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2017 Palm Springs
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We invite Delegates to take full advantage of our Palm Springs location by arriving early, or staying late, to experience all that the area has to offer. Our home at La Quinta Resort and Spa was deliberately chosen—the surrounding scenery and beautiful landscape are meant to catalyze imagination, inspire new thinking and promote a healthy worldview. While planning your travel, we encourage all Delegates to include extra time in Palm Springs, in order to enjoy some of the unique attractions below.

Major Area Attractions

Indian Canyons

Indian Canyons in Palm Springs consists of Palm Canyon, Andreas Canyon and Murray Canyon. Palm Canyon offers hikers a moderately graded footpath that leads down to a stream perfect for picnicking. Andreas Canyon offers a more serene, scenic route perfect for photography and bird watching. Murray Canyon is an easy to moderate hike, boasting abundant wildlife encounters and is less visited, so tends to be more secluded. Indian Canyons is open daily from October through June and weekends only July through September.

Address: 38520 S Palm Canyon Drive

Palm Springs, CA 92264

Phone: (760) 323-6018

Website: <http://www.indian-canyons.com>

Moorten Botanical Garden

Moorten Botanical Garden is located in beautiful Palm Springs, California on Palm Canyon Drive and features desert plant life native to the Palm Springs area. Guided tours are available for all age groups.

Address: 1701 S Palm Canyon Drive

Palm Springs, CA 92264

Phone: (760) 327-6555

Website: <http://www.moortengarden.com>

Contact: Clark Moorten

Email: clarkmoorten@yahoo.com

Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

Aboard the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, the world's largest rotating tramcar, you will experience a breathtaking journey up the sheer cliffs of Chino Canyon. Begin the ten-minute ride at the Valley Station, elevation 2,643 feet, and end at the Mountain Station, elevation 8,516 feet. No matter what the season, whether you are enjoying spectacular views or hiking in a pristine wilderness, a one-of-a-kind experience can be had by all.

Address: One Tram Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Phone: (760) 325-1391

Website: <http://www.pstramway.com>

Contact: Nancy Nichols

Email: pstramway@pstramway.com

The Living Desert

The Living Desert is a unique zoo and botanical garden that specializes in the deserts of the world. The botanical gardens include geographic replicas of areas as diverse as Baja California's Viscaïno Desert and the exotic deserts of Madagascar. Stop by the interactive Discovery Center, visit one of the largest G-scale model train displays, enjoy a Wildlife Wonders animal presentation, hike the nature trails, have lunch in one of the cafes, or pet the goats in the Petting Kraal. The Living Desert's mission is to desert conservation through preservation, education and appreciation and offers an experience like no other

Address: 47900 Portola Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Phone: (760) 346-5694

Website: <http://www.livingdesert.org>

Contact: Roshan Patel

Local Museums:

Palm Springs Air Museum

The Palm Springs Air Museum is home to one of the World's largest collections of flyable WWII aircraft plus Korea and Vietnam era aircraft. The air-conditioned hangars have no ropes to keep you from interacting with the exhibits. The extensive library and crew of trained volunteers can provide you details on the aircraft and a sense of the experience of flying them. Flight exhibitions are available on Saturdays, November through April.

Address: 745 N Gene Autry Trail
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Phone: (760) 778-6262

Website: <http://www.palmspringsairmuseum.org>

Contact: Lisa Slam

Phone: (760) 482-1832

Email: lisa@palmspringsairmuseum.org

Palm Springs Art Museum

Youth art classes are available with an emphasis on creative problem solving. Experimentation is guided by an art educator. In addition to art making, classes include discussions about original works of art from the museum's permanent collection and current exhibitions.

Address: 101 Museum Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Phone: (760) 322-4800

Website: <http://www.psmuseum.org>

Contact: Debra Preston

Email: info@psmuseum.org

Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert

This Museum features several gallery areas and is home to changing exhibitions that both stand-alone and complement the museum's main Palm Springs location. The 8,400 square-foot environmentally friendly building is surrounded by a two-acre, lushly landscaped sculpture garden, housing the works of modern and contemporary masters such as Di Suvero, Gold and Judd – a perfect setting for private and special events. The museum provides a variety of community activities, educational tours and lectures. Admission is free Thursdays from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Address: 72567 Highway 111
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Phone: (760) 346-5600

