL

DANIEL VILLANUEVA

Chef and owner
 Daniel's Table

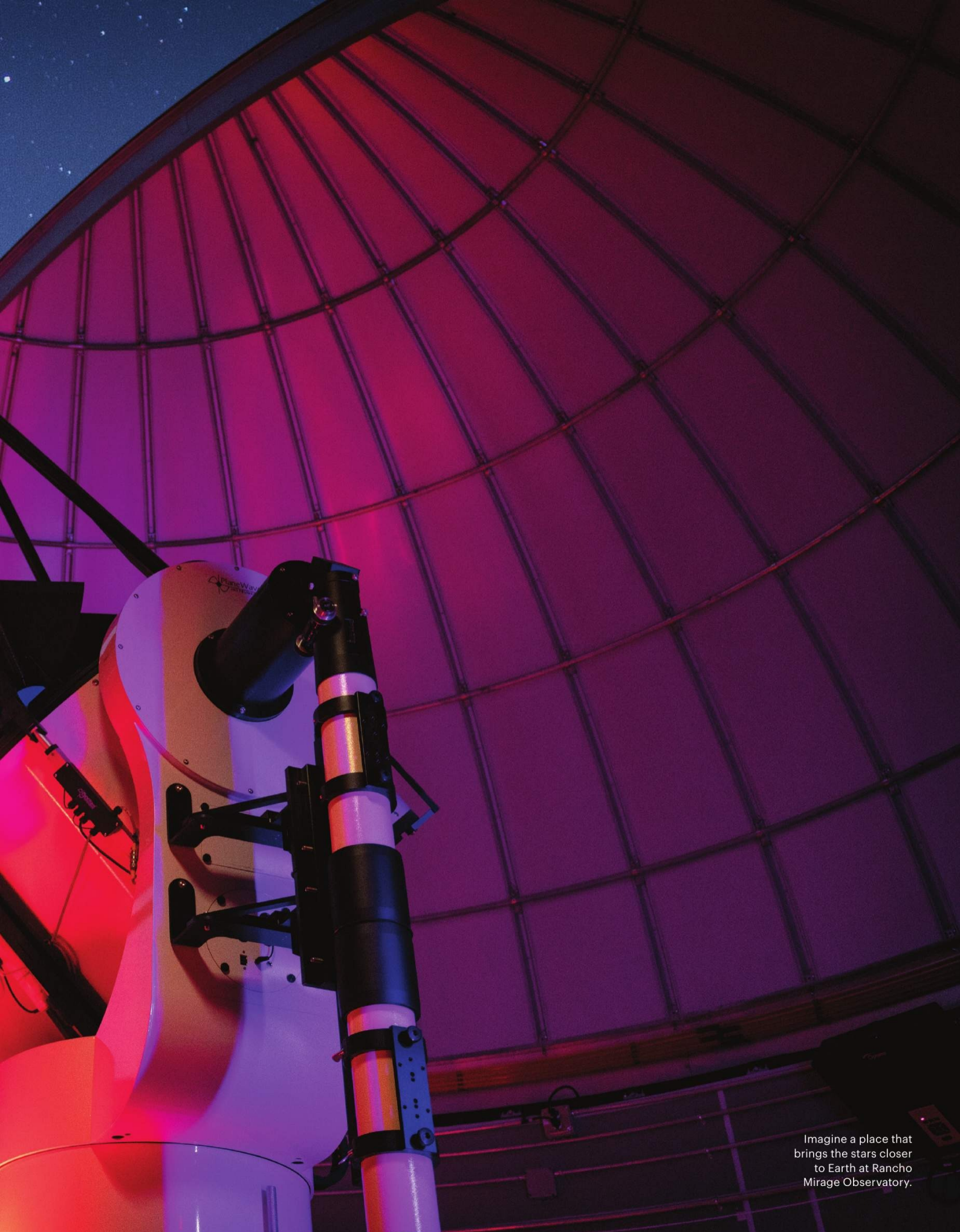
1 Why ingredients matter: There's so much food out there that's just not good for us. If I'm going to do a restaurant, I'm going to make it the best. Making it the best is sourcing the best, cooking the best, and serving the best.

2 Cooking with fire: I believe fire is better because it's original, how we started cooking thousands of years ago. I spend more money acquiring firewood, but I don't cut corners. To me, it's a no-brainer to cook on firewood — that's how we were designed.

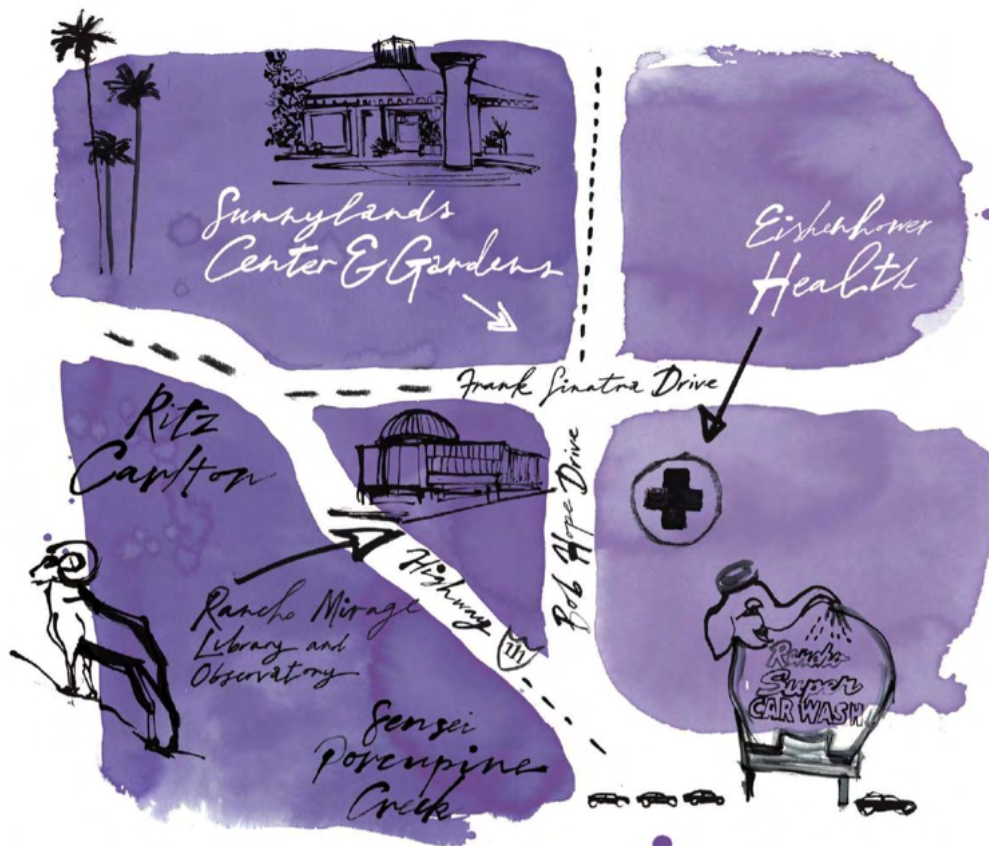
3 The message behind the meal: I want guests to leave full of joy, pleased, healthy, better. If they leave better than when they came in, that makes me happy because they know they got the best.

Rancho Mirage





Imagine a place that
brings the stars closer
to Earth at Rancho
Mirage Observatory.



They call it the “Playground of Presidents” — a 25-square-mile stretch of palm-dotted land in the central valley. Dwight D. Eisenhower lent his name to the renowned medical center. Richard Nixon spent the day of his pardoning at Sunnylands. Gerald Ford lived here through the final decades of his life.

Rancho Mirage, which celebrates 50 years of cityhood in 2023, began to flourish after World War II, when architect Hank Gogerty opened an airstrip and the Desert Air Hotel in the area now occupied by the Rancho Las Palmas shopping center. The fancy fly-in retreat drummed up an elite patronage, spawning the development of prestigious country clubs and golf courses throughout the city.

Today, scene-shifting development continues with the groundbreaking of Cotino, a Storyliving by Disney residential oasis with a lagoon and a luxury hotel where magical moments are bound to create lasting memories for generations to come.

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HISTORICAL FACTS

1 Treasure Seekers

The city’s history traces back to the unbridled gold rush days, as prospectors routed through the desert in search of a score. By 1915, their wagon trails had been supplanted by scattered ranch homes and Bradshaw Highway, now Highway 111.

2 More Sunshine

Louis McLaughlin “Mac” Blankenhorn purchased land around Magnesia Falls Cove in 1934 and began selling lots with “modern, attractive small homes.” Ads boasted that Rancho Mirage offered “one more hour of sunshine” than Palm Springs.

3 First Swing

The Coachella Valley’s first 18-hole golf course, established by golfer-turned-developer Johnny Dawson, opened in 1951 at Thunderbird Country Club. Tire company exec Leonard Firestone became one of the first homebuyers at the private residential club.

4 Star Power

In 1954, Frank Sinatra purchased a William F. Cody–designed house on the 17th fairway at Tamarisk Country Club, where reigning Masters and U.S. Open champion Ben Hogan was head pro.

5 Grand Slam

In 1978, a 19-year-old named John McEnroe stunned the tennis world, beating Brits John Lloyd and Buster Mottram at the Davis Cup finals hosted by Mission Hills Country Club.



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RESORT
Sensei
Porcupine Creek

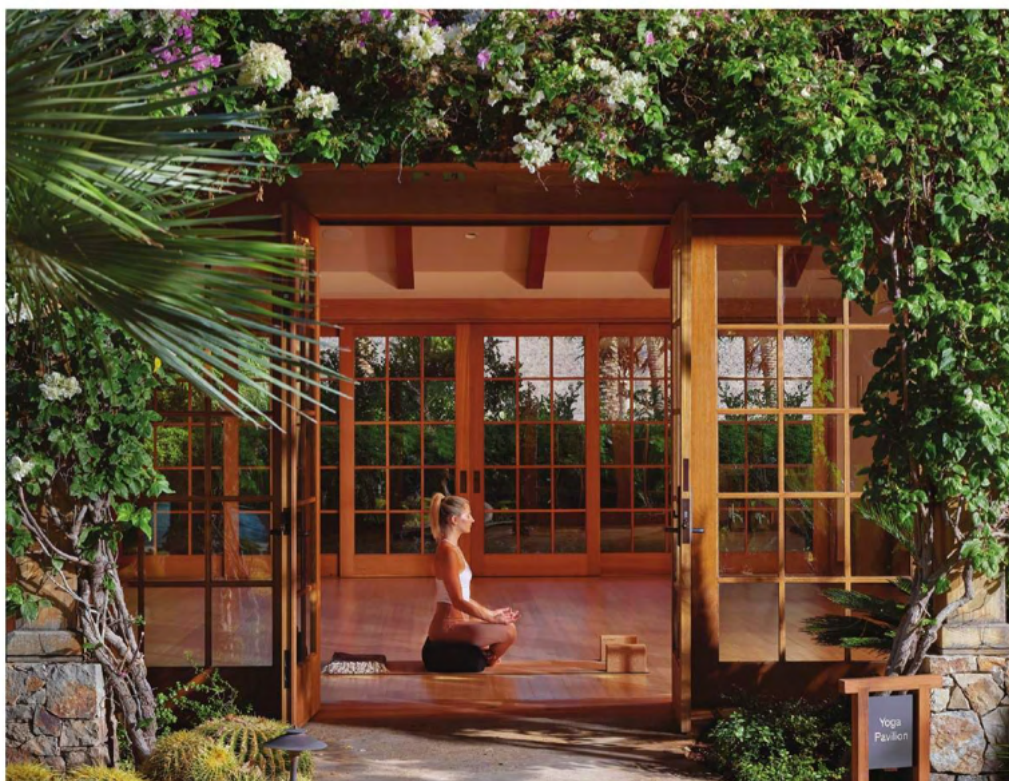
📍 42765 DUNES
 VIEW ROAD
 RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 760-824-3700

➔ [SENSEI.COM/
 PORCUPINE-CREEK](https://sensei.com/porcupine-creek)

Set within the foothills of the majestic Santa Rosa Mountains, this 230-acre resort opened its doors in fall 2022. The Rancho Mirage haven has caught the eye of wellness seekers, epicureans, travelers, and sports enthusiasts, as well as travel experts, with *Travel + Leisure* naming Sensei Porcupine Creek the No. 1 Best New Wellness Resort in the World in 2023.

Only 20 minutes from the heart of Palm Springs' vibrant downtown, guests find a serene desert oasis with best-in-class wellness guidance, a private 18-hole golf course, a delectable culinary collaboration between Japanese chef Nobu Matsuhisa and Sensei co-founder Dr. David Agus, legendary tennis facilities, and luxurious accommodations — all accessible exclusively to those staying at the retreat. The Sensei philosophy is led by science, backed by evidence-based practices, and supported by technology to guide guests on a wellness experience unlike any other in the world.



COURTESY SENSEI PORCUPINE CREEK (2)

SPONSORED

RESORT

**The Ritz-Carlton,
Rancho Mirage**

📍 68900 FRANK
SINATRA DRIVE
RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 760-321-8282

➔ RITZCARLTON.COM

Driving up the serpentine road that leads higher and higher into the Santa Rosa Mountains, you will immediately sense The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage, working its magic. Claiming some of the best views of the valley, the renowned resort embraces its natural surroundings and invites guests to surrender to the serenity of an indulgent spa day, a fine steak dinner, or an assortment of on-site activities like guided hikes, yoga, and lawn games.

Meandering gardens lead to newly remodeled luxury rooms with cozy bed linens, spacious layouts, and expansive bathrooms with premium bath products.

If you're looking to relax even more deeply, The Ritz-Carlton Spa includes 16 treatment rooms — many of them featuring private terraces with breathtaking views — as well as plunge pools, spaces for meditation, a fitness center, a full-service salon, and a retail boutique. Holistic spa rituals, like their signature Spirit of the Mountain massage and Indigenous Desert Wrap with desert clay, are inspired by the land.

On-site dining options impress with stunning views overlooking the entire Coachella Valley.



FROM TOP, COURTESY: CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, RITZ-CARLTON RANCHO MIRAGE. OPPOSITE, COURTESY: CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE



SPONSORED

RESORT
The Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa

71333 DINAH SHORE DRIVE
RANCHO MIRAGE

760-328-5955

WESTINRANCHOMIRAGE.COM

With 512 luxurious guest rooms and near-endless amenities, The Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa's 360-acre campus makes the perfect playground for travelers of every stripe.

Swimmers and sun worshippers can make a splash at one of three pools. Head to the Caliente bar at the Las Brisas pool for a frozen daiquiri while your little ones race down new, 30-foot dual waterslides, or grab a chaise lounge at the laid-back Las Hadas and La Paloma pools.

The Westin also offers a host of options for fitness buffs, including 12 tennis and pickleball courts and a fitness center that's open 24 hours. The 18-hole, Pete Dye–designed golf course landed the hotel on *Golf Digest's*

list of North America's top 50 resorts.

Take your competitive spirit indoors at Pinz & Pints, a duckpin bowling alley with classic arcade games. Celebrate a strike with a brick-oven pizza and a pint of the Coachella Valley's best brews.

