

SPIRITED AWAY

Where the locals go to sip something special.

PS Air Bar

of air travel meets the thrill of a speakeasy. "We wanted to make a place that was interactive," says co-owner Tom Beatty, who opened the space with his husband, Dennis Costa. This immersive, airplane-themed bar serves up cocktails with aviation-inspired names, like The Cockpit — a fruity mix of rye whiskey, sour cherry liqueur, and orange bitters. Take a seat in a repurposed airline chair as a uniformed flight captain delivers your drinks. psairbar.com

Rosemary Hi-Fi spi

Rosemary Hi-Fi spins vinyl vibes in downtown Indio, pairing eclectic records with local Las Palmas Brewing beers and a tastefully selected lineup of natural wines in a relaxed lounge. rosemaryhifi.com

Carmocha

Located off the lobby of the Grand Hyatt Indian Wells Resort & Villas, Carmocha serves up a polished yet relaxed setting for craft cocktails and elevated bites from executive chef Angelo Sosa (a Top Chef favorite). Choose savory or sweet: The Johnny Cool is a dirty

martini made with Grey Goose, brine, and pimento-cheese-stuffed olives, while the Pillow Talk swirls together vanilla-infused Tromba Blanco tequila, caramelized orange Cointreau, and lime. carmochaindianwells.com

\ Italica

Tucked behind an unassuming silver door next to the Indio
Taphouse, Italica feels like a well-kept secret. "It's fun, sexy, and a little rebellious," co-owner Roman Whittaker says. Pair your meal — think wild boar Bolognese and fresh spaghetti with lemon, mint, and ricotta — with a libation like the Fumo, a smoky concoction of Angel's Envy bourbon, Compass Box Peat Monster scotch, Peychaud's bitters, and an orange twist, infused with aromatic cedar smoke. Italica.bar

High Bar

With its rooftop perch at the Kimpton Rowan, High Bar offers a front-row seat to Palm Springs' striking mountain surrounds. "We have one of the best views in town," food and beverage director Louis Martin says. Pair the scenery with a Fresca Del Mezcal, a citrus-forward favorite. rowanpalmsprings.com

La Quinta Cliffhouse

Care for a drink amid the rocks? Get a table at La Quinta Cliffhouse. "We really are a destination restaurant," director of operations Lauren Ciano says, noting the restaurant's cliffside perch. Prohibition-style cocktails include the Pink Lady — Fierce and Kind vodka, creamy coconut, dragon fruit, Curious Juniper lychee simple syrup, and a splash of tangy lime juice. *laquintacliffhouse.com*

Reforma Palm Springs

Reforma brings the party.
This nightclub and eatery in
downtown Palm Springs, blends
pan-Latin flavors with high-energy
entertainment, from late-night live
music to fiery drag brunches. Find
a seat in the artful and communal

bar area, or, if you're looking for a quieter spot to talk, ask for a table in the dimly lit dining room. Treat yourself to a Oaxaca Old Fashioned, prepared with mole bitters and a blend of reposado, mezcal, and Oaxacan rum. reformaps.com

Located at Fantasy Springs
Resort Casino, Twelve Cocktails
Above serves sprawling views of
the Coachella Valley. Come for
the sunset and stay for the great
drinks — margarita anyone? The
12th-floor casino bar features live
entertainment on weekends and
provides easy access to gaming,
bowling, and headliner shows.
fantasyspringsresort.com

Peaks Restaurant

Getting to Peaks Restaurant is an adventure in itself. A 10-minute ride up the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway leads to this mountaintop retreat where the weather is typically 30 to 40 degrees cooler than the desert floor. Order an Espresso in the Clouds — Three Olives espresso vodka, Caffe Borghettis coffee liqueur, and an espresso cream shot — and take in the panorama. pstramway.com

Tailor Shop

Tucked away on Via Lola,
Tailor Shop channels the charm
of an old-world tailor with the
intimacy of a hidden bar. Low
lighting and deep-hued interiors
set the scene for expertly crafted
nightcaps, each a work of art.
Try the Breath in the Afternoon—
an effervescent mix of absinthe,
Champagne, lemon, orange,
and sugar — as intriguing as its
name. tailorshopps.com

