



December 2018

COACHELLA VALLEY Calendar of Events

WildLights at The Living Desert Nov. 23-Dec. 24

Marvel at the more than a million colorful, sparkling holiday lights. Animal encounters and keeper chats, camel and carousel rides, and entertainment are offered nightly.

6-9pm / The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, Palm Desert
760-346-5694 / www.livingdesert.org

Palm Springs Holiday Tree Lighting Nov. 30

Join the Mayor, City Council and Santa Claus of course, for the Holiday Tree Lighting, featuring holiday caroling and FREE hot cocoa and cookies.

5:15-7pm / Frances Stevens Park www.palmspringsca.gov

Hairspray Nov. 30-Dec. 16

It's 1962 and teenagers Tracy Turnblad and her friend Penny Pingleton are avid Corny Collins fans. A chance to dance on the show is publicized, Tracy jumps on the opportunity. Not only does her dancing skills attract Corny Collins, but also the attention of teen heartthrob Link Larkin.

Palm Canyon Theatre, Palm Springs www.palmcanyontheatre.org

Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade Dec. 1

It is the parade's signature floats adorned in thousands of colorful holiday lights and huge Macy's-style balloons that keeps the crowds coming back for more. Join Celebrity Grand Marshal, Community Sweetheart and the Community Grand Marshals.

5:45pm / Palm Canyon Drive www.psfestivaloflights.com

Airstream Palooza Dec. 1

A free music festival for the city of Palm Desert with all sponsorship proceeds benefiting the Family YMCA of the Desert. The fun-filled extravaganza features an Airstream show with classic restored travel trailers from various eras, as well as live performances. Culinary offerings include AC3—conveniently located adjacent to Hotel Paseo—Casuelas Café, and Luna Grill, among others in addition to beer, wine, and cocktails.

3-9pm / Hotel Paseo, Palm Desert www.airstreampalooza.com

Indio Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 1

This free event is open to the public and will include the tree lighting, music, and of course a visit from Santa Clause!

4:30-7pm / Indio City Hall www.indio.org

Indio International Tamale Festival Dec. 1-2

More than 300 vendors will be featured plus a tamale eating contest, five stages of live entertainment, wine and beer gardens. Sample a wide variety of tamales, from traditional recipes to vegan and vegetarian options.

Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm / Between Hwy 111/Indio Blvd.

760-262-4633 / www.tamalefestival.net

Palm Springs Holiday Tree Lighting Dec. 2

HGTV's "Desert Flippers" hosts, Eric and Lindsey Bennett, serve as this year's celebrity tree lighters. Festivities begin at the Tram's Mountain Station kicking off with a holiday performance by the Palm Springs High School Madrigals & String Quartet. Then the Bennetts light the Tram's landmark 45-foot tree comprised of 4,000 LED lights.

5:30pm / Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

760-325-1391 / www.pstramway.com

Skilled Hands Boutique and Fundraiser Dec. 2

Artisans create one of a kind items for your Holiday Shopping. Raffle proceeds will be donated to the Indio K-9 Police Unit.

8:30am-2:30pm / Heritage Palms Golf Club, Indio

<http://happening.coachellavalley.com>

Artist Studio Tour Dec. 2

Artists in La Quinta will open their studios and homes to the public for one day. You will have the opportunity to talk with the artists and discuss with them their passion for their craft. It is a great way to spend the day. Tickets can only be purchased on the day of the tour at the La Quinta Museum. You will receive a bracelet and map for access to the event.

10am-5pm / La Quinta Museum

760-564-1283 / www.laquintahistoricalsociety.com

Wreath Auction at Eight4Nine Restaurant Dec. 3

The LGBT Community Center of the Desert presents the 2018 Holiday Wreath Auction. The Center creates a vibrant community by helping LGBTQ people along their way, in Coachella Valley and visitors of all ages, totaling nearly 68,000 client visits annually.

849 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs

760-416-7790 / www.thecenterps.org

Historic Casita Lighting Dec. 5

Kick off the holidays with the lighting of our historic casita. We will celebrate with mariachi music and delicious refreshments. If you wish to donate to the children at Galilee Center, please bring an unwrapped toy or book. This is a free event.

5pm / La Quinta Museum

760-777-7170 / www.laquintahistoricalsociety.com

Backstreet Art District Art Walk Dec. 5

The first Wednesday of each month experience Art Walk where galleries are open for guests to meet the artists, visit working studios and enjoy original fine and decorative art all in one location.

5-8pm / 2600 South Cherokee Way, Palm Springs

760-328-4144 / www.backstreetartdistrict.com



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Women Leaders Forum Jingle & Mingle Holiday Social Dec. 5

Raise a glass with fellow leaders and philanthropists that support the youth of the Coachella Valley. Holiday cocktails, finger food and lively conversations will be enjoyed by all.

5:30-7:30pm / La Fe Wine Bar, Palm Desert

760-837-7222 / www.wilfdesert.org

La Quinta Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 7

6-8pm / Civic Center Park

760-777-7000 / www.laquintaca.gov

Coachella Holiday Parade Dec. 7

6-9pm / Vine Avenue & 6th Street

760-395-3502 / www.coachella.org

Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music Dec. 7-23

The classic holiday favorite comes to the DTW stage this Christmas! Featuring classic songs like "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and "Do-Re-mi."

Indio Performing Arts Center

760-980-1455 / www.dtwworks.org

Barnes & Noble Bookfair Dec. 8

Stop by our table to receive Bookfair ID # to be used during checkout. A percentage of your purchases will benefit Friends of the Desert Mountains.

9am-8pm / Westfield Palm Desert

760-862-9984 / www.desertmountains.org

La Quinta Hotel Tour & Luncheon Dec. 8

Set against the backdrop of the Santa Rosa Mountains, the legendary La Quinta Resort & Club is the longest running resort in the Palm Springs desert area and one of the only two resorts in the country for which a city has been named.

