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The Saguaro Palm Springs

Palm Springs, California, United States

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Telegraph expert rating

" An atmosphere of fun will pervade your stay at The Saguaro. There's a social aspect to all of the public areas and the hotel's hub is a large outdoor area with multi-purpose spaces, two whirlpools and one of the largest pools in Palm Springs. "

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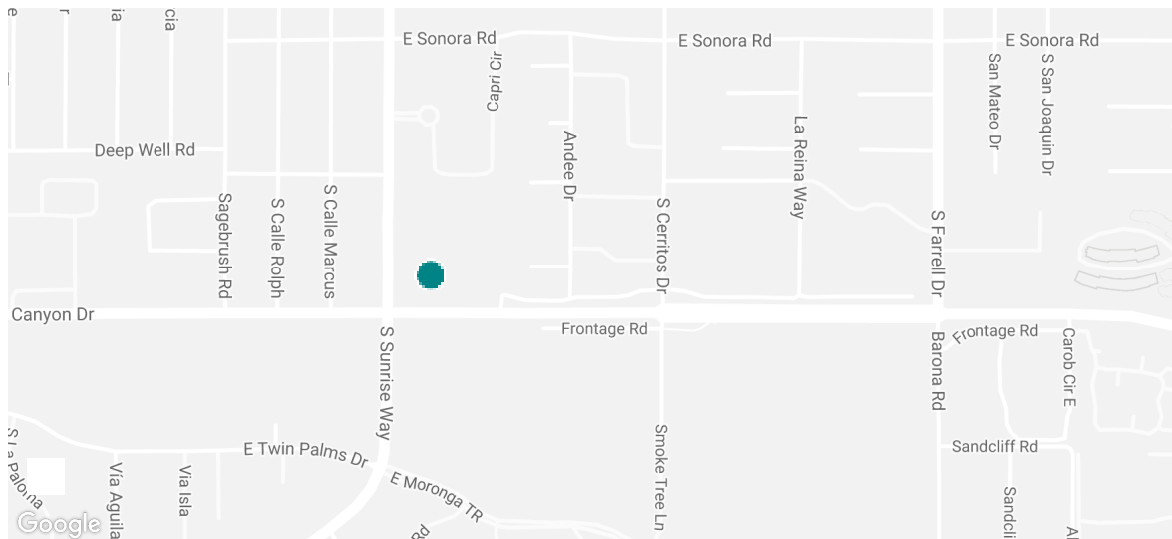
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Location

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You're directly across the street from a shopping centre with restaurants, shops and a grocery store. The downtown area is only about 2.5 miles (4km) away.



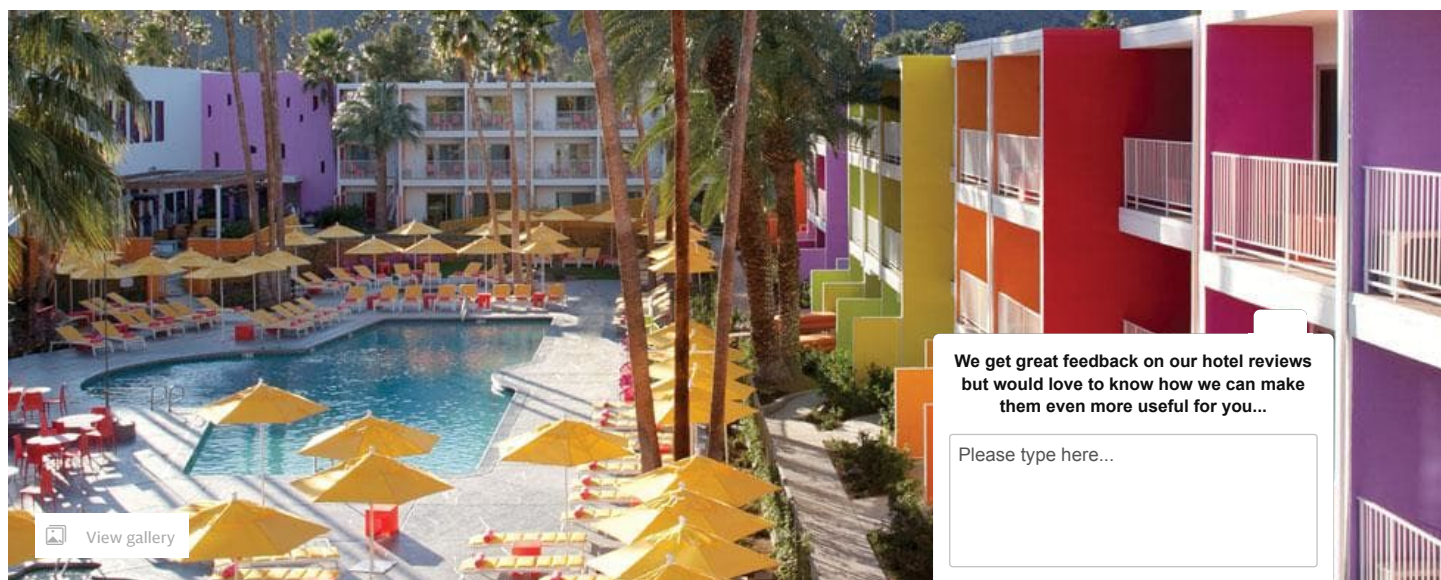
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Style & character

