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DISCOVER THE Mojave Desert

 Joshua Tree National Park

## **Welcome to 29 Palms, your gateway to California's Mojave Desert**

Just a stone's throw away from Los Angeles and San Diego, a wilder side of California awaits. Home to the main entrance and headquarters of the world-famous Joshua Tree National Park, and gateway to Mojave Trails National Monument and the Mojave National Preserve, 29 Palms offers unparalleled access to the vast and beautiful wilderness of the Mojave Desert.

Known for our rugged mountains and desert vistas, pristine sand dunes and unique flora and fauna, breathtaking sunsets and a brilliant night sky, plus world-class murals and public art, 29 Palms is an oasis for artists and nature lovers, a restful and recharging getaway for visitors, and a scenic location for photography and filming.

Plan a visit to 29 Palms today and discover the fascinating natural wonders and otherworldly landscapes of the California desert. Hike to new heights on shifting sand dunes, climb stunning mountain ranges and boulders, and explore iconic Joshua tree forests in Joshua Tree National Park, Mojave Trails National Monument, and the Mojave National Preserve this fall!

Offering the area's largest and most diverse collection of lodging, 29 Palms has something for every type of traveler, so whether you're looking to stay in a national brand hotel, an independent and historic motel or inn, or choose from our growing number of vibrant vacation rentals, 29 Palms has it all - and it's all just minutes from the main entrance of Joshua Tree National Park!

Whether you're traveling by car or air, getting to 29 Palms is easy as we're conveniently located just 1-hour northeast of Palm Springs International Airport and 1.5-hours from Ontario International Airport. Take advantage of new, daily non-stop flights, or pack up the car and plan a scenic road trip through the beautiful desert region.

Start planning your trip today by visiting our website where you'll discover all that our unique desert city has to offer, and all the inspiration you need to make 29 Palms and the Mojave Desert your destination this fall!

Plan your visit: [www.Visit29.org](http://www.Visit29.org)



 Joshua Tree National Park

## Day 1: Explore Joshua Tree National Park

Discover one of southern California's most spectacular landscapes, where the Mojave and Colorado deserts meet

At nearly 800,000-acres, [Joshua Tree National Park](#) is home to some of the most fascinating geology found in the California deserts; rugged mountains of twisted rock and exposed granite monoliths testify to the tremendous earth forces that shaped and formed this land. Much of the park exists within an overlap of the Mojave and Colorado deserts, creating a unique transition zone where you'll find rich biodiversity, and a diverse range of plants and animals from each desert ecosystem.

Welcoming over 3-million visitors a year, Joshua Tree National Park offers access to world-class hiking trails and rock-climbing routes, fascinating flora and fauna, and one of the most breathtaking starry night skies in southern California. Designated as an International Dark Sky Park by the International Dark Sky Association in 2017, Joshua Tree National Park is also home to some seriously spectacular dark skies and is known as one of the best places in southern California to observe meteor showers see the stunning Milky Way!

Home to Joshua Tree National Park Headquarters, Oasis of Mara Visitor Center, and main park entrance, 29 Palms is your gateway to southern California's most iconic National Park. Plus, 29 Palms offers the only road access to the 49 Palms Oasis, one of five natural oases found in the park, and Indian Cove, a hotspot for rock climbing.

Plan time to hike the popular Hidden Valley and Barker Dam nature trails, stop to take your photo at the famous Skull Rock, stroll the Cholla Cactus trail, and check out the incredible views from Key View, where on a clear day you can see the entire Coachella Valley and Mexico!

As a proud Leave No Trace Community Partner, Visit 29 Palms encourages responsible outdoor recreation so that these special places in the California desert can be preserved and enjoyed by future generations of visitors to come!

**Plan your visit:**

- [Lodging in 29 Palms](#)
- [Joshua Tree National Park Map](#)



 Mural #12: Desert Gold Mining Days

## Day 2: *Discover an Oasis of Murals in downtown 29 Palms*

Spend the day outdoors enjoying a self-guided tour of historic murals, public art installations, and hidden gems

Every city has its own unique story and history, just waiting to be discovered. In 29 Palms, we celebrate our heritage by way of a spectacular outdoor art gallery, made up of 23 historic murals and nearly 40 public art installations. With a rich tradition of art, and long known as a mecca for artists, it's no wonder our city chose such a colorful and engaging way to honor its history!

