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13 Best Hotels in Palm Springs

The dreamiest properties you'll find in this California desert oasis.

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If you haven't visited California's hottest desert town in awhile, now is the time. In [Palm Springs](#), the spring weather is perfect, the food scene is better than ever, and there's a variety of nonstop events throughout the Coachella Valley all season long—from the BNP Paribas Open (affectionately known as the 5th Grand Slam) to the big White Party bash to music festivals and the plethora of parties that come with them.

If you're more interested in simply [exploring the historic city](#) while enjoying some R&R under the desert sun, you can spend your days hiking its many mountain trails, shopping its impressive array of vintage retailers, hitting up a variety of cool cocktail spots and restaurants (both new and retro), and gawking at the magnificent midcentury architecture. As for [where to stay](#), the best Palm Springs hotels are as wide-ranging as the area's visitors. Whether you're seeking a tranquil boutique hotel, a sprawling resort, or a retro-design motel with a shiny facelift, it's almost too easy to find the perfect property to enjoy the dreamy desert weather and mountain views. Here are some of our favorite hotels in [Palm Springs](#) for your next trip.

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Both the luxe-est and largest property in Palm Springs at 13 acres, the sprawling Jonathan Adler-designed Hollywood Regency-style hotel is posh, kitschy, whimsical, and service-centric all at once. Located on the very south end of town on a non-descript stretch of Palm Canyon Drive across from a car dealership group, once you make it through the gate and up the curling driveway you'll feel truly transported. Formerly the estate of Western movie star Gene Autry, the Parker is hands down one of the area's most unique places to stay. Though the entire property is huge by Palm Springs standards, it still manages to feel private and exclusive thanks to the sprawling layout, spread-out structures, and hidden hangouts at every turn, including a croquet lawn, Pétanque courts, firepit seating areas, and two perfect pools. Though you'll need a car or Uber to get anywhere else noteworthy, you'll likely just want to hunker down here your entire stay and get your money's worth.

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