

FEBRUARY 2019

Coachella Valley Calendar of Events

Sunday Polo Games Through Mar. 31

Games are open to the public with a \$20 parking fee per car. General admission includes bleacher seats and field-side tailgate spots on the east side of Field 1. Food and beverage service is available on site. VIP seating is available for an additional charge on the west side of Field 1. VIP Cabanas, tables and couches are available and open to the public.
2pm & 2pm / Empire Polo Club, Indio www.empirepolo.com

Rancho Mirage Writers Festival Jan. 30-Feb. 1

Writers, thinkers, and people contributing to the intellectual vitality of our time. Our writers are all experts in their field, distinguished historians, respected journalists and gifted storytellers. Tom Hanks will make a special appearance to discuss his book "Uncommon Type: Some Stories."
Rancho Mirage Library & Observatory www.rmwritersfest.org

Rancho Mirage Wine & Food Festival Jan. 30-Feb. 2

Sip, swirl and savor a selection of more than 200 handcrafted wines from top tier wineries and cuisine from 15 top local chefs. Admission includes a souvenir wine glass for unlimited tastings and a variety of gourmet appetizers, cheeses, artisan breads and olive oils. The event also supports local charities with a silent auction. Must be 21 to attend.
Rancho Mirage Amphitheater & Community Park
www.ranchoiragewineandfoodfestival.com

Desert Mountains Art Faire Feb. 2

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

Swing 'N Hops Street Party Feb. 2

You'll be swinging to the live music of the San Andreas Sisters, hopping into speakeasies for craft beer (as well as wine and other cold adult beverages), and enjoying family fun. Food trucks, swing dance lessons from Limonadas Dance Company, a dance and costume contest, interactive art, kid-friendly craft tables, classic cars, and more!
1-5pm / El Paseo Shopping District, Palm Desert
760-568-1441 / www.swingnhopspd.com

Art on Main Street Feb. 2 & 16

Features over 100 artists each season showing and selling their paintings, jewelry, mixed media, photography, ceramics, glass, woodwork, textiles, sculptures and more. They are set amidst Main Street's charming cafes and boutiques. Barry Minniefield from The Voice performs live at every show this season.
10am-4pm / Old Town La Quinta www.oldtownlaquinta.com

Battle of the Badges Feb. 8

A public safety boxing event that unites Peace Officers, Firefighters, and Military Personnel in a competitive sportsmanship boxing competition.
6:30pm / Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa, Rancho Mirage
888-999-1995 / www.hotwatercasino.com

Toast to LQ Feb. 8

A fun atmosphere and pairs fine wines with quality hors d'oeuvres. Complimenting the wine and food will be a live jazz band which is sure to entertain all night long. Wine tastings and hors d'oeuvres are included with admission. This event is for ages 21 and over only. All proceeds benefit the La Quinta Historical Society.
6-9pm / La Quinta Museum www.playinlaquinta.com

Taste of Jalisco Festival Feb. 9

Celebrates the sister city relationship between Cathedral City and Tequila, Jalisco (Mexico) through music, fashion, spirits, culture and cuisine. Live musical and dance entertainment, Mexican-inspired food, tequila tasting, dancing horse show, kid zone, outdoor market and fireworks show.
11am-9pm / Downtown Festival Lawn, Cathedral City
760-770-0340 / www.tasteofjalisco.com

Brew At The Zoo Feb. 9

Craft beer fans will love the selection of tastings from some of the finest specialty brews around. Enjoy premium wines, non-alcoholic beverages and 10+ food trucks. The evening also includes entertainment with several live music stages throughout the grounds. The African section of the park will be open for guests to explore and see animals such as zebras, cheetahs, and oryx.
6:30-9:30pm / The Living Desert, Palm Desert www.livingdesert.org

Tour de Palm Springs Feb. 9

Choose from five routes ranging from 10 miles to 100 miles long. Bike rentals are available. There's fun to be had for walkers too, with both a 1-mile and 3-mile walk option. Presented By: CVSPIN, Inc. dba Tour de Palm Springs & Patriot Ride for our Heroes.
Palm Canyon Drive, Downtown Palm Springs
760-674-4700 / www.tourdepalmsprings.com

HEARTbeat of Love Luncheon Feb. 9

Benefits Mama's House, the only residential home in the Coachella Valley providing shelter for women in crises pregnancies. Invited Guest Congressman Trey Gowdy. Live auction, high-quality gift packages, jewelry, clothing and artwork at the silent auction held in the ballroom foyer just before the doors open for the luncheon.
11am-1:30pm / Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa
844-232-8622 / www.themamashouse.org



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Desert X Feb. 9-Apr. 21

A site-specific biennial art exhibition that first took place in the Spring of 2017. Artists from different parts of the world were invited to make work in response to the unique conditions of the Coachella Valley. The desert is a blank canvas upon which contemporary artists can project their vision and create from the extraordinary natural objects around them. Various locations in Greater Palm Springs www.desertx.org

New Balance

Palm Desert Half Marathon & 5K Feb. 10

Both courses include scenic views of the surrounding, snow-capped mountains. Run or walk as an individual or as a member of a two or three-person relay team. Each participant receives a race t-shirt, finisher medal, post-race food, goodie bag, and one complimentary beer. 7-11am / Palm Desert Civic Center Park 949-444-2365 / www.palmdeserthalfmarathon.com