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You won't have any trouble finding this resort. Its brightly hued exterior is painted in 14 different wildflower colours that are native to California's Colorado Desert. Built in 1977 as the International, the hotel then spent some time as a Holiday Inn before a major renovation transformed it into The Saguaro. William Kopelk, a local architect, designed the gardens and when everything blooms the colours match those of the building.

Half the hotel can be accessed from the parking lot, which many families find convenient since you can pull your car right up to the room. The hotel's two other wings are enclosed. A spirit of fun is apparent as soon as you enter the lobby and spot 'A Day in the Life at Saguaro,' an art installation by local Coachella Valley artist Sarah Scheideman. Multiple dioramas feature a Barbie doll in a different section of the hotel—at the pool, the spa, etc.



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Service & facilities

There are daily yoga classes that are often held outdoors on the San Jacinto Lawn, one of two large outdoor areas that bookend the pool and whirlpools. Another area, Hammock Village, has lots of hammocks where guests can relax or read a book while still enjoying the music from the pool area. This space also has a bocce ball court.

The large, chlorine pool is one of the most active in the Valley and during the summer there's a DJ on Saturdays and Sundays. The hotel is a headquarters during February's Modernism Week and Splash House weekends in June and August; hosts a premier party for White Party (an annual gay dance festival); and has become known as a party destination during the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.

A full-service spa has six treatment rooms including one couples room. In addition to manicures and pedicures, there are multiple facial, massage and body treatment options. There's also a small business centre and a 24-hour gym with free weights, machines and cardio equipment—plus a great view of the mountains.

Pets are welcomed for a \$100 (£80) per pet/per stay fee. The resort hosts all types of events and often has outdoor wedding receptions on the San Jacinto Lawn.

- ✓ Bar
- ✓ Fitness centre
- ✓ Parking
- ✓ Pool
- ✓ Restaurant
- ✓ Room service
- ✓ Spa
- ✓ Wi-Fi

Rooms

The resort has 244 rooms and your choices vary depending on the type of view your prefer—pool, mountain, garden, courtyard, or city lights. Every room has a private balcony or patio, workstations, organic linens and bath products by Lather.

The resort's vibrant exterior melds with the interior design of the rooms where different colour schemes are featured on the walls and furnishings—for example the desk, dresser and headboard colours rotate from one room to the next.

Some standard rooms have two queen beds; others will have one king. The hotel also has one and two-bedroom suites, with queen-sized beds and two bathrooms (with tubs).

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Food & drink

El Jefe serves breakfast, lunch and dinner from 8am to 11pm and specialises in tacos and burgers, plus it has a large tequila bar. It offers \$2 and \$3 tacos on 'Taco Tuesday.' Breakfast options include braised short rib skillet, bananas foster pancakes and tres leche ('three milk') French toast.

The pool bar is open every day from February through October and on weekends from November to January. You can order breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as custom-crafted cocktails. There's also a telephone guests can use to get food delivered to the pool from El Jefe. Room service is also available.

Rocco's Electric is a large restaurant space that's used as an unconventional meeting venue and is ideal for conferences or receptions. The hotel can also arrange for small dinners to be held here.

Value for money

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Rates fluctuate seasonally from \$129 (£104) to \$399 (£321). What differentiates the rate level is location—because of all the action around the pool, the pool view rooms are more desirable than mountain view rooms. A \$25 (£20) resort fee includes yoga, Wi-Fi, the gym, parking and bicycles. Breakfast excluded (hot dishes from \$14/£12).