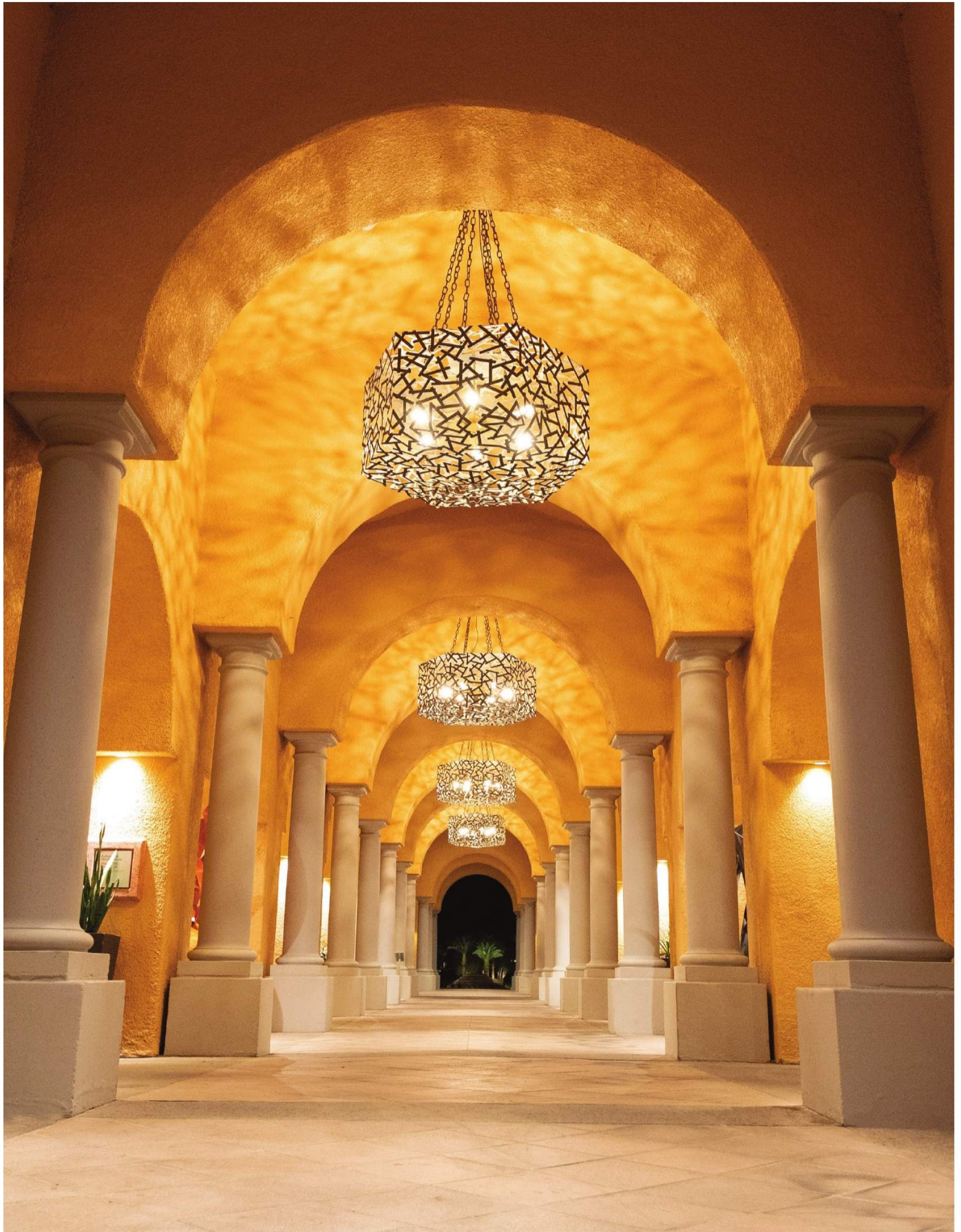
Foodies can spend their evening trying Tuscan-style bites — from zesty grilled octopus to a sumptuous shrimp scampi linguini — at Pinzimini restaurant, while music lovers might linger at Fireside Lounge to enjoy live entertainment.

At the end of the night, relax on your room's private balcony or patio before settling down for sweet dreams in a signature Westin Heavenly Bed.


Westin Wellness Spa

Find your bliss at the resort spa, which offers holistic skin mapping, reiki and crystal healing, and compression therapy for athletes in addition to soothing massages, facials, and mani-pedis.







SPONSORED

RESORT

**Omni Rancho Las Palmas
Resort & Spa**

📍 41000 BOB HOPE DRIVE
RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 760-568-2727

→ OMNIRANCHOLASPALMAS.COM

Since its debut in the 1950s, this charming 240-acre property has been a sought-after hideaway for Hollywood's elite and those who want to vacation like them. Here, traditional Spanish architecture pairs with lush grounds featuring 27 holes of championship golf,

tennis and pickleball, three sparkling pools, and a water park called Splashtopia, complete with two waterslides and a 425-foot lazy river. The resort presents an innovative twist on American cuisine at on-site restaurant bluEmber, while Spa Las Palmas offers an

array of desert-inspired treatments to delight mind and body. Well-appointed rooms come standard with premium linens and stellar views. Staying true to the hotel's original allure, Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa is a destination in itself and an ideal place for a luxury getaway.

COURTESY OMNI RANCHO LAS PALMAS RESORT & SPA

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ATTRACTION

Desert Island Country Club

📍 71777 FRANK SINATRA DRIVE, RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 760-328-2111

➔ DI71.COM

Established as a members-only golf club in 1971, Desert Island Country Club opened to the public in 2022, revealing a renovated clubhouse, a swanky dining scene, and a golf course in excellent condition. New owner Miguel Nelson, a conceptual artist, collaborated with fellow creatives to realize his whimsical dream, celebrating indulgence and a life less ordinary.

The island haven emerged when Thunderbird Country Club member L.L. “Red” Oakes drilled a well that created the oasis and paved the way for Desmond Muirhead, one of golf’s best-known architects, to design a championship course and populate the property with hundreds of palm trees. The well continuously replenishes Desert Island’s lake, creating its own ecosystem.

Renowned chef Jon Butler (formerly of République in Los Angeles) helms the kitchen at The Penney restaurant, presenting an ingredient-driven, seasonal menu, as well as a library of rare spirits. The Parlour, Desert Island’s quirky and vibrant piano lounge and game room, offers entertainment and a calendar of regular events. Both spaces are located in the clubhouse, which also houses a contemporary art gallery with rotating exhibitions.



COURTESY DESERT ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB (3)



RESORT

Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa Rancho Mirage

📍 32250 BOB HOPE DRIVE
RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 888-999-1995

➔ AGUACALIENTECASINOS.COM

This 16-story resort pairs spacious and stylish accommodations with a buzzy casino floor, award-winning dining (including a fine steakhouse), and a luxurious spa with halotherapy, steam rooms, saunas, and relaxing grounding rooms to enhance a menu of desert-inspired treatments. A lively pool scene, chic cigar bar, and hot nightlife offerings, including top international entertainers, add to the buzz. Also check out the Agua Caliente Casino properties in Palm Springs and Cathedral City.

DESTINATION

The River at Rancho Mirage

📍 71800 HIGHWAY 111
RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 760-341-2711

➔ THERIVERATRANCHO.MIRAGE.COM

Water features wind through this outdoor shopping, dining, and entertainment hub, where you can go from a craft beer flight at the Yard House to late-night lounging at Drinkk Eatery + Bar. A handful of boutiques offer retail therapy,

and Cinemark Century at The River XD delivers a state-of-the-art movie experience. The River also hosts live music and performances in the open-air plaza. Down for a challenge? Visit Escape Games and solve a puzzle before time runs out.

MALL

The Shops at Rancho Mirage

📍 69930 HIGHWAY
111
RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 760-324-3500

Hailed for fine furnishings and fun vintage finds, this spacious, single-story design center features a variety of shops and restaurants. For Bakelite jewelry, retro brooches, and all things Tiki, head to Dazzles. Su Casa Mexican Imports features south-of-the-border furniture and décor, while Victoria's Attic Antiques throws it back to treasures from last century.

RECREATION

Rancho Mirage Community Park

📍 71560 SAN
JACINTO DRIVE
RANCHO MIRAGE

➔ RANCHO.MIRAGECA.GOV

Mountain vistas and palm trees set a scenic backdrop for picnics, playtime, and events at this pet-friendly park in the heart of town. Facilities include four lighted tennis courts, two basketball courts, two handball courts, and a playground. The park is also home to the city amphitheater.



HIKING Chuckwalla Trail

📍 69825 HIGHWAY 111
RANCHO MIRAGE
→ RANCHOMIRAGE
CA.GOV

A moderate, 2.1-mile loop trail winds through the foothills surrounding The Ritz-Carlton Rancho Mirage and the Villas of Mirada, an exclusive residential community. Parking is available in

the upper lot at City Hall off Frank Sinatra Drive. Roadrunner Trail, an unmarked but easy-to-spot route, will lead you to the Chuckwalla trailhead. Leashed dogs and cats are OK on all city trails.



ATTRACTION Rancho Mirage Observatory

📍 71100 HIGHWAY 111, RANCHO MIRAGE
☎ 760-341-7323
→ RANCHOMIRAGELIBRARY.ORG/OBSERVATORY

What does the constellation Orion look like? Does Mars really appear red? Find out at the Rancho Mirage Observatory, attached to the city's public library. Free to the public, the observatory features a research-grade CDK 700 telescope

capable of penetrating into deep space and distant galaxies, a rotating dome that opens to the night skies, and an outdoor observation deck where visitors can set up their own telescopes. Sign up for a stargazing party or book a tour.

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ATTRACTION

Sunnylands Center & Gardens

📍 37977 BOB HOPE DRIVE
RANCHO MIRAGE
☎ 760-202-2222
→ SUNNYLANDS.ORG

Ambassadors Walter and Leonore Annenberg preserved their 200-acre estate in Rancho Mirage as a sanctuary for high-level conferences on issues facing the nation and the world. Completed in 1966, the estate has welcomed U.S. presidents, British royalty, and Hollywood legends. Today, the public is invited to learn about its history at Sunnylands Center & Gardens, where more than a mile of walking paths intertwine with 9 acres of desert gardens. Admission to the gardens is free. Tickets to tour the Annenberg home or the estate grounds are available for purchase online. Be sure to reserve your tickets early, as tours often sell out well in advance.

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COFFEEHOUSE
Koffi

📍 71380 HIGHWAY 111
RANCHO MIRAGE
☎ 760-340-2444
→ KOFFICOFFEE.COM

The local coffee chain — which also operates three locations in Palm Springs — roasts its beans at this

outpost. Grab-and-go bakery, breakfast, and lunch offerings make it an easy stop for something quick but yummy, like a chicken Caesar or a quiche. Order an espresso beverage, and you'll get to choose between dark or light roast and, for those who avoid dairy, a variety of milk alternatives.

DINING

O'Caine's Irish Pub

📍 36101 BOB HOPE DRIVE, RANCHO MIRAGE
☎ 760-202-3311
→ OCAINESIRISHPUB.COM

Mother-and-son team Brenda Johnson and Mark Pierce have created a tribute to their homeland with this authentic public house decked in Irish art and memorabilia. Named for their forefather who emigrated from Northern Ireland in the 1600s, O'Caine's churns out real-deal Irish dishes including Scotch eggs and shepherd's pie along with good old American bar food. The list of Irish whiskeys is large, and live music ties it all together.

FARAWAY SOUVENIRS

Care to bring a little luck of the Irish home? Attached to the restaurant, **O'Caine's Gift Shop** stocks one-of-a-kind items from Ireland, such as Galway crystal, costume jewelry, Irish tea, and other imported treats.

DINING

Haus of Poké

📍 42500 BOB HOPE DRIVE
RANCHO MIRAGE
☎ 760-636-1892
→ HAUSOFPOKE.COM

Design your own poké bowl with the help of friendly counter-service staff at this fast-casual, family-run restaurant owned by Monica and Tim Bradley, the International Boxing Hall-of-Famer who grew up in the desert. In addition to poké (diced raw fish), the restaurant offers vegetarian alternatives including beets and tofu. Haus of Poké has a second outpost in Palm Springs.



DINING

Babe's Bar-B-Que & Brewhouse

📍 71800 HIGHWAY 111, STE. A176
RANCHO MIRAGE
☎ 760-346-8738
→ BABESBBQ BREWERY.COM

With bronze hogs marking the entrance, decorative horse murals inside, and cowhide-upholstered chairs, the ambiance at this restaurant and brewery is as Southwestern as its menu of smoky,

fall-off-the-bone barbecue and signature housemade cornbread. Belly up to the bar for beers that are made on the premises, many of the varieties incorporating locally sourced ingredients.

FROM LEFT: MOLLIE KIMBERLING; COURTESY BABE'S BAR-B-QUE & BREWHOUSE



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SWEETS

Brandini Toffee

📍 42250 BOB HOPE DRIVE
RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 760-200-1598

➔ BRANDINITOFFEE.COM

In high school, desert native Brandon Weimer and a friend decided to make and sell his family's almond toffee to raise funds for a school trip to Italy. Beyond bankrolling the getaway, the venture snowballed into a toffee empire that has been featured on *The Martha Stewart Show* and Oprah Winfrey's esteemed "O List."

"We like to play the hits," Weimer says. While some toffee companies delve into different flavors with an assortment of ingredients, Brandini still serves the same small-batch almond toffee that Weimer has been making since he was a kid. "Butter, sugar, dark chocolate, and some almonds," Weimer says — and that's it. Of course, they use it in a variety of ways: for toffee popcorn, delicious milkshakes, toffee-dipped ice cream bars, and other delectable treats.

With a second storefront in Palm Springs and an outpost in Cabazon, the Rancho Mirage flagship houses Brandini's factory. Visit to see how the award-winning confection is made.

 WATCH VIDEO



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DINING

**Wally's
Desert Turtle**

📍 71775 HIGHWAY 111
RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 760-568-9321

➔ WALLYSDESERT
TURTLE.COM

Take your seat at this swanky Steve Chase-designed restaurant, and the staff won't greet you with the dinner menu. Rather, you're invited to settle in, sip a top-shelf martini, and savor the company and conversation at your table. At Wally's Desert Turtle, time slows down.

"We try to create an experience," says third-generation owner Madalyn Botello, who grew up working at the Rancho Mirage restaurant that her grandfather, Wally,

founded in 1978. Botello, a Cornell University hospitality school alum, has enlivened offerings with her fresh perspective — bringing in boutique wines and adding creative twists to the nightly live music. What remains the same are Wally's formal service standards, harking back to a glamorous, bygone era, and the elegant California cuisine that has developed a loyal patronage over decades.

Rather than one server, an entire service team takes care of your table. "After you receive your cocktails or wine, you're greeted by the captain of the team, who introduces you to our menu," Botello explains. Beloved dishes such as tender rack of lamb, scallops with sea bass, and flavorful Dover sole pair with sweet finishes from pastry chef Darcy Mass, including Wally's signature Grand Marnier soufflé and a rich chocolate lava cake. Of course,

the Golden Osetra caviar service is a dessert unto itself.

When you're here, you will feel like the most important person in the room — as you should in one of the desert's poshest restaurants.

"Fine dining is a lost art in a day when everyone is always moving fast," Botello says. "We're not trying to be a modern restaurant. We want people to feel they have stepped back in time and experience something different."



BRANDON HARMAN (4)

Superior Farm roasted domestic rack of lamb. Opposite: Minterbrook oysters and jumbo shrimp cocktail.



ASK A LOCAL

MADALYN BOTELLO

Owner

Wally's Desert Turtle

1 Keeping family traditions alive:

My grandfather and father used to go to every table and check on the customers while they were dining to make sure they were having a great experience. I carry on the same tradition. As a family business, every customer is important, and we truly want them to feel that.

2 Great ingredients matter because:

We have to care about what we put in our body. We strive to provide the highest-quality ingredients for ourselves and also for our guests.

3 The best part about desert life:

I love the mountains and scenery. It's so peaceful and beautiful here. I love to hike, and we have so many amazing trails in the valley. I also love the community. Everyone is very supportive and always willing to connect and help each other.



