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*"A comfortable and friendly place to stay with all of the benefits of a desert resort."*

# Welcome!

## 101 Things to Do in and Around TwentyNine Palms Resort

Dear TwentyNine Palms Resort Guests,

Thank you for visiting our Resort! No matter what time of year you are visiting, there are an abundance of things to see and do in and around Twentynine Palms all around the Southern California region! Our resort is a wonderful short-term visit experience, as well as, an excellent "base of operations" for long-term visitors.

Some of our guests never want to leave the Resort and the adjacent Road Runner Golf Course, but if you want to venture beyond the park for an "outing" for a day or a bit longer, we have compiled a list of our favorite things to do. Enjoy!

We have prepared more extensive information on some of the activities on our list, and there are brochures on many of the activities listed. For any questions or additional information you might want, please visit us in the office.

If you are visiting during the Resort's High Season (November - April), there are a host of special activities going on at the Resort every day! Be sure to get a copy of the Calendar of Events and to check all bulletin boards that announce the various guest activities. If you like poker, coffee, dancing, exercising, relaxing, and eating (and lots more!) you are in the right place!

Our staff is here to help! Stop by the Resort Office anytime. And remember, the Resort Store has stocked things that you many need for your rig, gifts and cards for all occasions, and most importantly everything needed for a last minute dinning! We also have beer, wine, and a wonderful selection of ice cream treats!

The Resort Store is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please Enjoy the Resort Facilities!

Vickie and Bill Talley  
Proprietors

# Joshua Tree National Park

We have listed many things to do in the park. For any additional information please visit:  
[joshua.tree.national-park.com](http://joshua.tree.national-park.com).

- 1. Visit the Joshua Tree National Park Visitor's Center** at 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree, CA 92256, which is a little over 17 miles from the Resort. One of the newest national parks, opened in 1994, Joshua Tree National Park offers visitors several days of activities. Entrance fee for the Park is \$15 per vehicle that is good for seven days.
  - For more information on Park Passes visit:  
[www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/feesandreservations.htm](http://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/feesandreservations.htm) or call 760-366-3448.
  - Seniors (62+) can purchase a **lifetime pass**: \$10 for any National Park.
  - Anyone can purchase an **annual pass**: only \$30 for Joshua Tree National Park and \$80 for all National Parks the United States - free annual pass for active duty military personnel and dependents with proper ID.
  - A free **access pass** is available for those with permanent disabilities.
  - A free **volunteer pass** is available for volunteers with 250 service hours with federal agencies that participate in the Interagency Pass Program.
- 2. Climb a rock.** The Rock Climbing School has AMGA certified guides that have been guiding in Joshua Tree for 20 years. They offer over 8,000 rock climbs year round! For more information on pricing and to book a reservation, call 1-800-890-4745.
- 3. Take a hike.** Enjoy the beauty of the Park's nature on one of the 5 main day hiking trails! Maps of the different hiking trails and more information are available at the Resort Office.
- 4. Experience the joys of birding.** In the park, 250 kinds of birds recorded! Be prepared to view the roadrunner, Gambel's quail, golden eagles, and much more. A bird checklist is available at the Joshua Tree National Park visitor's center.
- 5. View the greenery.** The Park is known for its plant diversity due to its wide range of plants, 813 species to be exact. The famous "Dr. Seuss" tree, or as we know it as, the Joshua tree, can be seen here in the Park with the tallest tree being forty feet high and is about 300 years old! Wildflowers are also very prevalent in the Park and are known to bloom year round depending on conditions. More information about wildlife and wildflower viewing can be found at their website, [www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/blooms.htm](http://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/blooms.htm), or is available at the Resort Office.
- 6. Go on a Keys Ranch Guided Walking Tour.** The walking tours are at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays from October through May and last 90 minutes. The tour costs \$5 per person ages 12+ and \$2.50 for children 6-11 and children under 6 are free. Don't forget about the \$15 vehicle entrance fee into the Park! For questions or to book a tour, call 760-367-5555.
- 7. Geology Motor Tour.** Travel through Joshua Tree National Park to view the Park's amazing landscape on an 18-mile vehicle motor tour. The drive takes about two hours round trip including

the 16 stops along the way. A brochure that describes each stop is available at the beginning of the road, which, again, is in Joshua Tree National Park.

8. **View the night sky.** Rangers at Joshua Tree National Park present a variety of night sky programs both at Cottonwood Campground and at the Oasis Visitor Center. For more information, call the visitor's center at 760-367-5500.

