Welcome To The Desert 2018

These are your best bets for Golf, Dining and Accommodations

They don't call Palm Springs the "golf capital of the world" for nothing. Not only are there more than 110 courses in the greater Palm Springs/Coachella Valley footprint, but they're also among the world's most beautiful. There is so much more to keep you busy, including outstanding restaurants featuring cuisine for all palates.

HOTELS:

1. Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, Indian Wells

A 480 plus roomed destination resort. Contemporary, upscale and very central to golf, dining and shopping. Lush gardens and pampering are part of this 35 acre oasis in the desert. Upscale prices. 44-600 Indian Wells Lane,



Indian Wells - 760.341.1000 www. indianwells.hyatt.com

2. Fantasy Springs Hotel & Casino – Owned by the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, this 13 year old 250-room Hotel Casino features luxurious rooms, many with spectacular views. The hotel rooms are four-



star caliber with comfort amenities for both leisure and business travelers and they love both golfers and high rollers. Well-known artists such as Gypsy Kings, K.D. Lang, Vince Gill, Clay Aiken and Kenny G, frequently appear in their showrooms. Located just east of La Quinta in Indio, this destination resort hotel is upscale, lively and always action packed! Eagle Falls golf course, next door, is part of the hotel. Reasonable rates.

84-245 Indio Springs Pkwy, Indio 800-827-2946 – www.fantasyspringsresort.com

3. Agua Caliente Casino & Resort - Nestled in the desert mountains of Rancho Mirage, this California resort offers on-site restaurants and a casino. The 340 modern rooms at Agua Caliente



Casino Resort Spa are bright and comfortably furnished. All rooms include luxury linens. Conveniently located at the Rancho Mirage Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa, the Sunstone Spa offers body treatments and massages as well as hair style, design and colour services. Couples' therapy rooms with private outdoor decks are available. Las Vegas style, full casino with every gambling option available to include a premier poker room makes Agua Caliente Casino & Resort a special oasis in the desert. The Palm Springs International Airport is 18 minutes' drive from the resort. Palm Springs Tram is 22 minutes' drive. Expensive, but join the Paradise Club and get room, food, entertainment benefits as well as free play. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa 32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Racho Mirage, 888.999.1995 www.hotwatercasino.com

4. Courtyard By Marriott, Palm Springs – This business and golf-friendly hotel is centrally located near the airport and the Palm Springs Convention Center, and is about one mile from the downtown "village" area of Palm Springs and close to all the Palm Springs golf courses and culture. Reasonable rates.



1300 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way 760.322.6100 www.marriott.com

DINING:

1. Fleming's of Rancho Mirage, Steakhouse – Phenomenal steaks, \$6+ bar menu daily. Bar area and great martinis – the place to be seen. Reasonably priced. The Prime Bone-In Ribeye is to die for! Great wine list. Definately try the Haute Cabriere wines.



71-800 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage 760.776.6685 www.flemingssteakhouse.com

2. Mitch's, Palm Desert – Mitch's on El Paseo Prime Seafood is open seven days a week serving Lunch and Dinner, as well as daily Happy Hour specials.



Corner of Portolla and El Paseo. 73-951 El Paseo Palm Desert 760.779.9200 info@mitchsonelpaseo.com mitchsonelpaseo.com

3. Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, American – Fabulous salads are their forte as well as designer pizzas. Upscale casual dining, moderately priced with large portions. 73-595 El Paseo, Palm Desert. In The Gardens Center next to Tommy Bahamas Restaurant and close to Sullivan's in the same center. 760.836.05000 / www.sammyspizza.com

THE DESERT'S TOP TEN PUBLIC COURSES:



1. Desert Willow, Firecliff – the desert's most popular full service course. Their fleet of Club Cars features the awesome DASHVIEW GPS by UPLINK, which makes golfing that much more enjoyable. Firecliff is a top-shelf golf experience and is probably one of the

best municipal courses in the country. The clubhouse dining area has magnificent views and great food. If you have the time, play their other course, the Mountain View course, as it too is an exceptional track.

38-995 Desert Willow Drive Palm Desert 760.346.7060 – www.desertwillow.com

2. Eagle Falls Golf Course at the Fantasy Springs Resort &

Casino - Luxurious accommodations, great gaming and the latest Clive Clark design featuring both



links and desert golf on one course – really fun to play! This 18-hole, 6,715 yard par 72 challenge will test the low handicapper, but yet provide an enjoyable and fair test of golf for the average player.

84-245 Indio Springs Parkway, Indio 760.238.5633 www.eaglefallsgolf.com

3. The Classic Golf Club

Former host course of the PGA TOUR'S Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. This 18-hole par 72 championship course offers spacious, sculptured fairways and 30 acres of lakes & streams which appeals to players



at all levels of the game, from novice to those on the PGA Tour. Their new clubhouse is state-of-the-art and the views from the club house are simply stunning. This is a must play for any serious golfer, especially to experience a PGA Tour styled course. 75-200 Northstar Resort Parkway, Palm Desert 760.601.3600 – www.classicclubgolf.com

4. Marriott Shadow Ridge, Palm Desert

This is one of Nick Faldo's better designed courses. Opened in 2000, Shadow Ridge is a 6,932 yard, par-71 layout with design work by Brian Curley and Lee Schmidt. It's hard to go wrong with the stunning backdrop of the sometimes snow- capped Santa



Rosa Mountains. The layout is challenging, yet fair. Many of the greens have plenty of subtle undulations that reward and encourage a variety of approach shots. There are great facilities for practicing, dining and accommodations.

