

The Horizon Hotel

Worthy midsummer getaway



Modern minimalism at its chicest yet most unpretentious takes shape in the form of a renovated boutique hotel 100 miles east of San Diego. Sure it's 110-plus degrees in Palm Springs every day this time of year, but the mountainous backdrop and cool chemical-free pool at The Horizon Hotel make it a worthy midsummer getaway. Originally designed by renowned architect William F. Cody in 1952, The Horizon once served as a playground for yesteryear Hollywood starlets from Marilyn Monroe to Betty Grable. Today the recently restored property is a study in angular, mid-century architecture with modern twists. Stay in one of 22 updated rooms, complete with plasma TVs, Italian linens and robes, and al fresco showers, or reserve the property's three-bedroom residence with its own private pool. Guests can enjoy the services of an in-house spa team, private yoga classes, Jacuzzi spa and continental breakfast served in-room, poolside or on their patio. After a strenuous day of sunning and swimming, pull up a stool at The Horizon's pool bar, chill under the misters and let the amicable bartenders take care of you. The spot specializes in everything from classic cocktails to fresh fruit infusions, plus the staff's stellar personalized service will blow your mind. Oh, and leave the kids and pets at home, as this desert retreat is for adults only.

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