Website: <http://www.psmuseum.org/palm-desert>

Contact: Arlene Amick

Email: pdinfo@psmuseum.org

Outdoor Tours:

Big Wheel Tours

For 17 years Big Wheel Tours has been providing guided Jeep, bike and hike tours of the Greater Palm Springs backcountry. The highly trained naturalist guides will provide entertaining commentary for your tour, hotel pickup and delivery, and refreshments to insure that your hike will be a memorable and enjoyable experience. The guides are experts in local geology, Indian culture, plant and animal life, the celebrity tradition, current trends, and modern settlement. So ask questions and enjoy the one of a kind natural beauty that the Valley has to offer.

Destinations include Indian Canyons, Whitewater Preserve, Joshua Tree National Park, Coachella Valley Preserve, and more. Or combine several nature preserves in one tour with the Wildlands Preserve Nature Tour.

Address: 74850 42nd Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Phone: (760) 779-1837

Website: <http://www.bwbtours.com>

Contact: Evan Trubee

Email: gotouring@bwbtours.com

Adventure Hummer Tours

When you come to Palm Springs, you can't miss the bright yellow signature Hummers at your hotel. This outdoor adventure company has taken over 100,000 guests to places they would not be able to reach on their own. The Hummer adventures follow an old goldmine trail to over 4,000 feet to Summit Point in Joshua Tree National Park where you can see all the way to Mexico. Here, temperatures are 20 degrees cooler. You will also visit a 33,000 acre nature preserve where you will discover the third largest oasis in the world and step inside the original cabin built by the area's first settler.

Address: 105 Twin Palms
Palm Springs, CA 92264

Phone: (760) 285-0876

Website: <http://www.adventurehummer.com>

Contact: Jerry Sybers

Email: reservations@adventurehummer.com

Desert Adventures Red Jeep Tours & Events

Since 1987, Desert Adventures has provided unique and memorable tours in the Greater Palm Springs area. Ride the big red Jeeps to see astonishing sites in the beautiful desert. Travel to a natural palm oasis. Learn about Indian culture, plants, animals and geology as you ride across the sun kissed desert. Ask about all tours including Joshua Tree National Park, Indian Canyons, and Mecca Hills/Painted Canyon, Palm Springs City and Celebrity Homes Tour, or Gay Palm Springs Tour. Additional tours, activities, and events are also offered for groups. Life is an adventure...Make it a Desert Adventure!

Address: 74794 Lennon Place Suite B
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Phone: (760) 324-JEEP (5337)

Website: <http://red-jeep.com>

Contact: Kimberly Nilsson

Email: info@red-jeep.com

The Best of the Best Tours

The Best of the Best Tours provides tours of the Indian Canyons, Rich & Famous City Tour and Windmill Tours. If you are a group of nine or more, Best of the Best Tours can put together any tour or activity. Call for directions.

Phone: (760)320-1365

Website: <http://www.thebestofthebesttours.com>

Contact: Christy Regalado

Email: bofthebtours@aol.com

Palm Springs Windmill Tours

The only windmill farm tour that is endorsed by the Desert Wind Energy Association. The tour goes inside the fences onto the private property where no other tour can go making stops at the windmills to give you an up close view. You will see several forms of sustainable energy; Wind, Solar and a Natural Gas Peaking plant.

Address: 62950 20th Avenue
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Website: <http://www.windmilltours.com>

Contact: David Hixon

Email: timmyba@gmail.com

Sports & Recreation

Horseback Riding, Polo & Equestrian:

Smoke Tree Stables

Experience a few quiet hours of "getting away from it all" on over 150 miles of convenient riding trails that provide both solitude and breathtaking beauty. Located in Palm Springs near the Indian Canyons, Smoke Tree Stables offers guided rides by the hour or for the entire day!

Address: 2500 Toledo Avenue

Palm Springs, CA 92264

Phone: (760) 327-1372

Website: <http://www.smoketreestables.com>

Contact: K C Johnson

Golf & Tennis:

Golf

PGA Golf Course <http://www.pgawest.com/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp>

Silver Rock Resort <http://www.silverrock.org>

Tennis

Palm Springs Tennis Club <http://www.palmspringstennisclub.net>

Plaza Racquet Club <http://www.plazarc.com>

Jackie Cooper Tennis Club

<http://www.jackiecoopertennisclub.com/pages/index.cfm?siteid=15785>

Bicycle & Off-Road Rentals:

Old Town La Quinta Bike Rentals

Mobile bike rentals that come to you! Hourly, daily, weekly and monthly rentals available. We carry a variety of beach cruisers that are easy to ride for adults and some children. Ride the Cove!

