

desert hot springs



Located in the foothills just north of Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs is best known for its natural underground hot mineral water streams that feed into its multiple spa properties. The city's unique geology has made it a world famous destination for relaxation and rejuvenation.

Fun Facts

- Desert Hot Springs' more than 20 boutique mineral water spa resorts and hideaways have earned it the nickname: "California's Spa City."
- Cabo's Pueblo Museum, one of Desert Hot Springs' unique treasures, is a Hopi-inspired pueblo in the heart of Desert Hot Springs, hand-created from reclaimed and found objects throughout the surrounding area.

cathedral city



Cathedral City is a center of family oriented fun, unique dining, hiking and special events, from the annual Hot Air Balloon Festival to Art Fairs. People from around the world come to visit the award-winning Fountain of Life in Cathedral City's Town Square, the site of many festivals and events.

Fun Facts

- The city's Mary Pickford Theater houses a Mary Pickford museum featuring personal belongings and costumes of the world famous silent screen star.
- Sports and family fun include Big League Dreams Sports Park while ice skaters and hockey players enjoy Desert Ice Castle.
- The Festival Lawn is the home of on-going and special events in Downtown Cathedral City between the Mary Pickford Theatre and the Desert Cinemas UltraMAX.

palm springs



A combination of perfect weather, Hollywood glamour and an intimate village atmosphere keeps Palm Springs on the A-list of great destinations. Visitors enjoy fine dining, shopping and renowned, unique hotels amid a celebrated midcentury modern architecture. Art, culture and many special annual events, such as the Palm Springs International Film Festival, put the city on the map.

Fun Facts

- The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, with rotating tramcars, takes visitors on one of the steepest ascents in the world to elevation 8,200 feet and 54 miles of hiking trails. The 10-minute ride to the top reveals 30-degree temperature drops, as well as winter snow.
- Every Thursday night, vibrant Palm Canyon Drive is transformed into VillageFest, an outdoor festival of food, music, arts and crafts and more.
- The Palm Springs Indian Canyons are filled with trails for hiking or horseback riding, lush oases, natural water formations and historic remnants of the early Agua Caliente Band of Indians who inhabited the area.

rancho mirage



Unique for its designation as the "Playground of Presidents," Rancho Mirage's stellar golf courses, lushly landscaped estates, first-class shopping and fine dining remind visitors why the likes of Frank Sinatra, Lucille Ball and President Ford and former First Lady Betty Ford chose to call this city home.

Fun Facts

- Sunnylands, the former estate of US Ambassador Walter Annenberg and his wife Leonore, is open to the public. Admission to the Sunnylands Visitor Center & Gardens is free, while tours of the estate and special events are offered at select times with advance ticket reservations.
- The River entertainment complex, Children's Discovery Museum and Tolerance Education Center are just a few of the visitor highlights located in Rancho Mirage.
- The SHOW concert theater, a \$75 million high-tech, 2,000-seat headliner showroom at Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa features major entertainers throughout the year.

palm desert



Palm Desert is a cultural, educational and retail center featuring the "Rodeo Drive of the Desert"—El Paseo. The city also claims the renowned McCallum Theatre, The Living Desert, excellent hiking trails, beautiful golf resorts and shopping for every taste.

Fun Facts

- The nation's only citywide Golf Cart Parade is held in Palm Desert each October, drawing about 25,000 spectators who watch more than 100 creatively decorated golf carts travel down El Paseo.
- College of the Desert Street Fair, a collection of clothing, crafts, food, music and vendors, is held in Palm Desert each Saturday and Sunday morning.
- The Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert features ongoing and temporary exhibitions of internationally recognized art in different media.
- On "First Weekends of the Month," November-May, the city offers art walks and an assortment of entertainment, from gallery exhibits to a popular cruise night.

calendar of events

Greater Palm Springs is home to numerous events each year. For a full list of events please visit VISITGREATERPALMSPRINGS.COM

JANUARY

- CareerBuilder Challenge PGA Golf Tournament
- Desert Arts Festival
- Desert Women's Show
- HITS Coachella Desert Circuit Horse Show
- Palm Springs International Film Festival
- Palm Springs Kennel Club Dog Show
- Southwest Arts Festival
- Sunday Polo at Empire Polo Club and El Dorado Polo Club (Season Opens)
- Tour de Palm Springs

FEBRUARY

- Modernism Week
- Art Palm Springs
- Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival

MARCH

- BNP Paribas Open
- Coachella Valley Wildflower Festival
- Fashion Week El Paseo
- Food & Wine Festival Palm Desert
- La Quinta Arts Festival
- Native FilmFest
- Rhythm, Wine & Brews Experience

