

MODERN LUXURY PALM SPRINGS

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On Holiday

Palm Springs and the surrounding area has such a special place in my heart. When my husband and I first started dating, we spent a memorable weekend at Parker Palm Springs, and have since spent many happy occasions at different spots across the desert. My mom—who lives in New York—and I have taken some unforgettable mother-daughter trips to the area. The bonding time is so special, and also gives me an excuse to try out the incredible hotels! The last time she visited, we spent time at The Rowan and Holiday House (seen above), and had a blast checking out so many great restaurants, vintage shops, galleries and more. I even convinced her to try a small “hike” through Joshua Tree, which is something I’ll never forget.

Many people speak of Palm Springs’ ambiance. The surrounding mountains, the beautiful desert

landscape and the dreamy midcentury homes certainly cast a spell, one that I happily fall under. It’s something that convinced Ginny Maycox to buy her beautiful 1940s bungalow in The Movie Colony, a home she decorated with Grace Homes’ Michael Ostrow. “You instantly feel like things are melting away when you get there,” she says. “And that’s not just because of the 120-degree heat.” Make sure to flip to “Open House” to read more about how Ostrow transformed the home into a bright and happy oasis.

Although the pandemic has slowed things down for a while, the area is starting to pick up, with many hotels, shops, restaurants and more reopening safely. I urge you to do what you can to support these businesses—safely, of course.

Enjoy the issue, and make sure to reach out and introduce yourself. I’m just an email away.



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Mark D. Sikes imbued Holiday House with his signature mix of cool whimsy. The lobby area opens up to the pool, and is a great place to relax with a book or magazine.



Bold design and eye-catching artwork rule the lobby at the Mark D. Sikes-designed Holiday House.

HOLIDAY HOUSE

Midcentury boutique property Holiday House, designed by the iconic Herbert W. Burns in 1951, recently underwent an upgrade courtesy of designer Mark D. Sikes. The 28-room hotel is equally chic and comfortable, with a funky lobby filled with games, rotating artwork and a spot to enjoy cocktails. In addition to enjoying the property's impressive design and laid-back feel, guests can expect room accommodations including a signature oversize shower, Cowshed bath amenities, Waterworks bath hardware and custom textiles by Sikes. Rooms from \$299 per night, holidayhouseps.com

Stay a While

WITH LOCAL HOTELS OFFERING LUXE EXPERIENCES AND WORLD-CLASS AMENITIES RIGHT HERE, A STAYCATION IS DEFINITELY IN ORDER.

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CASA CODY

A designated class 1 historic site, Casa Cody found its roots 100 years ago when Hollywood pioneer Harriet Cody and her husband, Harold, came by wagon from Hollywood. Boasting a guest book with names like Charlie Chaplin and Lawrence Tibbett, Casa Cody carries a long legacy. A masterful historic preservation of the 29-room property honors the space's Spanish Colonial Revival heritage and instantly transports guests to a bygone era via a stunning coastal Spain-inspired design by Electric Bowery. Rooms from \$199 per night, casacody.com CONTINUED...

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lifestyle STAYCATION



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LA QUINTA RESORT & CLUB, A WALDORF ASTORIA RESORT

As the longest-running resort in the Palm Springs area, the storied La Quinta Resort & Club knows a thing or two about how to take advantage of the incredible desert landscape. For more active vacationers, La Quinta offers hiking trails, biking, excursions to Joshua Tree, 41 climate-controlled swimming pools, and championship-caliber golf and tennis facilities. For the perfect staycation, guests can stay and play with a round of golf at one of La Quinta's five championship courses and overnight accommodations in an adobe casita. *Rooms from \$290 per night, laquintaresort.com*

KIMPTON ROWAN PALM SPRINGS

Located in downtown Palm Springs, Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs delivers all the urban oasis vibes between its prime locale and the city's only rooftop pool. Boasting two restaurants and two bars, The Rowan is also steps from the city's best dining, shopping, art and attractions. Every Wednesday, executive chef Dan Grunbeck presents Dinner Under the Stars, where dinner for two is served with a stunning rooftop view and luxe overnight accommodations. *Rooms from \$289 per night, rowanpalmsprings.com*

AZURE PALM HOT SPRINGS RESORT

The newest addition to the Palm Springs hotel scene had its soft

Clockwise from top: The expansive La Quinta Resort & Club has several places on property to soak in the gorgeous surrounds; chic furniture and decor rule the lobby at Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs; Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs boasts the only rooftop pool in the region; voted one of the top tennis resorts in the world, courts abound at La Quinta Resort & Club.

