

PARKER PALM SPRINGS



GARDENS OF THE SUN

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF PALM SPRINGS ARE SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DESERT LANDSCAPES IN THE WORLD. LET'S GET LOST.

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WITH ITS ICONIC 23-foot *bris de soleil*—that's French for a shade-producing decorative wall—rising at the entrance, the Parker Palm Springs hotel is high style right from the start. That's one reason it draws celebrity guests like Brad and Angelina and Robert Downey Jr. But you're here for the Judy Kameon-designed grounds, viewable by hotel guests and by diners at Norma's, one of the Parker's restaurants. Don't expect one breathtaking view—Kameon designed her landscapes to be explored nook by nook, courtyard by courtyard. Taking her cues from as far away as Spain's Alhambra and as nearby as Montecito's Lotusland, Kameon crafted a series of hidden gathering spaces, connected by walkways, enclosed with plants. Her palette is entirely Mediterranean; palms, olives, and limes are among her staples. And if you can't decide which direction to turn next, just follow your nose. Kameon has planted intensely aromatic plants almost everywhere, so that you can be guided by the scents of sage, citrus blossoms, and sweet jasmine. Rooms from \$395, Norma's \$\$, theparkerpalmsprings.com.