La Quinta, CA

Phone: (760) 609-3482

Old Town Peddler

Family owned and operated renting beach cruisers and hybrid bikes. If you want to rent a bike for some fun, take a cruise around Old Town, ride the trails in the beautiful La Quinta Cove or head out to one of the many world-class events.

Address: 77895 Avenida Montezuma

La Quinta, CA 92253

Phone: (760) 625-7290

Website: <http://www.oldtownpeddler.com>

Pedego Electric Bike

This is not only a way to stay active and fit (yes you do get exercise from riding an electric bike), but also a way to enjoy sights that you may not travel to on a regular bike. With Pedego you are not limited by your fitness capability, you are able to go further distances to see and do more.

Address: 78015 Main Street Suite 106

La Quinta, CA 92253

Phone: (760) 972-4017

Website: <http://www.pedegoelectricbikes.com>

Email: info@pedegolq.com

Other:

Desert Ice Castle

The Coolest Place in the Desert! The Desert Ice Castle is an NHL regulation-sized skating rink with seating for up to 150 people. Open to the public for recreational skating, figure skating and hockey. Groups are able to rent the entire facility, whether it's for ice skating, corporate events or playing broomball.

Address: 68600 Perez Road

Cathedral City, CA 92234

Phone: (760) 324-0400

Website: <http://www.deserticecastle.com>

Contact: Andrew Luczynski

Desert Rocks Indoor Climbing Gym

Desert Rocks has harness climbing and bouldering for all abilities and age levels from 4+ to active seniors, featuring 7,000 square feet of climbing surface, and 30-foot high lead and top-rope walls. An air-conditioned facility with self-contained party/group room with climbing wall is available.

Address: 19160 McLane Street

North Palm Springs, CA 92258

Phone: (760) 671-1101

Website: <http://www.climbdesertrocks.com>

Contact: Kristen Schechtman

El Paseo Shopping Avenue

Over 250 delightful discoveries including enchanting shops and boutiques featuring fashion, jewelry, art, home, spas, dining, and more. On El Paseo, you will find treasures every step of the way.

Address: Between Highway 74/Monterey and Portola

Palm Desert, CA 92260

Website: <http://www.ElPaseoSummerFun.com>

Contact: Stephanie Greene

Email: stephanie@fgcreative.com

Escape Room Palm Springs

A thrilling puzzle adventure that challenges the mind. Your group has 45 minutes to solve a series of puzzles where clues are rewarded as you successfully decipher each puzzle. As the game progresses, you will learn the enthralling story behind each room and ultimately unlock the puzzle, which leads to your escape.

Address: 560 S Williams Road

Palm Springs, CA 92264

Phone: (760) 779-8888

Website: <http://www.escapeps.com>

Contact: Dominique Fruchtman

Email: info@escapeps.com

La Quinta Resort & Spa

Pools

The hotel offers a variety of pools:

- Main pool
- 21 or older adult pool
- Lap pool

<http://www.laquintaresort.com/palm-springs-pools/>

Golf

The hotel offers 3 different areas to golf:

- Pete Dye Designed Courses
- PGA West
- Palm Springs Golf

<http://www.laquintaresort.com/golf/>

Spa

The hotel has a wonderful Spa, which also includes additional services such as a Fitness and Yoga center and a Pet Pampering area.

<http://www.laquintaresort.com/spa-fitness/>

Tennis

Hotel Tennis court has been voted top in the world! They offer lessons and classes to help become like the pros!

<http://www.laquintaresort.com/activities/tennis/>

Hiking/Biking Trails

The hotel offers a variety of hiking or biking options. All of these trails offer spectacular mountain vistas, waterfalls, natural streams, rocky gorges and unusual rock formations. The hotel can provide you on the best route to take, see the concierge desk for more details.

<http://www.laquintaresort.com/activities/hiking/>

Shopping

There are many shops onsite and nearby that are not to be missed.

<http://www.laquintaresort.com/>