# December

### WELK NEWSLETTER



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December is a wonderful time to get out and experience the wonder of travel. From the sunny, crisp California coastline to the snow-dusted mountain peaks of Colorado, every travel destination boasts its own unique winter vibe during the month of December. We have your travel itinerary covered in this newsletter.

For all you eager holiday travelers out there, we can't wait to welcome you back to our resorts. We thank you for letting us be your home-away-from-home during the festive holiday months and beyond! Book your accommodations, pack up your scarves (or your surfboards, if you're doing things beach style), and get ready to dive into December with Welk Resorts!



# Owner's Lounge Got an Update

We heard your feedback and have been hard at work. If you haven't heard already, we are excited to announce that The Lounge has launched!

#### THIS EXCITING PORTAL WILL OFFER A NUMBER OF BENEFITS FOR OWNERS, INCLUDING:

## **Improved Booking**

Platinum Owners can easily search and book all Welk locations and the Experiences Collection online.

### Streamlined System

Search for documents, find answers to frequently asked questions, navigate to your account and Owner information, and more.

## **One-Stop Shop**

In addition to booking easily online, you can make payments and manage your Owner account conveniently from The Lounge!

Log in today to experience the difference and enjoy all the perks that The Lounge has to offer.

LOG IN NOW

# **EXCHANGE UPDATE**

We're excited to announce that we will transition to Interval International® as our exchange partner. Through Interval's quality network of affiliated properties, Welk Owners will have access to more than 3,200 resorts in over 80 countries. Starting January 1, 2022, Welk Platinum Owners will enjoy exchange flexibility and other valuable benefits for years to come!

Be on the lookout for more information as we transition from our current arrangement with RCI® this year. In the meantime, you can read the answered FAQs to get a better idea of what to expect.

**READ FAQS** 







## IS BACK

With the easing of local restrictions, we are happy to bring back Day Use at Welk Resorts San Diego for our Owners! If you're planning to be in San Diego County and want to make use of our amazing amenities, we can't wait to welcome you to the resort. Call Owner Services at 855.355.4355 to make your Day Use reservation today.

**CALL NOW** 



# HOW TO PROTECT YOUR 2022 Vacation

If you're planning your 2022 vacation and are curious about how to protect it, this article is for you! Remember, you've spent all that time planning your trip—now, it's time to protect it! Whether your kiddos get sick last minute or you have a work function to attend, travel insurance promises relaxation and flexibility.









### Protect your vacation with a VacationGuard® **Timeshare Plus protection plan which includes:**

- Annual Dues protection for a specified Use Year.
- Protection for your vacation travel during that Use Year.
- Coverage for the primary traveler, and automatic extension for up to 7 traveling companions.
- Automatic two-day extension, so benefits can begin up to 2 travel days before your check-in and end up to 2 days after check-out.





# The Timeshare Plus protection plan coverage offers coverage for a number of travel concerns, such as:

- Trip Cancellation: Covers for reasons including sickness, injury or death, supplier cancellations, delays due to weather, employment termination, and more.
- Trip Interruption: Reimburses you for unused arrangements and additional transportation costs to get you caught up with your trip or back to your home.
- Trip Delay: Covers reasonable accommodations, meals, phone calls, and local transportation costs while delayed, if you're delayed five (5) hours or more.
- Emergency Medical: Reimburses you for medical and surgical costs that may occur on your trip.
- Rental Car Damage: If you fly to your destination and rent a car on your trip, you need coverage.

**If you use Points to book your vacation, please note the following:** If you have to cancel your reservation or if it was cut short, you will include the loss of Points in your claim. If your claim is approved, you will receive the monetary value of the Points lost from VacationGuard<sup>®</sup>.

Ready to protect your trip? Purchase VacationGuard® today in The Lounge.

**GO TO THE LOUNGE** 

# THE **5** BEST THINGS TO DO NEAR Palm Springs

Located in Southern California, Palm Springs is a year-round, warm-weather playground! Whether you're more of a lounge-bythe-pool type or a play-a-round-of-golf type, this iconic city has something to offer everyone—during every month of the year. Here are the top five things to do in the area and put on your Palm Springs bucket list!





#### **1. PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY**

The world's largest rotating tramcar, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, opened in 1963. In just ten minutes, its 80-passenger cars take visitors along the stunning cliffs of Chino Canyon, rising to nearly 9,000 feet in elevation. Take in the views once you reach the top, then stop for a bite at Peaks Restaurant or Pines Cafe. You can also visit the nature exhibits or the educational documentary theaters, along with plenty of beautiful hiking trails in the Mt. San Jacinto State Park Wilderness.

