

MARCH 2019

Coachella Valley Calendar of Events

El Paseo Concert Series Through Mar. 16

Saturdays. \$15-\$35 donation helps benefit local charities and includes wine and lite bites.

6pm / The Gardens on El Paseo, Palm Desert
760-862-1990 / www.thegardensonelpaseo.com

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. Reservations for these areas are recommended.

12pm & 2pm / Empire Polo Club, Indio www.empirepolo.com

Desert X Through 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 throughout Greater Palm Springs www.desertx.org

Coachella Valley Wildflower Festival Mar. 2

Each spring, wildflowers transform the Coachella Valley into a colorful canvas. Celebrate this beautiful season at the Coachella Valley Wildflower Festival with wildflower viewing, beautiful art, the Kids' Zone, 5k trail fun run, and interpretive wildflower hikes, in addition to live music in the beer and wine garden.

9am-4pm / Palm Desert Civic Center Park
760-862-9984 / www.desertmountains.org/wildflower

Desert Triathlon Mar. 3

Choose from sprint distance triathlon and duathlon, or Olympic distance triathlon and aquabike. Participate as an individual, or as part of a relay team. This flat, fast course is the perfect first-time race or a great test race for the seasoned triathlete.

7:30am-12pm / Lake Cahuilla Veterans Regional Park, La Quinta
949-444-2365 / www.deserttriathlon.com

Rancho Mirage Music in the Park Concert Series Mar. 3, 10, 17, 23 & 31

Admission & parking are FREE. Please note, the following items are NOT permitted inside the amphitheater for this event: Outside food/beverage, smoking, vaping, lawn chairs, pets or ice chests.

7-8:30pm / Rancho Mirage Community Park
760-324-4511 x273 / www.RanchoMirageCA.gov

Citi Taste of Tennis Mar. 4

The event offers guests the opportunity to enjoy incredible cuisine prepared by area's top chefs and "served" by the world's best tennis players. Top-ranked American tennis star John Isner and celebrity chef Richard Blais will be headliners for the night and will be participating in an exciting cooking demonstration.

7-10pm / Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa
215-925-7875 / www.tasteoftennis.com/iw

BNP Paribas Open Mar. 4-17

A two week combined ATP World Tour Masters 1000 and WTA Tour Premier event featuring the top men and women professional tennis players. It is the largest tournament in the world after the four Grand Slams. Enjoy on and off the court entertainment with Tennis Talk, exhibits, demos, kids' day and much more.

Indian Wells Tennis Garden
800-999-1585 / www.bnpparibasopen.com

Cathedral City State of the City Address & Luncheon Mar. 5

This annual event offers a review of economic activity from the previous year, as well as future development and plans significant to the business community. Mayor Mark Carnevale will be the featured speaker for this event.

11:30am-2pm / DoubleTree by Hilton Golf Resort, Palm Springs
760-347-0676 / www.gvcc.org

La Quinta Arts Festival Mar. 7-10

Hosting 220 of the foremost contemporary artists in the nation, this four-day event guarantees its patrons an unparalleled cultural experience with amenities that include daily music, performance art, and trendy food, wine and beer concessions in upscale Restaurant Row and Bristol Farms Café.

10am-5pm / La Quinta Civic Center Campus www.lqaf.com

Native Film Fest Mar. 8-9

Engaging, entertaining, and enlightening feature films, documentaries, and short films from some of today's premier Native American and Indigenous filmmakers will be followed by informative Q&A sessions.

Mary Pickford Theatre is D'Place, Cathedral City
760-325-6565 / www.aguacaliente.org

Indio Movies in the Park Mar. 15

Presented on a giant 35 foot outdoor screen. Free and open to the public, bring your family and enjoy the fun! The March showing is Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald.

