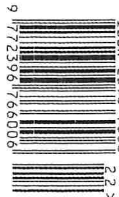


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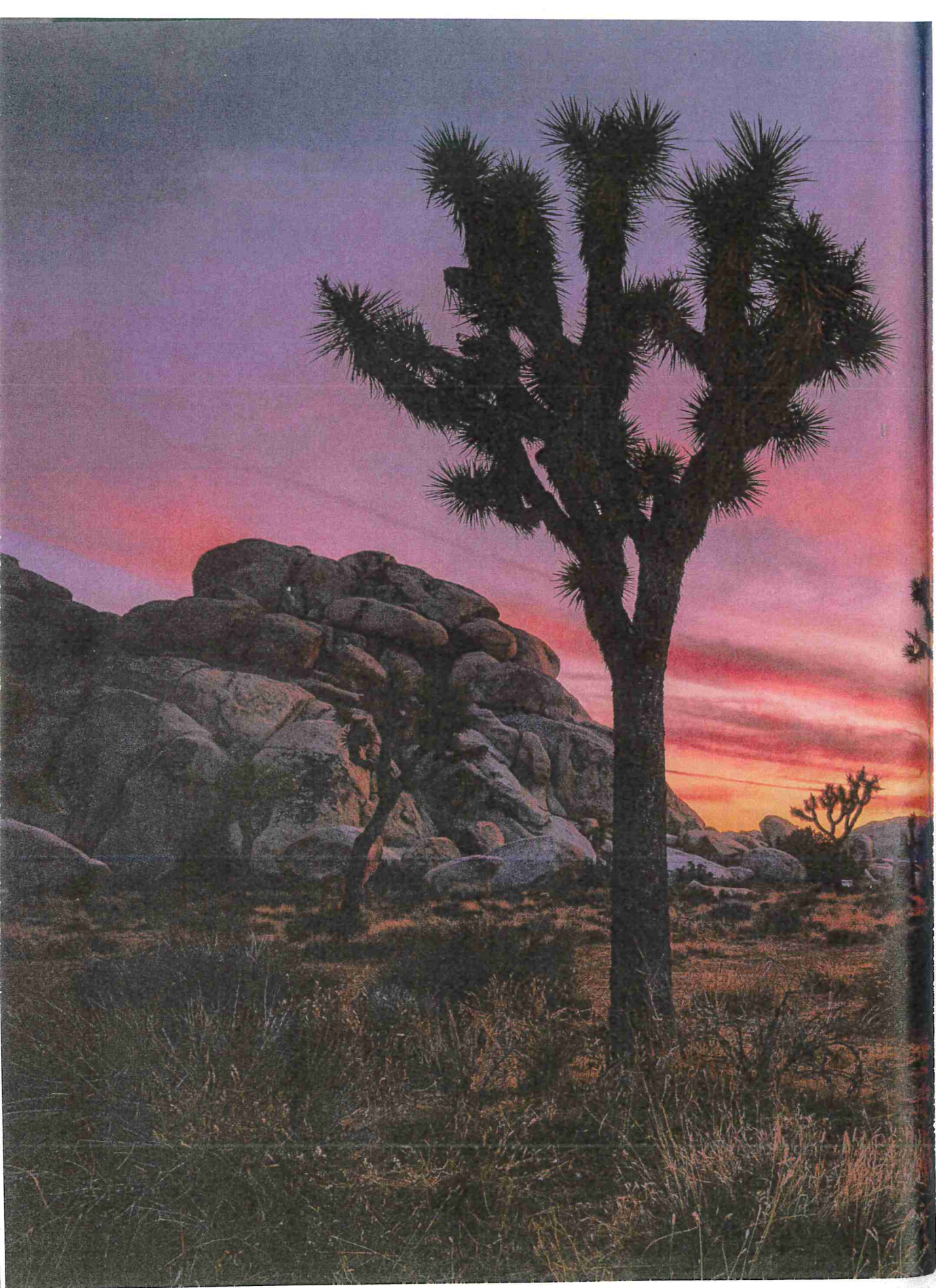


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Nestled in the Coachella Valley, Greater Palm Springs has a storied history dating back to its Cahuilla Native American roots. Founded by early 20th-century Hollywood stars seeking a desert retreat, the city thrived as a glamorous playground for the Rat Pack, including Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. The desert landscape, framed by the San Jacinto Mountains, is complemented by mid-century modern architecture, defining Palm Springs' aesthetic. Celebrities such as Elvis Presley and Leonardo DiCaprio have called it home. Today, people flock to Palm Springs for its vibrant cultural scene, world-class golf courses, and rejuvenating spa resorts.