APRIL

- American Documentary Film Festival
- ANA Inspiration, LPGA Tournament
- Club Skirts presents The Dinah Shore Weekend
- Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival
- Indian Wells Arts Festival
- Stagecoach Country Music Festival

MAY

- Arthur Lyons Film Noir Festival
- Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
- International Museum Day
- Joshua Tree Music Festival
- White Party

JUNE

- Greater Palm Springs Restaurant Week
- Palm Springs International Short Film Festival
- Splash House

JULY

- Independence Day Celebrations & Fireworks (Various Cities)

AUGUST

- Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines
- Palm Springs Annual Elvis Tribute Day
- Splash House

SEPTEMBER

- Cinema Diverse Film Festival

OCTOBER

- Coachella Valley Heart Walk
- Desert AIDS Walk
- Dia de los Muertos
- Joshua Tree Music Festival
- Howl-O-Ween at The Living Desert
- Modernism Fall Preview
- Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade

NOVEMBER

- Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival
- Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival
- Palm Springs Veteran's Day Parade
- Rancho Mirage Art Affaire

DECEMBER

- Coachella Christmas Parade
- Dennis James Golf Classic
- Indio International Tamale Festival
- Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade
- Palm Springs Walk of the Inns

YEAR ROUND

- VillageFest (Thursdays)
- College of the Desert Street Fair (Saturday/Sunday)
- Certified Farmers Markets: Palm Springs Sat Oct - May La Quinta Sun Oct - May Palm Desert Wed Oct - Apr

indian wells



Residents and visitors enjoy an unparalleled array of amenities in this premier luxury resort destination. Attractions include the top-ranked Indian Wells Golf Resort, world renowned Indian Wells Tennis Garden, four outstanding resort hotels, sensational spas, shopping, dining and year-round recreational activities, from golf to tennis.

Fun Facts

- The state-of-the-art, 55-acre Indian Wells Tennis Garden is home to the prestigious BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament featuring the world's top tennis players, as well as the Indian Wells Arts Festival and more outstanding events.
- One of the most extraordinary zoos in the United States, The Living Desert, is located in both Indian Wells and Palm Desert.

la quinta



La Quinta charms visitors from around the world with phenomenal golf at PGA WEST, La Quinta Resort & Club and SilverRock Resort while outdoor aficionados explore the scenic trails of the Santa Rosa Mountains; art lovers indulge in the abundance of art and culture; and everyone enjoys fabulous dining, shopping and hospitality.

Fun Facts

- La Quinta boasts a variety of shopping and restaurants along the bustling Highway 111 corridor and in Old Town La Quinta, a charming village-style destination filled with unique boutiques and bistros.
- A Sunday farmers market and Saturday art show, Art on Main Street, take place in Old Town for several months of the year.
- La Quinta Arts Festival, held each spring, has been ranked the #1 fine art festival in the country and attracts thousands of art-lovers from around the world.

indio



Known as the "City of Festivals," Indio is as much at home with agriculture as world recognized entertainment, blue-blooded polo tournaments (including night polo) and gaming. The increasing popularity of the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival and Stagecoach Music Festival, as well as the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival, Southwest Arts Festival and International Tamale Festival, attract many thousands of visitors each year.

Fun Facts

- Favorite Indio attractions include Empire Polo Club, Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Coachella Valley History Museum and the Cabazon Cultural Museum.
- Shields Date Garden, established in 1924, is a desert icon. The store with date gardens features many varieties of the delicious and healthy snacks for tasting and buying, as well as a popular café starring dates.

coachella



Celebrating its multi-generational Mexican American culture with annual events, Coachella is also home to a popular farmers market featuring plentiful crops, such as grapes, citrus, corn, carrots, artichokes and peppers. Coachella marks the easternmost city in Greater Palm Springs and has a rich cultural heritage to explore.

Fun Facts

- Coachella is home to some of the area's best, authentic Mexican restaurants.
- Together with neighboring cities Indio, Thermal and Mecca, Coachella produces 95 percent of the nation's dates.
- Downtown Walking Tour guides visitors to the city's murals, art displays, filming sites and historical structures.



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m-f 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

How to get here:

BY CAR:

From Los Angeles
Take Interstate 10 East
> Drive time about 2 hours

From San Diego
Take 163 North to 15 North to 215 East to 60 East to 10 East
> Drive time about 2.5 hours

From Orange County
Take 55 North to 91 East to 60 East to Interstate 10 East
> Drive time about 2 hours


BY AIR:

The Palm Springs International Airport, located just three minutes from downtown Palm Springs, offers direct flights from 18 markets and is served by ten major carriers.






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DESTINATION MAP

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