

## THINGS TO DO

Situated in the southern California desert, approximately three hours east of Los Angeles and two hours east of San Diego, Palm Springs boasts unbeatable weather and a spectacular natural setting. Recognized as the golf and polo capital of the world, Palm Springs is home to more than 100 lush golf courses including many PGA courses, as well as polo clubs featured in blockbuster movies. A home away from home for celebrities and dignitaries both past and present, you may just run into a few on the famed El Paseo, the “Rodeo Drive of the Desert.” The area supplies visitors with some of the best sightseeing and activities around. We encourage you to get out and enjoy the area while you’re visiting. A few popular suggestions include:

### The Living Desert

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens in Palm Desert is a unique zoo and botanical garden that specializes in the deserts of the world with a mission of desert conservation through preservation, education, and appreciation. Mountain lion, leopard, warthogs, bighorn sheep, and Peninsular pronghorn are just a few of the more than 450 incredible animals found in their natural setting that take you from Africa to North America. Feed a giraffe, watch the cheetahs run, admire the zebras, mimic a meerkat, interact with goats, explore nature, and so much more. For more information, please visit [www.livingdesert.org](http://www.livingdesert.org).

### Palm Springs Mid-Century Modern Architecture Tour

Experience Palm Springs’ world-famous collection of mid-century modern architecture on TripAdvisor’s top-rated architecture tour. Join Trevor O’Donnell, one of California’s most knowledgeable and accommodating architectural tour professionals, for a fascinating and entertaining exploration of the city’s unique concentration of modernist homes and buildings. Learn about a remarkable group of architects, builders, and celebrity clients, and listen to the back stories that add life, humor, intrigue, and awe to Palm Springs’ extraordinary modernist legacy. For more information, please visit [www.psarchitecturetours.com](http://www.psarchitecturetours.com).

### El Paseo Shopping

Located in Palm Desert, the world famous El Paseo Shopping District features more than 300 world-class shops, clothing boutiques, art galleries, jewelers, restaurants, and more, all lined along a beautifully maintained picture-postcard floral and statue-filled mile. Known as the Rodeo Drive of the Desert, El Paseo boasts a wide spectrum of stores from Sak’s 5th Avenue to individually-owned boutiques. For more information, please visit [www.elpaseocatalogue.com/elpaseo](http://www.elpaseocatalogue.com/elpaseo).

### Palm Springs Art Museum

Located in the heart of downtown Palm Springs, the Palm Springs Art Museum features a sophisticated collection of

art, loaned or donated by the area’s affluent residents. The museum has an art collection that rivals urban metropolitan museums, and includes works from Marc Chagall, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Donald Judd, Louise Bourgeois, Alexander Calder, Henry Moore, Robert Rauschenberg, Antony Gormley, and Ansel Adams. Spread throughout 150,000 square feet, the museum presents major collections of modern and contemporary art, glass, photography, architecture and design, and Native American and Western art. For more information, please visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org).

### Joshua Tree National Park

Crafted over millions of years by torrential rain, battering wind, and extreme temperatures, Joshua Tree National Park stretches over nearly 800,000 acres of rugged terrain. These landscapes, which can seem deceptively barren, are home to several ecosystems. Despite the harsh conditions, Joshua Tree boasts plant and animal life that has adapted and thrived in the area’s fierce climate. Joshua Tree National Park is home to large herds of desert bighorn sheep, black tailed jack rabbits, coyotes, and kangaroo rats as well as a number of smaller mammals. Since it lies along the Pacific migratory bird flyway, many large groups of migrating birds can be spotted overhead or stopping to rest in the park during the winter months. The park’s namesake is the Joshua Tree, a member of the agave family with a distinctive appearance. The Joshua Tree was revered by American Indian tribes because its leaves provided durable materials for baskets and footwear, while the buds and seeds made a healthy addition to their food supply. Joshua Tree National Park is approximately 45 minutes from the resort. For more information, please visit [www.nps.gov/jotr](http://www.nps.gov/jotr).

### Temecula Valley Wine Country

If you find yourself with free time before or after the meeting, Temecula Valley Wine Country is worth exploring. Savor the hundreds of award-winning wines offered by member wineries while enjoying the irresistible charm of its friendly tasting rooms. Rural in nature, sustainable in farming practices, and including an agricultural preserve known as the Citrus/Vineyard zone, the Temecula Valley is widely recognized as the ‘jewel’ of Riverside County. The area is centrally located and within a two hour drive from the resort. Known for its diversity, wineries in the Temecula Valley grow and produce more than 50 different varietals of wine; from Cabernet Sauvignon to Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot to Mourvedre, Viognier to Chardonnay. Along with fabulous wines, you’ll find incredible winery restaurants, intimate bed and breakfast inns, lush resorts, splendid gift shops, and beautiful picnic grounds. For more information, please visit [www.temeculawines.org](http://www.temeculawines.org).