SPONSORED

DINING

Willie's Modern Fare

📍 69830 HIGHWAY 111, RANCHO MIRAGE

☎ 760-202-4499

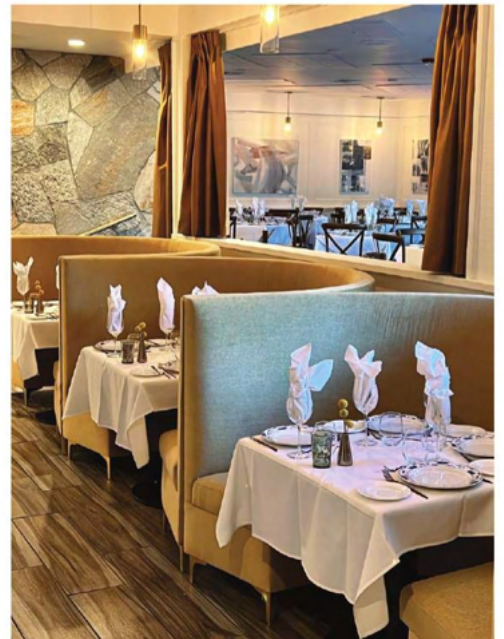
→ WILLIESRM.COM

Restaurateur Willie Rhine combines the elegance of fine dining with the warmth and conviviality for which he is known. His namesake Rancho Mirage restaurant, Willie's Modern Fare, emphasizes classic cuisine with a modern twist alongside creative cocktails and a thoughtfully selected wine list.

Executive chef Richard Perez and his culinary team present classics such as lamb three ways, prime rib, and shrimp cocktail — as well as caviar service and more inventive options, like a trio of vegan soups served in espresso cups and pan-seared salmon garnished with onion soubise and orange gel.

The lounge menu skews more casual with a wagyu burger, fish and chips, and buttermilk fried chicken. Save room for dessert as the housemade selections are sure to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Rhine and general manager Veronica Cavazos have created an inviting place to celebrate life's special moments with family and friends in a private dining room or on the expansive patio. Alternatively, guests can sip and snack in the bustling lounge.



COURTESY WILLIE'S MODERN FARE (2)



DINING

Las Casuelas Nuevas

📍 70050 HIGHWAY 111, RANCHO MIRAGE
 ☎ 760-328-8844
 → LASCASUELASNUEVAS.COM

Florencio and Mary Delgado opened the original Las Casuelas in Palm Springs in 1958, bringing authentic Mexican flavors — recipes passed down from Florencio's grandmother, Maria Fajardo Delgado, of Mazatlán — to their small family restaurant.

Sixty-five years later, Maria's Sinaloa-inspired dishes and the company name live on at multiple restaurants

in the Coachella Valley, each operated by their grandchildren, including Las Casuelas Nuevas in Rancho Mirage, open since 1973.

Whether eating in the beautifully tiled dining room or outside on the romantic patio underneath string lights, there's no bad spot to enjoy time-honored dishes like *albóndigas* soup, chile verde, and tamales. Wash it all down with a classic margarita.

DINING

Kobe Japanese Steakhouse

📍 69838 HIGHWAY 111, RANCHO MIRAGE
 ☎ 760-324-1717
 → KOBERANCHOMIRAGE.COM

In the heart of Rancho Mirage, this replica 300-year-old Asian country inn houses a teppanyaki steakhouse, an intimate sushi bar, and a low-key cocktail lounge. Always fun with a group, the restaurant promises a memorable show as your chef slices and dices delicacies on the tabletop grill. Kobe opened in 1978, and many original staff members remain.

DINING

Si Bon

📍 40101 MONTEREY AVE., STE. E5
 RANCHO MIRAGE
 ☎ 760-837-0011
 → SIBON-SOGOOD.COM

Carboholics, rejoice! There are myriad waffles, crêpes, and French toasts to choose from for breakfast at this all-day favorite. In the evening, pastas, *moules frites*, and a tender filet mignon star on the menu, crafted by a Belgian chef.

DINING

Shabu Shabu Zen & Sake Bar

📍 71680 HIGHWAY 111, STE. F, RANCHO MIRAGE
 ☎ 760-779-5000
 → SHABU-SHABU-ZEN.COM

Following a career as a flight attendant for All Nippon Airways, famous for its hospitality, Miho Suma opened this Japanese hot pot restaurant where diners cook their own meat, seafood,

and vegetables in flavorful broth. This spot was ranked among the top 100 restaurants in the country by Yelp reviewers. Be sure to book a reservation; the intimate space fills up fast.



Palm Desert

Recreation abounds in Palm Desert, from cycling through picturesque neighborhoods to golfing amid mountain views. Opposite: Desert Willow Golf Resort.







Nestled in the heart of the Coachella Valley, this family-friendly city, incorporated in 1973, delivers a healthy balance of natural beauty and creativity. It is home to numerous art galleries, a landmark theater, luxury shopping, championship golf, and some of the best hiking this desert oasis has to offer.

Of course, it took a visionary to transform the raw landscape into the cultural and retail hub that the city is today. Back in 1946, the central location and pristine landscape inspired magazine publisher Randall Henderson and his brother Cliff to transform the area into a resort destination, ultimately attracting such Hollywood A-listers as Jimmy Stewart and Bing Crosby and stimulating rapid development midvalley.

Today, whether you're exploring The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens or strolling the El Paseo Shopping District, Palm Desert is all about moving with the calm rhythm of the desert and discovering exciting new sources of inspiration.

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WORKS OF ART TO SEE

1 El Paseo Murals

In addition to the great shopping on El Paseo, you'll find three vibrant murals, including "We Hope in Color" by Lindsey Wright (aka Lindsey Made This), honoring local nonprofit Shay's Warriors.

2 San Pablo Avenue

Find Kathleen Goff's "Desert Wonderland" mural outside The Private Club Barbershop on San Pablo Avenue at San Geronimo Way. The city and the building owner commissioned the mural to celebrate the desert landscape.

3 Murals at the Mall

Head to the upper level of the parking deck outside Macy's at The Shops at Palm Desert to see works by several Coachella Valley artists. Then venture inside the mall for even more murals. This is said to be the area's largest public art collection.

4 UCR Palm Desert

Monarch butterflies greet visitors traversing the steps at the center of the UCR Palm Desert campus. Created by Palm Desert resident John Cuevas, "Monarch Sky" reflects the city's commitment to protecting the endangered black and orange beauties.

5 Median Exhibition

Did you know the sculptures dotting the median of El Paseo are part of a biennial exhibition? The public is invited to cross the road and view the installations up close. QR codes at each piece provide additional info about the works and the artists who made them.



HOTEL

Hotel Paseo

📍 45400 LARKSPUR LANE
PALM DESERT
☎ 760-340-9001
→ HOTELPASEO.COM

Modern living meets cool, curated style at this luxury hotel located adjacent to The Gardens on El Paseo.

The Marriott Autograph Collection property stokes the sort

of getaway experience that visitors have come to expect of the desert: a resort-like atmosphere that still feels intimate and exclusive, an easy indoor-outdoor flow with a splashy pool scene, delectable dining that emphasizes locally sourced ingredients, live music, spa facilities, and plenty of photo-ops dotting the grounds.

As if things weren't already good enough, Hotel Paseo recently underwent a refresh.

The vibe here is upscale yet laid-back and family friendly — dogs under 50 pounds are welcome, too. (Ask about the Pups 'n' Paws package, which includes special goodies for your pooch.)

Guest rooms and specialty suites put comfort first with

plush linens and spa-style showers. Most rooms have private balconies overlooking palm trees, the pool, or mountain views. For a stay that's totally unique, there is a fully restored 1950 Airstream on the property. Another premium suite features a billiards table, a record player, and an enviable collection of vinyl.

HOTEL

The Inn at Deep Canyon

📍 74470 ABRONIA TRAIL
PALM DESERT
☎ 760-346-8061
→ INN-ADC.COM

Walking distance to several popular restaurants and shops on El Paseo, this charming 32-room inn centers around a pool and newly installed putting green. Guests rave about the friendly service and the general peace and quiet off the main drag. When it comes to rooms, choose from a king, a queen, or two double beds. Some rooms are pet friendly, and select suites include full-size kitchens. The property offers stay-and-play packages that include discounts at multiple area golf courses.

HOTEL

Marriott's Shadow Ridge I-The Villages

📍 9003 SHADOW RIDGE ROAD
PALM DESERT
☎ 760-674-2600
→ MARRIOTT.COM

Overlooking the Shadow Ridge golf course, designed by six-time major champion Nick Faldo, this Marriott Vacation Club resort pairs spacious condo-style villas with access to the amenities at nearby sister property JW Marriott Desert Springs.



SPONSORED

RESORT

JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa

📍 74855 COUNTRY
CLUB DRIVE
PALM DESERT

☎ 760-341-2211
→ DESERTSPRINGS
RESORT.COM

A recent multimillion-dollar renovation has transformed the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa into a modern, innovative oasis steeped with desert-inspired details. Every element across the 450-acre property — except the magnificent views — has been thoughtfully re-crafted, from the public spaces to the guest rooms, suites, and meeting space.

A fleet of inviting restaurants, shops, and serpentine pools ringed in palm trees deliver getaway vibes in spades. You likely never imagined you'd ride a boat to reach your dinner reservation in the desert, but that's what happens here; water shuttles depart from the lobby to whisk guests around the resort's scenic, meandering lagoons.

If recreation is your M.O., the property has two Ted Robinson-

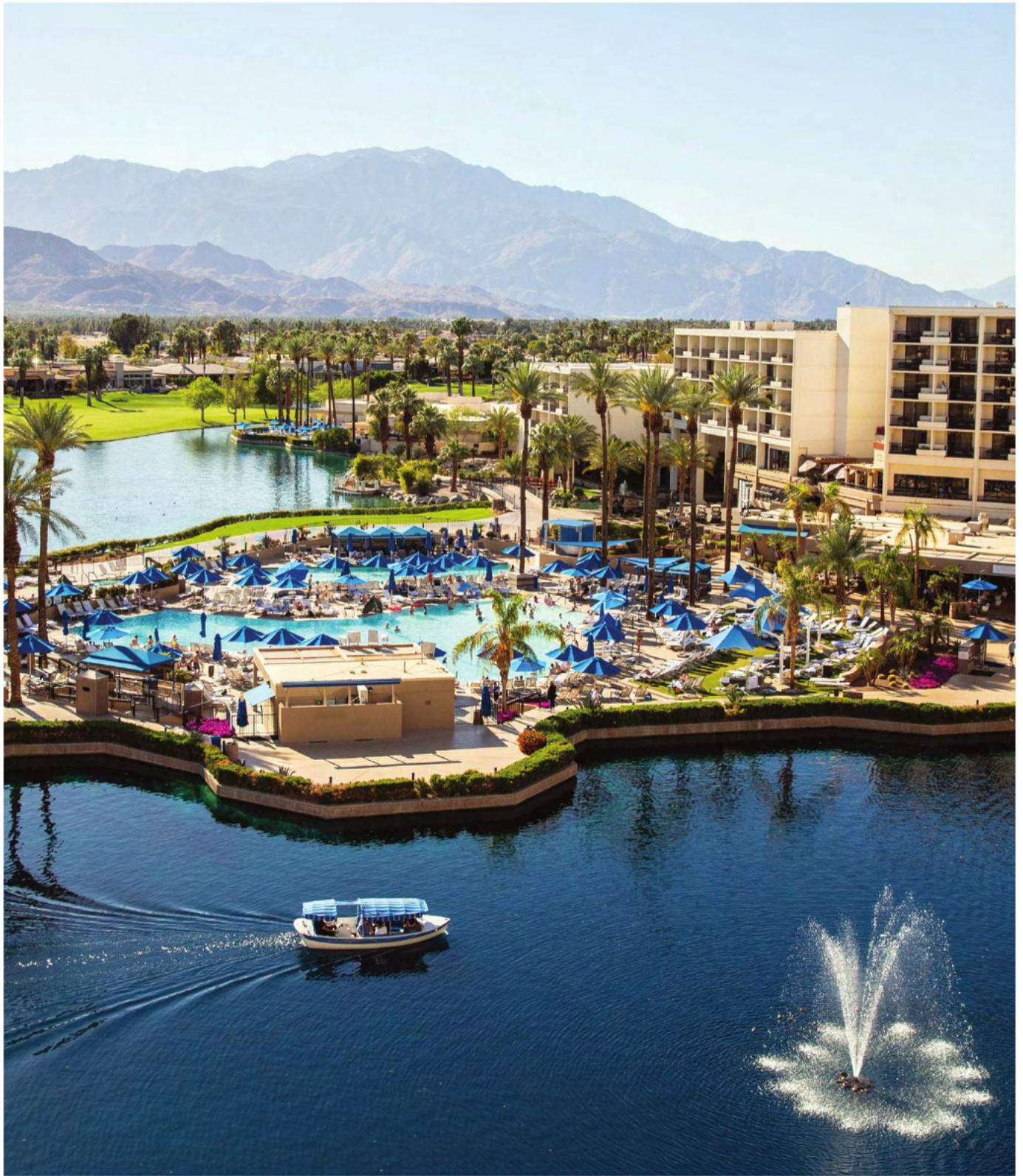
designed golf courses, along with an 18-hole putting course and hard, grass, and clay tennis and pickleball courts. Regular family activities include bird chats, yoga sessions, movies, and magic shows. The resort even has a newly opened 12,000-square-foot arcade known as JW Entertainment Zone.

Wind down at the recently renovated spa. Frequent package specials are available on an assortment of treatments,

from massages and facials to paraffin soaks and ayurvedic healing rituals.

JW Marriott Desert Springs may be one resort, but the property offers endless adventures for everyone — from multigenerational families to couples, business travelers, and beyond. Notably, this property is autism-certified through International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES).

COURTESY JW MARRIOTT DESERT SPRINGS RESORT & SPA (3)



SPONSORED

SPA

Spa Desert Springs

74855 COUNTRY CLUB
DRIVE
PALM DESERT

760-341-1874

→ DESERTSPRINGSSPA.COM

This 38,000-square-foot luxury spa at the JW Marriott Desert Springs is equipped to smooth, soothe, and soak your worries away. With 47 treatment rooms, including several private suites, this is the place to go to relax, revive, and enrich your body and mind.

Services include everything from a 90-minute Desert Journey body treatment — inspired by the fragrant scents of the desert and using naturally exfoliating, locally grown medjool dates — to a kombucha wellness facial, with the bubbly drink and other natural ingredients working to support your skin's natural microbiome. Enhance your service with optional extras like CBD or Moroccan oils or a collagen treatment.

In addition to their many treatment options, Spa Desert Springs offers a dry sauna, a hammam steam room, a fully equipped fitness center, and outdoor saltwater and whirlpool pools overlooking the golf course and surrounding mountains. Feeling hungry, but unwilling to move after all that rejuvenation? Their Spa Bistro offers nutritious and delicious cuisine with poolside dining.

Spa buyouts are also available for private events.



COURTESY SPA DESERT SPRINGS (2)

RECREATION

Pickled Bar

📍 72680 DINAH SHORE DRIVE PALM DESERT
☎ 760-808-8110
➔ PICKLED BAR.COM

Get your swing on! This indoor pickleball facility boasts four professional courts, as well as a kitchen, a full bar, and a pro shop. Memberships are available for regulars, though nonmembers are also welcome. Locals looking to scope it out can score a “free” day pass (though you still pay \$5/hour for court time).

ARTS + CULTURE

McCallum Theatre

📍 73000 FRED WARING DRIVE PALM DESERT
☎ 760-340-2787
➔ MCCALLUMTHEATRE.COM

In 1988, the Dodgers won the World Series, Whitney Houston and Michael Jackson topped the pop charts, and a little show called *Phantom of the Opera* made its Broadway debut. Those in the Coachella Valley reveled in another milestone moment: the grand opening of the desert’s signature performance venue. Bob Hope hosted the McCallum Theatre’s televised debut concert on Jan. 2, 1988. Now celebrating its 35th year, the nonprofit theater continues to host top-caliber performers, from Kristin Chenoweth and Storm Large to Tina Fey, starring in *Mean Girls*. The McCallum also works to foster a passion for the arts for the up-and-coming generation through educational programming that impacts more than 40,000 students and teachers in Greater Palm Springs.