## Shopping, Dining, and Movie Viewing

9. **Cinema 6 Theatre in Yucca Valley.** Prices vary from \$6.50-\$8.50 depending on the time of day. For movie titles, and show times visit [cinema6theatre.com](http://cinema6theatre.com) or call them at 760-365-9633. Cinema 6 is located on Twentynine Palms Highway in Yucca Valley, 24 miles away.
10. **Luckie Park Summer Movies.** Twentynine Palms Park & Recreation Dept. hosts Summer Movies in Luckie Park, which is only just 2 miles away from the Resort, during June and July for FREE starting at 8:30 p.m.! For more information on titles, rating, etc., contact the Park and Recreation Dept. at 706-367-7562.
11. **Bistro Twentynine.** A locally owned and operated restaurant that opened in 2009 this restaurant has a very crafted menu, large wine selection, and friendly service. They are open Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. or Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m.- 10 p.m. (closed Sunday). For reservations, call 760-361-2229 or visit [bistro29.com](http://bistro29.com).
12. **Smith's Ranch Drive-In Movie Theatre.** Only two miles from the resort, this drive-in plays movies every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Thursday with the movies changing every Friday. The box office opens at 7:45 p.m. and show time is at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person age 4 and up, children 3 and under are FREE! The drive-in theatre is located at 4584 Adobe Rd., Twentynine Palms, CA 92277. For more information visit [29drive-in.com](http://29drive-in.com).
13. **The Hesperia Civic Market and Street Faire.** This destination is an outdoor marketplace where you can find fresh produce, baked goods, delicious food, and accessories for yourself or your home and garden. The street fair is annual on Wednesdays during the range of months from May-August and is typically from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. It is located 2 hours away from the resort in Hesperia, CA for more info visit [hesperiaparks.com/farmersMarket.php](http://hesperiaparks.com/farmersMarket.php).
14. **Oasis Date Gardens.** An hour and a half from the Resort in Thermal, CA. Taste test many fine varieties of dates, date cake, cookies, bread, and pies baked fresh daily! Watch a video on how dates are grown or listen to an educational talk daily at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Also, visit the antique farm implement display and see if you can guess their use from days in the past! They are open 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. daily. For more info visit [oasisdate.com](http://oasisdate.com).
15. **Barstow Station.** Make a stop on your drive through Barstow and grab a bite to eat or shop at the gift store! For more information, call 760-256-0366 or visit [barstowstation.net](http://barstowstation.net).
16. **Treasure House Mall.** One of Barstow's antique swap meet-like stores, Treasure House Mall houses many antiques, collectables, artifacts, gifts, and more. They are open 7 days a week. For more information, call 760-255-1817. There are also antique stores in Twentynine Palms (Silk Purse on 29 Palms Highway), and Yucca Valley (Route 62 Arts and Antiques on 29Palms Highway) for the less enthusiastic "antiquers".

17. **Tanger Outlets.** Located in Barstow, the shopping center is open seven days a week from 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. Shop at outlets like Old Navy, LOFT, Ann Taylor, Nine West, and much more! For more information visit [www.tangeroutlet.com/barstow](http://www.tangeroutlet.com/barstow).
18. **El Paseo Dr a.k.a. Rodeo Drive of the Desert.** Located in Palm Desert, El Paseo Drive has over 300 clothing shops, art galleries, restaurants, and so much more. This great shopping area is only 1.5 hours away from the resort. For more information visit [palm-desert.com/elpaseo](http://palm-desert.com/elpaseo).
19. **Rodeo Drive.** Located in Beverly Hills, Rodeo drive offers all of the high-end shopping you can handle. Fendi, Prada, Gucci, and Jimmy Choo are only a few of the many stores that you will find there. It is only 2 hours and 40 minutes or 156 miles from the resort. For more info visit [rodeodrive-shop.com](http://rodeodrive-shop.com).

