

## Catalina Spa and RV Resort – The Ultimate Oasis

The phrase “fun in the sun” was surely coined for Southern California. To get more specific, though, the ultimate spot to indulge in that pleasurable pursuit would have to be a desert playground two hours out of Los Angeles, the Coachella Valley. This is home to the sparkling jewel called Palm Springs, renowned since the 1940s as the hot hideaway of the rich and famous. While still chic and luxurious, P.S. (I love you) is no longer exclusively a millionaire’s lair. No, its dry, rarified air has been accessible to all for many years.

Take the RV enthusiast. There is no better home base from which to enjoy the area’s stark beauty and recreational bounty than the Catalina Spa and RV Resort, just off Interstate 10 between Palm Springs and its sister city of Desert Hot Springs.

With 477 sites for RVs up to 50 feet in length, 50-amp electrical service and easy access patterns, Catalina Spa and RV Resort is not only a retreat for languid desert lounging, but a healthy haven as well. One of the long-touted wonders of the region – acknowledged by the very names of the cities – is the presence of natural springs tailor-made for soaking away the cares of the day. Catalina has two of its own hot natural mineral-water spas, along with two naturally heated mineral-water swimming pools. It’s a convenient extravagance rarely found while traveling the byways.

The spa is simply one fine attribute of Catalina’s multi-dimensional allure. On the property,

visitors can fish and play tennis, shuffleboard, horseshoes and pickleball (look that one up). There are hiking trails, golf tee-offs and putting greens, biking and a dune buggy derby all great for working up a sweat. Then, water volleyball and water aerobics are perfect for cooling off. The ice cream socials can help bring down the body temperature, too, while exciting the taste buds.



For the artistically inclined, you can line dance, perform in jam sessions and take a wood-carving class. You can also try your hand, as it were, with card bingo games, coed poker and pinochle. (Even higher stakes can be had at one of the six nearby Indian casinos.) Heck, Catalina Spa and RV Resort even offers swap meets and patio sales ... something, indeed, for everybody. (On the shopping front, within a short drive, is one of the largest clusters of factory outlet stores in the nation.)

Speaking of clusters, the Coachella Valley is known as the “Golf Capital of the World,” with a selection of the best-designed courses anywhere. But sport is just

one aspect that makes this destination world class. The scenery is profound, with dramatic mountain and desert landscapes. Guided tours reveal the Living Desert Reserve, American Indian sites and old mining camps. The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway lifts riders up to 10,805-foot Mt. San Jacinto, a remarkable trip in itself, and one that provides a completely different, pine-tree-studded environment, not to mention spectacular views for miles around. The same truly stunning vistas can be laid at one’s feet (if, that is, you were wearing super-elevator shoes) via hot-air balloon rides.

But let’s not lose track of the glamour angle. This is a few short minutes, remember, from Palm Springs. An amazing mix of day and night life including world class restaurants and clubs, celebrity home tours, an array of museums, and shopping that just doesn’t stop. But that’s the amazing draw of this unique location. Worldly attractions commingled with natural splendor. High-class dining next to produce stands with scrumptious date shakes. And Catalina Spa and RV Resort, where it all converges for the stay of a lifetime.

The resort is located at 18-800 Corkill Rd, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241. Call toll free 877-463-0355.