15 Things to Do Before Summer Ends

At the start of the season, we brought you the 30 music-, art-, culture-, and culinary-packed ways to fill your calendar from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and now (along with the sad news that, yes, the end of summer is approaching faster than we'd like to admit), here are fifteen more things you shouldn't miss before fall arrives.



The big travel story in Southern California this past winter was the opening of the Saguaro in Palm Springs, a masterly turning of a rather bland 1970s Holiday Inn into a stunning landmark of twenty-first-century desert design. Using some fourteen different colors, the hotel looked like a giant 3-D Pantone chart that begged to be seen in order to be believed. After the initial Coachella rush, summer temperatures descended, and, of course, no one in his or her right mind heads to Palm Springs when the thermometer reaches the 100s. With September temps in view, however, the Saguaro will be decidedly more pleasant in coming weeks for lounging by the pool, checking out Iron Chef José Garces's Mexican and Spanish cuisine, taking in the medicinal waters at numerous spas in the area, and visiting the weird desert landscapes and stunning rock formations of Joshua Tree National Park. All, we might add, while taking advantage of still off-season (through September 30) rates as low as \$89 a night. thesaguaro.com

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