



Tips for Enjoying Your Time in Palm Desert at the 2011 NALP Annual Education Conference

Palm Desert abounds with resources, shops, and restaurants, some within walking distance of the conference hotel. Others are further away and may require a cab ride. Be sure to plan ahead and give yourself extra time as you explore this beautiful area.

These restaurants and lounges are on the hotel property:

- Mikado Restaurant
- LakeView Restaurant
- Starbucks
- The Lobby Bar
- Costas Night Club (NALP at Night event on Wednesday; open to the public Friday and Saturday)

Within walking distance from the hotel, you will find the **Ralphs/RiteAid Shopping Center** with the following shops and restaurants:

- Ralphs, a grocery store
- Coffee Bean (inside Ralphs)
- RiteAid Pharmacy
- All Pro Pizza
- BellaVita — Italian
- City Wok
- Cork Tree — California Cuisine
- Gelato
- Mortons Steakhouse
- Desert Urgent Care
- PostNet — shipping, copies, printing
- Union Bank
- Dry Cleaners

El Paseo Shopping District

Shopping and more restaurants are available about 5-8 minutes away (3 miles down Portola by cab) at El Paseo. The world famous El Paseo Shopping District of Palm Desert features over 300 world-class shops, clothing boutiques, art galleries, jewelers, restaurants and much more — all lined along a beautifully maintained, picture-postcard, floral and statue-filled mile! Known as the Rodeo Drive of the Desert, Palm Desert's El Paseo boasts a wide spectrum of stores, from Saks Fifth Avenue to individually owned boutiques. Learn more at: <http://palm-desert.com/elpaseo/>

Bristol Farms — Gourmet Food Store

There is also a Bristol Farms gourmet food store located about 2 miles south on Cook. To learn more, search for "Palm Desert" at <http://www.bristolfarms.com>.

Cabazon Premium Outlets

The Cabazon Premium Outlets are located about 30-40 minutes away on Highway 10. Be sure to plan ahead for transportation back to the JW Marriott since this is not an area where cabs are plentiful! Learn more at: <http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=6>

The River at Rancho Mirage

More restaurants and shops are located at The River at Rancho Mirage (5 miles south by cab). Learn more at: <http://www.theriveratranchomirage.com/>

And for Golfers . . .

Finally, for the golfers, in addition to the JW Marriott course, the Desert Willow golf course is located across the street from the Marriott, and/or check out Stand By Golf for discounted tee times. If you call after 4:00 pm the night before you'd like to golf, you can secure cheap rates for most of the better courses. Learn more at: <http://www.standbygolf.com/about-standbygolf.aspx>

Please visit the hotel concierge for more recommendations.