Located throughout our downtown area, these murals illustrate the history of our city, and the stories of the Serrano and Chemehuevi Tribes and early life at the Oasis of Mara, followed by a cast of cattle ranchers and gold miners, to the resilient homesteaders and pioneers who played an instrumental role in shaping the charming, rural, community you see today.

And because this a community that cherishes its natural surroundings and environment, you can also look forward to murals that celebrate the unique flora and fauna of the beautiful Mojave Desert!

Art enthusiasts will want to leave some time in the day to discover a few other creative hidden gems and roadside attractions, starting with the Glass Outhouse Art Gallery, located 5-miles of downtown 29 Palms on Twentynine Palms Hwy. Visitors to the Glass Outhouse Art Gallery will discover a wildly eclectic and playful collection of outdoor sculptures and installations, plus a unique indoor gallery space featuring the world of local and regional artists.

After strolling the eclectic grounds at the Glass Outhouse Art Gallery, continue east on Twentynine Palms Highway for 3 miles where you'll discover a colorful series of roadside signs that say "love" in different languages. Hand painted by artists Jacob Rafati and Katie Williams, each sign features text designs by different artists, all reminding us that love knows no boundaries.

### **Plan your self-guided art tours:**

- [Learn more about the Oasis of Murals](#)
- [Download Oasis of Murals Map](#)
- [Download Public Art Map](#)
- [Visit the Love signs](#)
- [Visit Glass Outhouse Art Gallery](#)



📍 Amboy Crater National Natural Landmark



### Day 3: Road Trip from 29 Palms to Amboy Crater National Natural Landmark in the Mojave Trails National Monument

Spanning an incredible 1.6-million acres, [Mojave Trails National Monument](#) borders Joshua Tree National Park to the south, and Mojave National Preserve to the north, and offers incredible outdoor recreation opportunities for visitors to discover beautifully rugged mountain ranges, pristine sand dunes and ancient lava flows, historic Native American trading routes and incredible WWII history, plus a chance to drive the longest undeveloped stretches of the iconic Route 66!

Start your Mojave Trails National Monument adventure at Amboy Crater National Natural Landmark, considered one of the monuments most famous geological wonders. Situated in one of the youngest volcanic fields in the U.S., Amboy Crater was formed of ash and cinders, and is 250-foot high and 1,500-feet in diameter, sitting in stunning contrast to the vast desert wilderness its surrounded by. In the cooler fall and winter seasons, plan to give yourself a couple of hours to explore, and plan time to hike the trail up and into this stunningly symmetrical volcanic cinder cone and be prepared to take in some seriously otherworldly views!

#### Getting there from 29 Palms:

- Distance from downtown 29 Palms: 52 scenic miles
- Directions: From Hwy 62 and Adobe Road, drive 2 miles north on Adobe Road to Amboy Road. Follow Amboy Road northeast for 48 miles. Turn left on National Trails Hwy (Route 66) and drive east for 0.8 miles and then turn left on Crater Road.

#### Road trip essentials:

- Road map of Mojave Trails National Monument (cell/GPS reception will be unavailable for most of the trip)
- Your sense of adventure, and full tank of gas
- Plenty of water and salty snacks to stay hydrated
- Hiking shoes, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, and extra layers of clothing - temperatures drop as the sun sets!
- Camera and tripod to capture the stunning views
- Wildflower guidebook if visiting in the spring season
- Telescope/binoculars for late-night stargazing

#### Plan your visit:

- [Mojave Trails National Monument Map](#)
- [More information about Amboy Crater](#)
- [Lodging in 29 Palms](#)



## Day 2: *Shop and Dine in 29 Palms*

Explore our local culture and flavors at our restaurants, shops, and brand-new bakery!

29 Palms offers an exciting culinary adventure for all tastes and ages, ranging from classic American and authentic Mexican, to a variety of Asian cuisines, Caribbean fusion, and a fabulous new bakery!

Start your day with a hearty breakfast, and head over to Cactus Trails Café for prickly pear lemonade and a cactus omelet, or head over to John's Place for French toast, or Denny's for a classic grand slam.

When you're ready for lunch, pick up a specialty sandwich from Campbell Hill Bakery, PHO from Jelly Donut, or fish tacos from Mexican Street Tacos.

After an exhilarating day outdoors exploring the beautiful desert, you'll be ready for dinner! You'll definitely want to try the Dan Dan noodles and steak or veggie bowl from Kitchen In The Desert, triple threat ribs and grilled jalapenos from the Rib Co. or grab a beer and craft burger at FANS Sports Bar and Grill.

Fashionistas will love the newly opened Donahue Clothing Co. and their colorful variety of fresh, modern, and stylish clothing, accessories, and home goods!

