



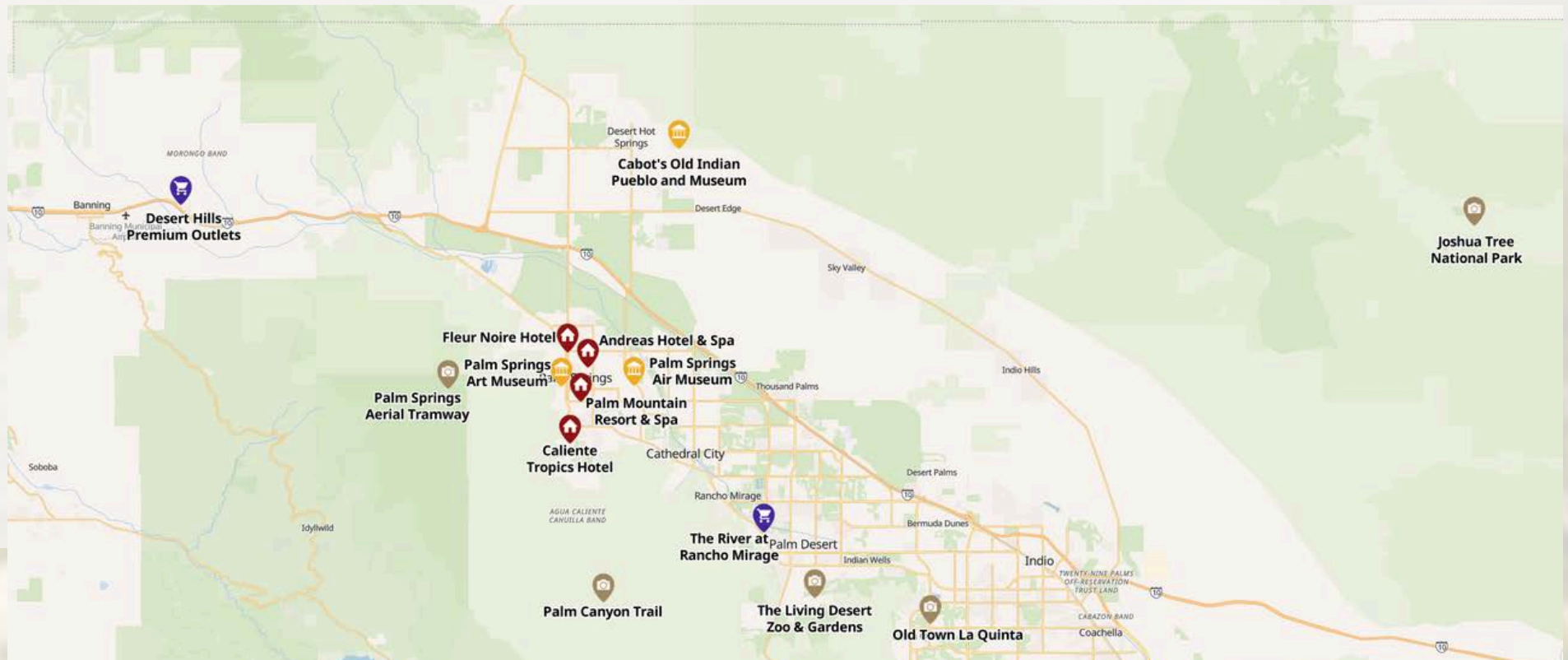
Greater Palm Springs

5 days / 4 nights from NZ \$1,999



Ultimate Greater Palm Springs

Embark on the ultimate Palm Springs adventure, where vibrant desert landscapes meet rich history, culture, and outdoor excitement. From the moment you arrive, Palm Springs invites you to relax and explore its one-of-a-kind charm. Stroll through downtown's iconic landmarks, art galleries and boutiques, experience breathtaking heights aboard the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and indulge in shopping at Desert Hills Premium Outlets. Venture beyond the city limits with a thrilling off-road adventure in Joshua Tree National Park, followed by stargazing under the desert sky. Discover the Coachella Valley's wildlife at The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens, explore charming towns like La Quinta, and learn about the region's fascinating history in Indio. This is a getaway filled with unforgettable experiences, offering a true taste of the California desert.



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*Palm Springs Art Museum / Forever Marilyn Statue / Palm Springs Walk of Stars / Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
Desert Hills Premium Outlets / Cabot's Pueblo Museum / Joshua Tree Adventure Open Air Hummer Sunset Tour
Joshua Tree Professional Stargazing / The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens / Old Town La Quinta / Coachella Valley
History Museum / The River at Rancho Mirage / Palm Canyon Trail / Palm Springs Air Museum*



Greater Palm Springs

Day 1: Let The Adventure Begin: Welcome to Palm Springs

Arrive in Palm Springs either by car or air. If flying, you'll land at Palm Springs International Airport, where you can pick up your rental car. Take a scenic drive to your hotel, check in, and settle into your room, ready to explore this vibrant desert oasis. Once refreshed, head out to explore downtown Palm Springs. Stroll along **Palm Canyon Drive**, where you'll discover boutique shops, art galleries, and charming cafes, offering a perfect introduction to the city's unique style. Next, immerse yourself in local culture with a visit to the **Palm Springs Art Museum**, showcasing contemporary and Native American art. Visit the iconic **Forever Marilyn** statue, a must-see for any visitor and stroll along the **Walk of Stars**, where plaques honouring legendary figures line the streets. For dinner, you may want to try **Workshop Kitchen + Bar**, an upscale restaurant offering a farm-to-table menu, craft cocktails, and a chic atmosphere to round out your first evening in Palm Springs.

