

# LIVE LIKE A CELEBRITY IN PALM SPRINGS THIS SUMMER

## Californian city offers huge choice and great deals on celebrity home rentals!



14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – Famed for being Hollywood's playground of the stars, the Californian city of Palm Springs has a huge selection of celebrity holiday homes for visitors to live like a celebrity and rent the houses of some of Hollywood's biggest stars this summer, including the chance to follow in Frank Sinatra's footsteps during his centenary year!

Palm Springs boasts a rich celebrity history that dates back to the 1920s when the 'two-hour rule' of Hollywood kept stars within two hours of the studio for last-minute film or photo shoots. Palm Springs thus became a Hollywood hideaway for the likes of Dean Martin, Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe. The Rat Pack vibe is still going strong in neighborhoods like the Movie Colony, Old Las Palmas, Deepwell, and the Racquet Club.

This summer, visitors can gain a true insight into the lavish lifestyles of the rich and famous by renting a celebrity home. These beautifully-preserved, historic homes offer a retro-chic stay in Palm Springs with all the comforts and privacy of home, plus the frills of a holiday with outdoor pools and mountain views. They are ideal for those seeking quality time together and offer excellent value for larger groups. Among the range of properties with Hollywood connections are:

Twin Palms Estate, the original home of Frank Sinatra, one of the city's most famous former residents who would have celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Visitors can take a dip in Sinatra's piano-shaped swimming pool and enjoy the many centenary celebrations planned in Palm Springs. Prices start from \$2,600 (approximately £1,719) per night.

- 432 Hermosa, designed by renowned architect Donald Wexler in 1964 as a luxury retreat for Dinah Shore, a chart-topping female vocalist of the 1940s, this iconic mid-century property boasts floor-to-ceiling windows that reveal the beauty of the desert and the majestic San Jacinto Mountains. Prices start from \$4,500 (approximately £2,891) per night.
- Sand Acre, a five-bedroom Spanish estate located in The Movie Colony district. Built in 1933, this historic house is rumoured to be where Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio spent time together. It is walled and gated with vast laws and private tennis courts. Prices start from \$1,299 (approximately £859) per night.
- Lemontini Retreat, a popular party spot for Dean Martin in the 1960s, this private retreat still features the white baby grand piano given to the film star. The three-bedroom home was often referred to as "The Tea Dance House", enjoyed by some of Hollywood's most notable stars of the time. Prices start from \$650 (approximately £430) per night.
- Hacienda Las Palmas, believed to have been frequented by Katherine Hepburn and A Star Is Born director, George Cukor, for golf and tennis holidays in the 1950s, this six-bedroom estate features a French Country Kitchen with direct access to an outdoor BBQ area. Prices start from \$1,350 (approximately £893) per night.

With over 1,600 homes and condominiums to rent in Palm Springs, prices range from the upper level for celebrity homes to surprisingly affordable for smaller homes, bungalows and condos. For more information, go to VisitPalmSprings.com for the "Vacation Homes and Condo Rentals" under the "Stay"section.

Those with an interest in celebrity history will find plenty to see and do in Palm Springs. From celebrity themed tours and star-studded events to famous Hollywood hangouts and the city's very own Walk of Stars, Palm Springs' enduring celebrity appeal is evident around every corner.

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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. <a href="https://www.visitpalmsprings.com">www.visitpalmsprings.com</a>

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