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5 High-Design Hotel Bars in Palm Springs

The new—and newly refreshed—places to imbibe in the city of midcentury chic

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With the arrival of several new desert-chic hotel bars—and the reinvention of a few classic properties—Palm Springs continues to cement itself as a West Coast hot spot. The ever-growing Coachella and Stagecoach music festivals have infused the popular golf destination with a new wave of Los Angeles energy, while young designers and creatives are capitalizing on Palm Springs' renewed cool with a wave of hotel bars that pay homage to the vintage vibe while adding elements such as DJ sets and craft cocktails poolside. Here are the latest design-minded spots drawing all comers to the desert.



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Reservoir at the Arrive

Designed by partner Chris Pardo, Palm Springs' latest hipster hotel features the Reservoir as its central hub and reception desk. The aesthetic spirit combines classic midcentury elements (see: the butterfly roof, whose jagged lines echo the sandy San Jacinto mountain range in the distance) with industrial-modern moments such as rusted-steel cladding and patterned tiles.

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The Pool Cabanas at L'Horizon Palm Springs

East of downtown, the low-slung 1952 gem L'Horizon hotel has just gotten a multimillion-dollar renovation courtesy of L.A. decorator Steve Hermann. The property's 25 bungalows, originally designed by William Francis Cody, were first built as guest cottages for television producer Jack Wrather to entertain friends such as Marilyn Monroe

and Ronald Reagan. Hermann kept the integrity of the structures, all with sliding-glass doors onto private patios, but upgraded each with a mix of vintage and new accent pieces. Soak in the minimal elegance from a poolside cabana with a Perfect Gentleman (the house-made raspberry cordial cocktail) and watch the mountains turn pink at sunset. lhorizonpalmsprings.com



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The Purple Palm Restaurant and Bar at the Colony Palms Hotel

Interior designer Martyn Lawrence-Bullard created an eclectic Mediterranean aesthetic for the interiors of the Spanish Colonial-style Colony Palms Hotel, a must-visit for a dose of Hollywood glamour. The Purple Palm is named for the original owner who built the hotel in 1936—the mobster was said to be part of the “Purple Gang” of Detroit bootleggers. Try the gang’s namesake cocktail, a vodka and muddled grape concoction that packs a kick.

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Mini Bar at Parker Palm Springs

More than a decade ago, the Parker led Palm Springs' last wave of revitalization, thanks largely to Jonathan Adler's playful 1960s mod decor. It now stands as one of the city's most iconic properties, with a quirky-retro vibe that still defines Palm Springs today. Be one of the first to experience Adler's recent update of Mini Bar (which was one of the first completed parts of the hotel's current revamp), the jewel-box alcove bar—a cheeky symphony of green marble, velvet panels, and mirrors—just off the lobby.

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Chi Chi at the Avalon Hotel

The glorious, citrus-hued gem formerly known as the Viceroy was recently renamed the Avalon Hotel and Bungalows after a rebranding and refresh by Proper Hospitality. You can see the luxe touches in the marble materials, the generous splashes of gold accents, and feminine high-back chairs. Chi Chi, features a small-bites menu filled with delicious Latin-Cali creations; escape for an evening rendezvous afterward to the semisecluded spots around the lushly landscaped pool. avalonpalmsprings.com

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