## Museums and Art Galleries

20. **Twentynine Palms Public Art.** Here in town you will find the “Oasis of Murals” and 3D art installations. The murals are a historic outdoor gallery displaying the rich heritage of the desert there are 21 murals located through the City. A brochure and map locating all of the murals is available at the Resort Office.
21. **29 Palms Creative Center & Gallery.** Here you can visit artists in their studio, take an art class, host an art party, or just view the gorgeous art. The art gallery is located at 6847 Adobe Road and is about 3 miles from TwentyNine Palms Resort. Their website is [29palmscreativecenter.com](http://29palmscreativecenter.com).
22. **29 Palms Art Gallery.** They offer art classes, summer art shows, viewings, and even have a gift shop. The 29 Palms Art Gallery is located at 74055 Cottonwood Drive, which is approximately 4 miles from TwentyNine Palms Resort. Visit their website at [29palmsartgallery.com](http://29palmsartgallery.com).
23. **Palm Springs Air Museum.** Here you can see one of the world’s largest collections of flyable WWII aircraft any day of the week between 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults (18-65), \$13 for seniors (65+) and youth (13-17), \$8 for children (6-12), and children 5 and younger are FREE! Find more info at [palmspringsairmuseum.org](http://palmspringsairmuseum.org).
24. **Hi-Desert Nature Museum.** Their main purpose is to educate visitors and residents about the desert environment by viewing pieces of art done by local residents and by listening to lectures. It is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. and is FREE! The museum is located in the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex at 57116 Twentynine Palms, Yucca Valley 92284 and is 23 miles away from the Resort. For more information call them at 760-369-7212 or visit [hidesertnaturemuseum.com](http://hidesertnaturemuseum.com).
25. **JT&S RR Museum.** The museum features several full-sized railroad cars, as well as a railroad station building which houses their Francis Moseley live steam model collection. To book a tour, call 760-366-8879 (Tours are by appointment only!). You can also visit their website at [jtsrr.com](http://jtsrr.com). This museum is located at 8901 Willow Ln, Joshua Tree 92252-3281, which is 20 miles away from the Resort.
26. **The Old Schoolhouse Museum.** Schedule a tour of the classroom and historical displays or hear a lecture on history, zoology, botany, or geology by calling 760-367-2366. You can visit the museum September-May from Wednesday through Sunday from 1-4 p.m. and June-August from Saturday to Sunday from 1-4 p.m. for FREE. The museum is located at 6760 National Park Drive and is just 3 miles from the Resort! For more information visit [29palmshistorical.com/museuminfo.php](http://29palmshistorical.com/museuminfo.php).

27. **Western America Railroad Museum.** They collect, preserve, and share the history of railroading in the Pacific Southwest. They provide educational forums with interpretive and historical displays that focus on both Railroad History and the development of Railroad Technology. The museum is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. [barstowrailmuseum.org](http://barstowrailmuseum.org).
28. **Mojave River Valley Museum.** The Museum maintains a series of displays that portray the history of the Mojave River Valley from the arrival of Father Francisco Garcés in 1776-present; through the pathfinders, pioneers, miners, and into the present space program. It is open daily from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Admission is FREE and the location is only 99 miles from the Resort in Barstow! Their website is [mojaverivervalleymuseum.org](http://mojaverivervalleymuseum.org).
29. **Mission Inn** located just over an hour away from the resort in Riverside. This grand historic inn offers tours daily from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM (closed holidays) in the Mission Inn Museum. For more information call (951) 788-9556 or visit [missioninn.com](http://missioninn.com).
30. **La Brea Tar Pits.** A museum dedicated to showing fossils taken from the exact spot that the museum is located. LaBrea is a great place to learn about ancient life in the area. The museum is located in Los Angeles. For more info call (323) 857-6300 or visit [www.tarpits.org](http://www.tarpits.org).
31. **Route 66 "Mother Road" Museum.** Open Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. Call to confirm times 760-255-1890. You can see the history of the famous Route 66! It is located at 681 N. First Avenue in Barstow. [www.route66museum.org](http://www.route66museum.org).

## Sports

32. **Play golf at Roadrunner Dunes Golf Course** located within walking distance from the Resort. Reasonable green fees and golf cart rentals make this the best golf bargain in the area! Call General Manager, Jerry, at 760-367-5770 for reservations. Be sure to ask about Special Golf packages available to Resort guests.
33. **Go Bowling** at the Bowladium! It is open Sunday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m. until midnight. Bowl in one of the 16 lanes for a steal of a price! Also, enjoy karaoke nights on Thursday and Saturday. \*\*Recommended for adults. The Bowladium is located just less than 2.5 miles from TwentyNine Palms Resort.
34. **Go roller-skating** at Power Play Center skating arena on Friday (2 p.m.- 11 p.m.) or Saturday (2 p.m.- 11 p.m.) for only \$4 per person! Looking for a fun and affordable place for your child's birthday? Power Play Center offers 3 different affordable birthday party packages to choose from. For more information about reservations, call 760-244-5488.
35. **Mountain bike** in the gorgeous Idyllwild, CA. Enjoy one of the nine mountain biking trails that range from 8 miles to over 20 miles long. Idyllwild is a little under 2 hours from the Resort. For more information visit [idyllwild.com](http://idyllwild.com).
36. **Ride ATVs** in the Sandy Dunes of Palm Springs with the whole family! Enjoy the views of windmills, snowcapped mountains, sand dunes, and a whitewater river on this ATV off roading adventure. For more information, contact Off Road Rentals at 760-325-0376 or visit [offroadrentals.com](http://offroadrentals.com).
37. **Go snowboarding or skiing** in Snow Summit located in Big Bear and ride down one of the 26 slopes this ski resort has to offer! It is open Mondays- Fridays from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and on weekends &

holidays from 8:00 a.m.- 9:30 p.m. For more general information, call 909-866-5766 or visit [snowsummit.com](http://snowsummit.com).