Access for guests with disabilities?

12 rooms have been adapted to certified standards.

Family-friendly?

Yes. Interconnecting rooms are available.

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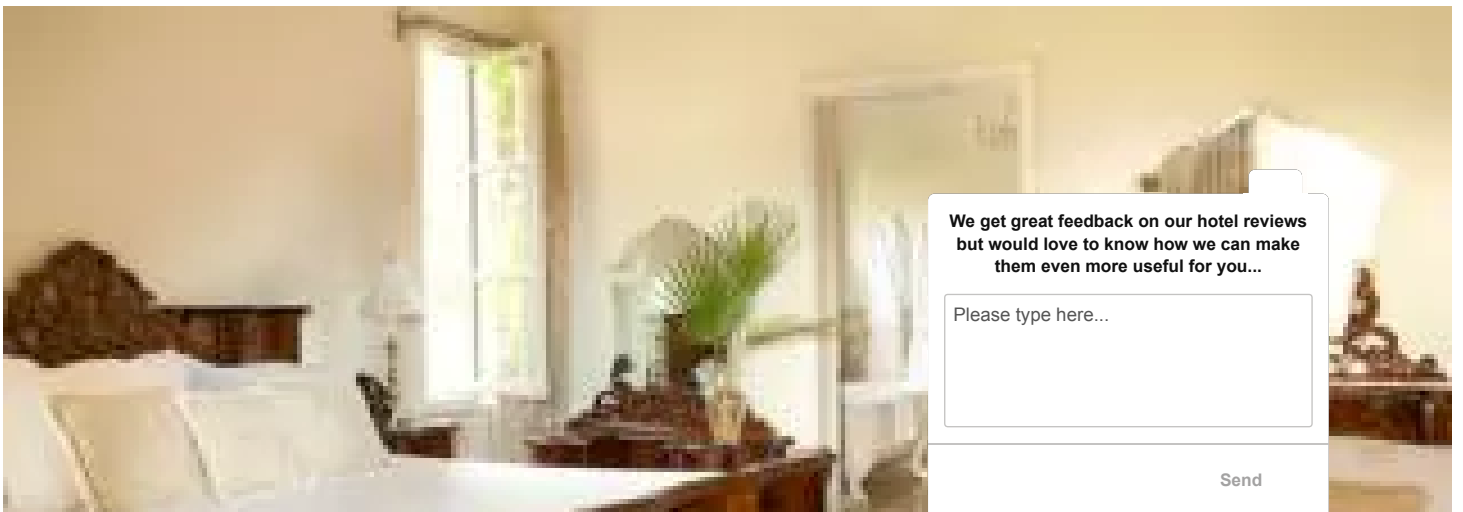