14.00 Check into The Parker


The Parker Palm Springs stands as an iconic retreat, blending whimsical design with timeless sophistication. Designed by Jonathan Adler, the aesthetics are a vibrant homage to mid-century modern style. The hotel's highlight is the Matisse-inspired lobby, a visual feast of colours and patterns. The sprawling pool, surrounded by manicured gardens and citrus trees, is a tranquil oasis. As you wander the property, the layout reveals hidden nooks, croquet lawns, and fire pits, creating an intimate yet expansive ambiance.

The suites at Mr. Parker's in the Parker Palm Springs epitomise luxury and sophistication. The interiors are a fusion of modern and classic, and each suite features a carefully curated layout. The bedroom exudes opulence with plush furnishings, seamlessly connected to a chic living space. Bathrooms are a sanctuary of indulgence, adorned with marble and stylish fixtures. High-end toiletries by Hermes, L'Occitane and Santal 33 enhance the pampering experience.

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17.00 Sunset and Stargazing at Joshua Tree

As the sun dips behind the horizon, driving through Joshua Tree National Park transforms into a surreal journey. The iconic Joshua trees cast long shadows, and the landscape is bathed in hues of fiery oranges and deep purples. As twilight descends, the desert sky unveils its celestial wonders. Stargazing becomes a cosmic spectacle, with the vast expanse adorned by an infinite array of stars and planets. The ethereal quiet of the desert amplifies the awe-inspiring experience.

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21.00 Dinner at Porter Via

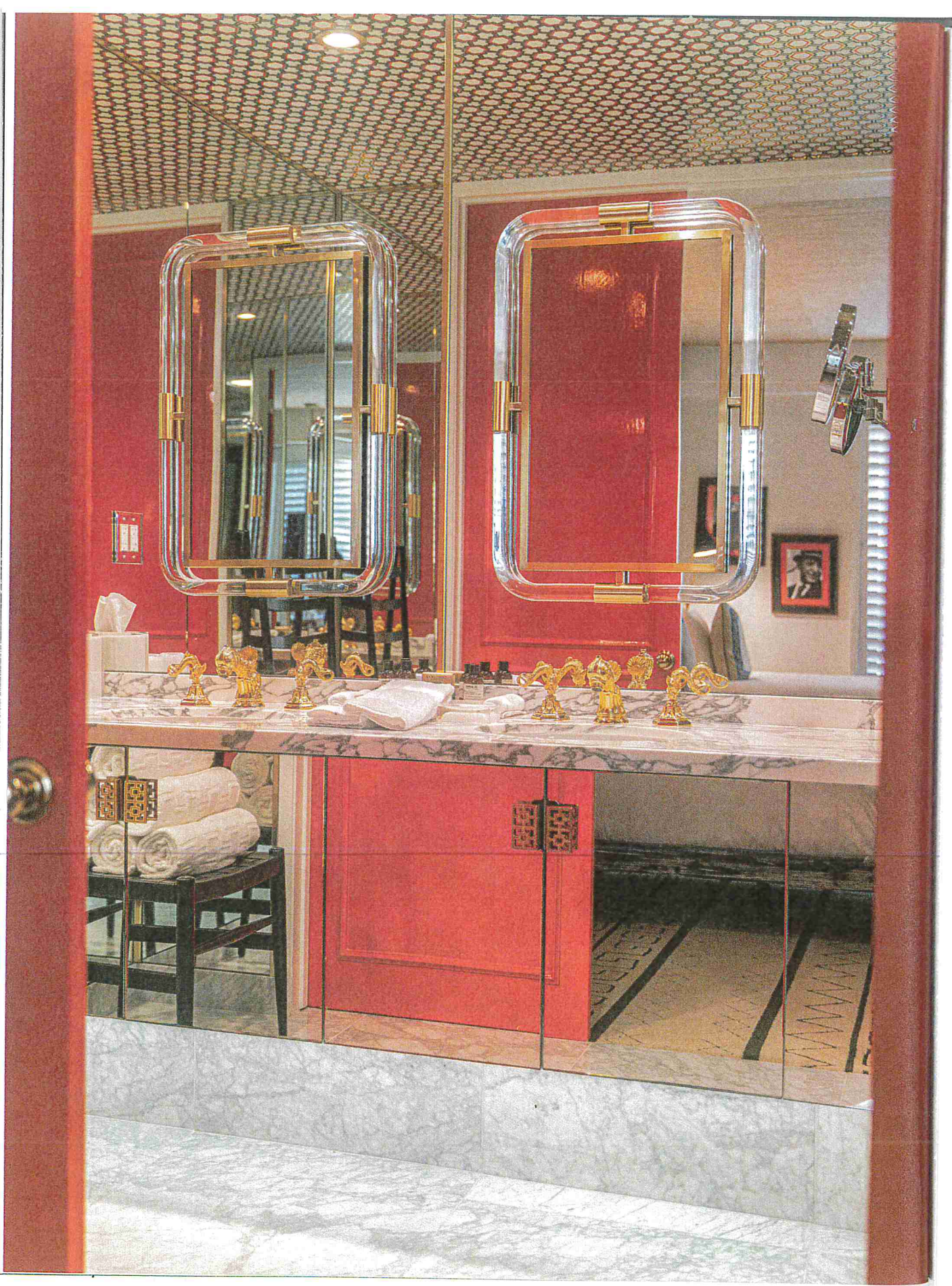
Located in Palm Desert, this charming restaurant boasts an inviting aesthetic, blending contemporary elegance with a touch of Mediterranean warmth. Guests enjoy the unique opportunity to dine half-alfresco amidst fragrant rosemary planters. The menu is focused on using seasonal and organic ingredients to create the best Californian cuisine. Start with the Tuna Tower, layers of sticky rice, cucumber, mango, avocado and ahi tuna creates a delicious reconstructed poké bowl. The Parmigiano Crusted Alaskan Halibut is not to be missed, served with grilled asparagus and beurre blanc. Finish the meal with a creamy pistachio ice cream.

