

PALM SPRINGS *Locals Guide*



RESTAURANTS

THINGS TO DO

OUTDOORS

TAC/QUILA

Honestly, this mexican food is so good!!! It's our favourite date night place -with great PS ambiance and delicious food and drink!

<https://www.tacquila.com> ➔



Our top 3 IN PALM SPRINGS

MOORTEN BOTANICAL GARDENS



PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY

The world's largest rotating tram car—travels over two-and-one-half miles along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon, transporting riders to the pristine wilderness of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. You literally go from palm trees to pine trees! Definetly the perfect way to get out of the heat and go hiking.



<https://pstramway.com> ⬆

If you have an hour, or longer, this is a quaint spot close to downtown that is worth stopping by. Whether you take a quick stroll through or stop and take some photos and pick up a \$4 succulent on your way out, it's well worth a drop by at this botanical inspiration haven on your Palm Springs itinerary.

⬆ <http://www.moortenbotanicalgarden.com>

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PALM SPRINGS *restaurants*

EIGHT4NINE



This place has a really neat vibe! With hot pink decor, a outdoor firewall, and one of Mike's favorite drinks, "Some Like it Hot", this restaurant is a delicious dinner date night!

➤ <https://eight4nine.com>

Local Coffee Shops



ERNEST COFFEE

Palm Springs' only independent coffee shop serving Stumptown. They have freshly baked treats (including gluten-free) and offer all the different dairy alternatives!

➤ <https://www.ernestcoffee.com>

KOFFI

Adorable locally owned coffee shop! They also roast their own coffee and their pastries are so good!

➤ <https://www.kofficoffee.com>

Brunch Spots

PINOCCICHIO'S

This place is a solid, simple breakfast food place with bottomless mimosas. Its loud, busy, and just cranked on the weekend with tons of locals & tourists.

➤ <http://pinocchiops.com>

AZÚCAR RESTAURANT & BAR

A roof top seat is a must on a gorgeous desert evening, but be sure to book ahead of time, because it fills up quick. But be sure to order their wartemelon margarita! It is for sure a "sugar high"!

➤ <https://azucarpalmsprings.com>



WORKSHOP KITCHEN & BAR

A sleek, stylish eatery with a beautiful outdoor courtyard and communal table. Serving seasonal products from local farms, so the menu changes often! Definetly check it out!

➤ <https://www.workshoppalmsprings.com>



SPENCER'S

A four star american cuisine with a french-pacific rim influence, this restaurant has an incredible outdoor dining area that is magical. Not to mention the food is amazing and it is a top non-profit!

➤ <https://www.spencersrestaurant.com>

COPLEY'S

Located in part of the former Cary Grant estate, this place has tons of nostalgia while also being upscale American cuisine infused with traces of tropical and European flavors.

➤ <https://www.copleypalmsprings.com>



KING'S HIGHWAY

At the ACE Hotel, there is a great roadside diner with all the old school feel of what a highway diner feels like + amazing breakfast food!



➤ <https://www.kingshighwaydiner.com>

Lunch Spots

CHEF TANYA'S KITCHEN

The Best LOCAL Vegan food around! It's a quick service deli style eatery, and they will wow you even if you are not vegetarian. With lots of colorful veggies and tons of flavor, her recipes are addictive.

➤ <https://cheftanyaskitchen.com>



honorable mentions

Brandini Toffee

Jake's

Great Shakes

Kiyosaku

Bootlegger Tikki

Counter Reformation



PALM SPRINGS

things to do

PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM

Some of the best things to see at this museum are part of its collection of contemporary art. Much of this is from the mid-century modern art movement from the 20th century. We even recomend reading up on the "Babies on the Move" installation adjacet!



<https://www.psmuseum.org>

VILLAGE FEST STREET FAIR

This super eclectic street fair is every thursday night without fail (even in the summer!). With downtown completely blocked off, there are local vendors selling idiosyncratic crafts pieces and antiques and so much great food. We definitely recommend it!

<http://villagefest.org>



Explore

MODERN & MIDCENTURY ARCHITECTURE

Palm Springs is known for its abundance in mid-century modern homes. It practically screams the era of old and new movie stars! We definitely recommend driving around and peaking at a few of these incredible homes!



THE ALEXANDER ESTATE

This residence is full of legend, as it was where Elvis and Priscilla Presley not only had their honeymoon but also spent a year of their lives together. It's definitely living architecture designed by Robert Alexander.

**1350 Ladera Circle
Palm Springs, CA**



#THATPINKDOOR

THAT PINK DOOR

One of the most Instagrammed places in Palm Springs, this house has a beautiful front door that looks like a pastel pink chocolate bar. It even has its own hashtag on Instagram.



PSL: MID - CENTURY ARCHITECTURE TOURS APP

Feel like giving yourself your own guided driving tour? Download this App to receive guided tours of 82 mid-century landmarks in Palm Springs.

[Download the app HERE](#)



RIDE BIKES AROUND



One of the best ways to see town is by bike, and the houses are incredible to take a peak at.



SHOP LOCAL



Plenty of boutiques to explore along the main drag, with a favorite being *Thick as Thieves* for curated goods!



PALM SPRINGS *outdoors*

A LIST OF LOCAL TRAILS (NEAR DOWNTOWN)

- WATERFALL AT TAHQUITZ CANYON
- NORTH LYKKEN TRAIL
- ARABY TRAIL
- PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM TRAIL



INDIAN CANYONS

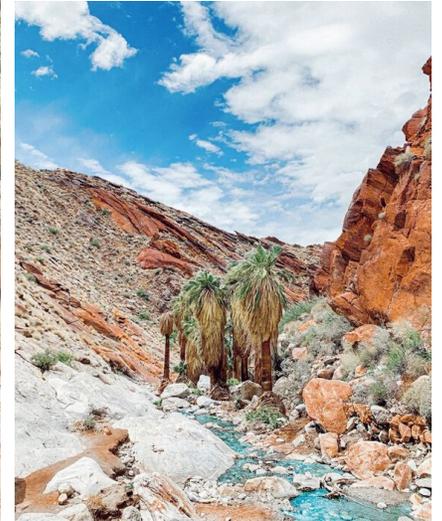
Home to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, the Indian Canyons are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. You can still see remnants of their early life in the area. We totally recommend this as a beautiful way to explore!

✓ [OPERATING HOURS & WEBSITE](#)

SUNNYLANDS

In the nearby town of Rancho Mirage, the historic estate is the former winter home of philanthropists Walter and Leonore Annenberg. With gorgeous desert gardens, this place is amazing to walk through.

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THOUSAND PALMS OASIS

The Coachella Valley Preserve is an easy 20-minute drive from downtown Palm Springs. With dozens of hiking trails, wildflowers in season, and beautiful oases, the preserve is a must-visit if you love hiking and nature.

[HTTPS://COACHELLAVALLEYPRESERVE.ORG](https://coachellavalleypreserve.org) ➔



TOUR A WINDMILL FARM



One of the first things you notice as you near Palm Springs is the rows of windmills marching across the arid desert. You can do wind farm tours if you want to learn more about how they work and get close enough to the windmills to pose for photos beside them.

+ **SELF-DRIVING WINDMILL TOURS**

◀ [HTTPS://WWW.WINDMILLTOURS.COM](https://www.windmilltours.com)



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