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Be Cool & Stay in the Valley This Summer

By Christine Loomis

Find your personal cool spot for
a respite from summer's heat

There are plenty of chill places to be in the desert this summer—you just have to know where to look. Coachella Valley resorts and casinos have cool pools to laze in, concerts under the stars, deals and specials at soothing spas and on golf courses and tennis courts across the valley.

Maybe sipping Veuve Clicquot at an adults-only plunge pool is your idea of the perfect way to chill in the desert. If Champagne in a spa with your sweetie sounds better, there's that, too. You can cool down with a round of golf that includes three ice-cold beers and ends with an iced towel post play. Or perhaps you don't want to go a full 18 holes. In that case, there's margarita putting poolside with a lime. Whatever your idea of chill is, we have you covered.



La Quinta Resort & Club



JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa

LA QUINTA

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With 41 pools chilled to perfection, what's not to love about summer here? Not to mention refreshing icy cold towels throughout the resort for those moments when you need a quick cool pick-me-up. La Quinta's Summer Chill programming includes dive-in movies as well as tempting chilled bites at multiple restaurants. For example, you can dine on chilled shrimp at Adobe Grill, heirloom watermelon salad at Twenty6 and delightfully chilled gazpacho with fresh mint and pickled cucumber at Morgan's in the Desert.

Perhaps best of all, La Quinta has launched a new partnership with Veuve Clicquot. The adults-only plunge pool serves as a chill oasis on property, with day and night variations. By day guests 21 and older can relax poolside under Veuve's signature color umbrellas or rent a Clicquot-branded private cabana with bottle service. A roving Champagne cart will bring bubbly to those who don't care to vacate their poolside lounge. From 3-6 p.m. the plunge pool become an après swim lounge where guests can play lawn games, try Champagne tasting flights and cocktails and order light bites pre-dinner. If the pool isn't your thing, no problem. There's also a Veuve-branded golf cart offering a bit of bubbly to golfers on the resort's five championship courses. laquintaresort.com

PALM DESERT

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Our vote for the most fun you can have at a pool this summer is margarita putting. Just score a hole-in-one with a lime and margaritas are on the resort! There's also life-size beer pong, Tacos & Tequila, plus DJs on Saturdays. Holiday weekends include a slew of family activities, from nature hikes to family fitness classes. The Spa at Desert Springs is 48,000 square feet of pure bliss. Consider giving your skin a treat with the Summer Soothing Aloe Wrap. If spa-ing together appeals, the Couples Revive Experience is the ultimate treat, from the mineral bath soak to the Champagne toast with service by a personal butler.

Don't miss T&T Innovation Kitchen, voted among the Best Hotel Restaurants by *Palm Springs Life*. Dishes at this experimental culinary outlet change daily, inspired by time and temperature. It's open for dinner Fridays and Saturdays only, reservations required.

Do make time to for the Desert Springs PBI Tennis Club and hilarious PBI Tennis Show on Saturdays, which uses fun skits choreographed to music to offer up tennis tips and tricks. For golfers, there are two 18-hole championship courses to conquer at Desert Springs Golf Club. marriott.com

Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa



Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage



→ **RANCHO MIRAGE**

Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa

Chillibration runs June 1-Sept. 30 this year. Among other things, you can book a staycation here for 32 percent off Westin's best rate and get 32 percent off many of the most popular treatments in the spa. In fact 32, being the chilliest of numbers, is all the rage across the resort. The Summer Sunrise Tennis Chill Special features a half-hour private lesson starting at 7 a.m. daily for \$32, and \$32 is the cost of the Summer Chill Golf Happy Hour, which includes three iced beers, a round of golf and an iced, scented towel after play. *marriott.com*

At Las Hadas Adult Pool check out happy hour Fridays and Saturdays from 4-7 p.m. and live entertainment Saturdays from 12-4 p.m. Midday too hot? No worries. Just hop into the cold-plunge iced Jacuzzi and order an adult frozen treat to enjoy while there. Of course, there are dive-in movies on summer Saturdays at Las Brisas Pool starting at 8:15 p.m., and should you stay at the Westin between June 17 and Aug 29, you can opt for unlimited golf for just \$50. *marriott.com*

Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage

If you're searching for the pool with the most breathtaking view, look no further than aptly named Vista Pool at Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage, where the panorama takes in the grandness of the valley and mountains beyond. Cool drinks

Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa Rancho Mirage



and bites are offered at the Vista and main pools, but perhaps the coolest thing about this resort is that guests have privileges at multiple valley golf courses, including Desert Willow, JW Marriott Desert Springs and Indian Wells Resort. *ritzcarlton.com*

Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa Rancho Mirage

Nonstop entertainment is the theme at this Forbes Four Star resort. The 2019

lineup of performers includes Daniel Tosh (April 26), Gabriel Iglesias (May 4-5), Willie Nelson and Family (May 18) and Sebastian Maniscalco (Aug. 16). Naturally, there's an expanse of pools and cabanas, but for those who'd rather stay cool *inside* there's the new Casino Bar as well as 360 Sports with state-of-the-art screens, cocktails and hearty nibbles. Poker? You bet—the only live poker room in the valley. *hotwatercasino.com*



INDIAN WELLS

➔ **Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa**

Hurry, you have only until May 18 to check out the new Shots in the Night golf experience—no sunblock required! But there's plenty to do otherwise, too. Pools, beaches, waterfalls and cabanas offer a respite from the summer heat at the expansive pool complex. For families, Camp Oasis is for children ages five to 12, giving parents time to themselves for adult pursuits such as golf at renowned Indian Wells Golf Resort. Summer weekend events include dive-in movies, live entertainment and firepit festivities. marriott.com

Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa

Hop into one of the chilled pools to look and feel cool. The resort has seven pools in total, including the adults-only Oasis Pool where the Oasis Bar has its own happy hour and icy cold drinks for a respite from the heat. Enjoy them in one of the private cabanas. Over at the family pool, you and the kids can take on the challenge of the 60-foot waterslide and Desert Pipe water adventure wave pool.

From June 1-Sept. 30 consider booking the Sunshine on Sale promotion for a fun getaway. It includes daily breakfast for two and

a third night free. As the day comes to a close, mosey over to Agave Sunset Lounge for live entertainment. There will be summer spa specials coming. Click on the resort's website mid-May to see what's on offer. hyattregencyindianwells.com

INDIO

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino

Take advantage of special golf rates June 1-Sept. 29: \$39 weekdays, \$49 weekends. Post round, cool down in one of the pools or relax to complimentary entertainment in the casino. On Saturday nights, The Rock Yard has guests grooving to the best rock 'n roll tribute bands on the planet, while LIT Lounge offers a variety of music genres all weeklong, from Latin to country. Want big names? Headliners at the Special Events Center this summer include George Lopez (May 31), Jethro Tull (July 5) and Diana Krall (Sept.29). fantasyspringsresort.com

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