



*Pumpkin and kale salad at Justin Eat + Drink.*

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## Cool in the desert

*New stops in Coachella Valley make for a perfect fall overnigher.*

As temperatures drop, the dry Inland Empire becomes an increasingly tempting getaway. That's especially true this year, given what's blossomed along the stretch of State 111 running from Palm Springs all the way out to Coachella. In March, the Marriott Autograph Collection debuted **Hotel Paseo** ([hotelpaseo.com](http://hotelpaseo.com)) in the heart of Palm Desert's swanky El Paseo art-and-shopping district. Besides AC3 Restaurant + Bar, an adventurous new eatery, you'll find 24-karat-gold facials at Spa La Lé, plus movies, lawn games, and even a renovated Airstream out back near the pool. For dinner, hop over to Cathedral City to try chef Justin Jenkins's casual dining spot **Justin Eat + Drink** ([justinrestaurant.com](http://justinrestaurant.com)), which has been getting raves up and down the valley for its Cowboy Candy (candied jalapeños with cream cheese on crostini) and chic log-cabin vibe. And before you settle in for the night, see if there's a lecture, film screening, or stargazing party at the **Rancho Mirage Observatory** ([ranchomirageobservatory.org](http://ranchomirageobservatory.org)). The new dome, with its heavy-duty telescope, was designed to engage everyone—not just scientists—in astronomical exploration.