ATTRACTION

Acrisure Arena

📍 75702 VARNER ROAD PALM DESERT
☎ 888-695-8778
➔ ACRISURE ARENA.COM

Home of the Coachella Valley Firebirds minor league hockey team, this 11,000-seat arena has become a major gathering place for hockey fans as well

as anyone who’s interested in seeing a top-tier show. The arena has drawn some of the biggest names in entertainment to the Coachella Valley, from Chris Rock to Madonna (who performs March 13, 2024). And it set the scene for an epic first season for the Firebirds, who made it to the playoffs last season.



GOLF

Desert Willow Golf Resort

📍 38995 DESERT WILLOW DRIVE PALM DESERT
☎ 760-346-7060
➔ DESERT WILLOW.COM

A long and winding driveway leads to two exceptionally designed courses. Firecliff and Mountain View cater to golfers of all levels. Designed by award-winning golf course architects Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry, the

challenging courses immerse players in the glorious desert surroundings with environmentally sensitive landscaping. Natural hazards and myriad water features add a sense of excitement along with great views.

RECREATION

Berger Foundation Iceplex

📍 75702 VARNER ROAD PALM DESERT
☎ 760-835-5000
➔ BERGER FOUNDATION ICEPLEX.COM

Hit the ice where the Coachella Valley Firebirds train. The

Berger Foundation Iceplex offers two public skating sessions daily — one for all ages and another for adults only. If you’re hoping to brush up on your skills, you’re in luck: Instructors offer beginner, figure-skating, and hockey lessons. Skate rentals are available. Remember your socks.

SPONSORED

GOLF**Classic Club**

📍 75200 CLASSIC CLUB BLVD. PALM DESERT

☎ 760-601-3600

→ CLASSICCLUBGOLF.COM

From the 7,300-yard championship golf course to the 63,000-square-foot, Tuscan-inspired clubhouse, Classic Club delivers an elevated experience for guests on all fronts — as one would expect of a property envisioned by Arnold Palmer. The scenic grounds are a go-to for charity tournaments and players of all levels seeking a premier golfing experience.

Across rolling terrain with 30 acres of water, 14 bridges, and an abundance of shade trees, the songs of migratory birds create an idyllic soundtrack. Thirteen holes have water features ranging from plant-lined lakes to bubbling streams, demanding precision off the tee and into the greens. Notably, the property is a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, meaning the course demonstrates a high degree of wildlife habitat protection and management.

**Classic Club Golf Academy**

The facility employs experienced PGA professionals who will customize an individualized game improvement plan for golfers of all skill levels using the latest in instruction technology. Lessons are offered October to May.

**HIKING****Bump and Grind**

📍 PAINTERS PATH, PALM DESERT

All ages enjoy this moderately challenging, 4-mile loop trail that begins behind the Desert Crossings shopping center in Palm Desert. Park along Painters Path and head up in either direction for a great workout and stellar views. Walkers, runners, and cyclists are welcome, but dogs are not permitted on the trail. In the spring, you'll see wildflowers, and in the winter, a "holiday tree" (really a creosote bush) decorated by the Bump and Grind regulars. Keep your eyes peeled for painted stones, occasionally left along the route by fellow hikers to brighten someone's day.

RECREATION**Civic Center Park**📍 43900 SAN PABLO AVE.
PALM DESERT→ CITYOFPALM
DESERT.ORG

Palm Desert's largest park spans 70 acres, with grassy berms, a rose garden, art installations, a miniature lake where locals like to lay out as their kids chase the ducks, and a variety of well-kept recreational amenities — four baseball fields, six tennis courts, two pickleball courts, four volleyball courts, three basketball courts, and a skate park.



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ATTRACTIONS

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens

📍 47900 PORTOLA AVE.
PALM DESERT

☎ 760-346-5694

➔ LIVINGDESERT.ORG

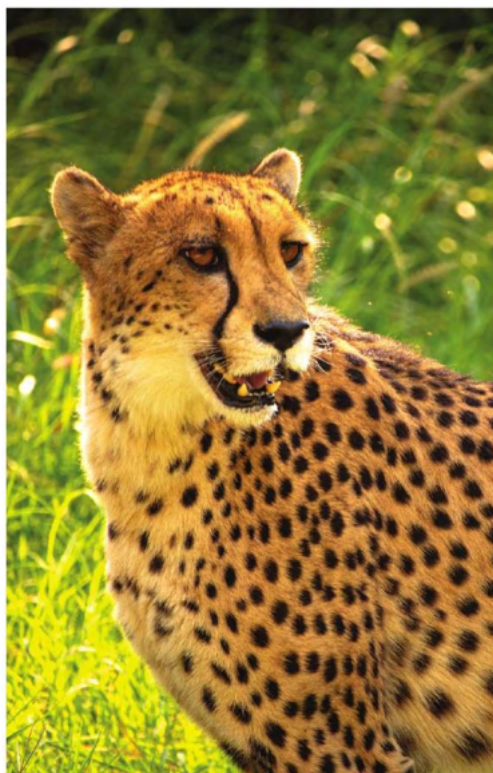
Adventure awaits at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, a conservation-focused zoo dedicated to the care and preservation of endangered species that are native to deserts around the world.

The Rhino Savanna habitat brings guests into the heart of the African savanna to meet a pair of black rhinos named Jaali and Nia along with gazelles and birds from the region. At the nearby Australian Adventures habitat, visitors get to walk among bouncing wallabies while the kookaburras sing and emus play in the plains.

Enjoy even more interactive experiences like feeding the giraffes, or set out on one of The Living Desert's exclusive hiking trails. In addition to fauna, blooming botanical gardens represent a wide variety of arid plants.

Named one of the "10 Best Zoos in America" by *Condé Nast Traveler* and *USA Today*, and a top family pick on TripAdvisor, The Living Desert is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. Every visit supports the organization's efforts to be a leader in animal care and conservation initiatives locally and around the world.

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DESTINATION

El Paseo
Shopping
District

📍 EL PASEO
PALM DESERT
→ SHOPELASEO.COM

Everything you need for a memorable desert experience — and more — lies within walking distance on El Paseo. The boulevard is home to more than 250 businesses, including some of the Coachella Valley's chicest shops, restaurants, galleries, and salons and a broad selection of home showrooms.

Beyond being a premier destination for dining, design, and fashion, this promenade cultivates community. Vibrant personalities bring the street to life, while celebrated events and live entertainment make it the place to immerse in and discover local color.

Don't miss the monthly First Fridays event, November through May, which includes a classic car show and motorcade, an art walk with festivities at all the local galleries, and live entertainment.

Day or night, this mile-long street aims to inspire. It's easy to spend the entire day here, and we unabashedly recommend it.

Tommy Bahama
HomeThe Gardens on
El Paseo

Larkspur Grill

GETTING AROUND EL PASEO

You'll find street parking all along El Paseo and a parking garage at The Gardens on El Paseo with covered spaces. Need a lift? Hitch a ride on one of two **Courtesy Carts**, which offer free transportation services along the street seven days a week, from October to May.



SPONSORED

SHOP

Elizabeth & Prince

73470 EL PASEO,
STE. F3
PALM DESERT

760-773-3500

→ ELIZABETHAND
PRINCE.COM

"There is a universal spirit you feel in resort towns all over the world that we aim to capture," Analisa Holoubek says of the thoughtfully styled boutiques she operates with her husband, Shawn, in Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and La Quinta.

Inspired by its namesake (the Nolita shopping district in New York), along with Shawn's experience as a fashion photographer, artist, and designer, the brand fuses urban chic with bohemian desert sensibilities. Behind every product is the belief that simplicity and nature are the new luxury, and that authenticity is attained through care for the finer details.

Find designs from Raquel Allegra, Ulla Johnson, Nili Lotan, Zimmermann, and more online and in stores.

After more than 15 years, the Holoubeks continue to evolve their offerings. Stay on the lookout for the fall 2023 opening of their brand-new travel and lifestyle concept store, Nomada.





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ARTS + CULTURE

CODA Gallery

📍 73400 EL PASEO, STE. B1, PALM DESERT

☎ 760-346-4661

➔ CODAGALLERY.COM

Joy and passion surrounding fine art are hallmarks of CODA Gallery, an El Paseo landmark that has resonated with collectors for more than 35 years. At CODA, acquiring art is a relaxed and pleasurable experience. A spirit of generosity and warmth greets visitors the moment they enter the space, where consultants are welcoming and willing to share their expertise with collectors at every level. The gallery features work

by a wide range of established, midcareer, and emerging contemporary artists who specialize in a variety of media, from painting and photography to sculpture and glass. Many artists that the gallery represents are available for custom commissions. Frequent exhibitions, as well as artist receptions, art walks, and special events, offer enthusiasts a chance to gather and interact with the CODA collection.



COURTESY CODA GALLERY (2)



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SHOP

Between the Sheets

📍 73425 EL PASEO, STE. 113, PALM DESERT

☎ 760-779-8500

➔ BETWEENTHESHEETSINC.COM

Cozy up to luxury. Between the Sheets offers an unrivaled selection of the finest bed linens, bath accessories, lighting, accent furniture, and treasures for the home. When it comes to bedding, you'll discover the most luxurious long-fiber Egyptian cotton sheets that are woven in Italy and offered

exclusively in the United States. Between the Sheets also carries small, thoughtful gifts like candles and kitschy towels — perfect for hostess, housewarming, or wedding gifts (or just because).

The Palm Desert location cultivates its own unique atmosphere thanks to frequent foot

traffic along the popular El Paseo shopping boulevard; knowledgeable staff members are eager to help you find the perfect gift or work with you to transform your space from ordinary to extraordinary.

A huge amount of inventory is always in stock, which means if you see something online, you're likely to find it in the store to see it in person. Plus, they ship worldwide, so your special finds can meet you upon your return home.



COURTESY BETWEEN THE SHEETS (2)

VISITGREATERPALMSPRINGS.COM

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SHOP**Dragonette Limited**

📍 73710 EL PASEO, PALM DESERT
 ☎ 760-283-0404
 → DRAGONETTELTCD.COM

With an eye for the rare and special, Patrick Dragonette has outfitted his 5,000-square-foot interior design showroom with thoughtfully styled vignettes showcasing 20th-century art, décor, lighting, and furniture by some of the world's top designers, including the area's most extensive selection of furnishings by William Haines. Dragonette personally selects every object on the floor, displaying it only if he loves it and would live with it himself. "Everything here is an extension of my taste," he says, noting that almost all pieces have been reupholstered, refinished, and refreshed and are ready to display at home.



SPONSORED

CATERING**Putting the Cute in Charcuterie**

📍 PALM DESERT
 → PUTTINGTHECUTEINCHARCUTERIE.COM

Wow your guests with something special at your next get together. This local gem crafts beautiful charcuterie boards and grazing tables in any size. Check out their fruit and veggie boards, too!

MALL**The Shops at Palm Desert**

📍 72840 HIGHWAY 111, PALM DESERT
 ☎ 760-346-2121
 → SHOPSATPALMDESERT.COM

The Shops at Palm Desert is the Coachella Valley's only indoor shopping mall. Along with retail and fast-casual dining options, the venue hosts community events throughout the year including kids theater camp and senior fitness classes. Stores vend everything

from apparel and jewelry to comic books and sporting goods, while open-air common areas boast ample space for frequent live music and pop-up marketplaces. When food is on the mind, sit-down restaurants include Stuff Pizza Bar & Grill and City Wok.

**Public Art**

With more than 50 murals dotting the property, The Shops at Palm Desert is said to have the largest collection of public art in the Coachella Valley. Much of it is clustered atop the Macy's parking structure.

DINING**Il Corso**

📍 73520 EL PASEO
 PALM DESERT
 ☎ 760-341-6700
 → ILCORSO
 DINING.COM

Known for genuine Italian hospitality and classic dishes — including home-made pastas, decadent risotto, and wood-fired pizzas — this family-run restaurant also promises a sweet finish with scratch-made desserts such as tiramisu and panna cotta.

DINING**Musashi**

📍 72785 HIGHWAY
 111, STE. B4
 PALM DESERT
 ☎ 760-340-9780
 → MUSASHIPALM
 DESERT.COM

Since 1996, this small sushi spot has been serving up tender slices of fresh fish with perfectly warmed and seasoned rice alongside a full menu of Japanese cuisine. The hole-in-the-wall location flies in some of the best Japanese uni and toro you'll find in the desert. Wander the hallway to read all the love notes left behind by celebrity guests.

DINING**Wilma & Frieda**

📍 73575 EL PASEO, STE. 2310, PALM DESERT

☎ 760-773-2807

→ WILMAFRIEDA.COM

Named for the owners' grandmothers, Wilma & Frieda slings brunch favorites like meatloaf and eggs along with more decadent fruit-topped French toasts and homemade imitation Pop-Tarts that are way better than the real thing. No wonder they've been featured on Food Network.

DINING**Sherman's Deli & Bakery**

📍 73161 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE
PALM DESERT

☎ 760-568-1350

→ SHERMANSDELI.COM

Sixth Avenue and West 54th Street in Manhattan isn't as far as you might think. Familiar deli options are the go-to at Sherman's — from stacked pastrami sandwiches and matzo ball soup to gefilte fish and liverwurst. The always-busy restaurant also has a location in Palm Springs.

**DINING****Oceana**

📍 77932 COUNTRY CLUB, STE. 2-4, PALM DESERT

☎ 760-610-2517

→ OCEANAPALMDESERT.COM

From creative seafood dishes like lobster guacamole and adobo deep-fried red snapper to traditional cuts of steak, you'll love the land and sea offerings at this local favorite. Ask your server about the daily catch as you peruse the robust mezcal and housemade margarita list.

DINING**Mastro's Steakhouse**

📍 73405 EL PASEO,
STE. 120
PALM DESERT

☎ 760-776-6777

→ MASTROS
RESTAURANTS.COM

When your evening plans call for fine craft cocktails, a bit of dress-up, and some casual dancing with the locals, head to Mastro's on El Paseo. The elegant establishment cultivates a luxurious atmosphere with masterful mood lighting, exceptional service, and top-notch steaks to boot.

**DINING****Cowboy Cantina**

📍 72620 EL PASEO
PALM DESERT

☎ 760-773-9009

→ COWBOY
CANTINAPD.COM

Saddle up and enjoy a taste of the Southwest. Owners Jim Valdez and Pete Lambert teamed up with legendary Santa Fe chef Johnny Vee to develop their fusion cuisine, which pairs with old-school vibes courtesy of design team Fig + Nash. At the helm

now, longtime local chef Oscar Ayala brings a vast experience to this tasty menu informed by rustic cooking techniques. Make sure to save some room for dessert: The Waffle Madness, topped with Ancho chile caramel sauce, serves four.





SPONSORED

DINING

**Bellatrix
Restaurant &
Wine Bar**

📍 75200 CLASSIC
CLUB BLVD.
PALM DESERT

☎ 760-601-3690

➔ CLASSCLUBGOLF.COM

Bellatrix is on a mission to push the culinary envelope beyond typical country club fare.

“We’re reconceptualizing our food offerings throughout the property to really stand apart,” says Anthony Nespoli, director of food and beverage at Bellatrix Restaurant & Wine Bar, located at Classic Club in Palm Desert.

Leading this flavorful re-imagining is Jose Torres, a Coachella Valley local who has been with the golf club

for 12 years and recently took the helm as executive chef. His menu will evolve Bellatrix’s offerings beyond Californian fare to include Asian, Mediterranean, and Latin influences.

One of the best ways to discover Torres’ unique culinary vision is through the restaurant’s monthly wine series, held on the second Wednesday of the month, November through May. During these five-course lunches, Torres show-

cases some of his more innovative and playful dishes — incorporating unexpected proteins like venison and delighting guests with tableside service. The menu also features additional seafood options. Guests can look forward to new favorites including oysters, branzino, scallops, and octopus.

“We’re focusing on incorporating a fresh, farm-to-table approach,” Nespoli says. Torres works with local farmers to source produce and

vendors who provide sustainably raised meats and seafood.

