

# APRIL 2023

## Coachella Valley Calendar of Events

### **Glow in the Park** Through Apr. 30

Presented by Acrisure Arena, this extraordinary nighttime event is fun for all ages and features intricate, immersive, and truly awe-inspiring animal and nature-scape lantern creations representing wild places from around the globe. Come explore the lighted pathways, immersive photo-opportunities, and see The Living Desert in a whole new light.  
6:30-10pm / The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, Palm Desert  
760-346-5694 / [www.livingdesert.org](http://www.livingdesert.org)

### **Desert X** Through May 7

Desert X is an exhibition conceptualized as a self-guided outdoor experience where you determine the start and end point of your journey. You can make a day of it to visit each site or visit as many sites as you choose – it's all up to you.  
Palm Desert and Surrounding Cities  
760-862-9918 / [www.desertx.org](http://www.desertx.org)

### **AmDocs Film Festival** Mar. 30-Apr. 3

Founder Teddy Grouya sought to create a forum to celebrate and promote documentary film, and the independent filmmakers around the world who bring knowledge and awareness through their stories about real people and issues.  
10am-10pm / Various Locations in Palm Springs  
[www.amdocfilmfest.com](http://www.amdocfilmfest.com)

### **Fly Over LQ: A Kite Experience** Apr. 1

This event offers numerous experiences to enjoy along with learning about various kites. Don't forget to stop by the craft table to create your kite and let your masterpiece soar! Feel free to bring your own kite if you already have one. Instructors will help you construct, decorate, and fly your kites. Fun for the entire family and free for all ages.  
8-10am / SilverRock Park, La Quinta  
760-777-7000 / [www.playinlaquinta.com](http://www.playinlaquinta.com)

### **Desert Mountains Art Faire** Apr. 1

Mediums may include photography, paintings, ceramics, hand painted silks, and more. Support local artists and find beautiful and unique gifts and desert mementos, all while enjoying the natural beauty of our desert mountains!  
9am-3:30pm / Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, Palm Desert  
760-862-9984 / [www.desertmountains.org](http://www.desertmountains.org)

### **Faux Fur Ball** Apr. 1

Join us for this annual gala celebration raising critical funds for the Palm Springs Animal Shelter. Guests will enjoy a wonderful cocktail reception and silent auction, followed by a vegan dinner, program and live auction.  
6-9pm / Palm Springs Air Museum  
760-832-6231 x101 / [www.fauxfurball.org](http://www.fauxfurball.org)

### **Evolutionary History of Scorpions** Apr. 1

Scorpions can be classified among the most ancient and conservative arthropods both in origin and body morphology. First appearing 450 million years ago as aquatic organisms, the major biochemical, physiological, behavioral and ecological adaptations of the scorpion have ensured continued success until today. RSVP is required for this lecture, and you must bring your ticket with you for check-in.  
8:45-10am / Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center  
760-862-9984 / [www.desertmountains.org](http://www.desertmountains.org)

### **Opera in the Park** Apr. 1

This annual FREE concert of beloved opera arias draws thousands of people from all over Southern California and the world every Spring in a celebration of great opera music with a professional orchestra and conductor. The free concert will feature six accomplished opera professionals. Event attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the day of beloved opera arias.  
5-7:30pm / Sunrise Park, Palm Springs  
760-325-6107 / [www.palmspringsoperaguild.org](http://www.palmspringsoperaguild.org)

### **Desert Town Hall** Apr. 2

The Coachella Valley's premier lecture series, Desert Town Hall, presented by the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation, is proud to present Walter Isaacson, the former president and CEO of the Aspen Institute, he also served as chairman and CEO of CNN, and was a managing editor at Time magazine.  
6pm / Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa, Indian Wells  
760-610-2852 / [www.deserttownhall.org](http://www.deserttownhall.org)

### **First Wednesday Art Walk** Apr. 5

Backstreet is a unique community of artists' working studios & galleries, and businesses that provides artistic services in Palm Springs. We have an amazing assortment of original art for all tastes and budgets – paintings, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry, lithography and more by locally, regionally and nationally recognized artists.  
5-8pm / 2652 Cherokee Way [www.backstreetartdistrict.com](http://www.backstreetartdistrict.com)



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### **Rock the Park Apr. 5**

Featuring Bee Gees Gold The Music of those solid gold brothers from Down Under. The Chamber's free outdoor concert series is coming back for a sophomore stint.

7-8:30pm / Downtown Palm Springs Park  
760-325-1577 / [www.pschamber.org](http://www.pschamber.org)

### **First Friday Art Walk Apr. 7**

Visitors can meander down the street, visiting artists in their studios to not only see where the art is created but to also buy art directly from the artists. Visitors will see a wide range of artistic practices including paintings, sculptures, mixed media, photography, printmaking, and ceramics.

5-8pm / Perez Art District, Cathedral City  
[www.facebook.com/ThePerezArtDistrict](http://www.facebook.com/ThePerezArtDistrict)

### **El Paseo Cruise Nights Apr. 7 & 21**

Come on down – get the car out of the garage, load up the family & join us!

