

## Palm Springs:

### Hideaway and Playground



Since the 1920s, Palm Springs has been Hollywood's desert playground for celebrities to **relax and escape from the hustle and bustle** of showbiz. The legendary "Two-Hour Rule" of Hollywood studios put Palm Springs on the map as a perfect getaway. Actors under contract had to be available within two-hours from the studio just in case last minute film/photo shoots had to occur.

Several celebrities stayed and purchased hideaway homes in Palm Springs, such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., George Hamilton, Bob Hope, Albert Einstein Bing Crosby, Kirk Douglas, Cary Grant, and Jack Benny. Several ladies were frequent visitors including Marilyn Monroe, Dinah Shore, Kitty Carlisle, Lily Tomlin, Elizabeth Taylor and Susan Sommers.

Famous couples did rendezvous in Palm Springs including Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, Steve Lawrence and Edye Gorme, Frank Sinatra and Ava Gardner, Lucy and Desi, Elvis and Priscilla, David O. Selznick and Jennifer Jones, President Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower, President Ronald and Nancy Reagan, and Walter and Lee Annenberg and several others.

A new generation of Hollywood A-listers has succumbed to the lure of the desert and the **relaxing privacy** it offers. Palm Springs is being rediscovered by today's Hollywood stars, especially during the [Palm Springs International Film Festival](#) held annually in January. Founded by then-mayor Sonny Bono, the star-studded events attract celebrities such as Clint Eastwood, John Travolta, Ron Howard, Halle Barry, Leonard DiCaprio, Anne Hathaway, Dakota Fanning and many more.

## Activities...

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**Desert Adventures/Red Jeep Tours: they come here to pick you up and tour your group around.**



Desert Adventures' offers a variety of unique and memorable parties and special events suitable for groups of 20 people up to 1000 people.

Come experience the magic of the desert after dark at Desert Adventures' Metate Canyon Ranch where you can enjoy a Wild West Hoe Down, an Indian Cultural Party, or a Desert Discovery Party in one of our exclusive special event venues located on the San Andreas Fault!

Whatever you choose, your Desert Adventures' event is sure to be the highlight of your visit to the beautiful Palm Springs Desert Resort Communities!

- Desert Adventures' Exclusive Party & Special Event Venues
- **Desert Discovery Parties**
  - Old Mining Camp
  - Cahuilla Indian Village
- Custom Theme Parties & Special Events are also available

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**Palm Springs Golf: 1 mile from hotel**



**The Indian Canyons Golf Resort features:**

- Wind Free Environment
- 2-18 Hole Championship Courses
- Open to Public
- Membership opportunities
- 25 Station Driving Range
- Leon's at the Canyons Restaurant
- Tournament & Banquet Facilities
- Golf Shop
- Taylor Made Rental Clubs



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### **Palm Springs Aerial Tramway: 3.2 miles from the hotel**

Starting in Chino Canyon near Palm Springs, the tram takes passengers from Valley Station at 2,643 feet elevation to Mountain Station on the edge of the wilderness, elevation 8,516 feet. The Mountain Station features a restaurant, gift shop, snack bar, and the state park visitor center.

In Long Valley, a short walk from the station, you will find the Long Valley Ranger Station, a picnic area with barbecue stoves and restrooms, a ski center, a self-guiding nature trail, and Desert View Trail which offers panoramas of the high country including several peaks over 10,000 feet in elevation. You can also enter the hiking trail system from this point.

The tram operates year-round, except for a maintenance closure in August. **Roundtrip fare is \$22.25 per person. Hours of**

**Operation: Cars depart at least every half hour** from 10 a.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. weekends and holiday periods. Last car up is 8 p.m. with the last car down at 9:45 p.m.