38. **Ride a horse** along Big Bear Valley and experience breathtaking views. Choose from a 1-2 hour ride, half-day rides, sunset rides, or even private rides. You can even ride in the snow! To place your reservation, call 909-585-6482 or visit [bigbear.com](http://bigbear.com).
39. **See a baseball game** at Angel's Stadium in Anaheim. See the Angels bat, pitch, catch, and score at one of their home games. Ticket prices range depending on seating and can be purchased on [stubhub.com](http://stubhub.com). Parking is \$10 and must be in cash. The stadium is approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes away from the Resort. For more information, visit [angelsbaseball.com](http://angelsbaseball.com), or call 714-940-2000.
40. **Watch a game at Petco Park**, located in San Diego. It is a little over 3 hours to get to the stadium from the Resort. Sit on a side of a building, in the stands, or even on the beach to watch the Padres play at their home stadium. Ticket prices vary depending on seat location. For more information, visit [padres.com](http://padres.com), or call 619-795-5000.
41. **Hike to Amboy Crater**. 250 feet high, this crater demonstrates volcanic features. If you look close, you might even get to see green-colored olivine crystals created by the lava flow. Because of the heat, it is suggested that hikes happen between October and April. For more information call the Needle Field Office at 760-326-7000 or visit [blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/needles/amboy.html](http://blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/needles/amboy.html).

## Recreation, Parks, Fun Activities

42. **Take advantage of the many amenities we offer right here in the park. Swimming, dance lessons, exercise classes, and much more. See the front office for details!!!** (Note: Some classes, etc., are only available in the winter because they are hosted by our wonderful snowbirds.)
43. **Walk through the Desert Christ Park**. The park transcends denominational considerations and welcomes all to remember, and celebrate, not only the visionary and the artist, but also most importantly, the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Desert Christ Park is open on 29 Palms Highway in Yucca Valley, free of charge, during daylight hours each and every day of the year.
44. **Spend the day at Luckie Park** enjoying its many amenities. Swim in the pool, climb in one of the two playground areas, have a picnic, play basketball on a court, skate in the only skateboard park in the city, play baseball, and much more!
45. **Watch a motorcycle race**. The Twentynine Palms Wild West Grand Prix offers motorcycle racing annually on the first weekend of April. Races are held on an 8-mile course at the 29 Palms Motorsports Arena (just 6 miles from the Resort). Races begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday for \$10 per person per day (\$15 per person for the weekend) and children 12 and under are FREE. AMA, D-37 cardholders, seniors, and military I.D. holders only pay \$5 per person per day (\$10 per person for the weekend).

