

# PALM SPRINGS



## INDEPENDENCE DAY IN THE DESERT

Celebrate July 4th this year with fireworks, a game of baseball, an old-fashioned steak dinner and day-drinking alongside shirtless locals **By Lydia Siriprakorn**

**S**ummer has officially arrived, and Palm Springs is just getting started. The sun can be harsh this time of year, but a little heat isn't going to stop the desert from having fun during July 4th weekend. From fireworks to dance parties, the desert cities are in full-on celebration mode with Independence Day festivities. Here are a few good reasons to head out to the desert for America's 239th birthday.

### BATTER UP!

There's no better way to say "Happy birthday, America!" than with favorite pastime baseball. Catch the Palm Springs Power as they take on the San Francisco Seals at Palm Springs Stadium. The game starts at 6:05 p.m. and will lead into a free fireworks show at 9:15. 1901 E. Baristo Rd. For tickets visit [palmspringspowerbaseball.com](http://palmspringspowerbaseball.com).

### THE GLAMOROUS LIFE

Celebrate for a cause at an upscale affair benefitting the AIDS Assistance Program. The evening will be held at the historic O'Donnell House and includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a fireworks show at 9:15 p.m. Tickets run \$125 and include valet parking, and you won't get a better view of Palm Springs than on the terrace of this gorgeous property. 412 W. Tahquitz Canyon Way. For tickets visit [aidsassistance.org](http://aidsassistance.org).

### PICNIC IN THE PARK

It just wouldn't be Independence Day without a massive fireworks blowout, right? For a more traditional celebration, you can catch a free fireworks show

at Palm Desert Civic Center Park. The fun kicks off at 7:30 p.m. with live music by the Swing Cats Big Band, followed by a 20-minute fireworks display at 9. Bring a picnic, some blankets and a few of your favorite people for a good old-fashioned 4th of July. 73510 Fred Waring Dr., [cityofpalmdesert.org](http://cityofpalmdesert.org)

### RESTAURANT WEEK REDUX

Escape the desert heat altogether at the recently reimagined steakhouse Mr. Lyons. If you missed its Palm Springs Restaurant Week menu, here's your second chance. The steakhouse is offering a Summer Sessions menu at the bar with delectable options like foie gras-stuffed dates, twice-baked potatoes and beignets, ranging from \$4 to \$12. A special drink menu exclusively for July 4th is even more reason to come here to cool off. 233 E. Palm Canyon, [mrylonsps.com](http://mrylonsps.com)

### EAT, PLAY, LOVE

Be sure to check in with The Ace Hotel, Hunters Nightclub and Oscar's Cafe & Bar closer to the weekend for their own July 4th announcements. The Ace is guaranteed to put its amazing pool to good use with a favorite local DJ or two. 701 E. Palm Canyon Dr., [acehotel.com](http://acehotel.com). If you're in the mood for music, live dancers and day-drinking alongside gorgeous men, head to Hunters, where the patio is always a popular gathering spot. 302 E. Arenas Rd., [hunterspalmsprings.com](http://hunterspalmsprings.com). And for those who prefer to spend Independence Day with the whole family (dogs included), Oscar's plans to offer up bottomless mimosas for Saturday brunch. 125 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, [oscarpalmsprings.com](http://oscarpalmsprings.com) ■