

PALM DESERT

Poolside retro chic Sure we've been known to shop, lunch, and even do each other's hair—but girls golf too, you know. And perennially sunny Palm Desert, only an hour-and-a-half flight south, makes the perfect playground for all these girl-time activities. Plant the posse at **Mojave**, a recently restored 1940s-style 24-room boutique hotel steps away from an upscale stretch of al fresco cafés, boutiques, and art galleries. No worries about finding a first-rate golf course to play—with more than a hundred in the area, there are plenty to choose from. Return after a round to hip digs that come complete with piped-in swing tunes and goofy goodies you'll remember from slumber parties gone by, like Necco wafers and wax lips. For something a bit more rugged than putting and primping, head to Joshua Tree National Park to hike or rock climb. Or just walk out your door to the beautifully landscaped courtyard, grab a few chaises and some morning coffee, pick a fresh grapefruit from the branches above, and do what most women love doing best: shooting the breeze poolside all day long. (800) 391-1104. WWW

HOTELMOJAVE.COM, \$69-\$205.

SIDE TRIP

If you really want to girl it up, slip into **Spa La Quinta** (just down the road from Mojave) for a day of soaking, rubbing, and polishing. Say the word and they'll take you apart and put you back together again—looking prettier.

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