46. **Get a massage.** Enjoy the luxuries of Natural Lives Day Spa just 3 miles from the Resort. They are open seven days a week and accommodate to your needs. Call to reserve an appointment at 760-865-0901.
47. **Gamble at a casino.** Spotlight 29 Casino not only has Blackjack, 3-Card Poker, Pai-Gow Poker, Mini Baccarat, and slots, it also features JEM Prime 29 Steakhouse, free Friday concerts in the spotlight showroom, a lounge, and a bar. Spotlight 29 is located an hour and a half away from the Resort in Coachella. Their website is [spotlight29.com](http://spotlight29.com).
48. **Gamble some more!** Agua Caliente located in Rancho mirage offers a spa, casino, and live entertainment. Their location is an hour and a half away in Rancho Mirage (not far from Spotlight 29). Visit their website at [hotwatercasino.com](http://hotwatercasino.com).
49. **Feed a giraffe** at the Living Desert in Palm Desert every morning at 9 a.m.! Enjoy other animal and garden exhibits as well. The Living Desert is open year round and costs \$14.25 per person for general admission. They also offer senior and military discounts (\$12.75). For more information, call them at 760-346-5694 or visit their website, [LivingDesert.org](http://LivingDesert.org).
50. **Press your very own cider** at Willowbrook Apple Farm of Oak Glen, a 100-year-old apple orchard. Pick your own apples and then get to enjoy making your own cider! For more information or to ask any questions, contact them at 909-797-9484 or visit [willowbrookapple.tripod.com](http://willowbrookapple.tripod.com).
51. **Take the Palm Springs Aerial Tram** that departs at least every half hour. Tram tickets are \$23.95 for adults, \$16.95 for children (3-12), and \$21.95 for seniors. Enjoy a day up on the mountain playing in snow, snowshoeing, hiking, camping, or go on a guided nature walk. Visit their website at [pstramway.com](http://pstramway.com).
52. **Stop by Barstow's Harvey House** while driving on Route 66. Barstow's "Casa Del Desierto" opened in 1911 and closed in 1971. It was registered as one of the last and finest remaining examples of the West's famous Harvey Houses. Visit their website at [barstowharveyhouse.com](http://barstowharveyhouse.com).
53. **Drive on Route 66.** The historic Route 66 passes through California, extends from the Colorado River near Needles and all the way to the Pacific Ocean at Santa Monica. One of the closer parts of this route is from Barstow to San Bernardino. Be sure to purchase Jim Ross & Jerry McClanahan's book, "Here It Is! The Route 66 Map Series."
54. **Travel to Las Vegas, NV** and experience the city's nightlife. Whether you want to see a show, gamble, see a concert, shop, or whatever it might be, Las Vegas is the place to go for fun! For more information on what to do there, visit [lasvegasnevada.gov](http://lasvegasnevada.gov). There is also a fun back road route to Las Vegas through the great Mojave National Preserve. Maps are available in the front office.
55. **Take a train** on the Tehachapi Loop. Enjoy a nice train ride through rolling hills on this famous railroad, which was being finished constructed back in 1876. The area also offers great scenes for photography. The Loop is 189 miles from the resort. For more information contact the Chamber Office at (661)822-4180.
56. **Pan for gold** at the famous Calico Ghost Town! There are lots of other activities to do and shows to see such as: the Mystery Shack, ghost walks, Lucy Lane Museum, the Civil War re-enactment, and lots more! Daily admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for children, and FREE for 6 years of age and under. Calico Ghost Town is Located in Yermo, Ca, 110 miles from the resort. For more information, call 800-86-CALICO or visit [cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/Parks/CalicoGhostTown.aspx](http://cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/Parks/CalicoGhostTown.aspx).
57. **Tour the Chinese Theatre in Hollywood.** The Chinese Theatre has been home to red carpet movie premiers since 1927. In front of the theatre, there are cement hand and footprints of famous movie stars! The 20 minutes walking tour of the theatre includes stories, fun facts, and information on stars

and premiers. The tour is offered 7 days a week. To check availability and reserve tickets, call 323-463-9576 or visit [tclchinesetheatres.com](http://tclchinesetheatres.com).

58. **Watch a Palm Springs Follies show** at the Historic Plaza Theatre in Palm Springs. Prices range from \$29-\$95 and the length of the show is about 2 hours and 45 minutes long with an intermission. Matinees begin at 1 p.m. and evening shows begin at 7 p.m. For ticket reservations call 760-327-0225 or visit [psfollies.com](http://psfollies.com).
59. **Listen to live music** while dining at the 29 Palms Inn. Local country, folk, jazz musicians and songwriters perform poolside or in the dining room at 29 Palms Inn. 29 Palms Inn is located at 73590 Inn Avenue, which is only 4 miles from the Resort!
60. **Experience “Broadway in Coachella Valley”** at the McCallum Theatre in Coachella Valley, only just over an hour from the resort. The theatre first opened to the public in 1988 and ever since they have been known for putting on Broadway-like spectacles such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *My Fair Lady*, and even the famous *Blue Man Group*. Visit their website at [mccallumtheatre.com](http://mccallumtheatre.com).
61. **Visit the “happiest place on earth!”** - Disneyland! Ride the attractions, see shows, and take your picture with the one and only Mickey Mouse. Also, don’t forget to visit California Adventure Park, which is right across from Disneyland. The park hours vary from day to day, so be sure to check out their website, [disneyland.disney.go.com/](http://disneyland.disney.go.com/) . Also, there are many ticket options to choose from, so visit [disneyland.disney.go.com/tickets/](http://disneyland.disney.go.com/tickets/) to view their ticket prices! Disneyland is just a little over two hours from the park, we provide maps to the park in the front office.
62. **See Shamu**, the Orca whale, at Sea World. Watch a sea lion show, scream on a rollercoaster, shop, pet a dolphin, and more! The park’s hours vary, so check [seaworld.com](http://seaworld.com) before you venture off. Single day park admission is \$73 for adults and \$65 for children, but admission is only \$53 if ordered online! Sea World is located about 3 hours away from the Resort.
63. **Go on a caravan safari** at the San Diego Safari Park. Feed giraffes and pet rhinos with the family for 2 hours! Also, walk around the Park and see flamingos, lions, bears, monkeys, etc. The Park is open from 9 a.m.- between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (depending on season.) For more specific times, visit [sdzsafaripark.org](http://sdzsafaripark.org). The Park is just under 3 hours away from the Resort.
64. **Visit the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.** The aquarium is located about 3 hours away from the Resort. It is open to the public Tuesday- Friday from 2 p.m.- 5 p.m. and on the weekends from 12:30 p.m.- 5 p.m. Kids 12 and under are FREE and there is a \$3 minimum entry fee for adults. Information can be found at [healthebay.org/smpa](http://healthebay.org/smpa).
65. **Go to the San Diego Zoo** located a little over 3 hours away from the Resort! See polar bears, a variety of insects, cheetahs, and many more animals at this zoo. A one-day pass is \$42 for adults (12+) and \$32 for children (3-11). Hours vary depending on season and can be found by visiting [sandiegozoo.org](http://sandiegozoo.org).
66. **Ride a rollercoaster** at Knott’s Berry Farm, which is just under 2 and a half hours away from the Resort! Parking is \$15 and a single-day admission ticket is \$57.99 for adults and \$28.99 for children (at the gate). Buy your tickets online to get a discount! For more information, call 714-220-5200 or visit [knotts.com](http://knotts.com).
67. **Go on a studio tour** at Universal Studios Hollywood to see the studios and sets of reality shows, movies, and talk shows. The amusement park is a little over 2 and a half hour from the Resort. You can buy a day-pass for \$80 and get the rest of 2012 FREE! The park hours vary, so be sure to visit [universalstudioshollywood.com](http://universalstudioshollywood.com) to check their daily hours. For more park information, call 1-800-864-8377.