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### **The Living Desert Wildlife and Botanical Park: 15 miles**

The Living Desert and the deserts of the world you are about to embark on will show you how language has misled everyone into thinking of the desert as a surly, outlaw landscape instead of a fragile, interesting ecosystem. You'll see remarkable plants, animals, places and natural phenomena associated with deserts and learn how The Living Desert is helping to interpret and protect them. You will also find out about one of the most unusual institutions in the United States. There isn't a single word to describe all that The Living Desert is and does. We must string words together, like beads: zoo and endangered species conservation center – botanical gardens – natural history museum – wilderness park – nature preserve – education center. The thread that holds all the beads together is the word "desert."



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### **Celebrity Tours: 3.4 miles**

Where your professionally narrated excursion continues past dozens of homes occupied (past and present) by the Rich and Famous. Watch as the architecture evolves from the sprawling homes of the early desert to the magnificent structures of the Post War era.

Enjoy Neighborhoods lined with Stars and the stories that go with them. Learn about the Native American heritage of the area, and how their

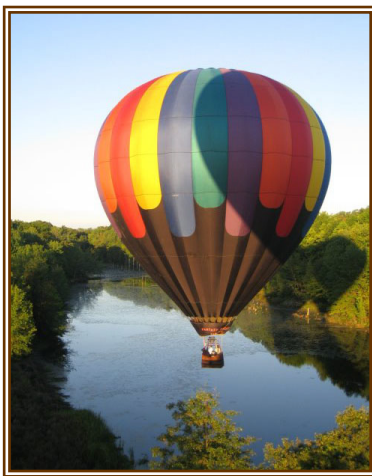
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Palm Springs today. See the cemetery to exclusive for Sonny Bono, and Frank Sinatra! Hear about the Spa that went to the Supreme Court, and who owned a 6,000 square foot house to store her furs!

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### **The Palm Springs Follies: ½ mile**

At the time, pundits said we were crazy. Scoffing, they asked, "Who's going to pay to see old ladies' legs?" Well, they couldn't have been more wrong. The public took the show to its heart, and today, nearly three-million patrons later, the Follies has gained a worldwide reputation for glamour and excitement, has spawned imitators, has been the subject of innumerable magazine and newspaper articles, has been featured in countless television specials, and plays to packed houses at every performance, up to ten shows a week, seven months a year.



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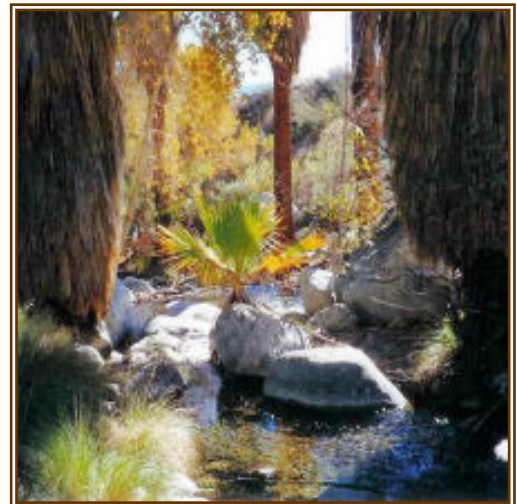
### **Fantasy Balloon Rides: 13.9 miles**

Experience the best view of the Coachella Valley! Celebrating 28 years and a perfect safety record, your comfort is assured by our seasoned pilot/guides. Sunrise and sunset adventures are available daily. -Includes a champagne and sparkling juice toast, snacks, and souvenir.

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### **Palm Springs Indian Canyons Tour: 12 miles**

The Indian Canyon Tour is a beautiful 2 ½ hour adventure through the various Canyons of the Coachella Valley. Visitors ride in open air jeeps and go on a 30-minute nature walk, where an experienced guide tells of plants, animals, native lore, geology and local earthquakes. The tour also teaches visitors all about the history of native Cahuilla Indians and how they survived in the harsh heat of the desert.





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### **Palm Canyon Drive: 3 blocks**

Palm Canyon Drive is the cultural artery that pulses through the historic heart of Palm Springs. Beautifully lined with majestic palm trees continuously lit in a wrapping of sparkling lights, Palm Canyon Drive (and Indian Canyon Drive beside it) feature a goldmine of shops, restaurants, art galleries, pubs and every kind of boutique!

