

Palm Springs Area Attractions and Activities

Annenberg Theater
101 Museum Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262
760.325.7186

The Annenberg Theater presents some of the finest performers from the world of music, drama, comedy, opera, and dance. This intimate state-of-the-art 433-seat theater is located on the lower level of the Palm Springs Desert Museum. The theater features near-perfect acoustics.

Art Galleries

Most galleries are located on Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs and Corporate Way and El Paseo Drive in Palm Desert. Besides golf and the weather, art is the big attraction in the Palm Springs area. There are over a hundred galleries to choose from and many are widely recognized for their ability to showcase the 'up and coming' in the art world.

Desert Holocaust Memorial
73-510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260
760.325.7281

This impressive memorial includes extensive provisions for educating people of all ages, races, and religions about the period of the Holocaust. It is a lesson about denial of basic civil rights, and the monument memorializes millions of innocent victims.

Shopping

El Paseo
Palm Desert, CA 92260
Toll Free Info: 1.877.735.7273

The world famous El Paseo Shopping District features over 150 world-class shops, clothing boutiques, art galleries, jewelers, restaurants and much more...all lining a beautifully maintained floral and statue-filled mile.

Palm Springs Area Golf

With over a hundred fantastic Golf Courses, numerous tournaments (Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, Skins Game, KraftNabisco/Dinah Shore) the Palm Springs area is the Golf Capitol of the World.

Indian Canyons

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians - Tribal Council Office
760.325.5673

Fifteen miles long, Palm Canyon is one of the great beauty spots in Western North America. Its indigenous flora and fauna are breathtaking contrasts to the stark, rocky gorges and barren desert lands beyond. Visit the Trading Post for hiking maps, refreshments, Indian art and artifacts, jewelry and conversational cultural lore.

Joshua Tree National Park
74485 National Monument Dr.
Twenty Nine Palms, CA 92277
760. 367.5500

The nearly one million acre park encompasses some of the most interesting geologic displays found in California's deserts. Arroyos, playas, alluvial fans, bajadas, pediments, desert varnish, granites, and gneiss interact to form a giant desert mosaic of immense beauty and complexity. Great for hiking and rock climbing and camping. Look up at night – see the stars!



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The Living Desert
47-900 Portola Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260
760.346.5694

Magnificent zoological and botanical gardens. Stroll, hike, dine and shop amid 1200 acres of scenic trails and exhibits. A fun and fascinating journey into the deserts of the world and discover why The Living Desert is truly "like a zoo, only better!"

Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Beautifully lined with majestic palm trees continuously lit in a wrapping of sparkling lights, Palm Canyon Drive is a veritable goldmine of art galleries, restaurants, pubs and every kind of shop. Thursday nights are a must when the street is closed to traffic. Home of the Palm Springs Walk of Stars. Every Thursday

Palm Springs Air Museum
745 North Gene Autry Trail
Palm Springs, CA 92262

760.778.6262 The Palm Springs Air Museum is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and operation of America's legendary fighters, bombers and trainers. It contains one of the world's largest collections of flying WWII airplanes, including the Robert J. Pond Collection.

Palm Springs Aerial Tram
One Tramway Road
Palm Springs, CA. 92262

888.515.TRAM Ascend 8,000 in the world's largest rotating tramcars. It is 25 to 40 degrees cooler at the top and a completely different world of Pine forests and mountains. Great hiking and, of course, incredible views of the desert.

Palm Springs Desert Museum
101 Museum Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262
561-832-1988

The Palm Springs area's major art museum, the Palm Springs Desert Museum features art, natural science and the performing arts. Located in the heart of downtown Palm Springs, the Museum's architecture is in harmony with its desert surroundings.

Palm Springs Follies
128 S. Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262
760.327.0225

A thoroughly entertaining musical review, The Palm Springs Follies features performers ranging in age from thire mid-fifties to the mid-eighties. Showgirl Beverly Allen is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the "Oldest performing showgirl."



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Tours

Airplane Tours

SAILPLANE ENTERPRISES (909) 658-6577. Soar and glide with FAA-certified pilots as you and a friend thrill to a motorless flight tour of the desert. Desert Resorts Regional Airport in Thermal or Hemet-Ryan Airport.

Balloon Flights

A Dream Flight, 346-5330. Imagine floating above the Palm Springs Valley. Your experienced pilot will narrate the beautiful landmarks. Champagne flights, private charters, hotel pickup. Visit online at www.dreamflights.com.

Balloon Above the Desert, 776-5785. Delight in sunrise or sunset flights as you sip champagne, mimosas, or something softer. Vans will pick you up at your hotel or home. A sublime experience.

Fantasy Balloon Flights, 568-0997 or 800-GO-ABOVE (800-462-2683). After 23 years, Palm Springs Valley's largest balloon-ride operator is still the best. Sunrise champagne breakfast; evening charters available daily for two to 10 passengers.

