

# 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**



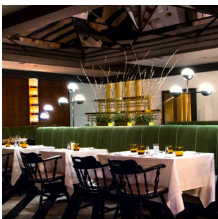
### **Copley's**

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**





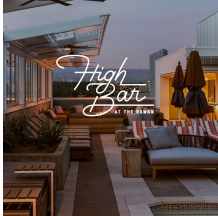
### Bar Cecil

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



### Workshop

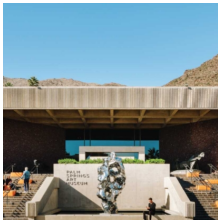
Innovative bar menu in a modern space



### 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, MAI, President – Americas, is in his 30th year with HVS and leads the Americas region from its headquarters office in Colorado. As President, Rod has developed the vision and strategy for the Americas and oversees its execution throughout the Americas' 40 locations. He has cultivated a firm that thrives with an extraordinary culture and remains the thought leader in the hospitality consulting space. He is proud to lead a group of 175 exceptional team members that execute thousands of engagements annually. Rod also has a passion for speaking, regularly sharing the insights and thought leadership of HVS at the nation's leading hospitality conferences. Rod is a graduate of Cornell's School of Hotel Administration, a Designated Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI), a state-certified general appraiser, and a licensed hotel broker. Contact Rod at (214) 629-1136 or [\[email protected\]](#).