In addition to revitalized flavors, Bellatrix is expanding its event lineup. The restaurant already hosts popular wine expos twice a year and will add gatherings that center around spirits, with themed dinners and tastings. It’s an exciting new era at Bellatrix. Enjoy it all while overlooking the Arnold Palmer-designed golf course.





SPONSORED

DINING

Café des Beaux-Arts

📍 73640 EL PASEO
PALM DESERT

☎ 760-346-0669

➔ CAFEDESBEAUX
ARTS.COM

If your holiday prerogative calls for a leisurely afternoon among friends over a bottle of French wine, a pot of garlicky steamed mussels, and a basket of fresh-baked bread to sop up all the sauce, you need not travel to the City of Lights to find it. Harking back to the bustling bistros of Paris past, Café des Beaux-Arts cultivates an experience that is decidedly transportive.

That *joie de vivre* — and a joy of authentically Parisian cuisine — has

drummed up a loyal following over three decades of service. The charming café fêtes its 31st anniversary in 2024, and some of the staff members have been there almost that long. Centrally located at the heart of El Paseo, the indoor-outdoor restaurant offers prime alfresco seating and people-watching. Inside, wood paneling, antiqued mirrors, and crimson booths are illuminated by the soft glow of glass pendant lamps. Owners Didier and Christina Bloch

have infused the space with touches of retro French décor and playful artwork — the paintings are Christina's handiwork, while the quirky sculptural objets d'art are all crafted by Didier.

Didier's partner, Emmanuel "Manu" Boulteau, previously owned a restaurant in Italy. For the last seven years, he has taken care of the day-to-day operations at the café.

Find a seat around the circular central bar with the locals. Happy hour, available certain

times of the year, includes drink specials and a variety of small bites. The restaurant has been known to host special events with prix-fixe menus and seasonally bring in live entertainment.

But you're here for the food, *bien sûr*. The menu focuses on French fare, breakfast until dessert — from stuffed crêpes and duckling à l'orange to artisan cheese plates and profiteroles. One bite and your taste buds will be singing, "*Oh là là!*"

Beet salad with seafood feuilleté and tuna tartare behind. Opposite, from left: French onion soup gratinée. Partner Emmanuel Bulteau, employee of 29 years Rufino Valenzuela, co-owner Christina Bloch, manager Bill Harper, chef Rolando Galvez, and co-owner Didier Bloch.



Indian Wells





Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa features a lazy river and waterslides. Opposite: It's hard to beat the views at Indian Wells Golf Resort.



In a sunny cove of the Santa Rosa Mountains, Indian Wells has been a gathering place for recreation and revitalization since its inception — from the early Cahuilla Indian inhabitants unearthing and residing around its namesake well to the city's 21st-century status as a world-class residential and resort community.

The name "Indian Wells" traces back to the expedition diaries of a Spanish explorer who routed through the thriving Native American village in 1823. The rough-and-tumble gold rush and railroad years spurred development, which exploded in the 1950s and '60s as Hollywood legends teamed up with golf greats to establish prestigious hotels, country clubs, and courses.

Today, the scenic city attracts visitors from around the globe who attend the acclaimed BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament and participate in the city's annual Ironman event. It's an ideal choice for a luxury retreat, as well as a hub for family-friendly activities such as hiking, swimming, golf, tennis, and pickleball.

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SIGNATURE
EVENTS**1 Watch Pro Tennis**

The BNP Paribas Open, held annually in March at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, brings together the top tennis players in the world and is reported to be the best-attended tournament outside the four Grand Slams. Be sure to check out the practice courts to see the players up close.

2 Listen and Learn

Desert Town Hall, one of the preeminent speaker series in the nation, hosts discussions with some of the most notable names in culture and politics. Held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, the series presents four programs per year.

3 Swim, Bike, Run

Each year, athletes descend on the city for the Ironman 70.3 Indian Wells – La Quinta event, which includes a run through Indian Wells Golf Resort and finish line at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

4 Discover the Arts

The Indian Wells Arts Festival presents established artists alongside emerging talent. Thousands of one-of-a-kind works of art across some 30 mediums make the festival a prime source of acquisition for serious buyers and new collectors.

5 Seasonal Fun

Discover the delights of the holiday season under starlit skies and swaying palm trees. Winterfest, the city's annual holiday event, includes night golf activities, a roller rink, and food and drink offerings.



SPONSORED

RESORT

Tommy Bahama Miramonte Resort & Spa

📍 45000 INDIAN
WELLS LANE
INDIAN WELLS

☎ 855-820-0744

➔ TOMMYBAHAMA
MIRAMONTE.COM

Renowned lifestyle brand Tommy Bahama has expanded its world of relaxation with the launch of Tommy Bahama Miramonte Resort & Spa, located in the heart of Indian Wells.

Following an extensive renovation and redesign that

blends island living with desert luxury, the transformed resort sits on 11 expansive acres of olive trees and citrus groves, with sweeping views of the Santa Rosa Mountains.

The 215 guest rooms and re-imagined villa suites are infused with a tropical aesthetic.

Distinguished for its exceptional hospitality, the elevated wellness retreat features the relaxing Spa Rosa, a restaurant called Grapefruit Basil that serves brunch and dinner every day, three saltwater pools, and a lively pool bar called Chiki Palm.

“Our first-ever resort has been 30 years in the making,” says Tommy Bahama CEO Doug Wood. “From welcoming you with our world-class hospitality to inspiring you with elevated details, we can’t wait to share this unique experience with you.”

RESORT

Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa

44400 INDIAN WELLS LANE
INDIAN WELLS

760-773-4444

MARRIOTT.COM

Low-key living is the sine qua non of Renaissance hotel culture. This property welcomes with spacious guest rooms (each with a private balcony),

Mediterranean-inspired fare at Cava restaurant, spa treatments, and access to golf at neighboring Indian Wells Golf Resort. Families love the Desert Glow Entertainment hub, with virtual-reality and arcade games, duckpin bowling, and an escape room. For guests who'd rather soak up the vitamin D, the pool's sandy beach entry and island-style bar are calling.



RESORT

Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa

44600 INDIAN WELLS LANE, INDIAN WELLS

760-776-1234

INDIANWELLS.HYATT.COM

After rolling out of your plush bed, start the morning with iced coffee and housemade pastries at the Hyatt Regency's Citrus Marketplace & Café. Families head straight to the on-site waterpark to race down two twisting slides and float along the lazy river. The resort also features tennis, pickleball, a destination spa, and golf at Indian Wells Golf Resort, located on the same campus. Wash the day away with desert-inspired cocktails at the Agave Sunset bar, or sample the private-label Agave Sunset premium tequila, made by Herradura exclusively for this property.



HOTEL

Sands Hotel & Spa

44985 PROVINCE WAY, INDIAN WELLS

760-321-3771

SANDSHOTEL ANDSPA.COM

If the name Martyn Lawrence Bullard attached as designer of the Sands Hotel & Spa doesn't impress on its own (it does), the hospitality at this high-end property will. Forty-six guest

rooms, a full-service spa, a private wedding garden, and the delightful Pink Cabana restaurant and bar offer up a fusion of Moroccan and midcentury sensibilities that feels a little like falling into another dimension. Utilizing bold, playful colors and patterns, lush textures, and plenty of light, this destination is a vacation unto itself. Nestled amid an

olive grove, the spa has individual and couple's treatment rooms available. Indulge in a Moroccan Radiance facial to smooth fine lines and rejuvenate the skin or an 80-minute Royal Rhassoul hammam-style body treatment with dry brushing. Then spend the rest of your day lounging by the pool and enjoying one of the desert's best boutique-resort experiences.

HOTEL

Indian Wells Resort Hotel

76661 HIGHWAY 111
INDIAN WELLS

760-345-6466

INDIANWELLS RESORT.COM

Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz dreamed up this winter getaway for A-listers in 1957. Known now for reasonable rates and a fabulous location, close to the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, the property notably features a retro supper club in the lobby with regular staged dinner shows.

Back in the 1950s, Arnaz also helped to develop the adjacent Indian Wells Country Club and put it on the map as host of the PGA Tour's first Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. Resort guests can still play at the club's private golf course.



SPONSORED

GOLF

Indian Wells Golf Resort

📍 44500 INDIAN WELLS LANE
INDIAN WELLS

☎ 760-346-4653

➔ INDIANWELLS
GOLFRESORT.COM

A 36-hole golf haven with stay-and-play packages available at four neighboring hotels, Indian Wells Golf Resort offers one of the most complete golfing experiences in Southern California.

Its two courses, Celebrity and Players (aptly dubbed “Beauty and the Beast”), provide a postcard-perfect setting for a day on the links.

Clive Clark’s Celebrity Course stretches across an undulating landscape with streams and split-level lakes with waterfall features, while the John Fought–designed Players Course tests even the most well-seasoned golfers with sculpted bunkers and thickets of trees.

Pre- or post-game, on-site restaurant Vue Grille & Bar

serves up craft beers, mixed drinks, and California cuisine.

Home to the Indian Wells Academy, the resort staffs a team of PGA professionals who impart their love of the game to players at any level. Brush up your game with a skill session, sign up for a club fitting, or practice in one of the Trackman-powered virtual golf bays.

Both enthusiasts and novice players love the Shots in the Night, when seven putting greens and the Top Tracer driving range light up with lasers for fun evening play.

In 2023, the pro shop was named a top 100 retail shop by AGM. In 2022, both courses were recognized by a panel in *Golfweek*’s list of “Best Courses You Can Play.”



ASK A LOCAL

JAN BOYDSTUN

Owner
Kitchen Kitchen

1 The beginning: My parents retired and moved to the desert in 1978. They had friends who owned a kitchen store in Arizona, and they found it to be so interesting, so they decided on a store in Rancho Mirage and opened their doors in 1979.

2 Cooking classes: We started the cooking classes back in 2009. My mom was a really great cook. People were coming to her for advice on how to operate their gadgets. That definitely inspired me.

3 About the store: It's a magical place with all of the fun items to make life easier in the kitchen. If we don't have it, you don't need it. It always smells really good when you walk in because we sell coffee beans, and we're constantly grinding coffee.

SHOP

Kitchen Kitchen

📍 74945 HIGHWAY 111, INDIAN WELLS
☎ 760-568-0620
→ KITCHEN KITCHEN.COM

If you're looking for a contraption you saw on QVC, you may very well find it here. Known as the Gadget Gal, owner

Jan Boydston has appeared on local television and hosted hundreds of gadget demos around the Coachella Valley and beyond. An eclectic extravaganza of culinary tools, serveware, and gourmet food items awaits at her family-run store, which also hosts chef-helmed cooking classes.



ATTRACTION

Indian Wells Tennis Garden

📍 78200 MILES AVE., INDIAN WELLS
☎ 760-200-8400
→ DESERTCHAMPIONS.COM

World-renowned as host of the two-week BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament — and regarded as one of the most beautiful facilities in the game — this sporting complex also stages live music performances, car shows, art festivals, and entertainment throughout the year. For those not named Federer, Williams, or Djokovic, a fitness center and a variety of tennis memberships are available.



SPONSORED

DINING

Vue Grille & Bar

📍 44500 INDIAN WELLS LANE, INDIAN WELLS
☎ 760-834-3800
→ INDIANWELLSGOLFRESORT.COM

You're in for good times and great views at Indian Wells Golf Resort's clubhouse restaurant. With sweeping walls of glass and a large covered patio, the second-level hangout serves lunch and dinner with an approachable menu that rotates seasonally. Prix fixe options are available for groups, and produce comes from within a 70-mile radius. Stop in, and you'll see why it's a local favorite.

DINING

Eureka!

📍 74985 HIGHWAY 111, INDIAN WELLS
☎ 760-834-7700
→ EUREKARESTAURANTGROUP.COM

The cool, casual concept restaurant boasts a big-time burger menu. There's an option topped with fig marmalade and goat cheese, one with pickled jalapeños and a fried egg, and another adorned with bone-marrow butter. A housemade beet-and-kidney-bean patty will satisfy veg-heads. The eatery is just as well-known for its bustling bar, which stocks an impressive roster of craft beer and small-batch whiskeys.





DINING

Nobu

📍 78200 MILES AVE., INDIAN WELLS

☎ 760-200-8185

→ NOBURESTAURANTS.COM/INDIAN-WELLS

Originally established as a pop-up during the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, the highly regarded Japanese restaurant now remains open year-round. World-renowned chef Nobu Matsuhisa developed the global concept chain. Sample all his signature items, from the famous tacos to succulent sashimi and melt-in-your-mouth maki. Save room for the Blueberry Yuzu Tennis Ball dessert, a fruity nod to the restaurant's unrivaled views of Stadium 2.

DINING

Baby's Marché

📍 75270 HIGHWAY 111,
STE. 200, INDIAN WELLS

☎ 442-666-4472

→ BABYSMARCHE.COM

Bringing a taste of Europe to Indian Wells, this small gourmet market and café, recently opened by chef Justin Snyder and his wife, Johanna, specializes in sandwiches and panini

stuffed with fine cheeses, veggies, and meats like prosciutto de parma, Italian roasted ham, and salami. Care to host a picnic? Order the charcuterie box to go for a graze-worthy selection of cheeses, cured meats, fruits, and crackers. The market vends pantry items including herbal teas, handcrafted sauces, candles, and cookbooks, while the butcher sources high-quality options like wagyu.

SPONSORED

DINING

Vicky's of Santa Fe

📍 45100 CLUB DRIVE, INDIAN WELLS

☎ 760-345-9770

→ VICKYSOFSANTAFE.COM



Since 1989, the place for cocktails, dinner, live music, and nightlife in Indian Wells — Vicky's of Santa Fe — has been recognized for its award-winning American cuisine. The restaurant is consistently awarded "Best Hot Spot" and "Best Live Music Venue" by OpenTable diners. Take it from owner Marc Laliberte: "Vicky's is a place where everyone knows your name and guests become friends and family." There are multiple dining rooms, a bar, and a lounge with live music and electrifying performances every night. Reservations are required, with no cover charge. Nightly specials satisfy all appetites, bartenders shake up signature cocktails all night, and a walk-in wine cellar features a variety of California wines.



La Quinta



"Bird Song" by Nate Frizzell
is located across from
La Quinta Community Park at
77895 Avenida Montezuma.





As Angelenos discovered the call of the desert wild in the early 1900s and arrived to unwind in the hot springs, hit the links, and hang with fellow luminaries, some ventured farther east, toward the Santa Rosa Mountains.

Among them was entrepreneur Walter H. Morgan, heir to an oyster company fortune. He purchased 1,400 acres in the East Valley foothills and in 1926 opened a Spanish-style refuge, La Quinta Hotel (now La Quinta Resort & Club). When the city was incorporated in 1982, it was named after the property.

La Quinta has 25 golf courses designed by some of the sport's best, including nine at PGA West, host of the PGA Tour's The American Express golf tournament. From hiking and biking to outdoor yoga, recreation abounds in this city that's also known for its prestigious country clubs, charming Old Town, and lively arts scene. One visit and you'll quickly learn why La Quinta is locally known as the "Gem of the Desert."

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ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY

1 Take a Ride

Choose from 47 cycling routes in La Quinta, including Bear Creek Trail — the 5-mile paved pathway follows the southern edge of the Santa Rosa Mountains through a protected nature preserve and into the desert.

2 Get Inspired

Art is an ever-present part of La Quinta culture with more than 200 local artists calling the city home. There are over 150 pieces of public art installed throughout the city and two exhibit halls at the La Quinta Museum to explore.

3 Park It

From pickleball, tennis, and swimming at Fritz Burns Park to skateboarding at X Park, there is always something fun to enjoy at the city's public parks. Many have tables and barbecues for easy picnicking.

4 Serenity Now

Indulge in some much-needed relaxation and quiet time in this beautiful desert oasis. La Quinta contains a plethora of yoga studios, resorts, spas, and apothecaries to support you in your wellness journey.