Indio Annual Health & Wellness Fair Feb. 12

Open to the community featuring health resources, nutrition services, giveaways, free opportunity drawings and prizes, refreshments and snacks. 9am-12:30pm / Indio Senior Center www.indio.org

Desert Town Hall Speakers Feb. 12

Dana Perino: Former White House Press Secretary, Political Commentator, New York Times Best-Selling Author, and Host of FOX's The Daily Briefing with Dana Perino. A selection of designed seating arrangements are: dinner seating, reserved, Emerald Select, Diamond, patron, special friend and sponsor. Call for ticket availability. Desert Town Hall, Indian Wells www.deserttownhall.org

Modernism Week Feb. 14-24

An annual celebration of midcentury modern design, architecture, art, fashion and culture. Modernism Week features more than 350 events including the Modernism Show & Sale, Signature Home Tours, films, lectures, nightly parties and live music, walking and bike tours, tours of Sunnylands, fashion, classic cars, modern garden tours, a vintage travel trailer exhibition, and more. Various Locations throughout Palm Springs www.modernismweek.com

Art Palm Springs Feb. 15-17

Over 70 galleries from the U.S. and around the world exhibiting works from over 300 artists all under one roof representing paintings, sculpture, photography and other visual arts. Don't miss what 14,000 people called The Arts Event of the Year in Palm Springs. Fri-Sat 11am-7pm, Sat 11am-6pm / Palm Springs Convention Center www.art-palmsprings.com

Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival Feb. 15-24

Nightly musical pageant, headline entertainment, Monster Truck and BMX shows, camel and ostrich races, date and produce displays, arts and crafts, carnival rides, and great fair food. Visit the website to view the complete schedule and purchase tickets. Carnival open until midnight on weekends. 10am-10pm / 82503 Highway 111, Indio www.datefest.org

Greater Palm Springs

Desert Woman's Show Feb. 16

Attended by thousands, the Expo offers a full vendor hall, daily fashion shows, keynote speakers, interactive Chef Demonstrations and a dynamic food and wine tasting area. 10am-5pm / Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa 760-285-3903 / www.desertwomansshow.com

Greater Palm Springs Food & Wine Festival Feb. 16

Offers attendees relaxation and a cornucopia of tasty food, wine and spirits. Guests also enjoy a variety of local talent while sampling everything from pizza to sushi, craft beers, specialty toffee and even Nothing Bundt Cakes. 11am-4pm / Greater Palm Springs Food & Wine Festival 760-902-9532 / www.greaterpalmspringsfoodandwine.com

Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball Feb. 16

Fun, Food & Frivolity. Featuring the Zippers, voted number one dance band in the USA by National Music Awards. Strolling performers - stilt walkers, jugglers, costumed actors. Exquisite New Orleans Food from Marriott Chefs. Classic Mardi Gras Signature Drink - The Hurricane. Party favors - beads & doubloons. Silent auction items and raffle. 6pm / JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa 760-341-2883 x78140 / www.desertmardigras.com

Palm Desert Greek Festival Feb. 16-17

Live Greek Bouzouki music and traditional Greek dancing. Authentic Greek food, appetizers, and those heavenly pastries. Greek beer and wine, Ouzo and Metaxa Greek brandy and Greek coffee. Hercules Kids Zone. Souvenir Agora (Market) with unique Mediterranean vendors. Complimentary church tours with Byzantine Art and Mosaic iconography. 11am-8pm / St. George Church: 74109 Larrea St. www.pdgreekfest.org

Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic Feb. 21-24

The nation's largest and most prestigious preseason college softball tourney, featuring more than 25 top Division I teams. Big League Dreams, Cathedral City www.marynutterclassic.com

Palm Springs Classic Car Auction Feb. 22-24

Classic car show and auction of 600 classic cars crossing the auction block. General public and dealers welcome. Prices from just \$2,000 to over \$250,000. Friday is free all day. 10am-7pm / Palm Springs Convention Center 760-320-3290 / www.classic-carauktion.com

Parade and Town Fair Feb. 23

Following the Parade our annual Town Fair will be held at Frances Stevens Park. Join us in Downtown Palm Springs. 11am-6pm / Palm Canyon Drive www.palmspringsca.gov

La Quinta Hot Rod & Custom Car Show Feb. 23

Event admission is free and open to the public. Entertainment, food, drinks and a beer garden will be available at this family friendly event. This year the show will be recognizing several prize-winning categories, including Best Street Rod, Best Classic, Best Muscle Car, Best Sports Car, and more. 11am-4pm / La Quinta Community Park 760-347-0676 / www.lqcarshow.com

"Hollywood's Biggest Night" Party Feb. 24

In celebration of the 91st annual Academy Awards. The glittering evening will include signature 'orange carpet' arrivals featuring a group of paparazzi, and a special greeting from dynamic hostess and local celebrity, Bella da Ball. Benefiting AIDS Assistance Program - Food Samaritans. 4pm / Trio Restaurant, Palm Springs www.aapfoodsamaritans.org

Desert Wedding & Quinceanera EXPO Feb. 24

A unique look into the Palm Springs area wedding scene, with vendors joining the expo floor from across the valley. 11am-2pm / DoubleTree by Hilton, Cathedral City www.gvcc.org