Bicycle Tours

Adventure Bike Tours, 328-0282. Sign up for a guided group bike tour. They provide the bikes, helmets, refreshments, and full-support chase vehicles. Bicycle rentals available as well.

Bighorn Bicycle Adventures, 302 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, 325-3367. Put the pedal to the rubber at this full-service shop. Rentals, equipment, and a bike/hike tour service. Electric bikes for sale or rent.

Big Wheel Bike Tours, 779-1837. Take a ride into the mountains, along our roads, or through the San Andreas Fault. Rentals also available.

Nature and Sightseeing

The Best of The Best Tours, 320-1365, 877-CNY-JEEP; pscht@aol.com. Offering nine different tours of the greater Palm Springs area. Jeep tours, tramway and celebrity home tour, hiking tours, shopping and museum tours.

Camel Safari, Oasis Date Gardens, 59-111 Hwy. 111, Thermal/399-5665. Ride "the ship of the desert" at the beautiful Oasis Date Gardens. Seasonal March-May, October-November. Call for reservations.

Canyon Jeep Tours, 320-4600, Fax 320-3225. Take off from the Spa Resort in Palm Springs and see what the desert has to offer: Movie star homes, the Indian Canyons, and windmills. "Desert at Dark" tours in season.

Celebrity Tours of Palm Springs, 770-2700. Sightseeing tours of celebrity homes; step-on guides, coach charters. Tours to Nevada, hotels, casinos, Southern California attractions. Call for tours of the Elvis Presley honeymoon and Liberace homes.

ClassiCab, 322-3111. Bask in air-conditioned comfort in luxury sedans and vans as you pass by celebrity homes or travel to hiking tours. Day trips to Los Angeles, wineries and San Diego. Multilingual drivers.

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Covered Wagon Tours, Coachella Valley Preserve, 347-2161. Take a step back in time on a covered wagon drawn by draft mules. Offering narrated tours, Western cookouts and live entertainment September-June.

Desert Adventures Jeep Eco Tours, 67-555 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Ste. E-106, Cathedral City, 324-JEEP (5337). Hop on Desert Adventures' big red Jeep for a firsthand look at the San Andreas Fault, as well as the flora, fauna, and natural wonders of the desert. Steep canyons, torturous terrain, lush oases, and geology combine for a perfect desert adventure. French and Spanish-speaking guides.

Desert Connection, 324-3668. Golf tours and travel services for the Japanese tourist. One-day, three-day, and one-week golf school for Japanese players.

Desert Discovery Tours, 340-1280. Palm Springs Valley tour: "Best of the Desert Tour." Convention gift book available: Wit and Wisdom of the Coachella Valley.

The Joshua Tree National Park Scenic Tour, 285-1608. See the real desert in our nearby national park. The most scenic tour in town. See the San Andreas Fault, towering canyons, and ancient cactus gardens. Wildlife appears almost every week. Tues. and Thurs.

Lin Lines, Inc., 325-5556. Charter luxury motor coaches and minicoaches, including step-on guide service. Knowledgeable drivers.

PS Windmill Tours, Palm Springs, 251-1997. Learn how 3,500-plus windmills generate 1.5 percent of California's electricity. Bring your cameras and hang on to your hats! Guided tours daily; reservations required. www.windmilltours.com or e-mail psct@aol.com.

Sky Watcher, 44-489 Town Center Way, Suite D, Palm Desert, 345-2363. Look up! Nobody does nighttime better than the desert. Sky guides will lead you on the stargazing tour of a lifetime. Telescopes, binoculars, and fun!

Tours and More, 322-6945. Expert meet-and-greet airport service for your arrivals and departures, as well as step-on guides, transportation, sight-seeing, attractions, and more.

Trail Discovery / Desert Safari, 325-HIKE (4453), 770-9191, 888-TO-SAFARI. Be amazed on eco-tours and guided hikes of the Indian Canyons, Joshua Tree and mountains beyond the tram. Two hours to full day. Full-moon night expeditions. Runners welcome.



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VillageFest
Palm Canyon Drive
(Between Baristo and Amado)
Palm Springs 92262
760 320 3781

Locals and tourists happily mingle at this weekly event held on Palm Canyon Drive. Many shops stay open late, and the sidewalks are crowded with food booths, a certified farmer's market with locally grown produce, craft booths and artists offering their creations. In addition, street entertainers charm the crowd with magic, music and costumes. The fair is held every Thursday evening, except for holidays. Admission is free. 7pm-10pm Thu only Jun-Sept; 6pm-10pm Oct-May.

Village Green Heritage Center
221 S. Palm Canyon Dr.
Palm Springs, CA. 92262

760.323.8297 Presented by the Palm Springs Historical Society, this mini-park on Palm Canyon Drive features the McCallum Adobe (first pioneer home built in Palm Springs), Miss Cornelia White's House, Rudy's General Store and the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum Information Center.



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