

Dining

The Best Restaurants to Curb Any Coachella Hangover

Help ease that headache with these great spots to rebel

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If you attended [Coachella](#) eight years ago, you'd know that the only late-night post-festival dining option was Denny's. Strip mall-studded, midcentury-minded Indio—and the pockets surrounding the Coachella Valley—have long been defined by franchise operations, mediocre family restaurants and time-warped white-tablecloth numbers within the area's retro-chic hotels.

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But thanks to the outrageous success of Goldenvoice's blockbuster of a bohemian golden-child music festival, over the last decade or so, the desert has begun to attract a stream of [inspired culinary minds](#). Now, it's easier than ever to counteract overindulgence in good taste, from under-the-radar old-school haunts to establishments propelled by big-name chefs. Below, some of your best bets for squashing that morning-after hangover.

① Drinks

You're hungover, so you probably want coffee. And a green juice. Though you can always roll through the Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts drive-thru, Stumptown seller [Ernest Coffee](#) is a top choice to nab a quality brew. For juice, hit [Palm Greens Café](#), the plant-based outfit rife with acai and pitaya bowls, in addition to shakes and juices flavored with mint, ginger and spinach. Hankering for something a bit more substantial? Locals can't get enough of the vanilla milkshakes at [Shields Date Garden](#), a retail shop and café that knows its way around blended dates and dairy.



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② The Newbie

Reservoir is the indoor-outdoor dining attraction set within Palm Springs' hippest new midcentury-inspired hotel, **Arrive**. Beyond the slate of Mexi-Cali-flavored plates, there's the whimsical Cap'n Crunch **French toast** and a pretty epic stack of tres leches pancakes. But if you really just want tacos, there's that, too.



③ The OG Classic

Prior to Palm Springs' profusion of decent dining options, **Cheeky's** was one of the first, almost now a decade old. This is the area's OG breakfast nook, also plating Mexi-Cali flavors of the region like squash blossom **enchiladas** and a **smoked salmon** and avocado tartine. Need a hair of the dog? Reach for a charred pineapple mimosa.



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④ For a Scene

If you're looking for Leo (DiCaprio, that is), chances are you'll find him at [the Parker](#). With its colorful, Jonathan Adler interiors, the hotel has become Palm Springs' most beloved property among the fashion set. And its casual restaurant, [Norma's](#), is where to land a proper Bloody Mary and stack of banana-macadamia [flapjacks](#).



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⑤ The Big-Name Chef

To go big or go home, hit up El Jefe within the **Saguaro** hotel. Load up on **cheffy Mexican plates**, from loaded chicken tinga tacos to a full-on burger with poblano jam. To wash it down: why, a margarita, of course.



⑥ Fancy Pants

Luckily, Coachella falls on a weekend, which means **Workshop Kitchen + Bar**, a minimalist spot from Michael Beckman, will be open for brunch. Quash that hangover with satisfying seasonal plates like a lobster breakfast burrito or duck eggs huevos rancheros and a craft cocktail, a pisco punch or, if you're really hurting, a pour of **whiskey** and mescal from the restaurant's extensive selection.



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