

## STEP-ON GUIDE SERVICES

### PALM SPRINGS AREA ATTRACTIONS

#### PALM SPRINGS INDIAN CANYONS SIGHTSEEING ADVENTURE

Visit Andreas Canyon, where the contrasting greens of magnificent fan palms and more than 150 species of plants within a half-mile radius beckon the desert traveler to this lush palm oasis. A scenic foot trail leads through the canyons, passing groves of stately skirted palms, unusual rock formation (some containing indian petroglyphs) and the perennial Andreas Creek, where one can still see the bedrock mortars and Metates' [grinding stones] used centuries ago for food preparation by the Cahuilla Indians. This tranquil setting is excellent for photography, bird-watching, hiking, or enjoying a delicious picnic at one of the tables along the trail.

Groups interested in hiking will enjoy the scenic trek from Andreas Canyon to Murray Canyon, where Peninsula Big Horn Sheep, wild ponies, and other wild animals still roam the high ground above the canyon.

Because it is less visited than Andreas Canyon, Murray Canyon offers its own secluded beauty and is home to at least one known endangered species of bird, the Least Bells Bireo, which nests in the canyon.



#### PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAM SIGHTSEEING ADVENTURE



Experience the extremes of our valley as we take you from the valley floor at sea level to the Palm Springs Aerial tramway, the largest vertical cable rise in the United States. Ride on brand new, rotating cable cars to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway's 8,514-foot Mountain Station.

At the top, enjoy a view that stretches all the way to Mexico, fresh mountain air and more than 54 miles of hiking trails. On the 15-minute trip to the top, experience five different life zones with flora and fauna approximating a trip from Mexico's warm Sonora Desert to the alpine wilderness of Alaska. Relax at the Tram restaurant overlooking Palm Springs, refresh yourself at the bar and check out the unique gift shop.

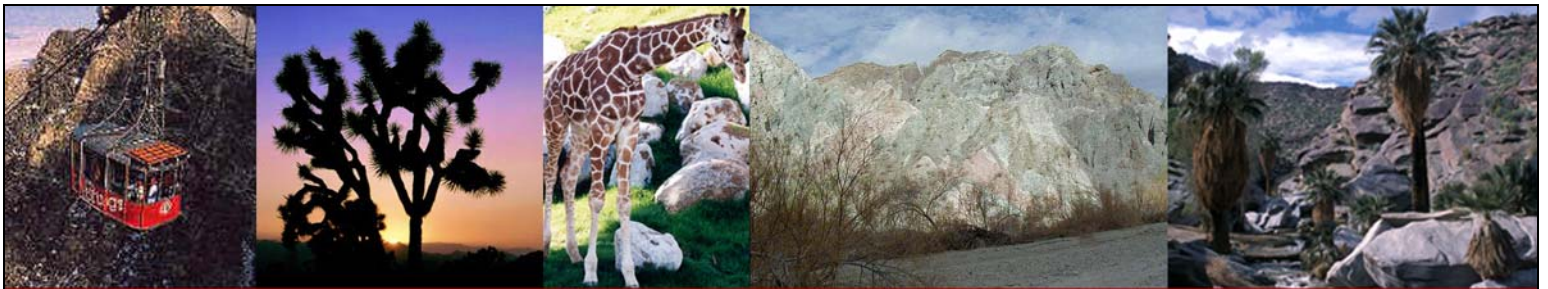
#### JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING ADVENTURE

Travel through the high desert, home to over 25 different animals, several Indian tribes, gold miners, cattle ranchers and rustlers. This beautiful area holds a fistful of American history, plus it encompasses some of the most interesting geological displays found anywhere in the world.

The rugged mountains of twisted rock and exposed granite monoliths testify to the tremendous earth forces that shaped and formed California's Wild West!

Don't forget your camera, as you will want to take pictures of the gigantic boulders, Joshua-trees, yucca's and other lush plant life that thrives in this area.





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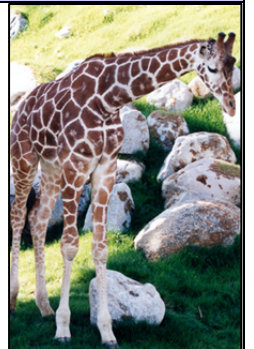
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#### THE LIVING DESERT SIGHTSEEING ADVENTURE

Visit the Living Desert, a zoo featuring plants and animals from all the World's deserts. This beautiful and unique 1,200-acre wildlife and botanical park features rare and endangered desert animals.

Here you will see the majestic endangered Bighorn sheep in its natural habitat. Visit Village Wa Tu Tu, a recreation of an African Village, and journey to "Eagle Canyon", which features streams, bobcats, mountain lions, magnificent golden eagles, Mexican wolves and many other animal and bird species.

The Botanical Gardens replicate ten major North American desert regions such as the Mojave. Here a variety of plants from the desert ecosystem like smoke trees, cacti, Palo Verde, yuccas and saguaros can be seen.



#### MYSTERY CANYON, AGRICULTURE & SALTON SEA SIGHTSEEING ADVENTURE



Travel through some of the richest agricultural areas in the world. Crops grown here include table grapes, dates from around the world, the best white grapefruit in America and the sweetest corn on the planet. See the shoreline of ancient Lake Cahuilla, site of a fresh water lake lined with hundreds of fish traps built by the Cahuilla Indians of long ago. Catch a glimpse of the Salton Sea, the second largest inland body of water in the United States, now the subject of hotly debated legislation about its future.

Then drive over the San Andreas Fault into one of the most tortured landscapes on the planet as your naturalist guide shares amazing information about our Earth's geologic evolution. Your tour also includes a visit to a working date farm where you will learn about how dates are grown and harvested.

### RESERVATION INFORMATION

**Price:** \$250 for 3 hours / \$50 each additional hour

**Local and Out-of-Area Tour Operators and Tour Wholesalers:**

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