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# Study Tour of Palm Springs

5 – 8 September 2024





## Discover Palm Springs – Mecca for mid-Century Aficionados

*The mid-20th century was a golden era that revolutionised architecture and design, and few places embody its aesthetic more than Palm Springs.*

*This oasis in the California desert has one of the greatest concentrations of mid-century modern architecture in the world. The luminaries who left their mark on Palm Springs through boundary-pushing projects include Richard Neutra, whose Kaufmann House integrates seamlessly into the desert landscape, and Albert Frey, whose dramatic Tramway Gas Station evokes the futuristic style of the era.*

*But beyond individual masterpieces, mid-century modern design is woven into the fabric of daily life in Palm Springs. Its developments, hotels, civic buildings and residences allow you to step back in time and experience the style's heyday firsthand.*

*Make a pilgrimage to Palm Springs and discover for yourself why it is a mecca for mid-century enthusiasts across the globe. Let the spirit of innovation of this era come alive through an immersive architectural adventure.*



## Our Journey of Discovery

**Thu-05-Sep-24**

### **Depart Australia/ Arrive Los Angeles**

Own arrangement for flights from Australia most of which have early morning arrivals at Los Angeles International Airport which allow time to join our 2½ hour coach transfer to Palm Springs.

### **Welcome Drinks**

Once you have checked-in to your accommodation meet with your fellow travellers for drinks and a get to know you gathering as we anticipate our Palm Springs mid-century discovery study tour.

### **Evening at Leisure – Visit the Village Fest**

Every Thursday night plays host to the iconic Palm Springs Village Fest. Don't miss the opportunity to visit this desert oasis market and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and culture of Palm Springs.

Set amidst swaying palm trees and with the stunning San Jacinto Mountains as a backdrop, the Village Fest Market Palm Springs is a creative open-air market like no other. As you meander along winding pathways shaded by wood-beam structures, you'll encounter vendor stalls filled with local arts, crafts, produce and more.



### Fri-06-Sep-24

Breakfast at leisure.

#### **Full Day Tour – Mid-century Architectural Discovery**

Today's tour explores and celebrates Palm Springs' unique collection of mid-century modern architecture and design with an interactive tour experience, visiting interiors of two homes as well as exteriors of other significant architectural properties.

Palm Springs has the world's highest concentration of mid-century modern buildings and the architects and designers created buildings and spaces that maximise the spectacular setting of Palm Springs, its wonderful climate and the lifestyle of pleasure and relaxation for which Palm Springs is known the world over.

The fascinating Hollywood history of Palm Springs is also included in the experience. Rather than merely enjoying the scenery from a moving vehicle, this tour is interactive, with stops that feature interiors of some of the most well-known and significant homes in Palm Springs.

On the tour, we will discuss the cultural and geological contexts that made Palm Springs' architecture so rich and exciting.

#### **Welcome Dinner (inclusive)**

Enjoy the lovely outdoor desert setting as we gather for our welcome dinner and can share our experiences of our first day in Palm Springs.

### Sat-07-Sep-24

Breakfast at leisure.

#### **At Leisure – Palm Springs**

Today is a full day at leisure to enjoy Palm Springs. Do some further exploration of the stunning mid-century architecture, relax by the hotel pool and soak in the sunshine and ambience of this resort town. Maybe take the Aerial Tramway for spectacular views of Palm Springs or a hike in the surrounding mountainside.

### Sun-08-Sep-24

Breakfast at leisure.

After breakfast we transfer back to Los Angeles International Airport for our flight to Mexico City.



## Study Tour Pricing

**AU\$2,690** per person (DMN member rate)

**AU\$2,790** per person (non-member rate)

**AU\$530** single occupancy room supplement

**US\$1,750** per person (DMN member rate)

**US\$1,820** per person (non-member rate)

**US\$350** single occupancy room supplement

## Inclusions

- 3 nights accommodation on a twin share basis at the Palm Springs Renaissance Hotel
- Daily breakfasts
- One full day touring as outlined in the program
- Exclusive private access into 2 well known private homes by renowned architects
- Transfers from/to Los Angeles International Airport
- A group welcome dinner including beverages
- All coach transportation, touring and transfers indicated in the program
- The tour will be accompanied by an expert guide on Palm Springs architecture
- Tips to drivers and guides

## Not Included

- Flights from your home port to/from Los Angeles
- Travel insurance
- Meals not specified
- Room service and items of personal nature such as laundry



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