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## Get Lost in the Desert in Palm Springs

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### 1. Where to Stay

Hang with architecture buffs at **The Horizon Hotel** (from \$139), one of the few original Modernist hotels remaining in the area. Built by Hollywood mogul Jack Wrather and his wife, actress Bonita Granville, in the fifties, its 24 angular rooms feature mountain views, outdoor showers, and round patios. If you're feeling lavish, stay in Wrather and Granville's former residence, which rents as a one-, two-, or three-bedroom unit with a sunken bar and private pool.

### 2. What to Do

Spend a day getting in touch with Palm Springs' star-studded past. Grab coffee at Starbucks (corner of Palm Canyon and Tahquitz Canyon) before strolling in either direction along the **Palm Springs Walk of Stars** to get acquainted with the area's famous residents. At 10 a.m. get picked up by guide Michael Stern, whose **Modern Tour** (\$150) takes small groups inside landmark Modernist vacation homes and points out those built for the likes of Frank Sinatra and Elizabeth Taylor in the fifties and sixties. Stern, who's an architecture buff and author of *Julius Shulman: Palm Springs*, provides commentary about high-desert mid-century style and its accompanying cocktail culture over the course of two and a half hours. Drive for brunch at the Jonathan Adler-designed Parker Palm Springs, where you can grab a Bertioia chair on the tent-covered patio at comfort-food spot **Norma's**, home of the \$1,000 Sevruga Caviar omelet. Afterward, drive fifteen minutes south to ritzy Rancho Mirage to explore