



NEW AND RENEWED HOTELS IN PALM SPRINGS!



30th September 2015 – The uber-cool city of Palm Springs is undergoing a rapid transformation, with a series of new hotel openings and renovations reflecting the continuing development of this dynamic destination in southern California.

From new ultra-hip hotels, celebrity residences swathed in Hollywood history, and design-led boutiques that reflect the city's desert modernist style, to a new technology hotel from one of Facebook's first employees, a spa resort opening on the tribal Agua Caliente Hot Mineral Spring, and newly-renovated boutiques set against the desert landscape backdrop, there's now even more choice for visitors looking to stay and play in Palm Springs.

Now Open!

L'Horizon Resort & Spa *(renovation completed June 2015)*

One of Palm Springs' most iconic hotels, L'Horizon Resort & Spa reopened earlier this year after a two-year and \$5 million refurbishment. Originally built in 1952 by acclaimed architect William F. Cody, it features 25 modern-vintage bungalows, grounds dotted with Planika fire pits and nearly 50 water features, including an infinity-edge pool. Famous past guests include Marilyn Monroe and former US Presidents, including Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan.

www.lhorizonpalmsprings.com

Palm Mountain Resort & Spa *(renovation completed September 2015)*

Located within walking distance of Palm Canyon Drive and the city's very own "Walk of Stars", the newly-renovated, Mediterranean-style [Palm Mountain Resort & Spa](#) has added 20 extra rooms and expanded its lobby area. The hotel's palm tree-lined pool remains its main focal point and the perfect place to relax under the year-round desert sun, while enjoying Palm Springs' laidback outdoor lifestyle.

Casa Elizabeth *(opened June 2015)*

The former private residence of Hollywood film star Elizabeth Taylor is now available for short-term stays. Newly-opened to the public from June 2015, the stylish '[Casa Elizabeth](#)' estate boasts four bedrooms, four-and-a-half bathrooms, a large pool area with waterfall features and spa, outdoor shower and kitchen, and striking artwork including an Andy Warhol print and original works of art painted by the actress herself.

Colt's Lodge *(renovation completed June 2015)*

The [Colt's Lodge](#), 11-room boutique inn has been redesigned and renovated in south Palm Springs. The property's new owners, Jon Nelson and Frank Young, have drawn on their design and theatre backgrounds to create a fresh, new look with a California cottage-feel. Each individually-designed room conveys a distinctive atmosphere, with names like Emperor, Tropical, Cowboy, Native American, Cozy, Nautical, Alps, Imari, Blue, Shades of White and Queen for guests to choose from.

Avalon Hotel Palm Springs *(rebranded April 2015)*

Formerly called the Viceroy Palm Springs, this luxury boutique resort has rebranded to become [Avalon Hotel Palm Springs](#). Designed in old Hollywood Regency style and famed for its celebrity appeal, the hotel offers 67 guestrooms, including 13 historic villas, three pools, a new poolside restaurant named Chi Chi, and The Estrella Spa, due to be reinvigorated as part of an ongoing focus on cutting-edge health and wellness programming.

Coming Soon!**Riviera Palm Springs, a Tribute Portfolio Resort** *(opening November 2015)*

The legendary Riviera Palm Springs is undergoing a multi-million dollar upgrade, ahead of its debut as the Riviera Palm Springs, a Tribute Portfolio Resort, later this year. Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide Inc. has announced that its newest independent brand, Tribute Portfolio Resorts, has taken over ownership of the historic, 21-acre resort and is in the process of creating a new pool bar, wedding pavilion and enhanced lobby.

Arrive *(opening late 2015)*

A futuristic approach to mid-century modern architecture, [Arrive](#) is 32-room boutique owned by Ezra Callahan, the sixth employee of Facebook. The high-tech hotel enables guests to check-in using their handheld devices and sees smart phones functioning as room keys. Highlights include a lively outdoor pool, whiskey-and-sushi bar, gourmet ice cream shop and modern guestrooms with TVs featuring Netflix and Hulu streaming facilities.

Colony Palms Hotel *(undergoing renovation)*

Originally dubbed the Colonial House, the Spanish-style [Colony Palm Hotel](#) was built in 1936 by owner Al Wertheimer, a reputed mobster and member of the Purple Gang. Now under new management, the hotel is having a makeover to upgrade its spa, guestrooms, landscaping and Purple restaurant, while adding an extra 1,200 square feet of event space. The hotel will stay open throughout the renovations.

Infusion Beach & Hotel Palm Springs *(opening late 2016)*

The [Infusion Beach & Hotel Palm Springs](#) is a multi-million dollar renovation and rebranding of the existing Garden Visa Hotel on Palm Canyon Drive. Designed in a modern Asian style, the new hotel is set to be a “spectacular luxury entertainment venue” with high-tech features, including in-room tablets that allow for instant in-room food and beverage ordering, spa bookings and guest communications.

Andaz Hotel Palm Springs *(opening 2017)*

A new development, the 150-room Andaz Hotel Palm Springs will be a luxury lifestyle resort in downtown Palm Springs, adjacent to the vibrant Uptown Design District. The hotel will comprise a collection of small buildings and bungalows surrounding two outdoor pools and garden areas. Features will include a spa, fitness centre, signature restaurant and lounge, elevated poolside retreat and bar, plus plenty of party space for special events.

Kimpton *(opening 2017)*

A new build hotel, the [Kimpton Palm Springs](#) is due to open on north Palm Canyon Drive within close proximity to many restaurants, art galleries and boutique shops. The hotel will boast 190 rooms, a rooftop bar and pool - a first for the area - as well as a chef-driven restaurant, nightly wine hour for Kimpton InTouch members, and great mountain views. The hotel is part of the \$150 million redevelopment of downtown Palm Springs.

Vision Caliente – Spa Hotel *(opening dates to be confirmed)*

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Council is developing a new spa hotel, focused around the historic Hot Mineral Spring, which is estimated to be upwards of 12,000 years old. The new, 22-acre development will bring an incredible wellness concept to the city, providing access to the ancient and natural healing waters of Palm Springs.

www.visionaguacaliente.com

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About Palm Springs

One hundred miles east of Los Angeles, Palm Springs is a desert playground with year-round sunshine, blue skies and stunning natural beauty. Nestled beneath California’s San Jacinto Mountains, the city is famed for its Hollywood legacy, Native American heritage and huge collection of mid-century modern architecture. The desert oasis boasts a wealth of adventurous hiking trails and historical canyon tours, as well as chic boutiques, world-renowned golf courses and unique experiences, including the chance to stay in the former homes of Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley.

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