

Palm Springs' Coolest Boutique Hotels

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The Saguaro Palm Springs

Stop in at The Saguaro Palm Springs and it feels like you've landed at the bottom of a rainbow. Pops of color punctuate the 245-room property, channeling an aesthetic hovering somewhere between desert modern and Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory (without the chocolate river, sadly). Centered around a rectangular pool lined with sky-high palms, yellow chaises, and purple Solair chairs, it's the perfect spot to soak up the desert sun. At dusk, stay put to sip margaritas and sample Mexican small plates—we loved the esquites with sweet corn, queso fresco, chipotle, and tortilla chips—at El Jefe, the hotel's hip saloon and premium tequila bar. If a sit-down meal is more your speed, make a reservation at Tinto, the signature restaurant and wine bar serving tapas inspired by Northern Spain's Basque region. Foodies take note: both restaurants are masterminded by Iron Chef Jose Garces.

Insider Tip: Don't miss El Jefe's Taco Tuesdays featuring \$2 tacos and \$5 margaritas.