



## **Rendezvous in Palm Springs for the Holidays**

'Tis the season to leave the sweater, scarf and gloves at home, and escape to Palm Springs, California to enjoy warm temperatures and stunning natural beauty. Discover a desert playground that is the perfect winter getaway. Special packages are available online under "Hot Deals" at [www.Palm-Springs.org](http://www.Palm-Springs.org)

### **Holiday Events**

#### **City of Palm Springs Christmas Tree Lighting**

Date: December 4, 2008

Time: 4:45 (tree lighting at 5:15 p.m.)

The City of Palm Springs will celebrate the holiday season with a Christmas tree lighting. Festivities will kick off at 4:45 p.m. with cookies and hot chocolate and the Desert Chapel Choir, who volunteered to sing traditional Christmas carols on the steps of City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way -- followed by a visit from Palm Springs' official Santa Claus Mike Allen on a fire truck at about 5:05 p.m. For event information, visit [www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us](http://www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us).

#### **Festival of Lights Parade**

Date: December 6, 2008

Time: 5:45 p.m.

The annual Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade features lighted floats, equestrians, bands, autos, and celebrities. The parade is held the first Saturday in December on the legendary Palm Canyon Drive. For event information, visit [www.paradesofpalm Springs.com](http://www.paradesofpalm Springs.com) or call (760) 325-5749

#### **Aerial Tramway's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Date: December 7, 2008

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Buddy Greco & Lezlie Anders will be the Celebrity Tree Lighters at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup>. For event information, visit [www.pstramway.com](http://www.pstramway.com) or call (760) 325-1391.

#### **Walk of the Inns**

Date: December 11, 2008

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A self-guided walking tour of the historic and boutique inns. Maps will be available at participating hotels, Palm Springs Art Museum or Spencer's Restaurant. For event information, call (760) 320-9346.

#### **The Saturday Stroll**

Date: Every Saturday in December

Time: 1:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy the holidays and street-level entertainers every Saturday along Palm Canyon Drive at the Village Green, Desert Fashion Plaza and Uptown Green at Grand Via Valmonte. For event information, visit [www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us](http://www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us).

### **Caroling in Old Palm Springs**

Every Friday and Saturday evening in December

Time: 7 to 11 p.m.

Palm Springs Carriages will offer a tour through the Historic Tennis Club District which will include caroling, if you please. The tour begins from the Village Green. Cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 for any child age 5-14. Children under 5 are free. For event information, visit [www.palmspringscarriages.com](http://www.palmspringscarriages.com) or call (760) 364-4430.

### **Shop, Dine & Play at VillageFest:**

**Date:** Every Thursday during December

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Browse 200 booths offering art, handcrafts and food. Look for stores with BOLT signs (Businesses Open Late Thursday) and dine in Downtown restaurants. Free gift wrapping with a purchase of \$50 or more from an Uptown or Downtown business will also be available during VillageFest at a special BID booth. Free gift wrapping with also be on hand Dec. 6 with a \$50 or more purchase during the Festival of Lights parade on Dec. 5. [www.palmspringsvillagefest.com](http://www.palmspringsvillagefest.com)

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