10:30am-1:30pm / 49499 Eisenhower Drive

760-564-1283 / www.laquintahistoricalsociety.com

Desert Mountains Art Faire Dec. 8

Mediums include photography, paintings, ceramics, hand painted silks, and more. Support local artists and find beautiful and unique gifts and desert mementos, all while enjoying the natural beauty of our desert mountains!

9am-4pm / Santa Rosa-San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

760-862-9984 / www.desertmountains.org

North Pole Village at Snow Fest Dec. 8

An outdoor market featuring holiday arts & crafts, food, treats, and beverages including hot chocolate and cider. At 6pm, join the Mayor for the annual lighting of the Cathedral City Holiday Tree in front of City Hall. Santa Claus will arrive for photos. Listen to local choirs sing and the holiday DJ music, and wander through Town Square Park that will be transformed into a winter wonderland. At 8pm, have all the kids gather around Town Square Park for the 20,000 Candy Cane Giveaway.

5-9pm / Civic Center Plaza, Cathedral City

760-770-0340 / www.snowfest.us

Christmas Walk at Shops on El Paseo Dec. 8

Acapella Carollers, Saxophonist Aaron Mercado, Hip Hop Nutcrackers, Fashion Sketch Artist, Sweet & Savory Food trucks, Tastes & Treats in participating stores. Take your photo inside the Giant Snow Globe!

11am-4pm / 73061 El Paseo, Palm Desert

760-341-4058 / www.theshopsonelpaseo.com

Desert Hot Springs Holiday

Lights Parade & Tree-Lighting Spectacular Dec. 8

Community Grand Marshal Shaniyah Carlson and Veteran Grand Marshal Edward Johnson lead the celebrations. Free cotton candy, face painting, coffee and hot chocolate. Ferris Wheel, Slide, Merry-Go-Round, Train, Swings. Free pictures with Santa and his reindeer. Live Music Performance by HindSite. More food than ever: fajitas, tacos, grilled corn, Greek food, Philly cheesesteaks, French Fries, Corn Dogs, Mozzarella Strips, Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream and MORE!

5:45-10pm / 11999 Palm Drive www.cityofdhs.org

Santa Fly-In & Winter Fun Land Dec. 8-9

Santa Claus will arrive at the Air Museum in his airplane to greet all the good little girls and boys who come to see him. You can have your picture taken with Santa and he will have a special gift for each child. Also Santa will open his Winter Fun Land filled with snow directly from the North Pole. Free with your regular admission.

11am / Palm Springs Air Museum www.palmspringsairmuseum.org

Holiday Harmony Concert Dec. 9, 12 & 16

California Desert Chorale is composed of both professional and amateur singers who bring a wide variety of choral and solo experience to the ensemble. California Desert Chorale is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization.

Indian Wells Theater at The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus

760-346-4933 / www.californiadesertchorale.org

Clubs Fore Kids Golf Tournament Dec. 12

Benefiting Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs, PSHA and PSRA. Come for Golf or Lunch: Come out for a beautiful day of golf and support our youth! Even if you are not a golfer, come for lunch. Lots of great raffle and silent auction prizes!

8:30am / Escena Golf Club, Palm Springs www.bgcps.org

Star Party at the Monument Dec. 15

The Astronomical Society of the Desert will conduct "sky tours" and direct observations of the night sky through telescopes and giant binoculars.

5-8pm / Santa Rosa-San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

760-862-9984 / www.desertmountains.org

A Big Band Christmas Dec. 15

In partnership with LimonCarr Desert Theatricals, will present its second annual holiday show, A Big Band Christmas. This festive, free-to-the-public event is sure to get you in the holiday spirit!

6-8pm / Rancho Mirage Amphitheater

760-324-4511 x273 / www.RanchoMirageCA.gov

Palm Springs Pancakes & Pajamas with Santa Dec. 15

Join the Palm Springs Recreation Department and the Palm Springs Rotary Club in your favorite pajamas as we have pancakes with Santa Claus. Create a gingerbread house, decorate holiday cookies, enjoy the holiday reading corner and photos with Santa Claus (bring your own camera).

8-11am / Sunrise Park- Pavilion Building

760-323-8272 / www.palmspringsca.gov

Santa Paws 5k Dec. 22

#runpalmsprings along with 1,000 other runners and walkers all dressed in 5- piece Santa Suits. This popular holiday tradition follows a beautiful 3.1 mile course through the Las Palmas Neighborhood of Palm Springs. All Santa's receive mile and cookies at the finish line along with a beautiful finisher medal. Tech t-shirt included with registration (\$35 pre-registered/ \$40 race morning). Elf Dash for kids 10 & Under (\$5).

9am / American Legion Parking Lot: 400 N. Belardo

760-413-6508 / www.palmspringsmarathonrunners.org

Mildly Wild New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31

Say goodbye to 2018 and ring in 2019 with a '50s themed party featuring dinner, dancing, animal encounters and more. \$125 per person.

6-10pm / The Living Desert, Palm Desert

760-346-5694 / www.livingdesert.org

VillageFest Every Thursday

Downtown Palm Springs transforms into a diverse array of artists, artisans, entertainers, and purveyors of fresh fruits and veggies, flowers, jewelry, snacks and sweets.

6-10pm / Palm Canyon Drive www.villagefest.org

College of the Desert Street Fair Every Sat. & Sun.

With merchandise and services for all ages and any budget, the Street Fair offers more than 300 merchants, artists, a farmer's market, live entertainment, gourmet food and more.

7am-2pm / 43500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert

760-636-7957 / <http://codaastreetfair.com>