### 2. INDIAN CANYONS

With trails for horseback riding and hiking, picnic areas, and a gift shop, there's a little bit of everything at this nature destination. This group of canyons consists of plenty of footpaths that are ideal for exploring and meditating. Take in the indigenous flora and fauna of Palm Canyon, wander among 150 species of plants within the half-mile radius at Andreas Canyon, or try to spot the peninsular desert bighorn sheep (an endangered species) at Murray Canyon. Whatever you do, the secluded beauty of the canyons is sure to wow you and make your desert trip one to remember.





### **3. PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM**

The Palm Springs Air Museum is a living history museum. Dedicated to educating the public about the role of air power in our history, this museum was ranked by CNN Travel as one of the World's 20 Best Aviation Museums. Current programs include Santa Fly-In and Winter Light Show (December 18–22), Just "Amelia" (January 8), and the Famed Aviation Artist Stan Stokes-Tuskegee Airmen Collection (January 15– February 28). Pay a visit to this incredible museum and let your vacation imagination take flight! As an extra bonus, if you're traveling with family, kids under 12 will enjoy free entry along with a paying adult.



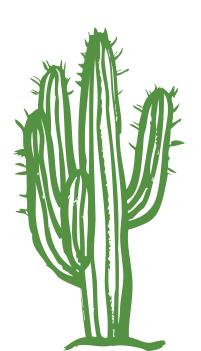
### **4.** SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS

Spanning roughly thirty miles from the southeast San Bernardino Mountains to the Santa Rosa Mountains, the San Jacinto Mountains are filled with hiking trails and unbelievable views. They say that the range is a "sky island" as it contains various species of flora and fauna that would not otherwise withstand the heat of the surrounding valleys. Whether you're taking a day drive or going for a morning hike, the San Jacinto Mountains will remind you of the pristine beauty of Mother Nature.

### 5. COACHELLA VALLEY PRESERVE

This remarkable 20,000-acre preserve was formed by a system of sand dunes and is now home to a palm oasis and various species of rare wildlife. Here, you might find the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard, the Coachella round-tailed ground squirrel, the giant red velvet mite, the flat-tailed horned lizard, and the giant palm borer beetle.







# Desert Dasis Awaits

If you're ready to plan your trip to the Palm Springs area, retreat to serenity and tranquility with breathtaking views of the San Jacinto Mountains at Desert Oasis by Welk Resorts. Our luxury resort hotel is located just outside of Palm Springs in Cathedral City, California, and promises year-round sunshine, first-class amenities, and all the conveniences of home. It's the ideal place to let the kids splash in the pool while you soak up some sun or enjoy championship golf and tennis at the adjacent Cathedral Canyon Golf and Tennis Club! Explore the true beauty of the Palm Springs area in a unique and unforgettable way when you book your stay at Desert Oasis.

**BOOK YOUR VACATION** 



#### GO SKIING/ SNOWBOARDING



GO ON A BOAT



COOK A MEAL IN YOUR VILLA



UNWIND WITH A SPA DAY



VISIT THE LOCAL BREWERY



What's more fun than a game of classic bingo? A game of travel-themed bingo!

For this memorable game, work together as a team or print out multiple copies and play with family and friends. Mark your "free space" in the middle, then check off squares as you complete these fun, vacation-inspired tasks! Whether it's vertically, horizontally, or diagonally, the first person to get five in a row is the winner!

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## UPCOMING WELK RESORT THEATRE PRODUCTIONS AND OWNER EVENTS

At Welk Resort Theatre San Diego, we're going big during our 2021-2022 season with musical acts, holiday celebrations, and so much more. Whatever kind of entertainment you're searching for, we've got you covered with our exciting lineup of wonderful talent. We can't wait to Welkome you to our upcoming shows!



## **NUNSENSE**

### January 14 through March 27, 2022 Saturday 1pm, 7pm and Sunday 1pm ·

They're back! The four hilarious divas—Anise Ritchie, Bets Malone, Eileen Bowman, and Melinda Gilb, who wowed you in "Menopause The Musical," have traded hot flashes for habits! This astoundingly hilarious and successful hit is the second-longest running off-Broadway show in history and with good reason! Featuring star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises, this show is one you will not want to miss!

For more exciting and entertaining acts, make sure to browse through the full lineup for our 2021-2022 season <u>here</u>.





# READY FOR MORE EXCITING OWNER EVENTS?

There are so many incredible Owner activities to look forward to! From Monster Jam to Scavenger Hunt & Hot Cocoa, jazz up your winter season with one of these sensational events!

### **WELK RESORTS SAN DIEGO**

Monster Jam: January 14–16 Farmers Open: January 28–30



### THE RANAHAN

Scavenger Hunt & Hot Cocoa: January 22–24



## **Have Questions?**

Call 866.209.4075 (M-F 9am-5pm PT)



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