

WELCOME TO THE DESERT 2013

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. La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta – A legendary hide-away, unique in its serenity, charm and timelessness. La Quinta Resort & Club is regarded as the most distinctive resort hotel in the Palm Springs area. Site of the desert's first nine hole golf course built in the 1920's, today La Quinta Resort & Club features three championship golf courses designed by Pete Dye: the Mountain, Dunes and Citrus (private). Idyllic settings, movie stars and magnates are frequent guests. Great food, great tennis and golf and a world famous spa are hallmarks of this property. Expensive.

49-499 Eisenhower Drive, La Quinta

800.598.3828 – www.laquintaresort.com

2. Fantasy Springs Hotel & Casino – Owned by the Cabazon tribe of Indians, this one-year old 250-room hotel features brand-new luxurious rooms, many with spectacular mountain 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. Hyatt Grand Champions 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.grandchampions.hyatt.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.kqzyff.com



DINING:

1. Sullivan's of Palm Desert, Steak – Phenomenal steaks, \$5 bar menu on Thursdays. Bar area with music, cigar smoking area – the place to be seen. Reasonably priced. 73-705 El Paseo, Second Floor, Palm Desert
760.341.3560 – www.sullivans.com

2. Castelli's Palm Desert, Italian – The best in the whole desert. Reminiscent of a small bistro in Tuscany, amid soft lights and lace, candles and fresh flowers, a gastronomic feast awaits you. Book early - their chicken dishes are to die for, as are their veal, lamb and pasta dishes. The waiters are efficient and knowledgeable. On the upper side of prices.

73-098 Highway 111, Palm Desert - 760.733.3365 – www.castellis.cc



3. D.J. Asian Buffet - La Quinta's newest restaurant is a hit! The visual presentation, the selections and above all, the tastes of Asia, are really outstanding. Their fish dishes taste as good as they look, especially the steamed salmon, the large sushi bar is top notch, the ribs are scrumptious, the dumplings and pot stickers excellent and the crab legs are enormous. Great service, lots of parking and reasonable prices for lunch or dinner make this restaurant a great choice.

78430 Hwy 111 - Point Happy Center
La Quinta, CA 92253 (760) 771-9898

4. 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.sammypizza.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 at the Fantasy Hotel and Casino in Indio - 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. Marriott Shadow Ridge - This is one of Nick Faldo's bet-



ter 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

4. The Celebrity - The Golf Resort at Indian Wells

- Features 36 holes, par 72, 7,008 yards designed by Clive Clark. This newly opened course is a delight. The flora and manufactured landscaping water features are mind captivat-



ing compared to most desert courses. There are undulating fairways and flowing water in the form of streams, brooks, and split-level lakes connected by striking waterfalls, all with vibrant floral detail. Stay and play packages are available in this luxurious facility.

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

5. PGA West TPC Stadium Course - A collection of 18, #1 handicap holes! The Pete Dye "monster", where low scores are an exception rather than the rule, is probably one of the hardest courses in the country. PGA Q-School uses this course. Be forewarned and bring extra balls. Its famous Alcatraz hole may get the better of you even though it's only 168 yards from the tips! A great place to see how well you can really play golf.

56-150 PGA Boulevard, La Quinta
1.800.PGA.WEST - www.pgawest.com

6. The Player's Course - The Golf Resort at Indian Wells 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 Player's Course is aesthetically fascinating, flows exceptionally well and will challenge all types of players. Stay and play packages are available in this luxurious facility.

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760.346.4653 - www.golfresortatindianwells.com

7. PGA West - Greg Norman.

The newly redesigned course is very different from all the other PGA West courses. This is a "desertscape" design par-72, 7,156-yard course. There are no palm trees - the

usual standard fare for Coachella Valley golf. There are 122 bunkers that are filled with crushed marble sand that's so brilliant white you might need to buy a pair of PeakVision's sunglasses. Great flow is the hallmark of this layout. Ideal for walking, which is allowed, and caddies are available.



56-150 PGA Boulevard, La Quinta.

1.800.PGA.WEST – www.pgawest.com

8. 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

9. SilverRock – On the rotation in 2009 for the Bob Hope Chrysler classic, this three-year old 18-hole par 72 championship course has some intriguing holes, especially number 17, a downhill par 3 over water a la Cypress Point's famed #16. Playing alongside the mountain range is both awe- some, yet risky, as some of the holes are rather tight. Several tees also make this golf course user friendly for the higher handicapper. 79-179 Ahmanson Lane, La Quinta

760.777.8884 – www.silverrock.org

10. Indian Canyons

South Course – 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

STAND-BY-GOLF

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. *Balloon Above the Desert* - 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* - 760.770.2700

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 with temperatures 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

9. The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies – Is nostalgia one of your hobbies? Then make an effort to go and see this show. It's a Broadway-caliber celebration of the music, dance, and comedy of the 30's and 40's, with a cast old enough to have lived it. Playing from March 4 through May 17, 2009 is their all-new 18th edition entitled Get Your Kicks! It's really amazing how these "young" ladies can do the Can-Can and it's a great evening's entertainment.



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128 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs
760.327.0225 – www.palmspringsfollies.com

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- Mountainview C.C from \$759,000
- The Citrus from \$512,000
- PGA West from \$265,000
- The Reserve from \$950,000
- Sun City Shadow Hills from \$187,000
- Palm Springs from \$99,000

A sampling of Canadian Clients:

- Dr. Corbin Dowty
- Dr. Cliff Hrankowski
- Dr. Brian Killick
- Sandy Cozens

The value is all in time; time searching, time inspecting, time understanding what is good and bad about a property and most importantly time that you can be spending doing other things.



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