

THE BEST HOTELS TO STAY AT IN 2025

33 COACHELLA VALLEY ESSENTIALS



A crowd fills the Rock Yard at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino as Escape, a Journey tribute band, performs in Indio on Sept. 3, 2022. ANDY ABEYTA/THE DESERT SUN

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Finding a hotel with all the essentials you need for the perfect vacation can be a difficult task. What makes it even harder is all the options available in the Coachella Valley. • That's why we're here to help. The Desert Sun has compiled an Essential Hotels Guide featuring a mix of 33 adults-only boutique hotels, family-friendly lavish resorts and everything else in between to fit everyone's criteria. This list is also one that can be used by locals, as several hotels offer day passes for their pool and spa amenities, and they also have bars and restaurants on site that are welcoming to non-guests. Even if you don't have plans to travel, it's easy to be a tourist at home in the valley. • We've been slowly releasing this list, 11 at a time, over the course of three weeks. Now, you can see the full list in its entirety below — just in time for a last-minute Fourth of July weekend getaway.

— *Ema Sasic, features reporter*

Were there other spots that didn't make this year's list? Of course. That's why we want to hear from you. Join the conversation by emailing niki.kottmann@desertsun.com with "My essential hotel" in the subject line. We'll be sharing readers' picks in a future story

Azure Palm Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa Oasis

Azure Palms is aptly named — you'll feel you've stumbled into a tranquil oasis in the middle of the desert once you've stepped through its doors. It's located on Miracle Hill, where there is a hot mineral aquifer that's made Desert Hot Springs famous for its water. This is the main focal point of the resort and spa, which has been a trailblazer in the city's efforts to revive its reputation as a wellness destination. Its website states that its water comes out of the ground at 174 degrees and has restorative properties.

Guests can enjoy the healing mineral water by dipping into its pools or its soaking tubs located in a serene outdoor space. There are a plethora of spa treatments to choose from — deep tissue massages, mud wraps, facials and reiki therapy to name just a few. And if that's not enough to help you unwind, it also has a yoga studio with classes, sound baths (ticket purchase required) and wellness retreats. Its on-site cafe also offers healthy bites and drinks to sate your appetite.

Address: 67-589 Hacienda Avenue, Desert Hot Springs Key amenities: Mineral water pool and soaking tubs; spa treatments; onsite cafe serving food and drinks; sound baths; wellness retreats; yoga studio More information: azurepalmhotsprings.com