Day 2: Scenic Heights and Shopping Delights

Start your day riding the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Depart from the valley floor and ascend 2,595 metres to the top of Mount San Jacinto. The 10-minute ride offers panoramic views of the desert below, including sweeping vistas of the Coachella Valley. Once at the top, explore over 80 kilometres of hiking trails, or simply relax and enjoy the alpine views and crisp mountain air. This afternoon indulge in some retail therapy at the widely regarded **Desert Hills Premium Outlets**. With over 130 stores offering designer and brand-name goods at discounted prices, this is a shopper's paradise. Explore high-end brands like Prada, Gucci, and Coach, along with many more options to satisfy every style. Tonight, depending on their schedule, consider a dinner at **PS Underground**, a unique and immersive dining experience that combines theatre with food. The menu features creative, multi-course meals paired with entertainment, offering a one-of-a-kind culinary evening.



Aerial Tramway



PS Underground



Desert Hills Premium Outlets



Aerial Tramway



Joshua Tree National Park

Day 3: Joshua Tree: History, Sunset, and Celestial Views

A special day begins with a visit to Cabor's Pueblo Museum, a Native American-inspired adobe building offering fascinating insights into the lives of early desert settlers. This afternoon you will embark on a **Joshua Tree Adventure Open Air Hummer Sunset Tour**, a thrilling 3-hour off-road experience through Joshua Tree National Park. Ride in an open-air Hummer for panoramic views of the park's rugged terrain, iconic rock formations, and diverse wildlife. As the sun sets, the desert's colours and light create an unforgettable scene. Afterward, head to **Pioneertown**, a charming Old West-style town built in the 1940s as a movie set. Stroll the town and enjoy dinner at **Pappy & Harriet's**, known for its lively atmosphere and delicious BBQ. Round out your Joshua Tree adventure with **Professional Stargazing**, where you'll relax in zero-gravity pods under the park's internationally recognised dark skies as expert guides lead you through constellations and celestial objects, offering powerful telescopes to reveal galaxies, nebulae, and more.



Cabor's Pueblo Museum



Day 4: Coachella Valley Wonders: Desert Wildlife and Charming Towns

Start your day with a visit to The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens, a unique wildlife park that showcases desert animals from around the world. Explore its beautifully landscaped gardens, home to desert flora and fauna, and encounter creatures like cheetahs, giraffes, and mountain lions while learning about conservation and the desert ecosystem. Afterward, head to Old Town La Quinta for lunch and enjoy a leisurely stroll through its charming village, with boutique shops to explore. This afternoon drive to Indio and visit the Coachella Valley History Museum to learn about the region's rich history. Alternatively, drive into the Indian Canyons and hike the Palm Canyon Trail, a scenic route offering stunning desert views and a native oasis. For the evening, choose from several options: enjoy the Shots in the Night golf experience at Indian Wells, try your luck at Agua Caliente Casino, or savour a relaxed dinner at Solano's Bar & Grill, known for its delicious food and friendly atmosphere.





Palm Springs Air Museum

Day 6: A Relaxing Farewell to Palm Springs

On your final day in Palm Springs, take it easy and enjoy the desert's serene beauty. Start with a relaxing breakfast at one of the local cafes, then perhaps head to **The River at Rancho Mirage** for a leisurely shopping experience. Browse through a mix of retail stores, dining options, and entertainment, perfect for picking up last-minute souvenirs or treats. Afterward, revisit a favourite attraction from your trip. Take another stroll through Palm Springs' downtown or head to the **Palm Springs Air Museum**, where you can explore aviation history and view fascinating aircraft exhibits. For those seeking one final desert adventure, consider a peaceful return to Joshua Tree National Park. Take a short hike or scenic drive through the park to enjoy its unique landscape one last time. Or just sit around the pool, relax and savour your last moments in the desert before your late afternoon departure home or on to your next destination.



The River at Rancho Mirage

What's Included?

- 5 day Alamo rental car in a full-size vehicle
- 4 nights' accommodation at a centrally located hotel
- Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Ticket
- Joshua Tree Open Air Hummer Sunset Tour
- Professional Stargazing Joshua Tree
- Living Desert Zoo & Gardens Admission
- Travel USA Planning Assistance

Pricing:

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NZ\$ pricing for our 5 day / 4 night package

- Caliente Tropics Hotel (Deluxe King) from \$1,999 - \$2,399 pp
- Palm Mountain Resort & Spa (Classic King) from \$2,149 - \$2,599 pp
- Fleur Noire Hotel (Standard King) from \$2,375 - \$3,079 pp
- Andreas Hotel & Spa (Executive King) from \$2,799 - \$3,149 pp

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