



**AN ART AND ARCHITECTURE TOUR**

# PALM SPRINGS, CA

**JANUARY 23-25, 2025**



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## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

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Just a few hours drive from Los Angeles sits Palm Springs, a desert oasis, nestled at the base of the majestic San Jacinto mountains. With its dry heat and idyllic landscape, Palm Springs once served as the playground for Hollywood's Elite – Frank Sinatra, Elizabeth Taylor, Dean Martin – and remains an evolving destination full of glamour, charm, and style. Park House has curated a trip for members that is designed to create one-of-a-kind memories inspired by Palm Springs.

Over the course of three days, join Park House members from Dallas and Houston for an exclusive trip to experience the best Palm Springs has to offer. We will visit the private studio of one of the area's most prolific artists and experience world class art in private collections and museums. Enjoy dining experiences that capture the history of vintage Palm Springs and the exceptional cuisine the city is known for. Our stay is capped with a stay at the Kimpton Rowan in the heart of downtown.



*Images (clockwise from top left): Palm Springs Art Museum; Palm Springs Art Museum; Phillip K Smith III's Lucid Stead; Sunnylands*

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- Enjoy a **private cocktail hour**, hosted by **Deborah Scott**, at the historic Buddy Rich estate in the famous Old Las Palmas district.
- Over the course we will take a deep-dive into the **Modernist architecture of Palm Springs** and the work of architect Albert Frey. Known for establishing the architectural style of “desert modernism,” the Swiss-born architect is arguably the most significant to have worked in the Palm Springs region of California and incredible examples of his work still exist throughout the city.
- Visit the two iconic homes by Albert Frey: the Aluminaire House, the first all-metal house constructed in the U.S., and Frey House II, an iconic local Palm Springs landmark and the longtime personal residence of the architect built into a boulder in the San Jacinto mountains.
- Enjoy a **driving tour of Palm Springs architecture** led by local historian and Modernist expert Trevor O’Donnell. We’ll explore Palm Springs’ history and view some of the city’s most iconic sites built by American masters such as Richard Neutra, John Lautner, Donald Wexler, William F. Cody and E. Stuart Williams.
- Experience a guided-tour of the exceptional collection of the **Palm Springs Art Museum**. Focused on design and contemporary art since 2004, with a focus on California art, PSAM’s unique collection is housed in a striking building by architect Stewart Williams surrounded by an outdoor sculpture garden.



*Images (clockwise from top left): Frey House II; Frank Sinatra's House, 1946, E. Stewart Williams; Palm Springs Art Museum; Tramway Gas Station*

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- Visit the **private studio and gallery of Phillip K. Smith III**, an internationally known Palm Desert-based artist celebrated for his large scale, contemporary installations that focus on light and space.
- Enjoy **special access and private tours** of some of the most exceptional **private collections and homes** across Palm Springs.
- We head to **Rancho Mirage** to experience **Sunnylands Center and Gardens**, the historic estate of Ambassadors Walter and Leonore Annenberg, which has welcomed eight U.S. presidents and world leaders, noted intellectuals and many celebrities since its completion in 1966. A true piece of American history, the estate is also a midcentury architectural gem surrounded by 15 acres of gardens.

Inspired by the Annenberg collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings, the gardens were designed to reflect the importance of these paintings to the Annenbergs, who bequeathed the collection to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1991.

- **Dine** at the area's top restaurants including the idyllic **La Vallauris**, a traditional French restaurant led by chef Jean-Paul Lair located in a restored historic landmark, in the heart of Palm Springs.



*Images: Phillip K. Smith; Sunnylands; private home in Palm Springs; Sunnylands*

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### TRAVEL DATES

- Thursday, January 23–Saturday, January 25, 2025

### TRIP INCLUDES

- Hotel accommodation with breakfast.
- Dining at exceptional restaurants that exhibit local flair and culinary excellence.
- Two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners included.
- Transportation between itinerary stops and locations.
- Admission and other fees for itinerary stops.
- Airport transfers included if in the designated arrival and departure flights.

### TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Flights.
- Travel insurance.

### COST

- \$3,400 for Double Occupancy  
\$3,600 for Single Occupancy
- To secure your spot, full payment is due by December 6, 2024.

### RESERVE YOUR SPOT

- Email [RSVP@parkhousedallas.com](mailto:RSVP@parkhousedallas.com) to secure your spot. Space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.



*Image: Palm Springs Art Museum*



## KAREN STONE TALWAR

As founder and CEO of Adventures in Art, Karen Stone Talwar has successfully combined her two passions: travel and art. Her eye and natural instinct for art and culture play a strong role in shaping the company. Karen has extensive knowledge of the modern and contemporary art scene through her years of experience and education at some of the most prestigious institutions and galleries.

Over the course of her career spanning more than 25 years, she has had many different roles in art consultancy, luxury brand development, and high-end travel planning. Karen was the first international managing director of Christie's Travel and successfully executed tours in association with Abercrombie and Kent such as the Jewels of London, Art Basel, Indian Art Fair and JAR NY. As gallery director of Bodhi Art in New York, Karen set the stage for the gallery to be a strong player in the New York art scene and across the globe. Previously Karen also worked closely with Sotheby's and Asia Society.

Karen is frequently interviewed by the consumer and trade media as an expert in the luxury travel market. Karen is an active member of many cultural institutions including the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the American Ballet Theatre.

## ADVENTURES IN ART

curates luxury travel experiences focused on art, jewelry, and fashion around the world. Founded in 2011 by Karen Stone Talwar, Adventures in Art is unique in its endeavor, providing customized itineraries and insider's access to global art capitals, timed to coincide with art and jewelry fairs and major museum exhibitions.

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## JB JONES

### MANAGER OF CLIENT SERVICES

JB Jones is a marketing professional with a background in the jewelry, art, and fashion industries. As the cofounder of New York Jewelry Week, she brings her expertise in project management, organization and marketing communications to her role at Adventures in Art.

JB began her career as a design director in the fashion industry in Los Angeles, working for such luminaries as Tommy Bahama, David Meister, and Eskander. In 2008, she switched gears and launched The Site Unscene, a street art gallery and emerging artists' platform. She curated the first West Coast exhibition, held at Crewest Gallery, of the NYC-based graffiti crew TC-5 and was a leader in helping to establish street art as a legitimate force in the LA gallery scene.

Upon moving to NYC in 2014, JB returned to fashion in a retail development and marketing capacity with a focus on jewelry. In addition to her role as Marketing Coordinator at Adventures in Art, she freelances as a marketing and social media consultant working with emerging and established jewelry brands.

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