7pm / Indio Community Center
760-347-0676 / www.gvcc.org



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Food Truck Mash-Up Mar. 16

More than 25 of the best food trucks from SoCal will be here for your enjoyment as well as musical entertainment and a free "Movie in the Park" showing of the "Coco" starting at 7pm.
12-9pm / Town Square Park, Cathedral City
760-770-0340 / www.discovercathedralcity.com

Desert Mountains Art Faire Mar. 16

Mediums may 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 the desert mountains.
9am-4pm / Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, Palm Desert
760-568-9918 / www.desertmountains.org

UCPIE Champagne Luncheon Mar. 16

"Celebrating Life Without Limits" Champagne Luncheon benefitting United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire's seven after school programs and the adaptive bike program. UCPIE provides programs and services to children and adults living with disabilities such as autism, down syndrome and other special needs. This event will also feature an incredible silent auction. Come join us and indulge in delicious eats and fine champagne while supporting a wonderful cause. Cost: \$100.00 – Includes Valet Parking.
11:30am-2pm / The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage
310-709-3936 / www.ucpie.org

Art on Main Street Mar. 16

Features over 100 artists each season showing and selling their paintings, jewelry, mixed media, photography, ceramics, glass, woodwork, textiles, sculptures and more. The shows are a local favorite and an Old Town tradition. 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
760-600-0758 / www.oldtownlaquinta.com

Fashion Week El Paseo Mar. 16-23

The largest fashion week on the west coast showcasing the newest collections by top designers as well as fresh ideas by emerging designers. Fashion, parties, accessories, trunk shows, exhibitions and runway shows.
The Gardens on El Paseo, Palm Desert
www.fashionweekelpaseo.com

First Annual Art Open Studio Mar. 17

Go behind the scenes and explore an eclectic community of painters, jewelers, mixed media artists, metal artists, kiln and glass blowing artists. There will also be art demos in the individual artist studios.
2-6pm / Coachella Valley Art Center, Indio
760-799-4364 / www.coachellavalleyartcenter.org

Wildflower Bus Tour Mar. 20

Explore on a luxury coach to locate desert plants in bloom. Field guides, handouts and hand lenses are provided. Bring a sack lunch and a camera. Wear closed-toed shoes, hat, and sunscreen, and be prepared to walk on uneven terrain.
7:45am-2pm / Sam's Club Parking Lot, Palm Desert
760-862-9984 / www.desertmountains.org

ONE-PS Picnic & Community Expo Mar. 23

Over 1000 residents are expected to enjoy the BBQ lunch, DJ entertainment and more than 50 non-profit and for-profit booths. Pooch parade and

costume contest.

11am-2pm / Ruthy Hardy Park, Palm Springs www.one-ps.org

Palm Desert Food & Wine Festival Mar. 22-24

This festival features the brightest and most inspired chefs from across the country for three extraordinary days of culinary and wine tastings. There will be 40 fine dining restaurants and food tasting booths, celebrity chefs on three stages, 60 premium wine and liquor tastings, plus experience exquisite hand-crafted beers.
The Gardens on El Paseo, Palm Desert
www.palmdesertfoodandwine.com

California Careforce Mar. 22-24

California Careforce provides free medical, dental, and vision care for patients in need.
Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio
916-749-4170 / www.californiacareforce.org

The Chamber Invitational Mar. 25

Golfers will make new business connections during this un-FORE-gettable afternoon that features special contests, goody bags stocked with gifts, great food and drinks! Sponsorship foursomes and individual golfers are welcome to participate.
8:30am-2pm / Monterey Country Club, Palm Desert
760-347-0676 / www.gvccc.org

Cathedral City LGBT Days Mar. 29-31

Will honor the LGBT community and celebrate the diversity of Cathedral City. The free weekend festival includes an opening night kickoff party, the 5th annual community LGBT Days bed race, live musical performances, outdoor dancing, food, beverages, and community booths. Gathering under the worldwide theme "Remember the Past. Create the Future," the event highlights Cathedral City as a recipient of a perfect equality score by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.
www.cathedralcitylgbtdays.com

American Documentary Film Festival Mar. 29-Apr. 4

Annual showcase of films that tell real stories behind the real issues and people making an impact on the world today.
Camelot Theatres, Palm Springs
760-322-3689 / www.americandocumentaryfilmfestival.com

Elks Veterans Charities Car & Bike Show Mar. 31

All cars, bikes and clubs welcome. Awards for: Best Hot Rod, Ford, Chevy, Mopar, Antique, Sports Car, Custom. Food and beverage available.
11am-3pm / 67-491 Easy Hwy 111 & Elks Trail, Cathedral City
760-774-5481 / www.pschamber.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. Add all that to the great shops, restaurants, clubs, and entertainment venues located along World Famous Palm Canyon Drive – and the result is one of Southern California's most popular weekly events.
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 <http://codaastreetfair.com>