68. **Tour Twentynine Palms.** The Chamber of Commerce along with help from the generous locals offer a tour that takes visitors on a guided trip in a modern, air-conditioned, natural gas powered bus. The tour visits the Old Schoolhouse Museum, 29 Palms Art Gallery, and includes lunch at the Historic 29 Palms Inn. For reservations call 760-367-3445. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!
69. **Visit the historic Pioneer Town** where a movie set was built in the 40's for use in western movies. The Gunfight at OK Corral was shot here, as was The Cisco Kid, Annie Oakley, and others. There are places to eat, Roy Rogers's bowling alley that still exists today, and a motel and cabins are available. For a Western feel, this is the place to see. Pioneer Town is a little less than 30 miles from the Resort and is a great place for families with children. Get more information at [digital-desert.com/pioneertown-ca/](http://digital-desert.com/pioneertown-ca/).
70. **Go on an audio tour** in which stories from this regional history are told through voices of local residents, historians, and area artists who reside in reclaimed historic cabins and use the structures as inspiration for their creative work. The self-guided audio tour is based off of a book named "Jackrabbit Homestead: Tracing the Small Tract Act in the Southern California Landscape, 1938-2008" that was written by Kim Stringfellow, and it can be downloaded, along with a map of Wonder Valley, at [jackrabbithomestead.com](http://jackrabbithomestead.com).
71. **Visit an animal shelter.** Play, care, and pet the furry friends that are looking for homes. Who knows, maybe you will end up taking one home! For detailed information, call the Palms n' Paws shelter at 760-367-0157.
72. **Experience Palm Springs Village Fest** every Thursday night from 6 p.m.- 10 p.m. (October- May) or 7 p.m.- 10 p.m. (June- September). Enjoy a fun-filled night of entertainment, art, food, and shopping. They don't fail to mention that they are dog friendly! For more information visit [palmspringsvillagefest.com](http://palmspringsvillagefest.com).
73. **Splash down a water slide.** The Wave water park has a lazy river, artificial wave rider, water slides, and more. The park is located about 2 and a half hours away from the resort in Vista, Ca. General admission ranges from FREE to \$16.95. For more information on ticket pricing and park hours, call 760-940-9283 or visit [thewavewaterpark.com](http://thewavewaterpark.com).

## Enjoy Nature

74. **Take a Guided Hike** through the Coachella Valley Preserve. This "Old West" has over 20,000 acres of wilderness and trails. Information call 760-347-2161 or visit [coachellavalleypreserve.org](http://coachellavalleypreserve.org).
75. **Visit the Big Bear Discovery Center** in San Bernardino to gather hiking & biking maps of the San Bernardino National Forest, take a naturalist-led tour, or visit the nature-themed gift store. They are closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays but are open the rest of the week from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 909-382-2790 or visit [nationalforestassociation.org/bigbeardiscoverycenter.php](http://nationalforestassociation.org/bigbeardiscoverycenter.php).

