



JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa Commits to Social Responsibility

“Green” efforts include eco-friendly meetings options, locally-sourced spa treatments, composting and innovative recycling programs

PALM DESERT, CA – When deciding on the destination for their next vacation, the contemporary traveler of today is looking for the perfect combination of eco-amenities and modern luxury. JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa (located in Palm Desert, California) now offers a host of new, eco-friendly practices that cater to their eco-minded clientele. With the addition of a number of environmentally minded and socially conscious initiatives, guests can feel even better about their hotel choice. The resort is committed to respecting and protecting the environment through a number of progressive features.

Meetings

As one of the largest convention centers in the Southwest United States, the JW Marriott Desert Springs is no stranger to hosting large-scale conventions. With 210,000 square feet of flexible indoor and outdoor meeting, exhibit and banquet spaces, Desert Springs can comfortably accommodate both large and small groups. Event planners can now incorporate eco-friendly office products into their meetings, including recycled notepads & pens, paperless notebooks (in the form of thumbdrives) and water coolers in place of individual water bottles.

Grounds

On the grounds themselves, environmentalism is poetry-in-motion. Desert Springs has enviro-actions in place as small as colored recycling bins at the service lifts on each guest floor, and as large as sending all landscaping waste from the resort’s 450 acres to a local composting facility.

Clean air is a top priority of Desert Springs as well. Through a number of initiatives, the resort has helped reduce greenhouse gases by replacing existing heating, ventilation and cooling equipment with more efficient systems. Desert Springs utilizes a Biodiesel Extractor to process used cooking oil into useable Biodiesel fuel – creating lower emissions and resulting in cleaner air quality in the Coachella Valley.

Water and electricity conservation are also priorities at Desert Springs. The property has installed water flow restriction devices, and guests have the option to specify whether they wish to have their linens and towels laundered daily or refreshed every third day. To conserve electricity, the resort has installed energy saving systems for heating and cooling, and they only run laundry facilities during off-peak hours.

In regards to leisure activities, both of the resort’s golf courses were designated as Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries. They meet Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program standards for wildlife and habitat management, chemical use safety and reduction, water conservation, water quality

management, and outreach & education. Additionally, the resort maintains over 200 electric powered golf carts.

Continuing to move in this Earth-loving direction, Desert Springs is currently investigating the possibility of utilizing 7.7 acres of roof space for solar power. This development would allow for the generation of one third of the resort's electricity and would be 100% clean energy.

Locally-Sourced Ingredients

Desert Springs has joined the national “slow foods” movement – offering sustainable, organic, locally-sourced produce as menu options for guests. The ingredients of a typical meal travel about 1,500 miles before they reach your plate – the locally-sourced produce supports local farmers and also reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, a number of treatment ingredients at Spa Desert Springs are locally sourced from the Coachella Valley – including citrus and dates.

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About JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa

[JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa](#)—a AAA Four-Diamond property and one of the largest resort and convention complexes in the Southwestern United States—features an award-winning spa, two Ted Robinson championship courses and America's first all-natural turf, 18-hole putting course. Desert Springs' guest rooms and suites each include a private balcony and are located in wings surrounding swimming pools, lakes, verdant fairways, lush English gardens and manicured lawns. Recreation facilities also include an 18-hole putting course, 20 tennis courts, basketball courts, lawn croquet and biking.

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