5 Tee Off

Arnold Palmer, Pete Dye, and Greg Norman are just some of the legends who have built golf courses in La Quinta, where a shift toward native landscaping aids in habitat and water conservation efforts. PGA professionals often refer to the city as one of the most scenic places to play.

HOTEL

The Chateau at Lake La Quinta

📍 78120 CALEO BAY DRIVE, LA QUINTA

☎ 760-564-7332

→ THECHATEAU.COM

A French manor with verdant lawns and flowering gardens overlooks a 25-acre man-made lake dotted with small boats. Doesn't quite sound like the desert, does it? Each of the 24 rooms at this boutique hotel boasts lake views and a king-size bed; most have private or semi-private balconies or patios. From your

first meal of the day to the last, waterside restaurant Mélange maintains a quaint European café feel with classically Californian fare. Pancetta-topped avocado toast, a roasted beet salad with locally grown dates and pistachios, seared tuna with sticky rice, and a chutney-dressed Duroc pork chop are among the offerings.



HOTEL

Embassy Suites by Hilton La Quinta Hotel & Spa

📍 50777 SANTA ROSA PLAZA, LA QUINTA

☎ 760-777-1711

→ HILTON.COM

A scenic five-minute walk to Old Town La Quinta, this pet-friendly property was designed to feel like a home away from home. Make the most of your stay by taking advantage of the fitness center, pool, and complimentary made-to-order breakfast and evening reception.



RESORT

La Quinta Resort & Club

📍 49499 EISENHOWER DRIVE, LA QUINTA

☎ 760-564-4111

→ LAQUINTARESORT.COM

Fall into history at the storied La Quinta Resort & Club. Originally opened in 1926, this desert resort has one of the lengthiest pedigrees. It started out as an irresistible magnet for Hollywood luminaries and ultimately blossomed across 45 acres that now

have approximately 800 casitas, villas, and suites designed in the Spanish mission, Spanish hacienda, and Spanish colonial styles. A devoted staff of professionals includes many who have made guest comfort their priority for more than three decades. A full-service spa, multiple

well-loved restaurants, and high-end retail are just some of the amenities. On-site fitness options include several climate-controlled swimming pools, a yoga studio, tennis and pickleball courts, golf, and hiking trails. It's easy to get lost here, in the best possible way.



ARTS + CULTURE

La Quinta Museum

📍 77885 AVENIDA MONTEZUMA
LA QUINTA

☎ 760-777-7170

→ FB.COM/LAQUINTAMUSEUM

From vintage photography exhibits to experiential geology

workshops, this intimate desert gem invites curious minds of all ages to explore the arts, culture, and sciences through storytelling and community discussion. On the first floor, get an overview of the area's roots and evolution, starting with the Indigenous Cahuilla. Upstairs, exhibitions rotate, so there's always something new to see.



RECREATION

X Park

📍 46170 DUNE PALMS ROAD, LA QUINTA

☎ 760-777-7004

→ ACTIONPARKALLIANCE.COM

Pro skateboarder Tony Hawk was among the first to test out the new X Park, which opened in La Quinta in early 2022. The 40,000-square-foot concrete skate park is one of the largest in the state, with a combi bowl designed

in collaboration with two-time champion skateboarder Eddie Elguera, plus a pump track, street plaza, kidney bowl, and flow bowl with a mini ramp. Skateboarding lessons, camps, and events happen throughout the year.

DESTINATION

Old Town La Quinta

📍 78100 MAIN ST., LA QUINTA

☎ 760-600-0758

→ OLDTOWNLAQUINTA.COM

An overseas trip inspired developer Wells Marvin to build a Spanish-style town square in La Quinta. His goal: to cultivate a European sense of charm and bonhomie in the desert. Old Town La Quinta has become a popular gathering place for locals and visitors.

Cobblestone sidewalks brimming with bougainvillea connect casual restaurants and bars with retailers of everything from fine olive oils to artisanal skincare products. You'll also find hair and nail salons. Frequent events include a farmers market and art fairs.

HIKING

Cove to Lake Trail

📍 CALLE TECATE AND AVENIDA BERMUDAS
LA QUINTA

Several hiking trails embark from the La Quinta Cove neighborhood. This moderate option leads through the Santa Rosa foothills, past a private golf course, to Lake Cahuilla, where you can camp, fish, and ride horses. The out-and-back Cove to Lake Trail is approximately 3.3 miles one way. Seasoned hikers can extend the trek by connecting to the strenuous Boo Hoff Trail, which loops through the mountains and gains more than 1,900 feet in elevation for a round-trip distance of about 12 miles.

SHOP

Elizabeth & Prince

📍 78075 MAIN ST., LA QUINTA

☎ 760-564-4100

→ ELIZABETHANDPRINCE.COM

Need a new dress for dinner? Outfit your entire getaway at this chic, locally owned apparel and accessories boutique. Marrying the desert resort experience with New York sensibilities,

Elizabeth & Prince serves elevated vacation vibes in spades. Expect to find a curated selection of well-made pieces that flaunt gorgeous fabrics and feminine shapes.



SPONSORED

GOLF

SilverRock Resort

📍 79179 AHMANSON LANE, LA QUINTA

☎ 760-777-8884

➔ SILVERROCK.ORG

SilverRock's Arnold Palmer Classic Course, designed by The King himself, has long been one of the valley's most engaging public plays. The 2008–2011 host of the annual Bob Hope Classic tournament (now The American Express) continues to play at a lofty level befitting its Santa Rosa Mountain surrounds.

Now in the process of a long-anticipated \$420 million enhancement project across the celebrated grounds, a back-nine rework has allotted space for forthcoming Montage and Pendry hotels and residences, a resort village, and a 71,000-square-foot conference center.

The upgrades to the latter half of the brawny, 7,239-yard course became an instant desert sensation, with highlights including a new par-3 11th hole testing over water to a long putting surface, a fresh par-5 12th with forced carry over water from the back tees, and a drivable

par-4 home hole with strategic placement of midfairway sand.

Before or after your round, the on-site (and dog-friendly) SilverRock Grill remains an East Valley breakfast and lunch darling, with inviting hillside vistas and affordable pricing along with a full bar.

SPONSORED

GOLF

PGA WEST

📍 55955 PGA BLVD.
LA QUINTA

☎ 800-742-9378

➔ PGAWEST.COM

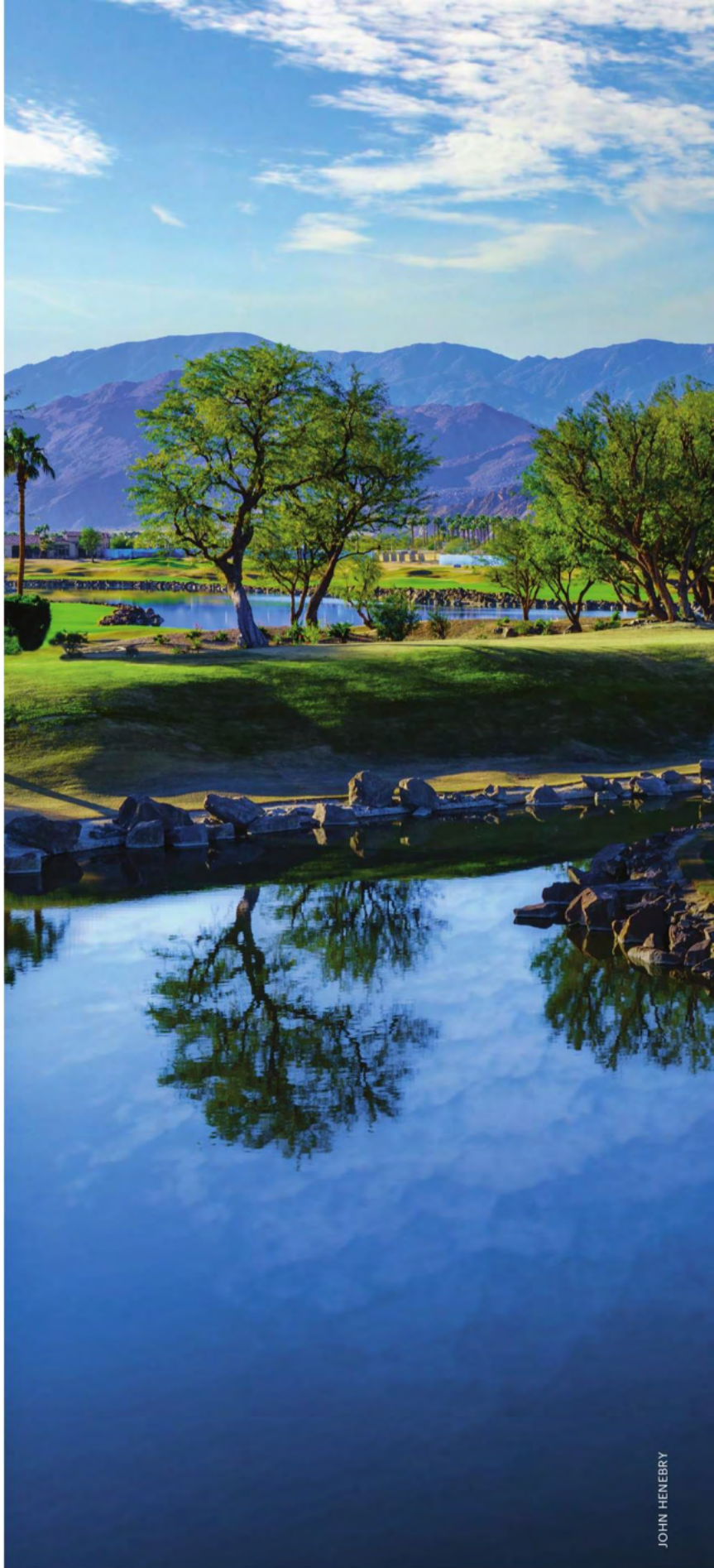
Play in the footsteps of legends at PGA WEST, a prestigious golf destination and residential community. PGA WEST boasts nine championship golf courses (five of which are available for public play), the world-class PGA WEST Golf Academy, multiple restaurants, and an array of recreational amenities and activities for club members.

Long recognized as “The Western Home of Golf in America,” the facility has hosted more than 50 renowned PGA Tour, PGA Tour Champions, LPGA, and NCAA tournaments across its courses designed by golfing greats Arnold Palmer, Tom Weiskopf, Pete Dye, Greg Norman, and Jack Nicklaus. One of the most famous shots in golf history occurred on Dye’s Stadium Course, when Lee Trevino made a hole-in-one during the 1987 Skins Game at

what many refer to as the most challenging hole in the desert — the 17th island green known as “Alcatraz.”

The Stadium Course and Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course play host to The American Express, a highly anticipated PGA Tour event held annually in January. A two-night outdoor concert series featuring major headliners highlights the extraordinary fan experience for players and spectators.

PGA WEST is in the process of an extensive, multiyear restoration project on all nine courses to bring conditions back to their original splendor and ensure a top-notch experience for golfers. Award-winning golf architect Tim Liddy, who worked closely with Dye for almost three decades, is overseeing the restoration of the Stadium Course, as well as Pete Dye’s Mountain and Dunes Courses. Golf Digest recently named the Stadium Course as one of “America’s 100 Greatest Public Courses.”



JOHN HENEBRY





SPONSORED

DINING

Twenty6

49499 EISENHOWER
DRIVE
LA QUINTA

760-564-7600

LAQUINTA
RESORT.COM

Unlike La Quinta Resort & Club's earliest guests — known to discreetly pour verboten spirits in their orange juice to create Citrus Blossoms during Prohibition — modern visitors love the ever-evolving list of innovative cocktails they can now find at all the hotel's restaurants.

Twenty6, the resort's modern American bistro, beckons patrons from the ground floor with tempting

libations, an art deco dining area with ample sunlight, a lively sports bar with flat-screen TVs, and a robust food menu. It's named for the year the property opened, 1926.

Serving comfort classics for breakfast, lunch, and dinner using locally sourced ingredients, Twenty6 is perhaps best known for its takes on eggs

Benedict, prepared one of three ways: with classic Canadian bacon, Scottish smoked salmon, or portobello mushrooms. Pair any with the Bloody Maria, made with house-infused jalapeño tequila, and brunch doesn't get much better.

Salads, burgers, flatbreads, and shareables like crispy Brussels sprouts round out the afternoon and evening offerings. All dishes are made with fresh,

seasonal ingredients, which means that while guests can always rely on finding their favorite meals on the menu, they can also find innovative and creative combinations that quickly become new favorites.

Whether it's brunch, happy hour, or an elegant dinner you crave, Twenty6 ensures every moment is delicious.





SPONSORED

DINING

Adobe Grill

📍 49499 EISENHOWER
DRIVE, LA QUINTA

☎ 760-564-7600

→ LAQUINTARESORT.COM

Known for authentic Oaxacan cuisine and a colorful motif, this La Quinta Resort & Club restaurant appeals to an array of tastes with indoor and outdoor seating options, plus an open-air plaza bar.

The dining area by the kitchen (complete with a cozy fireplace) offers a lively ambiance where guests can watch chefs craft fresh tortillas and the rest of their meal. A front patio serves up the ultimate alfresco experience, inviting diners to relax with a libation while

the sun dips behind the mountain. The vibe shifts at the top of the plaza, where margaritas flow and the sound of music spills into the air from Adobe Grill's secondary bar.

Mexico's Oaxaca region is known for seafood, so you'll find more of that here than at your traditional Sonoran-style restaurant. The pork tamales are so tasty, they've won awards; order them as a combo plate with the equally delicious chicken enchilada and chile

relleno. A thoughtful curation of more than 100 types of tequila can be made into a dozen signature margaritas or bespoke cocktails. Locals love the Pepina Diablo, muddled with cucumber and jalapeño and shaken with freshly squeezed citrus juice.

Delicious drinks and savory dishes make Adobe a winner for date night or a weekend outing with a group, whether you're just rolling out of your villa at the resort or visiting the property after a day exploring town.

COURTESY LA QUINTA RESORT & CLUB (2)



SPONSORED

DINING

Morgan's in the Desert

📍 49499 EISENHOWER DRIVE
LA QUINTA

☎ 760-564-7600

➔ LAQUINTARESORT.COM

Morgan's in the Desert is older than La Quinta Resort & Club itself — if you go by their names, that is. This swanky fine-dining destination was the prominent resort's first eatery, opened in the late 1920s when Bay Area businessman Walter H. Morgan bought land from the Cahuilla Indians and created a desert retreat for his Hollywood friends. In those days, a rustic communal table sat amid luxury casitas that provided refuge for the likes of Joan Crawford and Greta Garbo.

Morgan's still has a long chef's table for private parties, but the restaurant inevitably expanded and evolved with the times. It remains on the A-list for modern-day celebrities; of course, today's guest list extends far beyond the jet set. Many are drawn to its historic charm coupled with cutting-edge cuisine and

mixology. You'll find comforts from the past, like the fireplace, piano music, and cowboy mural that's been here since 1926, while the epicurean experience has evolved to include seasonal ingredients, with special attention paid to local flavors.

The menu is ever diversifying. Given offerings deeply rooted in California cuisine, you can always expect fresh market salads, savory small plates, Prime steaks, and chargrilled seafood, plus an extensive wine list to perfectly complement every meal.

At the entrance, a walkway trellised by bougainvillea plumes spills into the homey yet upscale dining salon and lounge, featuring frequent live entertainment. The front patio is ideal for people-watching, while the outdoor firepit is as cozy as the cinnamon-smoked old fashioned — one of many signature libations at Morgan's.





COURTESY LA QUINTA RESORT & CLUB

DINING

Lavender Bistro

📍 78073 CALLE BARCELONA, LA QUINTA

☎ 760-564-5353

→ LAVENDERBISTRO.COM

Fine dining doesn't have to take place in a stuffy dining room. This restaurant pairs its elevated experience with an elegant patio, where guests enjoy live music and delectable fare beneath a canopy of string-lit trees. It's an exceptional backdrop for a special occasion. Locals love the bar scene for upscale bites including Kobe beef sliders and a king crab cocktail.

