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There's more to this desert city than 354 days of sunshine, but that's a good start



2 PARKER PALM SPRINGS YACHT CLUB

Not a real yacht club, given that it's in the middle of the desert, but you'll find this playful aesthetic wherever you go at the Parker. Hang out all day in the Psyc spa, where cocktails with your pedicure are the way to go. Or push the boat out with the Lost at Sea package – three-and-a-half hours of pure pampering. 4200 East Palm Canyon Drive (00 1 760 770 5000; theparkerpalmsprings.com).



3 PALM SPRINGS VILLAGE PUB

Village Pub is where the locals go to dress down, drink and dance. There's a live band and DJ every night of the year and, on Sundays, a jam session. The weekend happy hour starts at 6pm and food is served till 1.30am. The rib-eye steak is especially recommended. 266 South Palm Canyon Drive (00 1 760 323 3265; palmspringsvillagepub.com).

PALM SPRINGS DESERT RESORTS, COMMUNITIES, CIVIC (PALMSPRINGSUSA.COM). BUS BY AIRWAYS FLIES THREE TIMES DAILY FROM HEATHROW TO LOS ANGELES FROM \$465 RETURN INCLUDING TAXES (0844 483078; BACOM)

1 THE WILLOWS HISTORIC PALM SPRINGS INN

The Willows, built in 1924, where Clark Gable and Carole Lombard honeymooned, was one of Palm Springs' first big homes, and is now a charming eight-room B&B. It has been a labour of love to restore it to its former glory. 412 West Tahquitz Canyon Way (00 1 760 320 0771; thewillowspalmsprings.com).



6 THE FABULOUS PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES

Genuine, if not a little camp, entertainment from the glory days of variety – a trip back to Palm Springs' heyday of big hair, feathers and belting show tunes. Embrace the all-singing, all-dancing chorus-line world of Dorothy Dale Kloss and friends. At 86, Dorothy is the "oldest still-performing showgirl in the world". Catch original Supreme Mary Wilson this season. 128 South Palm Canyon Drive (00 1 760 327 0225; psfollies.com).



5 ACE HOTEL & SWIM CLUB

Ace, indeed – with a roadside restaurant that has been revamped as a modern take on the classic American diner, drawing on local, seasonal, organic ingredients. Make the most of Palm Springs' sunshine and enjoy drinks by the pool. 701 East Palm Canyon Drive (00 1 760 325 9900; acehotel.com).



4 PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM

The museum's recent renovation is spectacular, opening up the Seventies interior to show off its 7,000 objects, which include works by artists such as Donald Judd and Gavin Turk. The popular basement café houses the evocative William Anderson Collection of black-and-white photographs of Fifties movie stars at play in the city. 101 Museum Drive (00 1 760 322 4895; psmuseum.org).

