

Docent Guided Walking Tours

The Architects and Visionaries Who Built Palm Springs

9:30 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays from November 2, 2018 through April 2019

\$25 per person, 14 person maximum per tour, 75-90 minutes, includes free admission to Palm Springs Art Museum and A+D Center

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TOUR 1 - FRIDAYS

The Historic City Center (tour begins at Palm Springs Art Museum bottom of stairway at 101 Museum Drive)

Join us for a 1/2-mile stroll between two of Palm Springs's most iconic Desert Modern buildings designed and built by E. Stewart Williams: the Palm Springs Art Museum and the Architecture and Design Center. This tour captures the essence of Palm Springs from its early roots in the late 1880s through the midcentury modern craze that redefined and transformed this small desert town into an

architectural mecca. You'll hear about our fabled pioneers and architects and three women who had a vision for Palm Springs that enabled it to grow and flourish decade after decade. Stroll through the new downtown park (one opened), down Palm Canyon Drive and end at the A+D Center where you can tour the current exhibition. To check availability or to purchase tickets for this tour click [HERE](#).

TOUR 2 - SATURDAYS

Midcentury Modern Icons of Fashion and Finance (tour begins at Union Bank at Indian Canyon Drive and Ramon Road)

See the very best examples of midcentury modern architecture as we walk along South Palm Canyon Drive -- the town's main thoroughfare -- and learn about the early history of Palm Springs that set the stage for the movers and shakers who were instrumental in shaping its future as a desert resort oasis. The stark yet beautiful landscape captured the imagination of a young and talented group of Desert Modern architects such as Donald Wexler, E. Stewart Williams, William Pereira and Charles Luckman, Victor Gruen and Associates, and others who created a body of internationally recognized buildings during the heyday of the 1950s and 1960s -- buildings that continue to draw people from all over the world to Palm Springs to admire and appreciate their innovative designs in our unique desert setting. To check availability or to purchase tickets for this tour click [HERE](#).

Special thank you to the Docent Specialists that lead these tours in support of the museum.