

# PALM SPRINGS WINTER ESCAPE

Staying 6 nights at Palm Mountain Resort  
February 19, 2019 - 7 Days



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## Fares Per Person:

**\$2865** double/twin

**\$3525** single

**\$2700** triple



> Tour is exempt from GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$120 discount on first 15 seats; \$60 next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 66 points from this tour.

Redeem **66 points** if you book by **November 13.**

## Includes

- Transportation to/from Victoria airport
- Westjet flight to Palm Springs and return
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Airline fees for one checked suitcase
- Transfers between Palm Springs airport & hotel
- 4 days of coach transportation in Palm Springs
- 6 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
- Locally-guided tour of Palm Springs
- Locally-guided tour of Joshua Tree Park
- Joshua Tree National Park fee
- Living Desert
- Choice of Palm Springs Air Museum OR Palm Springs Art Gallery
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Gratuities for local guides and California driver
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **10 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

## Options

**February 22 — Tour a Wind Farm.** The San Geronio Pass west of Palm Springs is a very windy area and 4,000 windmill turbines have been built to harness the power of the wind. This Wind Farm produces enough electricity to power Palm Springs and the entire Coachella Valley. Cost is \$60 per person including tour and transportation. Please book no later than final payment.

**February 23 —** Choice of one of two attractions. Please book no later than final payment.

**(1) Palm Springs Air Museum** features a large collection of flying World War II airplanes and is dedicated to the restoration and operation of legendary fighter aircraft.

**(2) Palm Springs Art Museum** features a sophisticated collection of art, loaned or donated by the area's affluent residents. The collection rivals urban galleries and includes works from Marc Chagall, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Louise Bourgeois, Alexander Calder, Henry Moore, Robert Rauschenberg, and Ansel Adams.

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## Itinerary

**Tuesday, February 19:** *Meals: D*  
A transfer is provided to Victoria Airport. We fly on Westjet via Calgary to **Palm Springs**. Our coach meets us at the airport. We stay six nights at Palm Mountain Resort which has an excellent location, a block off Palm Canyon Drive where many shops and restaurants are found. A welcome dinner is planned.

**Wednesday, February 20:** *Meals: B*  
Breakfast is included each morning at Ruby's Diner, a nostalgic 1950s-style café. We thrill to one of the city's highlights – the spectacular **Palm Springs Aerial Tramway** which ascends nearly 2,000 metres into the San Jacinto Mountains. Each car rotates slowly during the climb, affording an incredible 360-degree view of the desert and craggy cliffs. At the top, you can visit the interpretive centre. During the afternoon, a local expert conducts a drive around Palm Springs past some celebrity homes and historic attractions.

**Thursday, February 21:** *Meals: B,L*  
A local guide is with us all day as we travel north out of Palm Springs to **Joshua Tree National Park**, created in 1994. It protects 800,000 acres of Mojave Desert wilderness and features curious rock formations and a great array of desert plants such

as the imposing Joshua Tree, ocotillo, yucca, and cactus. Tonight, Palm Canyon Drive is closed to vehicles and the street is converted to a pedestrian area for **Village Fest** where you can enjoy music, entertainment, food, or people watching.

**Friday, February 22:** *Meals: B,L*  
We explore **Living Desert**, a 1200-acre preserve featuring exotic birds and animals, botanical gardens, nature trails and the Wildlife Wonders show. The afternoon is leisure time, but you can book a tour of a Wind Farm. See options box.

**Saturday, February 23:** *Meals: B*  
The morning is free time. In the afternoon, you can choose one of two attractions. See options box.

**Sunday, February 24:** *Meals: B,D*  
This is a free day to enjoy activities of your own choosing. Take a walk over to Ruddy's General Store, full of old-time curiosities. A farewell dinner is arranged tonight.

**Monday, February 25:** *Meals: B*  
We drive to Palm Springs Airport for our flight on Westjet to Vancouver, connecting to Victoria. A transfer is provided to your pickup point.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$400 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due November 13, 2018. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$120 discount on first 15 seats and \$60 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after November 13.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to October 12, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From October 13 to November 13, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From November 14 to December 13, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From December 14 to January 11, 2019, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After January 11, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to currency exchange rates and taxes, and surcharges from the airline and other tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

**Travel Insurance:** A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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**Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps. There is some walking in Joshua Tree Park, around Living Desert, and 1 block from the hotel to Ruby's Diner for breakfast. There can be longer walks in the airports while travelling to/from Palm Springs; request a cart or wheelchair at check-in if this could be an issue for you. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director, local guides and drivers have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour.

**e-points:** This tour earns 66 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until November 13.

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