DINING

Old Town Taproom & Grill

📍 78100 MAIN ST., STE. 101, LA QUINTA

☎ 760-972-4251

→ LAQUINTABREWING.COM

The award-winning La Quinta Brewing Co. has swiped up international beer medals for a number of its locally inspired brews since opening in 2013. Poolside Blonde, Heatwave Amber Ale, and Old Town Honey Wheat are some of the brewery's greatest hits. Set in scenic Old Town,

this taproom (one of three locations) cultivates a warm and cozy vibe, indoors and out. This outpost also serves cider and wine on draft along with a menu of pub favorites, like a soft pretzel with smoked gouda beer-cheese sauce and a barbecue pulled pork sandwich. A kids menu is available upon request.



DINING

RD RNNR

📍 78075 MAIN ST., STE. 200, LA QUINTA

☎ 442-215-4929

→ ROADRUNNERLQ.COM

Opened by two longtime Coachella Valley restaurant vets, this Old Town La Quinta hangout recently expanded to a larger upstairs location. Expect contemporary farm-to-table fare in a laid-back setting that brims with fun art. Grab a seat at the bar to mingle with the townies over a glass of wine or a mixed drink.

DINING

La Quinta Cliffhouse

📍 78250 HIGHWAY 111, LA QUINTA

☎ 760-360-5991

→ LAQUINTACLIFFHOUSE.COM

If you've been staring at the mountain vistas imagining what it might be like to dine amid the jagged granite rocks, it's time for a dinner reservation at Cliffhouse. Jutting out from a hillside, the upper-level restaurant is accessible by either an elevator or an open-air

stairway that climbs over an entryway waterfall. The upscale-casual eatery serves classic American fare (think prime steak, salmon with beurre blanc, and braised short ribs) alongside a daily happy hour with shareables like baked scallops and fried zucchini.



DINING

Arnold Palmer's Restaurant

📍 78164 52ND AVE.
LA QUINTA
☎ 760-771-4653
→ ARNOLDPALMERSRESTAURANT.COM

Beloved for its massive patio, complete with a fire pit and putting green, Arnold Palmer's is a veritable shrine to golf's aptly nicknamed King. If you're into memorabilia, dinner

here is a must. (There's even a green Masters jacket on display.) And if you're not, it's 100 percent still worth a reservation for the live music, the hospitality, and the likelihood

that you're going to bump into a pro golfer or other incognito celebrity while you're there. Try Palmer's favorites: the classic meatloaf and a slice of coconut cream pie.

COFFEEHOUSE

Main Street Coffee Company

📍 78100 MAIN ST.,
STE. 102
LA QUINTA
☎ 760-289-6283
→ MAINSTREETCOFFEEHQ.COM

Whether you're in the mood for an espresso drink, a casual bite to eat, or a community atmosphere, you'll find your fix at this coffee shop in Old Town La Quinta. Fresh-baked muffins, scones, and vegan sweet rolls are an easy pick-me-up to pair with a coffee. The baristas also whip up items like avocado toast and breakfast sandwiches loaded with scrambled eggs and bacon on flaky croissants. You can order ahead online.



ENTERTAINMENT

Marvyn's Magic Theater

📍 46630 WASHINGTON ST.
LA QUINTA
☎ 833-627-8967
→ MARVYNSMAGICTHEATER.COM

Do you believe in magic? You will after a night at Marvyn's Magic Theater, where notable magicians will make you forget you're in the desert with their Las Vegas-style routines. (Host Jeff Hobson performed on the strip for 14 years prior to founding this place.) Shows run about 75 minutes, and you must be 21 to attend. Arrive early to enjoy pre-show entertainment and get warmed up at the swanky, full-service piano bar. Then settle in for an evening of dazzling interactive performance. You might even learn a few tricks yourself.

DINING

Aspen Mills Bakery & Café

📍 46520
WASHINGTON ST.
LA QUINTA
☎ 760-564-5266
→ FB.COM/ASPENMILLSBAKERY

Looking for a quick and delicious option for lunch? This local chain has been in the business of baking bread, muffins, cookies, and pies for more than 25 years. Four locations around the Coachella Valley make it easy to find a wholesome sandwich or a sweet treat.

Indio



"Sarbalé Ke" was originally installed at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival. See the large-scale sculptures at Dr. Carreon Park.





For those seeking sunshine and new opportunities in every direction, Indio bears the fruit of cultural exchange and youthful energy. The city takes center stage for major events such as the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival and Stagecoach Festival, the Indio International Tamale Festival, and the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival.

Development began in the area in the late 19th century when Southern Pacific Railroad tracks reached the Coachella Valley. Workers who settled to operate the station, opened in 1876, dubbed the village Indio, Spanish for "Indian" and a nod to the Cahuilla people who'd long occupied the land. Indio was incorporated in 1930, becoming the Coachella Valley's first official city. Population-wise, it is now the largest.

An ambitious revival of the downtown district is currently underway, with inspired arts and culinary businesses moving in and alfresco entertainment on tap throughout the year.

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SPOTS TO
SNAP A SELFIE**1 Sarbalé Ke**

Artist and architect Francis Kéré constructed 12 colorful towers representing baobab trees for Coachella festival in 2019. Nine of them, ranging in height from 9 to 49 feet, now create a shady gathering place at Dr. Carreon Park.

2 Colossal Cacti

Seven vibrantly painted saguaros served as a central meetup spot for Coachella festival attendees in 2019. The three smaller ones found a permanent home in downtown Indio at Smurr Street and Miles Avenue. A mountain mural by local artist Zach Fleming soon followed.

3 Indio Sign

A giant, colorful sculpture of the city's name marks the entrance to the Outdoor Living Room, a public lawn at Smurr Street and Miles Avenue that frequently hosts community events. Visit after dark to see the sign light up.

4 Yard Dog

This 12-foot-tall metal dog, designed by artist Don Kennell, was displayed a decade ago at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival. Since 2014, the landmark installation has towered over Hjorth Park.

5 Rebirth

Artist Nicole Ponsler captured hummingbirds flitting between flowers in her mural, "Rebirth," located at the Quick & Easy Market on Miles Avenue facing Kings Street. The 55- by 17-foot mural took approximately three months to create.

HOTEL**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott**

📍 42655 MARMARA ST.,
INDIO
☎ 760-863-4000
→ FAIRFIELD.
MARRIOTT.COM

Conveniently located off Interstate 10 at the Monroe Street exit, and only 19 miles from the Palm Springs International Airport, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott offers easy access to golf, tennis, and all your favorite attractions across Greater Palm Springs. The property has a pool and a fitness center, and the daily hot breakfast buffet is free. Two small pets (up to 18 pounds) are permitted per room for an extra fee.

RESORT**Shadow Hills RV Resort**

📍 40655 JEFFERSON ST., INDIO
☎ 760-360-4040
→ SHADOWHILLSRV RESORT.COM

Traveling in an RV or looking for an interesting place to camp? At Shadow Hills, choose from grass or paved RV sites or a variety of “glamping” options, including one-bedroom cottages, vintage trailers, teepees, and tent sites. Chill by the pond or get active. The property has a fitness center, a game room, walking trails, and a swimming pool. Pet stations ensure Fido feels right at home, too.

**RENTAL****Coachella Estate**

📍 INDIO
☎ 760-878-7084
→ PURVEYORSOF LEISURE.COM

The Coachella Estate is the perfect setting for weddings, family unions, corporate retreats, yoga gatherings, film shoots, winter escapes, and other celebrations. More than 2 acres of lush outdoor space includes a saltwater

pool with a hot tub, a waterfall, fire features, a koi pond, a huge grill with an outdoor dining area, and an outdoor bar. Festivalgoers will be happy to learn this location is only minutes from the VIP entrance of the Empire Polo

Club. The estate has hosted various touring artists and celebrities who make use of the RV hookups and space for buses of almost any size, making this expansive property an ideal hub for travelers of all kinds. Get ready for a memorable stay!

RESORT**WorldMark Indio**

📍 42151 WORLDMARK WAY, INDIO
☎ 760-342-1040
→ EXTRAHOLIDAYS.COM/INDIO-CALIFORNIA/
WORLDMARK-INDIO

A modest and budget-friendly resort along the northeastern edge of Indio, this palm- and pond-studded refuge sits near the foothills of Joshua Tree National Park. Located at the Golf Club at Terra Lago, the ample complex affords guests prime access to 36 holes of desert-terrain play, plus tennis, playgrounds, and an on-site mini water park with fountain features and a lazy river. One-, two-, and three-bedroom suites (with the capacity to sleep up to eight) are set up condo-style with full kitchens, en suite washers and dryers, and private patios equipped with grilling stations. While WorldMark is a timeshare resort, nonmembers are welcome.

SPONSORED

RESORT

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino

📍 84245 INDIO SPRINGS PARKWAY, INDIO

☎ 760-342-5000

➔ FANTASYSPRINGSRESORT.COM

Who needs Vegas when Fantasy Springs Resort Casino is right here? The glittering destination combines world-class entertainment, gaming, dining, lounging, golf, and bowling in one locale. The hotel boasts 250 rooms, many with spectacular views of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto mountains. Amenities include free valet, Wi-Fi, and use of the fitness center. For fun beyond the casino's 1,800 slot machines and 40 table games, the property offers off-track betting and bingo.

Outside, a 103-foot-long swimming pool is an oasis in the middle of the desert with cabanas that can be rented for the day, as well as friendly staff serving poolside food and drinks. Meanwhile, the property's 18-hole Eagle Falls Golf Course, designed by renowned architect Clive Clark, stretches across 6,715 yards with elevations and water features

not usually seen on a golf course that's open for public play.

The 3,700-seat events center hosts major concerts as well as trade shows, business expos, and Golden Boy Boxing. The resort also draws crowds at the swanky rooftop bar, Twelve; the sultry two-story lounge, LIT; and outdoor venue The Rock Yard, featuring some of the world's best tribute bands.

The abundance of activities is sure to work up an appetite. Fantasy Springs' ample dining options have something for every taste: delicious California cuisine at POM, steaks and sushi at The Bistro, diner-style eats and treats at Lique, modern Asian fare at JOY, fresh slices and sandwiches at The Pizza Kitchen, and an assortment of ever-changing choices at The Fresh Grill Buffet. There's even a Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory for a sweet-tooth fix.



COURTESY FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO (2)



BOWLING**Fantasy Lanes**

📍 84245 INDIO SPRINGS PARKWAY
INDIO

☎ 760-342-5000

→ FANTASYSPRINGSRESORT.COM

When the competitive spirit strikes, round up the crew for a night at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino's 24-lane bowling alley. It's your standard ball-and-pins hall with all the trappings that make bowling night great: a bar, an arcade, and late-night lasers, plus bumpers for the little guys. Weekend party packages include cake, ice cream, and pizza.

ARTS + CULTURE**Desert TheatreWorks**

📍 45175 FARGO ST.
INDIO

☎ 760-980-1455

→ DTWORKS.ORG

Located at the Indio Performing Arts Center, this nonprofit theater company strives to educate, entertain, and expose members of the community to cultural experiences. Desert TheatreWorks is a true community theater featuring local performers, designers, technicians, and volunteers who collaborate to produce entertaining plays and musicals year round.

ATTRACTION**Empire Polo Club**

📍 81800 AVE. 51, INDIO

☎ 760-342-2762

→ EMPIREPOLOEVENTS.COM

Known the world over as the host site of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival and its country spinoff, Stagecoach, Empire Polo Club sprawls across more than 250

acres in Indio. Opened in 1987 as a polo facility for international games, the legendary venue is dotted with backdrops for events of every kind. Grass-based sports remain a big part of the draw

today, from football and lacrosse to soccer and polo. In addition to its expansive grass fields, Empire provides on-site equestrian facilities, including stabling for more than 500 horses.

**ATTRACTION****Shields Date Garden**

📍 80225 HIGHWAY 111, INDIO

☎ 800-414-2555

→ SHIELDSDATEGARDEN.COM

This date farm has been operating since 1924, when original owners Floyd and Bess Shields arrived in the Coachella Valley from the Midwest. It's easy to spend a few hours here. Plan to wander the palm groves and garden pathways, which wind through a series of curious statues depicting biblical scenes and around a lake. Then check out a cheeky yet informative documentary called *The Romance & Sex Life of the Date* that's been playing on a loop in the theater since 1953. Before you leave, stop by the gift shop and take a tub of dates and a treat to go — you can't visit Shields without ordering the famously decadent date shake.

▶ WATCH VIDEO

ARTS + CULTURE

Coachella Valley History Museum

📍 82616 MILES AVE., INDIO

☎ 760-342-6651

→ CVHM.ORG

If walls could talk, these would sing of the desert's earliest settlers. The historic complex comprises the 1909 Indio Schoolhouse, the Smiley-Tyler House, and the California Date History Museum. The schoolhouse, which was relocated to the museum campus, was built with the help of workers from the Southern Pacific Railroad. The Smiley-Tyler property was the home and medical practice of a doctor and his wife. Today, it contains collec-

tions that center around the Cahuilla Indians and agri-culture and also hosts rotating art exhibitions. The date museum chronicles the palm's transplan-tation to and growth within the California desert. Connecting the buildings are various themed gardens — roses, date palms, desert flora, and Japanese. A primarily volunteer staff maintains the grounds, as well as a comprehensive archive depository detailing more than a century of Coachella Valley happenings.



SHOP

Return of the Goods

📍 82789 MILES AVE., INDIO

→ INSTAGRAM.COM/RETURNOFTHEGOODS

During the pandemic, Daniel Mata devel-oped an interest in secondhand apparel, traveling as far as Texas to rescue retro streetwear from obscurity. His shop, Return of the Goods, grew from a booth at the Indio swap meet to a brick-and-mortar in Old Town Indio.

Mata takes a unique approach to selling, rounding up themed drops, like 50-plus-piece collections of NASCAR merch or vintage Nike. Along with his fair prices, fans are drawn to Mata's generous spirit. "My slogan," he shares, "is 'Recycle love.'"

ATTRACTION

Eldorado Polo Club

📍 50950 MADISON ST., INDIO

☎ 760-342-2223

→ ELDORADOPOLOCLUB.COM

Hop over to Eldorado Polo Club to watch Sunday polo, January through March. Or learn to play yourself: The Eldorado Polo and Riding Academy caters to everyone from beginner riders to well-seasoned players, 8 to 80 years old. Stay for a meal with a view at The Cantina.



ASK A LOCAL

DANIEL MATA

Owner

Return of the Goods

1 Goods you can expect to find:

Graphic T-shirts, sports, concert, wrestling, and women's [apparel and accessories]. Our sizes range from small to 3X.

2 Where I source:

I travel out of state and out of town. I meet people and build relationships with people on the road. In time they'll call me and say, 'Hey, I have this available, do you want to come by and check it out?' And now I'm capable of getting things from original owners.

3 My motivation:

Giving my com-munity something that's in demand, having people find their own identity with my clothing, and just giving the east end of the valley a chance to obtain vintage for a very reasonable price.



GOLF The Lights at Indio GC

📍 83040 AVE. 42, INDIO
☎ 760-391-4049
→ INDIOGOLF.COM

At nearly 2,800 yards from the tips, the desert's only course lit for evening play is one of the longest par 3s in the county. Lights stay on until 10 p.m., and the facility includes a full driving range, chipping and putting areas, and active FootGolf leagues. (The Lights was the Coachella Valley's first accredited American FootGolf League course.) PGA golf instructor David Ruvalo offers one-on-one lessons for all levels and hosts junior clinics twice a year.

DINING TKB Bakery & Deli

📍 45334 GOLF CENTER PARKWAY, INDIO
☎ 760-775-8330
→ TKBBAKERY.COM

If you haven't already heard of TKB, you clearly aren't on Yelp. This family-owned deli was ranked the No. 1 restaurant in America in 2018. Let that sink in for a moment. TKB beat out Thomas Keller's Michelin-starred Per Se restau-

rant in New York City and that spendy Los Angeles sushi spot you saw on Netflix's *Chef's Table*. Why? Their sandwiches are the stuff lunch legends are made of. Popular options: the Mexican Marilyn Monroe and the Trump Card.



