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Things to Do Near Palm Springs, California

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## Overview

Palm Springs, a resort town at the foot of the Santa Rosa Mountains, has long had a reputation for being a playground for the rich and fabulous, but it is a place for people from all walks of life, known for its tolerance, openness and rich culture, as well as its stunning scenery and myriad outdoor activities. Staying in Palm Springs also gives you proximity to the natural wonders of Joshua Tree National Park, less than an hour away by car on Route 62.

## Joshua Tree National Park

Joshua Tree National Park covers almost 800,000 acres of desert lands, encompassing parts of both the Mojave Desert and the Colorado Desert. It is a popular spot with visitors from around the world, both for its hiking and rock climbing opportunities. The park is open year-round and can always be visited, though the Black Rock Nature Center, in Joshua Tree's Black Rock Campground, can only be visited October to May.

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## Indian Canyons

Explore Tahquitz Canyon, Palm Canyon, Andreas Canyon and Murray Canyon, all of which were grounds to the American Indians who originally inhabited the area. It is a prime area both for hiking enthusiasts and those interested in Indian culture. The Canyons are open from October until July, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. Between the months of July and September, the park is only open on the weekends (Friday through Sunday) at the same hours.

## Other Outdoor Activities

Palm Springs is something of a haven for golf fanatics, with a number of famous 18-hole courses. Looking for a way to escape the heat? Take a ride on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, located just 20 minutes away from the desert floor and offering wintry weather and even snow in the fall, winter or spring. The mountain trails at the top are a good bet for those who enjoy mountain, rather than desert, hiking. Just 15 minutes outside Palm Springs, you'll find the Living Desert, a combination of zoo and botanical gardens. It is open every day year-round, but closes at 1:30 p.m. between June 1 and Sept. 30.

## Local Food

Palm Springs offers a lively dining scene, with Californian, Mexican and Italian cuisines predominating. In addition, some of the casinos run by American Indians offer a chance to sample American Indian fare. If you happen to be a foodie, try to coincide your visit with the annual Palm Springs Restaurant Week, which enables you to try several of the city's more popular restaurants at a discounted rate. Vegans can get their grub on at the Native Foods Café, which has been written up in Zagat and USA Today.

## Places to Stay

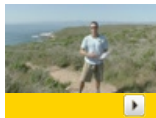
Korakia Pensione is a Mediterranean style pension that offers yoga classes during the day, an on-site spa and heated swimming pools. The Colony Palms Hotel has been a favorite since opening its doors in 1936. The place has been written up in Travel & Leisure, and was included in Conde Nest Traveller's Hot List.

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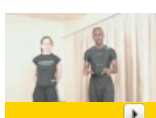


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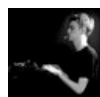
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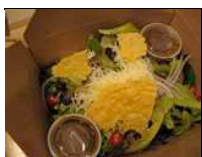
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