



Pazifik Eskapades 2021

Drive BMW's Latest – and Enjoy a Fabulous Array of Extracurricular Activities

Fun and Relaxation in the Diverse Coachella Valley

Willkommen ! September 18, 2021

The spectacular and astounding variety of the Palm Springs area will amaze you. In addition to enjoying an unparalleled driving experience at the BMW Performance Center, BMW CCA members can customize the rest of their weekend with a wide variety of exciting activities - Spas, Mountains, Art, Aviation History, Architecture, Hiking, Golf, Shopping, and Entertainment. Drive, explore, relax and dine - all in one long action packed weekend.

Here is a partial list just some of the museums, activities and interesting things waiting for you. We've picked some of the more eccentric offerings to add a little fun to your weekend. Then we added some attractions that are close to the resort, and we've included a selection of museums, botanical gardens and outdoor activities. There are hundreds more suggestions online. The Aerial Tramway is closed in September for maintenance.

Please Note: Many of these activities require pre-registration, even the free ones. Many require masks. Some are only opened part of the day. Click through to the website of any activities you are interested in to make sure it is open and welcoming visitors.

- **Salton Sea Circumnavigation Tour**

A 3 1/2 hour driving tour all the way around the Salton Sea. Add in time to get out and see some of the quirky sites listed here. Even if you don't opt to take the drive this weekend, at least visit the websites. These places are wacky, weird, off-the-wall and a testament to the ingenuity of the human race.

Stop 1 [International Banana Museum \(description on page 2\)](#)

Stop 2 [Bombay Beach](#)

Stop 3 [Salvation Mountain](#)

Stop 4 [East Jesus](#)

Stop 5 [Mud pots and traveling Niland Geyster](#)

Stop 6 [Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge](#)

[Google map link to tour](#)

- **Palm Springs Art Museum**

Located in the heart of Palm Springs, the Palm Springs Art Museum features a sophisticated collection of art, loaned or donated by the area's affluent residents. The museum has an art collection that rivals urban metropolitan museums, and includes works from Marc Chagall, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Donald Judd, Louise Bourgeois, Alexander Calder, Henry Moore, Robert Rauschenberg, Antony Gormley and Ansel Adams. Spread over the 150,000 square feet, the museum boasts major collections of modern and contemporary art, glass, photography, architecture, design and Native American art.



<https://www.psmuseum.org>

- **La Quinta Museum**



The La Quinta Museum showcases the city's history and cultural arts. The local history gallery features dioramas depicting native animals and a Cahuilla village, as well as historical resort photos, and a 32-foot long mural of La Quinta, painted by André Blanché, in the community room. On Saturday you can join in the Mah Johgg games.

<http://www.playinlaquinta.com/La-Quinta-Museum>

- **Palm Springs Air Museum**

At the air museum, history comes alive and visitors can get close to vintage World War II and Korea/Vietnam era aircraft. Named in 2014 as one of the top 14 aviation museums in the world – 59 planes are on display inside four climate-controlled hangars with more outside on the tarmac. Book ahead if you want to fly in the C-47 Skytrain (\$195) or the P-51D Mustang (\$1895)



<http://palmspringsairmuseum.org>

- **International Banana Museum**



The world's largest collection devoted entirely to bananas. There are over 20,000 banana related items from staplers to harmonicas, ash trays to jewelry, sun tan lotion to a record player shaped like a banana, and made of every material you can think of. The folks who toured the Banana Museum in 2018 can attest that they have the best banana shakes you've ever tasted. There's also a gift shop and a selection of banana flavoured sodas. Since the Bananenmuseum in Sierksdorf, Germany, burned down, this quirky museum in the desert is your only chance to see Elvis's favorite banana chocolate bar.

<http://www.internationalbananamuseum.com/>

- Cabot's Pueblo Museum** (closed Sundays)
 Cabot Yerxa (1883-1965) built his Pueblo to display his collection of Native American art and artifacts, souvenirs of his travels and some of his own artwork. The Hopi-inspired building is hand-made and created from reclaimed and found materials from the valley. Cabot made the adobe bricks onsite. The Pueblo is four stories, 5000 sq.ft., has 35 rooms, 150 windows, 30 different rooflines and 65 doors. There are both hot and cold mineral springs on the property. <http://www.cabotsmuseum.org/> (closed Sunday)



- Hot Air Balloon Rides**
 A truly spectacular and romantic way to enjoy a sunrise or a sunset.

Magical Adventure <https://www.hotairfun.com/>
 Fantasy Balloon <http://www.fantasyballoonflight.com/>



- Palm Springs Biplane Rides**



Climb into a 1940 Stearman Biplane with your favorite friend and enjoy an unparalleled view of the Coachella Valley. Flight is 20 minutes. Book early. <http://www.psbplanes.com/>

- Desert Adventures Red Jeep Tours**
 You can tour the Painted Canyons, Mecca Hills, the San Andreas Fault, Joshua Tree National Park and more. Or go on a hiking adventure with a professional naturalist tour guide. <https://red-jeep.com/>



- Pedego Electric Bike Rentals**
 Want to explore on your own and not be limited to where your car or feet can take you? Here is an option to let you do close-up touring. Pedego rents both adult and kid's bikes and gives you several options for duration and upgrades. Locks and Helmets are included with every rental. <http://www.pedegoelectricbikes.com/dealers/la-quinta/>

- Shields Date Garden**



Have a date shake, walk through the landscaped farm, and see the free video "The Romance and Sex Life of the Date". There are a wide variety of dates grown on site, including some grown nowhere else in the world. <https://www.shieldsdategarden.com/>

- **Coachella Valley Preserve**

20000+ acres of desert wilderness, wildlife and trails
Sparkling springs set amid 20,000 acres of lush greenery provide a haven for a myriad desert creatures. In the center is a 1000-acre, idyllic palm oasis that served as the backdrop for Cecil De Mille's epic film, King of Kings. Self-guided nature trails, guided tours, horse trails, and picnic facilities are available. The hiking trails range from flat and easy to quite difficult. Some of the trails are closed for maintenance now. <http://coachellavalleypreserve.org/>



- **Living Desert Zoo and Gardens**



A showcase of the plants and animals that have adopted to survive in the desert. More than 450 desert animals from deserts in Africa to Madagascar to North America can be seen in gardens with the native flora from each desert. There is an interactive Discovery Center, a large G-scale model train display, hiking trails and more. This is a great outing for children and adults alike. <https://www.livingdesert.org/>

- **Joshua Tree National Park**

Two desert ecosystems, the Mojave and the Colorado, meet in Joshua Tree. The land, carved by wind and rain, hold a fascinating variety of plants and animals. The Visitor Center opens at 7:30, so you can visit before the temperature gets too hot. <https://www.nps.gov/jotr/index.htm>



- **Coachella Valley Brewing Company** Enjoy a sampler flight of cold refreshing beer that echoes the agriculture and attitude of the Coachella Valley. Tours of the brewery can be arranged for private groups. <https://www.cvbc.com/>
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If concerts are your thing, you can spend an evening with STYX or with George Lopez. Click on the links below for tickets and more information.

- **STYX Concert** <https://discoverpalmdesert.com/event/styx/>
- **George Lopez** <https://discoverpalmdesert.com/event/george-lopez/>