

The Perfect Weekend in Palm Springs

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As we at HVS consult on thousands of existing and proposed hotels and resorts across the country each year, we get to know markets very well over time. My husband and I have spent much time in the **Coachella Valley** over the years for both business and pleasure, including hosting our wedding there in 2014, and we've found some great spots. Friends and family visiting **Palm Springs** often turn to us for recommendations, and over time, I have perfected my go-to list that I'm sharing with you here. If you have a trip to Palm Springs planned soon, I invite you to print and start checking off the boxes!

Rod's Favorites for Breakfast or Brunch



Chi Chi

Great poolside dining at the **Avalon Hotel**



Cheeky's

Warning, there can be a bit of a wait here



Norma's

Indoor or outdoor dining at the swanky **Parker Hotel**



Sherman's Deli & Bakery

Super casual and big plates

Rod's Favorites for Lunch or Dinner



1501 Gastropub

This is a newer venue (with a great menu) that opened in 2020

Summary

Based on his vast experience of Palm Springs, California, Rod Clough provides curated recommendations for dining, shopping, lodging, and passing the time in this desert oasis.

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Spencer's

Classic Palm Springs at the foot of the mountain



Tropicale

No trip to Palm Springs can go without a meal here



Lulu

Great downtown vibe along North Palm Canyon Drive

Rod's Favorites for Dinner



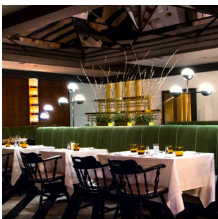
Copley's

Love this restaurant's courtyard and fantastic menu



Jake's

Save room for dessert!



Mr. Lyons

Steak and seafood can't be beat (check out both bars, too)



The Purple Room

Enjoy great live entertainment while you eat in this historic venue

Rod's Favorites for Drinks





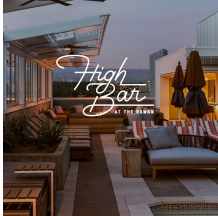
Bar Cecil

Make a bar/lounge reservation here... so worth it!



Workshop

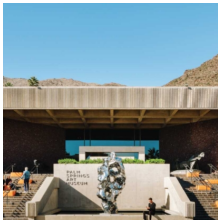
Innovative bar menu in a modern space



High Bar

The rooftop bar at the **Rowan Hotel**, downtown... the view!

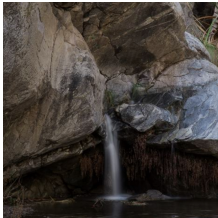
Rod's Favorites for Sites to Check Out



Palm Springs Art Museum and
its **Architecture and Design Center** (separate location)



Aerial Tramway



Hiking to the falls



Indian Canyons Golf

Rod's Favorites for Shopping



Trina Turk and **Mr. Turk**



JWil Stiles



The Shops at Thirteen Forty-Five – a must stop!



Grace Home Furnishings



Other shopping on North **Palm Canyon Drive**



Desert Hills Outlet Mall and
Cabazon Outlets (30 minutes from Palm Springs)

There are so many hotels to choose from, from small historic inns in the heart of Downtown Palm Springs to the vast resorts of Indian Wells and Palm Desert, with rooms at every price point. My recent favorites include **La Serena Villas**, **L'Horizon**, and **The Parker**, but I've had so many other excellent stays in Palm Springs at other hotels over the years. Depending on your budget and neighborhood choice, you're sure to find a great stay option. Palm Springs also has some fantastic hotels that cater specifically to the LGBTQ+ community, as well. I'm happy to narrow a list with you depending on what kind of experience you are seeking; just connect with me.

Palm Springs is the perfect location for taking in the views, kicking back, and just taking time to breathe and relax. Its airport is in the heart of the city, with rental cars still found at the terminal and not in a far-off rental-car center. I encourage you to plan a trip there soon and enjoy all the wonderful things the city has to offer. The Palm Springs scene is always evolving in such fun and exciting ways. I promise to keep this list updated as I encounter new spots and find new favorites.

About Rod Clough, MAI



Rod Clough is the President of HVS Americas. He is responsible for the overall direction, management, and ongoing success of 40+ offices across North and Latin America. Under his leadership, HVS Americas conducts over 3,500 valuation and consulting engagements annually. During his 30-year tenure, Rod has been instrumental in leading the growth of the firm; this includes significantly expanding the number of offices across the United States, as well as launching multiple divisions, including U.S. Hotel Appraisals, HVS Latin America, HVS Brokerage & Advisory, and HVS Asset Management & Advisory.

A frequent speaker at the nation's largest hotel conferences, Rod is a designated member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI) and a state-certified appraiser. He earned his BS from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration and also holds a Colorado real estate broker's license. Furthermore, Rod is proudly Latino and gay, and his firm is welcoming of all races and colors, sexual orientations, ages, genders, and gender identities. Once associates join HVS, they tend to stay due to the extraordinary culture Rod has inspired—a culture defined by the ideals of balance, connectivity, efficiency, collaboration, honesty, integrity, kindness, and excellence, among others. Rod resides in Northern Colorado where he and his husband Jeff are raising their daughter, Rory. Contact Rod at (214) 629-1136 or [\[email protected\]](#).