76. **Explore the Mojave National Preserve** hiking, biking, exploring, and rock climbing, but first stop to get maps and brochures at the Information Center located on Barstow Road. They are open to help Monday- Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 760-252-6100 or visit [nps.gov/moja](http://nps.gov/moja).
77. **Walk around Palm Canyon**, said to be one the greatest beauties of Western North America. The hike is 15 miles long and the sites are extravagant. You can also visit the Trading Post where you can get maps, refreshments, Indian art, jewelry, pottery, and more! For more information, call 760-323-6018 or visit [indiancanyons.com/palm.html](http://indiancanyons.com/palm.html).
78. **Visit Death Valley** and take an underground tour of Scotty's castle. The tour lasts about an hour and are available three or four times daily November through April and occasionally in May, September, and October. Buy your tickets at the Scotty's Castle Visitors Center. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children 6-15, and FREE for children ages 5 and under. For more general information, or information on tickets, call 1-877-444-6777 or visit [nps.gov](http://nps.gov) and search Scotty's Castle. Death Valley is 238 miles from the Resort.
79. **Tour Sky's the Limit** on any Saturday afternoon from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. On the tour, visit the Orrery to learn about the sizes and relative distances of the planets, see the meditation garden, walk nature paths with desert flora and cacti, and view the site of the future observatory. For more information, call 760-367-7222 or visit their website [skysthelimit29.org](http://skysthelimit29.org).
80. **Go through a bird walk.** Coachella Valley Wild Bird Center is a non-profit corporation that was created to care for orphaned, injured, or sick native wild birds, ultimately releasing them back into the wild. On the first Saturday of each month October-May at 8 a.m., they offer bird walks and tours of their rehabilitation center. For reservations, call 760-347-2647 or visit [coachellavalleywildbirdcenter.com](http://coachellavalleywildbirdcenter.com).
81. **Have a snowball fight** at Big Bear Mountain where the average annual snowfall is 100 inches! If the snowfall falls short, do not worry! Big Bear creates its own snow. Snowboarding and skiing are also available. For more information, call 909-866-5766 or visit [bigbearmountainresorts.com](http://bigbearmountainresorts.com).
82. **See the second largest meteorite** found in the United States. The Desert Discovery Center houses the "Old Woman Meteorite", the second largest meteorite found in the United States, which weighed 6,070 pounds when discovered in 1975. Visit Tuesday- Saturday from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. and admission is FREE! For more information, call 760-252-6060 or visit [desertdiscoverycenter.com](http://desertdiscoverycenter.com).
83. **Visit Rainbow Basin**, which is a national natural landmark managed by the Bureau of Land Management. It is an area of badlands that folded and faulted leaving colored rock strata that eroded to create small ravines and pinnacles. It is located only 2 hours away just north of Barstow. For more information, call the Bureau of Land Management at (760) 252-6000 or visit [blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/Barstow/basin.html](http://blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/Barstow/basin.html).
84. **Visit the Salton Sea to Go boating and fishing.** The Salton Sea is California's largest lake covering 376 square miles. It is also the third largest saline lake in the nation! The Salton Sea is about 100 miles from the Resort and offers a great place for fishing with tilapia, gulf croaker, corvine, sargo, and much more. For more detailed information, call 760-393-3052 or visit [parks.ca.gov](http://parks.ca.gov) and search Salton Sea.
85. **Explore Silverwood Lake** by renting a boat! It costs \$78 to rent the boat plus a \$100 deposit. The park is open from 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. (May- September) and from 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. (October- April). Silverwood Lake is located west of the resort 106 miles, about a two hour drive away. For more information, call (760) 389-2281 or visit [parks.ca.gov](http://parks.ca.gov) and search Silverwood Lake.
86. **Take a ferry** over to Balboa Island. The ferry dock is located about 3 hours away from the park. The ferries travel over 3,200 miles a year, making the approximately 800-foot trip over 200 times a day. A

ferry leaves every 5 minutes and operates Sunday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m.- midnight. The hours are extended Friday and Saturday nights until 2 a.m. For more information on pricing and availability, call 949-673-1070 or visit [balboaislandferry.com](http://balboaislandferry.com).