2-5pm / The Gardens on El Paseo, Palm Desert  
760-346-8965 / [www.elpaseocruisenight.com](http://www.elpaseocruisenight.com)

### **La Quinta Easter Eggstravaganza Apr. 8**

Come join the fun, Egg Hunt, Easter Baskets, and a Chalk Drawing Contest. We will have Easter Baskets for the littles while supplies last, but you MUST register ahead of time.

9-11am / La Quinta Park  
760-777-7000 / [www.playinlaquinta.com](http://www.playinlaquinta.com)

### **Tortoise Talk & Walk Apr. 8**

Meg, National Monument Park Ranger, will lead you on this 2-mile loop hike. You will learn many interesting tidbits as you search for the tortoises on the trail. At trails end, you will have the opportunity to visit with the Visitor Center's desert tortoise ambassador at his burrow.

9-11am / Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center  
760-862-9984 / [www.desertmountains.org](http://www.desertmountains.org)

### **City of Palm Springs 85th Anniversary Celebration Apr. 8**

There will be a vintage car parade with so many cars it's a Guinness Book of World Records attempt. Have your picture taken in front of the vintage car that also matches your birth year, right by the Marilyn Monroe statue. Entertainment begins a noon with DJ's and live entertainment. Enjoy an Elton John tribute band in the downtown park beginning at 7pm. Dress your pet like your favorite Hollywood celebrity for the dog costume contest. Enjoy a special 85th Anniversary cupcake.

12-9pm / Downtown Palm Springs and Downtown Park  
760-325-6611 / [www.visitpalm Springs.com](http://www.visitpalm Springs.com)

### **Coachella Music Festival Apr. 14-16 & 21-23**

The premier outdoor music and arts festival featuring many genres of music.

Empire Polo Grounds, Indio  
[www.coachella.com](http://www.coachella.com)

### **Earth Day Bird-A-Thon Bus Tour Apr. 21**

Whether you are a beginner or a serious birder, enjoy spectacular desert and mountain scenery on a guided bus tour to well-known birding and nature hotspots in and around the Coachella Valley. Water and snacks will be provided. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy at one of our stops along the way. Before the day is over, we hope to identify 100 different bird species, have lots of fun, and raise money for conservation. Led by Kurt Leuschner, Professor of Natural Resources, College of the Desert.

6:45am-4pm / Sam's Club Parking Lot, Palm Desert  
760-568-9918 / [www.desertmountains.org](http://www.desertmountains.org)

### **Indian Wells State of the City Apr. 25**

The City of Indian Wells will present a review of their economic activity and preview future development significant to the business community. Mayor Donna Griffith will be the featured speaker.

9-11:30am / Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa  
760-347-0676 / [www.gvcc.org](http://www.gvcc.org)

### **Dining Out for Life Apr. 27**

The annual Dining Out for Life food festival is powered by the drive to give back and help those affected by HIV/AIDS. Restaurants across Greater Palm Springs will team up to donate a percentage of their sales towards ending HIV. Participating locations span through a diverse variety of dishes from the mouthwatering items to frozen delights. In past years, Greater Palm Springs has gathered more funds during this event than major cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco. Visit the website for more information and to view the list of participating restaurants.

[www.diningoutforlife.com/city/palmsprings](http://www.diningoutforlife.com/city/palmsprings)

### **Stagecoach Country Music Festival Apr. 28-30**

An outdoor music festival featuring top artists from mainstream country, blue grass and folk.

Empire Polo Grounds, Indio  
[www.stagecoachfestival.com](http://www.stagecoachfestival.com)

### **La Quinta City Picnic & Birthday Celebration Apr. 29**

Celebrate the City's 41st birthday with family, friends, and neighbors while enjoying a high energy event. There will be non-stop entertainment, activities for children, snacks, refreshments, and plenty of giveaways. Indulge yourself in audible treats from our performers that are sure to entertain all day long!

Civic Center Campus  
760-777-7000 / [www.laquintaca.gov](http://www.laquintaca.gov)

### **VillageFest Every Thursday**

Downtown Palm Springs transforms into a diverse array of artists, artisans, entertainers, and purveyors of fresh fruits and veggies, flowers, jewelry, snacks and sweets. Add all that to the great shops, restaurants, clubs, and entertainment venues located along World Famous Palm Canyon Drive – and the result is one of Southern California's most popular weekly events: VillageFest!

6-10pm / Palm Canyon Drive  
760-320-3781 / [www.villagefest.org](http://www.villagefest.org)

### **The In-Flight Experience Every Saturday**

Great Music, Fine Food, Classy Cocktails, and First Class Service. Live music by Nouveau with Desera & Eddie. Meal choices: Beef Shortribs with mashed potatoes, salad, roll & dessert. Chicken with Marsala Sauce over mashed potatoes, salad, roll & dessert. Vegetarian Squash Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Mozzarella, salad, roll & dessert.

5-7:30pm / PS Air Bar, Palm Springs  
760-327-7701 / [www.psairstar.com/events](http://www.psairstar.com/events)

### **College of the Desert Street Fair Every Saturday & Sunday**

With merchandise and services for all ages and any budget, the Street Fair offers more than 300 merchants, artists, a farmer's market, live entertainment, gourmet food and more.

8am-2pm / 43500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert  
760-636-7957 / <http://codaastreetfair.com>