9003 Shadow Ridge Road, Palm Desert 760.674.2600 – www.marriott.com

5. Indian Canyons, South Course, Palm Springs

The South Course is an 18-hole championship course that was redesigned by Casey O'Callaghan in 2004 along with consultant, Amy Alcott, LPGA Hall of Famer. This par



72, 6,582 yard championship course has four large lakes that come into play on six of the holes, but the most extraordinary feature are the 5 five par holes. The course also features rolling mounds and fairways and more than 850 palm trees, including some 500 Washingtonia filifera palm trees native to the Agua Caliente Tribe and an important tree in the history of the Tribe.

760.833.8700 - www.indiancanyonsgolf.com

6. Indian Wells Golf Resort The Players Course

Designed by prominent architect John Fought, the course presents a brilliant contrast to the resort's Celebrity course. Featuring dynamic bunkering, generous fairway corridors, and



undulating topography the Players Course is aesthetically fascinating, flows exceptionally well and will challenge all types of players. Stay and play packages are available in this luxurious facility.

44-500 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells 760.346.4653 www.indianwellsgolfresort.com

7. Silverrock. La Quinta

Silverrock Resort was on the rotation for the Bob Hope Classic from 2008-2011. This eight-year old par 72 championship course of 7578 yards, has some intriguing holes, especially number 17, a downhill par 3 over water, a la Cypress Point's famed number 16. Play-



ing alongside the mountain range is both awesome, yet risky, as some of the holes are rather tight. 7 sets of tees make this course very user-friendly to all levels of golfers.

79-179 Ahmanson Lane, La Quinta 760.777.8884 www.silverrock.org

8. Escena Golf Club in Palm Springs - From October to May, it's tough to find a place that's serving up sunshine, tee times and epic experiences as well as Palm Springs, California. Perfectly placed at the foot of several mountain ranges,



Ranked as the #6 Public Course in California by PGA-TOUR.com, this **Nicklaus Design golf course** is noted for its unobstructed sightlines, generous driving corridors and the overall strength of its design. Escena Golf Club is a daily fee course located in Palm Springs, CA. the 18 hole course opened in 2009. Reservations required. Book early.

1100 Clubhouse View Dr, Palm Springs www.escenagolf.com

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This service books tee times, many discounted, and specialized golf vacation packages for individuals and groups for all Palm Springs golf courses up to 60 days in advance. 760.321.2665 – www.standbygolf.com



SIDE TRIPS:

1. Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

Worth the visit. Aboard the world's largest rotating tramcar, you will experience a breathtaking journey up the sheer cliffs of Chino Canyon. Begin your 10 - minutes ride at the 2,643 ft. Valley Station and rise to the Mountain Station



at 8,516 ft. In winter, you can cross-country ski, and snow-shoe. In summer, camping, hiking and guided tours are available. "Enjoy spectacular views of the desert below from Peaks Restaurant or Pines Cafeteria-Style restaurant where lunch and dinner are served daily." Open year-round 10 a.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. weekends and holidays. Tramcars depart at least every half hour. Last car down 9:45 p.m. *Tramway Road, Palm Springs.* 760.325.1449 – 760.325.1391 www.pstramway.com

2. El Paseo, The Garden Shopping Center

All the desert's finest shops are located in this center and along El Paseo. A wonderful place to stroll and window shop.



3. Palm Desert Tobacco

The best stocked humidor in the Desert for the cigar aficionado. 73-580 El Paseo at Larkspur in Palm Desert 760.340.1954 – www.palmdeserttobacco.com

4. Hot Air Ballooning

Delight in sunrise or sunset flights as you sip champagne, mimosas or something softer. Vans will pick you up at your hotel or home.

Fantasy Balloon Tours 760.776.5785



5. Homes of the Stars – Imagine yourself living the good life in the desert on one-and-two-hour guided sight seeing tours to movie stars' homes, country clubs or our unique date farms. *Celebrity Tours* – *760.770.2701*



6. The Best of the Best Tours

Offering nine different tours of the Greater Palm Springs area. Jeep Tours, Tramway/Celebrity Home Tour, Hiking Tours, Shopping and Museum Tours. *760.320.1365*



7. The Living Desert

This desert and botanical conservation park is a very special place deserving of a visit, especially if you have children with you on your trip. It is fascinating to see all the aspects of desert life, the flora, and the



fauna and most impressive of all are the animals. Great hiking is also available - be prepared to spend 3-4 hours. Don't miss the butterfly pavilion and the elaborate model train exhibit on the way out. 47-900 Portola Ave., Palm Desert, 760.346.5694 – www.livingdesert.org

8. Cabazon Outlet Center

Located about 40 minutes west of Palm Springs is the Cabazon Outlet center, where it seems as though every major retailer has a store, even withtemperatures reaching 111 and above, this center is a magnet, especially on weekends. For non-golfing spouses and children, a good 4- 6 hours will get you through maybe one third of the center! 48750 Seminole Drive, Cabazon, 951.922.3000 – www.cabazonoutlets.com



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