87. **Have fun in the sun** at one of the beautiful beaches in Del Mar. There is even a beach for dogs! The parking is mostly metered parking, but some is FREE, like parking at City Hall. The beaches are located about 3 hours from the Resort. For more information, call (858) 755-9313.
88. **Go whale watching.** The 2.5-hour tour starts and ends at Dana Point Harbor - in Orange County and about two and a half hours from the Resort. They offer trips to go whale watching 7 days a week, year round! The cost is \$55 per adult, \$35 per child (3-12), and 2 years of age and younger are FREE. To book a reservation, call 949-488-2828 or visit [danapointwhalewatching.com](http://danapointwhalewatching.com).
89. **Walk around the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve.** Walk the trails and boardwalks of the Preserve (for FREE!) that is open daily year round from 7:30 a.m. to sunset. Ideal times to visit would be during the fall, winter, and spring seasons due to the beautiful climate. Trail maps and information brochures are available at the Preserve. For more information, call 760-363-6454 or visit [bigmorongo.org](http://bigmorongo.org).
90. **Adopt an animal.** For \$25 at the Big Bear Rescue Zoo you receive an adoption certificate with a picture of the animal and the animal's fact sheet. You can also visit the zoo and see all 160 animals in person for just \$9.00 (discount for seniors and children). For more information, call 909-878-4200.

## Annual Events

91. **Attend the Oak Glen Apple Butter Festival** and enjoy horse drawn wagon rides, stuff your face at a feast, make apple butter, and much more! This annual festival is held every Thanksgiving weekend, Friday – Sunday. For more information, call 909-797-6833.
92. **Attend Palm Springs Arts Festival** where the shows feature top quality artists. Listed in Sunshine Artist magazine, ArtFair Calendar, FestivalNet and many more, they fully intend to become among the top rated shows in the West. This art festival is held in January and February in the upscale Palm Springs and Desert Resort Communities area. For more info visit [palmspringsartfestival.com](http://palmspringsartfestival.com).
93. **Watch a light parade.** The Twentynine Palms Winter Light Parade tradition began in 1994 and now is held annually on the second Saturday of December at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce at 760-367-3445.
94. **View the annual Weed Show** that is held in the afternoons of the first full weekend in November at the Old Schoolhouse Museum (4 miles from the Resort). This annual display features artistic arrangements of indigenous desert vegetation as well as found objects both natural and man-made - a desert rendition of the traditional concept of floral display. For more detailed information, call the Twentynine Palms Historical Society at 760-367-2366.
95. **Visit an annual art festival.** Joshua Tree National Park holds its annual Art Festival every first weekend in April from 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Enjoy art in its abstract form in sculpture, drawing, painting, ceramics, photography, textiles, gourd art, jewelry, and more! The festival is stage at the park's Headquarters and Oasis of Mara Visitor Center, which is located at 74485 National Park Drive. This location is 3 miles from the Resort.
96. **Have a fun-filled weekend with Pioneer Days.** This annual event takes place every third weekend of October in which consists of a Pioneer Days PARADE, a carnival and community booths in Luckie Park, Grand Marshall's luncheon, arm wrestling tournament, outhouse race, children's games, pet parade, Firefighters Pancake Breakfast, chili dinner, and lots more. Most events are even FREE! For a more detailed schedule of the annual events, contact the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce at 760-367-3445.
97. **Explore the Parade of Homes,** an annual event every mid-February. The Parade offers a tour of exquisite desert homes that are located in Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, and Pioneertown. For more information, call 760-361-1410 or visit [reachoutmb.org](http://reachoutmb.org).
98. **Looking for a youth summer program?** The Twentynine Palms Youth Club offers after-school activities and summer programs for youth ages 7-17. It is located at 5882 Luckie Avenue in Luckie Park, which is only 2 miles away from the Resort! For more details information, call 760-367-5776.
99. **Visit the Annual Street Fair & Car Show** that takes place every year on the first Saturday in June from 4 p.m.- 10 p.m. on Twentynine Palms Highway (the highway between Split Rock Avenue and Adobe Road) in downtown Twentynine Palms. Come and enjoy the vendors, crafts, food, beer, and community booths that line the street or be the one to show off your car! The venue is a little less than 4 miles from the Resort.
100. **Listen to a band** at the annual Joshua Tree Music Festival. The festival is produced by a family of friends who believe that music is the soul of life. The festival offers on-site camping, hot showers, organic foods, kidsville, world market, art installations, and playshops. Tickets can be purchased at [joshuatreemusicfestival.com](http://joshuatreemusicfestival.com). Campsites are also available if you are looking to stay the night. For more questions on camping, call 760-366-1213.
101. **Hwy 62 Art Tours:** annual event that takes place in October. There are over 200 artists, open studios, live music, and more! For an idea of what the map looks like and where the art events might take place, visit the resort office, otherwise for more detailed map information, visit [hwy62arttours.com](http://hwy62arttours.com).