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## Hot LIST

*Editor's Picks of the World's Best New Hotels & Spas of 2013*

### The Saguaro *Palm Springs, California*

**No. of Units:** 245

**Best Room:** No. 375, a third-floor double queen suite with two beds, two baths, two TVs, plenty of space, and balconies that jut out over the pool patio.

**Price:** \$

**Hotness Scale:**

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**The specs:** A revamped 245-room desert resort on the quiet southern side of Palm Springs.

**The look:** Sixties-era revival channeling David Hockney. Daring New York design firm Stamberg Aferiat turned a drab three-story motel in the Coachella Valley into a hip retreat with the help of psychedelic colors inspired by desert wildflowers and sixties pop art—deep purple carpets and saffron umbrellas, lime-colored sofas and magenta walls. The central courtyard is dominated by palms and a pool. For a backdrop, the jagged San Jacintos rise straight up from the valley floor only a mile away.

**The experience:** The Saguaro makes a splash with its dazzling colors, rapid-response service, and a hipster clientele that loves to lounge beside the liquid and pose in the leathery lobby bar. Standard rooms are a tad small, but suites offer plenty of space and double balconies that overlook the poolside tableau. When hunger strikes, nosh on tapas at the hotel's Tinto restaurant or head for nearby Palm Canyon drive's eclectic eateries. Despite the spa's tiny size, it has a good range of massages, wraps, and facials.

**If only...** The tapas had less style and more substance.