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5 Reasons to Visit Greater Palm Springs This Fall

The weather's perfect for special events, art, shopping, dining, and more!
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Indian Wells Golf course

When temperatures dip, a visit to Greater Palm Springs – with its 300+ days of sunshine per year – is an excellent place to escape. The Southern California oasis is bigger than most people realize, encompassing five cities that offer a menagerie of experiences, events, and attractions. They include Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella.

It's easier than ever to get there, with average flight times from more than 50 U.S. cities. Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) is a welcoming alternative to the stress of any terminal. Even when you book up to the plethora of outdoor spaces, you'll want to board your flight and enjoy a stress-free flight experience.

Here are five main reasons to plan a trip to Greater Palm Springs.




Hot Air Balloons Festival

There's an event for everyone

Fall and winter offer a long event calendar in Greater Palm Springs. A few popular events and festivals include:

- Cathedral City Hot Air Balloons Festival:** On November 10-15, hot air balloons in a gorgeous array of colors and designs take to the big blue above.
- Museum Week Fall Festival:** During this four-day event (October 13-16), visitors can tour historic homes and learn about mid-century modern architecture and design.
- Greater Palm Springs Pride:** From November 4-6, a block party, festival, and parade unite and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.
- La Quinta Art Celebration ENCORE:** Art lovers will appreciate this showcase (November 10-11) featuring work by 200 premier artists from around the world.
- Palm Springs Air Museum Prop & Rope Craft Beer Festival:** What better place to taste over 40 craft beers than in a hangar surrounded by vintage airplanes? The fun happens on November 19.




Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

Head outdoors for even more fun

Greater Palm Springs has a vast range of fun attractions and things to do. Kids will love the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, which climbs 2,500 feet to the top of Mount San Jacinto. At the Long Desert Zoo and Gardens, the new Biosciences Center is home to two African Black lions, meerkats, and more. Or channel your inner Indiana Jones with Desert Adventures Red Jeep Tours.

Culture connoisseurs will find an oasis of art

Explore Greater Palm Springs' rich history to find contemporary modern design and architecture on a walking or driving tour. An art installation can lead to the Palm Springs Air Museum, one of the area's many public art installations, or experience the El Paseo Art Walk. Somajoki, a historic military modern estate in Rancho Mirage, inspires art inspiration in the after-noon renovation. The property offers free tours of the nine-acre garden and a brand-new art exhibition.




The Gardens on El Paseo

It's a haven for shoppers and foodies

Greater Palm Springs is full of boutiques, outlets, and vintage stores. Street El Paseo Shopping District in Palm Desert is full of everything from home-decor stores and locally-owned boutiques to art galleries and restaurants. Visit to VillageFest in Palm Springs on Thursday evenings when the downtown area transforms into a lively street fair.

When you're shopping and eating at one of the many restaurants, such as Pacific Seabird Restaurant, with a second-story outdoor patio that features spectacular mountain views. Or get outdoors in P.O. Underground, a one-of-a-kind dining adventure where guests are surprised with menus and locations centered on a specific theme.



Desert Botanic Las Palmas Resort & Spa

You can stay the way you want

Greater Palm Springs has a wide range of accommodations. Families with young kids may want to try the Desert Botanic Las Palmas Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage. Its amenities, 100+ pools, including a 425-foot lazy river, two 100-foot waterfalls, and a 600-sq-ft hot tub. Or a budget? Check out the DoubleTree by Hilton in Cathedral City or Homewood Suites in Quartz. Couples will like the privacy and resort amenities of Renaissance Escondido Indian Wells. Moreover, Resort and Spa Indian Wells (and its private golf course) or the Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs Hotel. And if a place among your search results is your thing, there are plenty of vacation rental options.

Whether you're looking for a romantic getaway, kid-friendly fun, great dining and shopping, or just a little peace and quiet, you'll find it in Greater Palm Springs.

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