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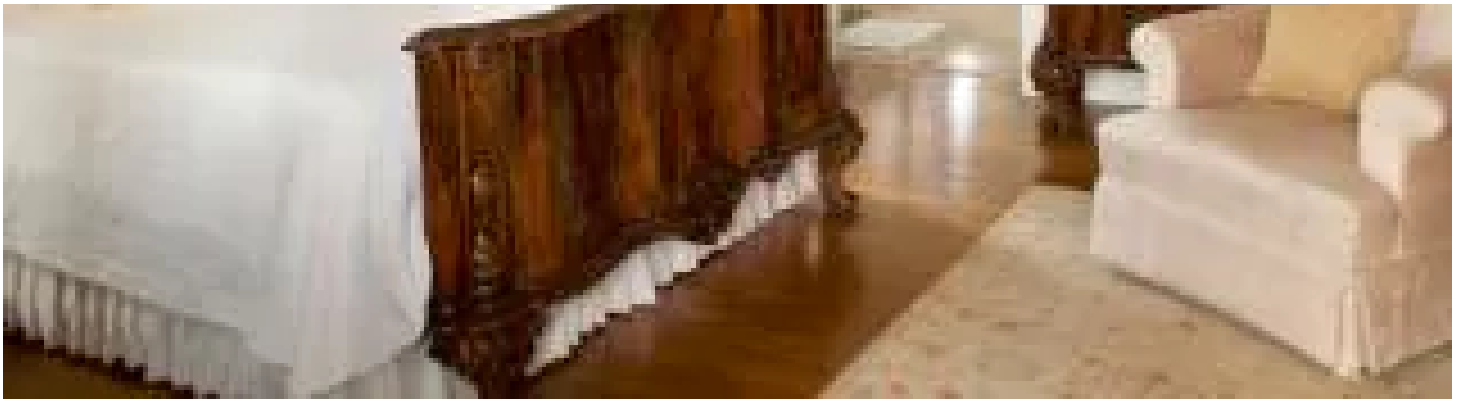
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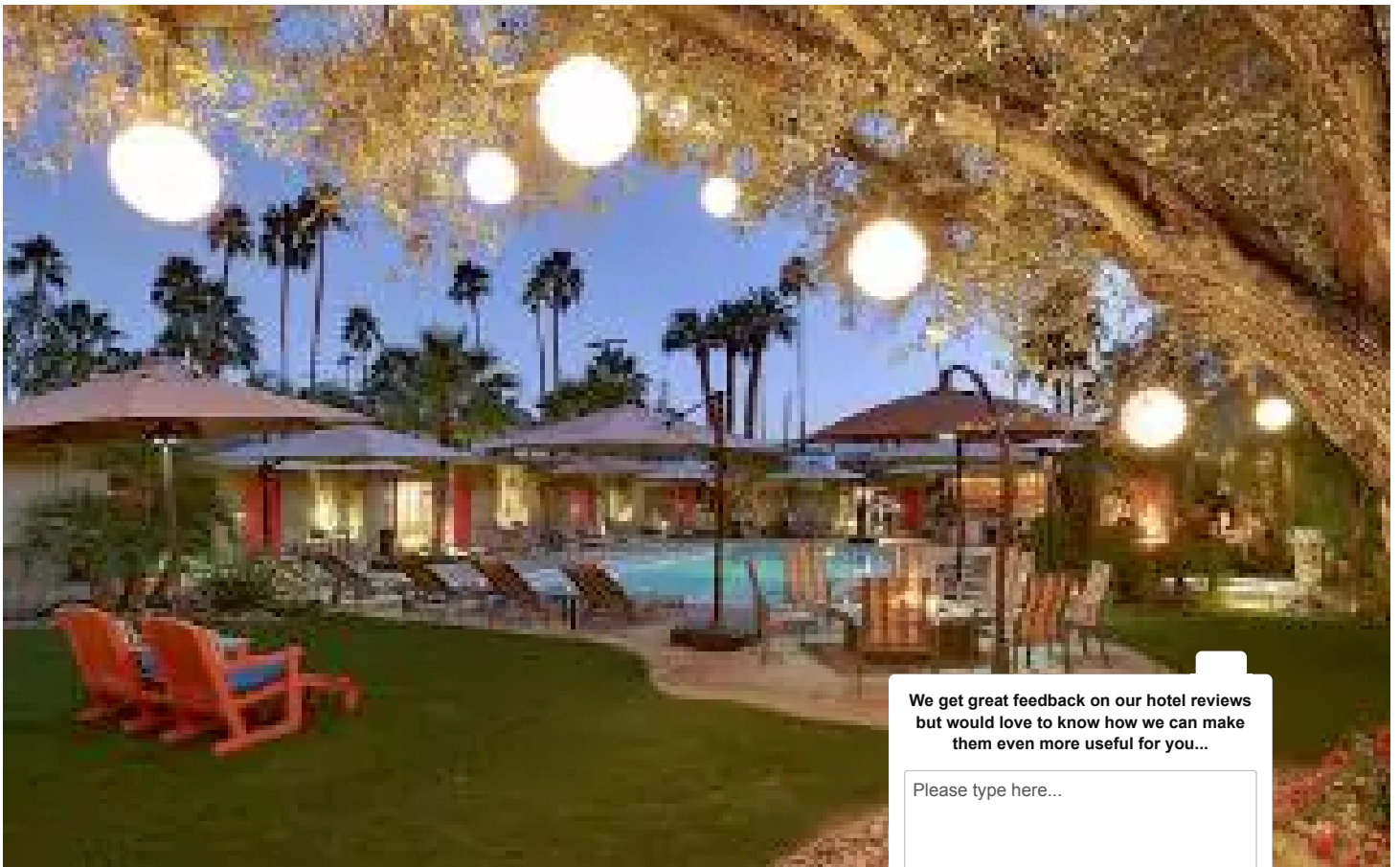
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