And for those looking to bring a little piece of the desert home with them, be sure to check out the gift shop at the Old Schoolhouse Museum, Copy Center Plus, Perfectly Unique 29, and the 29 Palms Visitor Center where you'll discover all kinds of desert themed locally crafted gifts!

And don't forget about our weekly farmers market where you can shop fresh, organic, California-grown fruits and vegetables every Saturday morning from 8:00am to 12:00pm!

*\*Restaurants in 29 Palms are currently offering outdoor dining, takeout, and delivery.*

### **Plan your visit:**

- [29 Palms Restaurants](#)
- [29 Palms Visitor Center](#)
- [Lodging in 29 Palms](#)



📍 Kelso Sand Dunes, Mojave National Preserve

## **Day 5: Road Trip from 29 Palms to the Mojave National Preserve to explore the Kelso Sand Dunes**

Located in the heart of the Mojave Desert in California, the [Mojave National Preserve](#) offers visitors an unparalleled opportunity to discover the magic and solitude of the desert, with its singing sand dunes, cinder cone volcanoes, Joshua tree forests, and carpets of spring wildflowers. Discover old mines, homesteads, and rock-walled military outposts, and an incredible diversity of desert flora and fauna.

Start your Mojave National Preserve adventure at the exotic Kelso Sand Dunes, which at a height of 650-feet above the desert floor, and a land mass of 45-square miles, are some of the tallest dunes in North America! Hike the 3-mile round trip to the top of the dunes and be rewarded by beautiful views of the expansive desert landscape and consider staying to watch the breathtaking sunset give way to a stunning night sky bursting with stars. For those feeling extra adventurous, plan an evening visit and hike the dunes under a bright full moon!

### **Getting there from 29 Palms:**

- Distance from downtown 29 Palms: 84 scenic miles
- Directions: From Hwy 62 and Adobe Road, drive 2 miles north on Adobe Road to Amboy Road. Follow Amboy Road northeast for 48 miles. Turn right on National Trails Hwy (Route 66) and drive east for 6.5 miles to Kelbaker Road, where you'll turn left and drive 26 miles north to Kelso Dunes Road. Turn left on Kelso Dunes Road and arrive to trailhead in 3 miles.

### **Road trip essentials:**

- Road map of Mojave National Preserve (cell/GPS reception will be unavailable for most of the trip)
- Your sense of adventure, and full tank of gas
- Plenty of water and salty snacks to stay hydrated
- Hiking shoes, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, and extra layers of clothing - temperatures drop as the sun sets!
- Camera and tripod to capture the stunning views
- Telescope/binoculars for late-night stargazing

### **Plan your visit:**

- [Mojave National Preserve Map](#)
- [More information about Amboy Crater](#)
- [Lodging in 29 Palms](#)



 Hwy 62 and Bullion Ave, downtown 29 Palms

## **Know before you go**

Our hospitality businesses are excited to welcome visitors back to our beautiful rural desert community and have been working hard to implement a wide variety of safety measures and protocols in accordance with State and County. Look for the **San Bernardino County COVID-Compliant Business Partner Certificate** in the windows of many of our hospitality businesses this fall, and please remember, face masks are required state-wide!

## **Getting here**

Getting to 29 Palms by car or air is easy, especially given our proximity to major cities in southern California, Nevada, and Arizona. We're **1-hour from Palm Springs International Airport** and **1.5-hours from Ontario International Airport**, where there's a growing number of new, daily, non-stop flights. For those traveling by car, 29 Palms is a scenic road trip away from Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas, and Phoenix. Hop on the Interstate 10 and take State Hwy 62 northeast for 40-miles up through the Joshua Tree National Park gateway communities to downtown 29 Palms.

## **29 Palms Visitor Center**

Visit with our team of friendly and knowledgeable staff who are here to help you make the most of your time in 29 Palms! Our **COVID-Compliant Visitor Center** is open Wednesday through Friday from 10am - 4pm, and Saturdays from 8am - 12pm, and is located at the corner of Hwy 62 and Desert Queen Ave in downtown 29 Palms.

## **Places to Stay in 29 Palms**

Independent hotels, motels, inns:

[29 Palms Inn](#)

[9 Palms Inn](#)

[Campbell House](#)

[El Rancho Dolores Motel](#)

[Harmony Motel](#)

[Oasis Inn & Suites](#)

[Sunnyvale Garden Suites](#)

National Brand Hotels:

[America's Best Value](#)

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