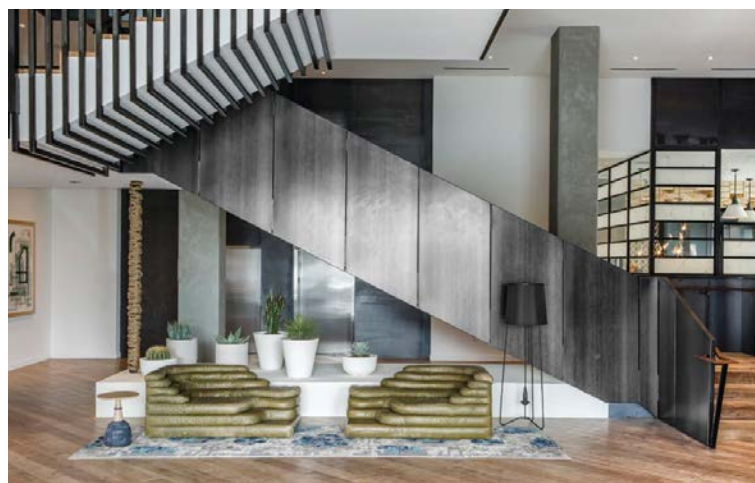
opening this fall and is planning for a grand opening in January 2021. Harnessing the power of healing mineral spring water, Azure Palm Hot Springs Resort prioritizes a luxurious wellness experience. Amenities include in-room private mineral spring tubs, four fresh-flowing mineral spring spas and a courtyard fire pit. With the staycation retreat package, enjoy a fusion of Swedish and deep tissue massages with a full hot herbal steam towel treatment and a Magic Mint scalp treatment. *Spa suites from \$329, azurepalmsprings.com*

TWO BUNCH PALMS

For the environmentally conscious traveler, this 65-room boutique hotel in Desert Hot Springs is the place.

Nestled among ancient palm trees amid 72 acres of desert landscape, the wellness retreat takes a holistic approach to sustainability and conservation, including the use of locally grown produce, recycled water irrigation, biodegradable cleaning and treatment products, and generating electricity from 100% renewable sources. The respite's unique experience taps into all five senses through its luxe spa treatments—think ayurvedic massages, OxyGeneo facials and the cult-favorite TBP mud bath—enrichment programs like ceramics and sound bowl healing, SoCal-inspired fare and more luxury amenities. But its most famed attraction is the lithium-rich geothermal hot

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KIMPTON ROWAN RESORT PHOTO BY LAURE JOLLET; LA QUINTA RESORT & CLUB, A WALDORF ASTORIA RESORT PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRAND

...CONTINUED springs, allowing guests to recharge every 24 hours with its therapeutic and mood-enhancing properties. *Rooms from \$305 per night, [twobunchpalms.com](#)*

SPARROWS LODGE

Originally built in 1952 by MGM actor Don Castle and his wife, Zetta, Sparrows Lodge—once a hot spot for Hollywood elite back in the day—was fully restored in 2013, and now provides complete repose through its modern rustic vibe, communal barn, outdoor fire pit and vegetable garden. With no phones or TVs in the 20 rooms, guests are encouraged to unplug and enjoy the property's peaceful surroundings and robust fine art collection. *Rooms from \$329 per night, [sparrowslodge.com](#)*

PARKER PALM SPRINGS

Boasting a renovation by Jonathan Adler, the Parker provides a distinctly Palm Springs-esque experience, complete with pops of color and old Hollywood accents. Put simply, The Parker pulls out all the stops on everything. Its five incredible food and drink options make imbibing practically mandatory. Palm Springs Yacht Club provides R&R ranging

from facials, massages and fitness classes to manicures, an indoor pool and a steam room. And finally, the Gene Autry Residence provides the ultimate vacay experience with plenty of room to sprawl and enjoy home away from home. *Rooms from \$549 per night, villas from \$1,399 per night, [parkerpalmssprings.com](#)*

KORAKIA PENSIONE

Walking through Korakia Pensione's unmistakable keyhole-shaped entrance and finding citrus blossoms, olive trees, date palms and Moroccan fountains would convince anyone they were on the Mediterranean. Two restored historic villas featuring Moorish wooden double doors and antique and handmade furniture make up the resort, complete with bungalows, guesthouses, gardens and pools. Adventurous pairs can partake in the customized hiking package, which includes two tickets to a hiking trail of your choice, refreshments and post-hike massages. *Rooms from \$289 per night, [korakia.com](#)*

OMNI RANCHO LAS PALMAS

For the family in need of a getaway, amenities fit for all ages abound

at Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa, not to mention the luxurious accommodations. Splashtopia, an on-site water park complete with a lazy river, a sandy beach, a cliff-side hot tub and 100-foot waterslides can keep kids entertained, while Spa Las Palmas' 26 treatment rooms

and private pool with cabanas can provide parents with some much-needed R&R. Each Spanish Colonial-inspired room comes equipped with French doors opening to furnished private patios or balconies, providing the utmost relaxation. *[omnirancholaspalmas.com](#)* ■



SPARROWS LODGE PHOTO BY JAMIE KOWAL; TWO BUNCH PALMS PHOTOS BY DYLAN + JENI



Clockwise from left: A spacious guest room at Two Bunch Palms sets the stage for relaxation and romance; guests are drawn to Two Bunch Palms for its privacy, wellness-focused amenities and understated luxury; a rustic guest room at Sparrows Lodge has a woody-chic vibe.