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09.00 Breakfast at Norma's

Breakfast at Norma's is set against a backdrop of The Parker's playful aesthetics. The restaurant's playful decor and brightly






coloured open-air terrace creates a cheerful atmosphere, setting the perfect tone for the day. Celebrated for its diverse and joyous breakfast menu matching its surroundings, there is everything your heart desires, from decadent Lemon-Ricotta Pancakes to savoury Lobster and Truffle Omelets.


11:30 Taking of the Waters at the Spa at Séc-he

This colossal 73,000 square-foot spa opened its doors in 2020 and is an oasis of serenity that seamlessly blends modern elegance with soothing desert tones. With 22 private mineral spring baths, 15 treatment rooms, a cryotherapy chamber, two float pod suites, a fitness room, grounding room, menthol dry sauna, eucalyptus steam room, halotherapy salt caves and mineral pool with four jacuzzis, you will be spoilt for choice. The "Taking of the Waters" experience at the Spa at Séc-he Palm Springs is a rejuvenating ritual, designed to elevate the senses. Immerse yourself in the tranquil mineral pool, to create a sensory journey that harmonises the body and mind.

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1400 Lunch at EIGHT4NINE

Located in the fashionable Uptown Design District of Palm Springs, EIGHT4NINE Restaurant and Lounge offers the very best of American cuisine. The restaurant blends modern elegance with vibrant pops of colour and striking art installations, creating a chic and welcoming ambiance. Start with the sweet and delectable Pear Salad. The Lobster Roll features fresh Maine Lobster in between toasted Pullman brioche covered in tarragon aioli. The Coachella Lime Pie is the perfect blend of sweet and tangy.

 @eight4nine
eight4nine.com

16:00 The Modern Tour with Michael Stern

Guided by an expert in mid-century modern design, you will be lead through iconic properties, including homes designed by architectural legends like Richard Neutra and Albert Frey.

This tour is a must for enthusiasts eager to delve into Palm Springs' architectural legacy. The highlight is the privileged access to private residences and the profound insights shared by Stern, offering an unparalleled understanding of the mid-century modern movement.


moderntour.com

19:00 Dinner at Mister Parker's

The Parker's signature restaurant has an opulent aesthetic, illuminated by dim lighting, transports you to a bygone era of old Hollywood glamour, and sets the stage for a fine dining experience like no other.

In the capable hands of our waitress Delia, her warmth and expertise ensured we made the best choices from the epicurean menu. The Himachi Crudo arrives with apple and jalapeño slaw. The Sea Bass is cooked to perfection and served with cauliflower and hazelnut couscous. Finish the meal with the delectable Ricotta Cheesecake.

Palm Springs captivates with its desert elegance, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes, creating an oasis where relaxation and inspiration intertwine seamlessly.

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