The brainstorm of the late Sonny Bono, the Palm Springs Villagefest is held year-round every Thursday evening from 6 - 10pm. From Amado Road to Baristo, Palm Canyon Drive is sealed off to traffic and becomes a walker's paradise of fresh

fruit stands, local restaurant samplings, live music and the best of Palm Spring's artists & craftsmen. The visitors come here for the fantastic deals that are reminiscent of a 1950's flea market and the locals come here to say "Hello" to each other. This is a true Palm Springs experience and not to be missed.

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### **The Children's Discovery Museum: 10 miles**

The Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert inspires and promotes intellectual curiosity and self expression through inventive and interactive exhibits and programs. It encourages children to learn about themselves and the world around them by exploring the natural environment and the community. The Museum serves children of all ages with particular emphasis on primary school age children of the Coachella Valley. The Museum also serves as a resource to its community through the development of special programs and collaborations with other organizations.



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### **Knott's Soak City: 4 miles**

The Water-Park in Palm Springs, Knott's Soak City is a 21-acre oasis sporting a 1950s Southern California beach theme. Knott's Soak City features 22 water rides and attractions, including a wave pool and lazy river. For thrill-seekers Dare Devil Tower features side-by-side speed slides that take park guests on a thrilling 7-story descent. Pacific Spin, the park's

newest ride is a multi-person raft ride that drops riders 75-feet into a six-story funnel. Gremmie Lagoon offers the park's youngest guests plenty to do with pint-sized water slides and splash pool. Twenty poolside cabanas with wait service are available for rental.

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### **Smoketree Stables: 3 miles**

Experience a few quiet hours of "getting away from it all" on over 150 miles of convenient riding trails that provide both solitude and breathtaking beauty. Located in Palm Springs near the Indian Canyons, Smoke Tree Stables offers guided rides by the hour or for the entire day!



Smoke Tree Stables can provide your group with a picturesque horseback ride through the historic Agua Caliente Indian Canyons that offer year-round streams and beautiful palm oases. Custom-designed group packages are available that can include picnic lunches or western cookout and entertainment.

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### **Village Fest on Thursday nights: 3 blocks**

Join visitors and locals in beautiful downtown Palm Springs every Thursday for the valley's finest event. Every Thursday evening, Downtown Palm Springs transforms into a diverse array of artists, artisans, entertainers, and purveyors of fresh fruits and veggies, flowers, jewelry, snacks and sweets. Add all that to the great shops, restaurants, clubs, and entertainment venues located along World Famous Palm Canyon Drive - and the result is one of Southern California's most popular weekly events: Village Fest!





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### **Palm Springs Art Museum: 3 blocks**

The Palm Springs Art Museum strives to serve diverse communities as one of the outstanding mid-size art museums in the country. Its mission is to promote enjoyment, education and involvement with visual art of the highest quality, and enhance appreciation of the performing arts. By collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting art from a broad chronological and geographic range according to the highest professional

standards, and presenting a varied program of performing art, the museum seeks to maximize its public service to audiences of all ages and social backgrounds and to make art a dynamic part of their lives.

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### **Palm Springs Air Museum:**

The Palm Springs Air Museum houses one of the nation's largest collection of World War II flying aircraft displayed in modern, well lighted, air-conditioned and clean hangars. Our Buddy



Rodgers Theater shows daily documentaries about aviation in the military with an emphasis on World War II. In addition to planes and historic artifacts, the museum is host to a library of 6300 volumes primarily related to aviation and American military history.

Complimenting our extensive displays, the museum sponsors Saturday commemorative educational programs for our visitors and members. These Saturday programs often include demonstration flights of our aircraft. On those days, members and visitors can participate in the sights and sounds of World War II or later conflicts as these programs dictate. See *Events* above for more information.

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