COFFEEHOUSE Everbloom Coffee

📍 81730 HIGHWAY 111, STE. 14, INDIO
☎ 442-274-1316
→ EVERBLOOM.COFFEE

After getting their start with a pop-up coffee cart, Coachella Valley natives Matthew Ortega and Efrain Mercado now sling caffeine at a sleek brick-and-mortar. They pour a custom chai blend, and their syrups are made in house. Don't miss Everbloom's popular iced butterscotch latte. Order it the way Mercado likes it: hot with oat milk.

DINING Pueblo Viejo Grill

📍 81931 HIGHWAY 111, INDIO
☎ 760-342-5900
→ PUEBLOVIEJOGRILL.COM

Time-honored Mexican recipes and a well-stocked tequila bar: This is what Indio dining is all about. If you can't choose between the crispy tacos or the homemade tamales smothered in tomatillo sauce, opt for the combo plate and try both. A favorite among locals, this family-run spot is low-key but lively—particularly for happy hour. There can be a considerable wait, but the meal and the margaritas are worth it. The family operates a second location in Palm Desert.

FROM TOP: DANIELA STALLINGER; HATNIM LEE, COURTESY TKB BAKERY & DELI



DINING

Big Rock Golf & Pub

📍 79940 WESTWARD HO DRIVE, INDIO

☎ 760-200-9844

→ THEBIGROCKPUB.COM

This classic rock-themed restaurant and bar serves elevated pub food with a side of live music. The menu features dishes like a spicy fried chicken sandwich, carnitas tacos, and a bananas Foster bread pudding. Sited on the course at Indian Springs Golf Club, the outdoor beer garden is a great place

to chill out post-golf and catch the latest sports event on the big-screen TVs. Owner Ken Hanna collects music memorabilia, which is displayed throughout the pub, including one of Jimi Hendrix's ensembles and a fleet of signed guitars. Many of the items are for sale, and proceeds benefit Desert Cancer Foundation.

DINING

June Hill's Table

📍 51750 POLO CLUB DRIVE, INDIO

☎ 760-797-7229

→ MYTRILOGYLIFE.COM/POLO/DINING

Located at Trilogy at The Polo Club, a members-only active-living resort, June Hill's Table presents an elevated take on seasonal eating. You don't have to be a member to dine here, but you'll feel like one. Much of the produce, herbs, and spices used are sourced at community gardens.

DINING

Casa de Silvia

📍 82720 MILES AVE., INDIO

☎ 760-899-3765

→ FB.COM/CASADESILVIAOFFICIAL

One glance at the impressive trophy collection at Casa de Silvia will clue you in to the dish that Silvia Rendon is known for — she and her namesake restaurant have been an International Tamale Festival favorite since 2015. The first time she entered the festival, Rendon nabbed the Best Overall Tamale award. While the tamales are a requisite, Casa de Silvia's full menu illustrates her complete mastery over Mexican cuisine. Don't forget to order an agua fresca.



DINING

Cork & Fork

📍 49890 JEFFERSON ST., STE. 100, INDIO

☎ 760-777-7555

→ CORKANDFORKWINEBAR.COM

The lively local gathering spot excels in items you can pass around (especially during happy hour, when small plates are 20 percent off). Try

the crispy cauliflower, deviled eggs, and butter-poached lobster shooters. Multicourse wine dinners and intimate chef's table experiences often

sell out and are worth the splurge. Chef and owner Andie Hubka also runs nearby Heirloom Craft Kitchen, another great option for a fabulous meal out.

Coachella





Find the "Love Letters" mural by Michelle Ruby, aka Mr B Baby, on Grapefruit Boulevard and Fifth Street. Opposite: The new Coachella Firehouse Bar & Grill.



While the name Coachella has become synonymous with music and arts, the city itself is rich in Mexican heritage, which shines through in the authentic eateries and vibrant murals that bring Coachella's walkable downtown to life.

An agricultural hub dotted with produce fields and farms that empower Greater Palm Springs restaurants to serve fresh, locally sourced fare, Coachella arose as a farming community more than a century ago. In the 1960s and '70s, the city became a battleground in the civil rights movement as activists including César Chávez and Dolores Huerta led farmworkers in protests for better wages and working conditions.

Known for its small-town vibe, Coachella is a family-oriented destination where the past and future merge — a city with burgeoning industries, including canna-tourism — where visitors can learn about the desert's history and immerse in the cultural heartbeat of Greater Palm Springs.

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WAYS TO ENGAGE THE SENSES

1 See the Art

From Coachella Walls, which includes dozens of murals in the downtown Pueblo Viejo district, to large-scale installations originally displayed at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, inspiration is never far away.

2 Touch the Earth

The Cahuilla word *temalpakh* means "from the earth." It's an apt name for the produce farm operated by the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians. Experience the land up close with a visit to the farm's marketplace.

3 Taste Tradition

The rich Mexican heritage of Coachella has led to a variety of authentic Mexican restaurants and pop-ups serving delicious, and often generational, recipes you won't soon forget. Your hardest decision won't be what to eat, but rather how to try it all.

4 Smell the Pastries

Follow your nose to a sweet, fresh-from-the-oven treat. From *conchas* to *pastel de elote*, Mexican breads and pastries rise daily around Coachella at mom-and-pop *panaderías* helmed by families baking with time-honored techniques.

5 Hear Live Music

Live tunes in Coachella are a year-round thing. Come out for free city events like the Mariachi Festival; Suavecito Sundays; Tacos, Tequila & Chavelas; and other gatherings throughout the year featuring live, local talent.

RENTAL

Old Polo Estate

📍 51270 JACKSON ST., COACHELLA

☎ 877-920-0952

→ WLCRENTALS.COM/OLD-POLO-ESTATE

This sprawling estate on 5 acres in the heart of Coachella is what wedding (or Coachella festival) accommodation dreams are made of. With a house that sleeps 20, complete with four-and-a-half baths, a gourmet kitchen, and a large

game room, the property can accommodate up to 300 people for events. A three-hole golf course, a 1,500-square-foot pool and alfresco bar area, a pond with a fountain, and large lawns provide a gorgeous canvas for a memorable stay.



FROM LEFT: COURTESY WLC RENTALS (2); BRANDON HARMAN



ARTS + CULTURE

Etherea

📍 CESAR CHAVEZ AND SIXTH STREETS, COACHELLA

Italian artist Edoardo Tresoldi specializes in architectural wire mesh sculptures that invite passersby to take a load off and stare at the clouds. This one, informed by neoclassical and baroque design styles, is one of three identically shaped structures of varying height that were installed at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in 2018. The 54-footer now resides in the city of Coachella, where it was installed in 2019, becoming the centerpiece of an empty lot that was ultimately transformed into a park.

RECREATION

Bagdouma Park

📍 DOUMA STREET AND AVENUE 52
COACHELLA

→ COACHELLA.ORG

Get your swing on at Coachella's largest public park. This 46-acre recreational haven recently underwent a major renovation. You'll find brand-new basketball

courts, a tennis court, and two pickleball courts, among other exciting additions. Bagdouma Park also features a public swimming pool and a water fountain play feature for kids. It's home to the city's community center, which hosts a variety of activities and classes for residents and visitors, as well as the nonprofit Coachella Valley Boxing Club.

ARTS + CULTURE

Coachella Walls

📍 SIXTH STREET AND VINE AVENUE
COACHELLA

→ COACHELLA.ORG



Local artist Armando Lerma teamed up with curator Medvin Sobio in 2014 to launch this mural project that has contributed to a revitalization of downtown Coachella. Colorful walls by local and international street artists depict aspects of Mexican culture while also responding to the experience of the area's farmworker community. One of the most recent additions portrays activist Dolores Huerta, who had a significant impact on the town. A self-guided walking tour map is available on the city's website.



ATTRACTION

Coachella Library

📍 1500 SIXTH ST., COACHELLA

☎ 760-398-5148

→ RIVLIB.NET/BRANCH/COACHELLA

At the center of the Pueblo Viejo downtown district sits the public library, a gathering place for year-round community events including poetry slams and kid-friendly movie nights. Originally opened in 1957, the library expanded to its current 8,820-square-foot location in 2018. Collections include an impressive catalog

of Spanish books and papers with items from the César E. Chávez National Monument museum. Famed lyricist and Coachella Valley resident Billy Steinberg (responsible for such songs as Madonna's "Like a Virgin") donated the 14-by-7-foot "Vineyard Harvest" mural by Laurence Neufeld that hangs in the library.



ARTS + CULTURE

Shady Lane

📍 SHADY LANE AND AVENUE 52, COACHELLA

→ COACHELLA.ORG

Organized by the nonprofit Culturas Music & Arts organization, a team of local artists decked a 1,000-foot wall that lines Shady Lane with a series of murals representing themes from Chicano history. Start

your art walk at Shady Lane Park, home to "Big Bear," a massive metal bear sculpture by Don Kennell with a swinging bench that first appeared at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in 2015.

Oasis of Art

There's plenty of art to see in Greater Palm Springs.

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CASINO

Augustine Casino

📍 84001 AVE. 54, COACHELLA

☎ 760-391-9500

➔ AUGUSTINECASINO.COM

Nestled in the shadows of the beautiful Santa Rosa Mountains, only 3 miles east of La Quinta's PGA West, Augustine Casino boasts a large local following for loose slots resulting in millions of dollars in payouts each year. The casino, established in 2002 by the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, has 740 slot machines. From the latest and greatest games with high-end animation to old-school video poker and Pot 'O Gold keno, the gaming does not disappoint. Neither do the on-site restaurants: Café 54 and Menyikish Grill offer a casual dining experience with great food and amazing value.



FROM LEFT: BRANDON HARMAN (2); COURTESY AUGUSTINE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS (3)



FARM

Temalpakh Farm

📍 1 ROBERTA WAY, COACHELLA

☎ 760-391-9576

➔ TEMALPAKHFARM.COM

Operated by the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, Temalpakh Farm features a market selling fresh-picked vegetables, herbs, dates, smoothies, and artisan-made goods. After browsing the market, visitors can stroll through the blooming pollination corridor, around a pond, and then walk a short distance

up Seven Feathers Mountain for a view of the entire farm. Guided tours are available if booked in advance, and groups of 10 or more can reserve a private dining experience that's truly farm-to-table — served on the farm, under the stars. Farm boxes filled with seasonal bounty are available to order online for pickup.



ASK A LOCAL

AMANDA VANCE

Tribal Chairperson
Augustine Band of
Cahuilla Indians

1 Visiting the farm:

It's a small, intimate experience when you come to the farm. You'll see our fields right behind the market. You get to see the farmhands picking or planting vegetables. There is a pollination corridor that you can walk through; it's really pretty when everything's blooming.

2 Go-to smoothie at Temalpakh:

One of my favorites is the Palm Tree Brew, and that is a smoothie made of dates, but it also has some cold coffee in it.

3 Tribal support:

We try and support our other tribes when they're creating products that we can put in the store. We buy our coffee from a tribe out in Yuma. Another tribe makes honey, so we have that in the store as well.

CASINO

Spotlight 29 Casino

📍 46200 HARRISON PLACE, COACHELLA

☎ 760-775-5566

→ SPOTLIGHT29.COM

Try your luck at table games or slots and catch a show. The property regularly hosts award-winning musicians and stand-up comedians at its indoor Spotlight Showroom and outdoor Coachella Crossroads venues. Sample a house-brewed beer at the on-site

brewery and sports bar, Taproom 29, which features 29 taps and a rotating selection of craft beer (including outside labels). Bartenders serve the suds at an icy 29 degrees, and an ice rail wrapping around the bar top ensures your pint stays chilled until the last drop.



Coachella Crossroads

Catch major events like music festivals, Veteran's Day performances, and Fourth of July fireworks at this outdoor entertainment center developed by the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians adjacent to Spotlight 29 Casino.



COFFEEHOUSE

Sixth Street Coffee

📍 1500 SIXTH ST., COACHELLA

☎ 760-619-2221

→ SIXTHSTREETCOFFEE.COM

Creative housemade syrups lend themselves to Mexican-inspired lattes. The Mazapan has a rich,

nutty flavor that takes a cue from the beloved peanut candy, and the Honey con Canela is a subtly sweet cinnamon-spiced option. In addition to espresso-forward staples, they also serve freshly squeezed lemonade in a variety of infused flavors (there's even a caffeinated cold brew version).

DINING

Perez Market

📍 52669 CESAR CHAVEZ ST., COACHELLA

☎ 760-398-4142

→ INSTAGRAM.COM/PEREZMEATMARKET

More than just a corner store, Perez Market is a local institution for takeout items such as street tacos, enchilada plates, ceviche, and aguas frescas. Prefer to do your own cooking? This one-stop shop is also a carniceria, or meat market, where you can buy house-marinated meats in a variety of cuts, plus seafood, fresh produce, tortillas, spices, alcohol, and all of your favorite imported Mexican candies and snacks.

In addition to the food, you'll find a rotating assortment of products for parties, including piñatas, balloons, stuffed animals, candles, and table arrangements, especially around holidays like Valentine's Day and Christmas. Perez Market regularly partners with other local businesses to showcase their goodies to the public.

DINING

C'los Restaurant

📍 51335 CESAR CHAVEZ ST.,
STE. 117, COACHELLA

☎ 760-391-5055

This family-run business dishes out a variety of eats with friendly service in a no-frills space. Tucked away in a shopping complex, the hidden gem serves homemade pupusas (stuffed corn cakes, a staple of El Salvador). Wings, pizza, burgers, seafood, and plates of *al pastor* and enchiladas are all on the menu with a smattering of vegetarian options mixed in. Basic seating is available for dining in, or snag your meal to-go and picnic at nearby Bagdoura Park. C'los is open for all-day dining. Dishes are made to order, and portions are generous.

BAR

Coachella Bar

📍 85995 GRAPEFRUIT
BLVD., COACHELLA

☎ 760-541-9034

A short walk to the heart of downtown, Coachella Bar offers a local Chicano feel that won't be matched by bars anywhere else in the Coachella Valley. Don't expect midcentury modern fixtures or mixologists. Instead, the cozy dive greets patrons with a neon Budweiser sign, a stripper pole holding up the ceiling (covered in dollar bills signed by patrons), and live music or entertainment on most weekends. Stop by on a Friday or Saturday to check out everything from a local metal band to a comedy show.



DINING

Coachella Firehouse Bar & Grill

📍 1517 SIXTH ST., COACHELLA

☎ 760-619-2150

➔ [INSTAGRAM.COM/FIREHOUSEGRILL_COACHELLA](https://www.instagram.com/firehousegrill_coachella)

Located in a former firehouse, this small gastropub doles out creative burgers, hand-cut fries, sandwiches, wraps, and more alongside bacon-loaded chavelas and flights of beer and wine. Opened in 2023 in downtown Coachella, the modern design and weekday

happy hour have swiftly secured a loyal local fanbase. Snag a seat on the patio for an OG burger and fries. Order yours with sautéed jalapeños to feel the heat. Coachella Firehouse serves brunch on weekends, and yes, that includes mimosa flights.



DINING

Jalisco

📍 1605 SIXTH ST.
COACHELLA

☎ 760-398-7113

➔ [FB.COM/JALISCOCOACHELLA](https://www.facebook.com/jaliscocoachella)

Traditional recipes from the region of Jalisco dominate this popular downtown restaurant. Aside from tequila, which originated in the coastal state, the specialty here is *birria* (stewed goat meat). Discover hard-to-find classics like *lengua* (tongue), *cabeza* (beef cheek/head), and *sesos* (beef brains). Or choose from more familiar chicken, shrimp, and carne; hearty tortas; or tacos. The salsa is homemade!

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