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LOCATION: La Quinta Resort & Club is located in Southern California's Coachella Valley in the city of La Quinta, 19 miles southeast of Palm Springs, 130 miles northeast of San Diego, and 130 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

OPENED: The resort first opened on December 26, 1926.

MEETINGS OVERVIEW:

Since its inception in 1926, La Quinta Resort & Club has been known as an idyllic spot for group getaways and retreats. Set against the awe-inspiring backdrop of the Santa Rosa Mountains amidst fragrant citrus groves and vibrant gardens, the property is the original resort in the Palm Springs desert area. Over the years, the resort has evolved from 20 cozy casitas to 796 guestrooms and suites, but still manages to retain the original intimate appeal that has remained its hallmark for 85 years. Dotted with beds of colorful flowers; orange, lemon, tangerine, tangelo and grapefruit trees; cypress trees and cacti; sparkling pools and intimate courtyards, the property's picturesque grounds make an inviting setting for group events and activities of all sizes.

A member of Hilton's Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts, the historic property is famed for award-winning golf and tennis, as well as its luxurious Spa La Quinta®, award-winning fine dining and some of the region's top indoor and outdoor meeting spaces.

MEETING FACILITIES:

Melding 46,000 square feet of function space inspired by early California-style architecture with impeccable service, La Quinta Resort's event capabilities set a standard for excellence. Meeting facilities are anchored by dual grand ballrooms accommodating a range of groups – from small board meetings to gatherings of up to 1,800. The beautifully appointed facilities are masterfully designed to capture the early hacienda-style of the original resort – integrating the very latest in high-end technology – and accentuated by wood-beamed ceilings, vibrant tile murals and wrought iron accents.

Offering another 20,000 square feet of event space, the resort's lushly landscaped grounds, patios and gardens are ideal for outdoor wedding ceremonies and also offer distinctive spots for meetings, retreats and other events.

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Highlights include:

- The 17,000-square-foot Salón de Fiesta Ballroom, breaks into 14 rooms, accommodates 40 to 1,800. The main entrance overlooks the resort's colorful plaza, while an expansive 2,618-square-foot veranda offers an open-air spot for coffee breaks and meal functions.
- The 16,000-square-foot Salón de Flores Ballroom, breaks into eight rooms, accommodates up to 1,200. Offers a beautiful 8,000-square-foot-foyer, ideal for pre-function events.
- The 6,000-square-foot Frank Capra Ballroom – named after the legendary director who spent much time at La Quinta Resort – breaks into five rooms, accommodates 70 to 500.
- The more intimate 870-square-foot La Cita, accommodates up to 65.
- The 1,000-square-foot Diego Rivera, accommodates up to 100.
- The waterfall and main lawn, a long sought-after wedding spot and outdoor event venue.
- The historic and secluded La Casa area, a former private residence that offers lovely and tranquil outdoor patios for themed and other special events.

ACCOMODATIONS:

The resort has 796 casita-style guestrooms and villas, including 562 casitas, 24 suites and 210 spa villas. Most are clustered around sparkling swimming pools, and average 462 square feet in size. Nearly 100 spa villa studio guestrooms can be transformed into three-bedroom suites, while the resort's traditional suites may feature hospitality kitchens, conference tables accommodating up to 14 people, DVD players and stereo equipment, and dual wood-burning fireplaces for bathrooms/bedrooms and living rooms. Eight suites also showcase private spas; and five luxury suites – among them the lavish 4,500-square-foot Hacienda Grande with its own carport, and the 1,200-square-foot Eisenhower – include both a private pool and spa.

GUEST SERVICES: Resort services and amenities groups may find useful:

- An executive business center and services
- A pet-friendly program, Paws La Quinta
- In-room dining
- 24-hour concierge service
- Hertz Rent-A-Car, located in the main lobby
- Airport and transportation services
- VIK (Very Important Kids) check-in amenity
- Parking, including complimentary self-parking and valet parking

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CONFERENCE SERVICES:

The property and its conference service staff offer state-of-the-art systems, options and amenities for meetings, including high-tech lighting systems, high-end sound systems and audio visual equipment, as well as high-speed Internet access throughout the property, including in all meeting rooms, pool cabanas, guestrooms and public areas.

The conference service staff includes experts trained to help maximize each group's experience, among them a golf sales and tournament planning team and a spa group coordinator. A meeting concierge is also on hand to accommodate all needs, working to fine-tune details and interface with all resort departments.

DESTINATION SERVICES:

Destination Services, Inc. is La Quinta Resort's destination management service, and is keenly focused on providing personalized customer service to meeting planners. An in-house staff helps create programs designed specifically to complement a group's dynamics and budgetary needs, with services including transportation, tours, off-property events, theme parties and custom-designed team-building sessions.

DINING:

The resort has eight distinctive dining experiences for all occasions, including the recently opened signature restaurant, Morgan's in the desert; the ever-popular Mexican-style Adobe Grill and the three-meal TWENTY6. Other options include: Ernie's Bar & Grill and Market Cafe inside the newly renovated PGA WEST Tournament Clubhouse, casual dining at the Mountain Dunes Club House, and Wallaby's West at the PGA WEST Greg Norman Golf Course.

SPA/FITNESS FACILITIES:

Group sessions can be arranged at the 23,000-square-foot Spa La Quinta® that features 38 treatment rooms and 12 water therapy areas including the unique La Quinta Celestial Showers® and Garden Soaking Tubs. Programming and treatment highlights include special treatments for children and young adults, wraps made with local herbs and an array of spa packages offering a combination of therapies.

The expansive La Quinta Fitness center provides equipment by Life Cycle, Life Step, Life Stride and Paramount ETX for an invigorating full-body workout.

GOLF:

La Quinta Resort & Club offers a diverse line-up of golf options, with 90 holes at the resort and nearby PGA WEST. Meeting guests have full access to five challenging golf courses, including the dramatic Pete Dye-designed La Quinta Resort Mountain™ and Dunes™ courses, the highly rated TPC® Stadium Golf Course at PGA WEST, Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course at PGA WEST and the Greg Norman Course at PGA WEST.

In addition, a complete array of instruction, including the highly acclaimed Jim McLean Golf School, is available for groups.

TENNIS: Consistently ranked one of the top tennis resorts in the country by *Tennis Magazine*, the state-of-the-art facilities at La Quinta Resort boast spectacular surroundings and 23 top-notch courts of hard and clay surfaces. The resort's signature tournament-style stadium center court – surrounded by vibrant flower-filled patios with a breathtaking backdrop of the rugged Santa Rosa Mountains – sets the stage for an extraordinary tennis experience. Tom Gorman leads the resort's tennis program and is the most current American to have won a Davis Cup Championship as both a player and a captain.

ACTIVITIES: In addition to spa, fitness, golf and tennis, La Quinta Resort offers a multitude of onsite indoor and outdoor activities for groups. For the aquatically inclined, the resort has 41 pools and 53 hot spas situated through the property. During downtime, guests can also peruse the grounds on rental bicycles, or stroll through the many winding pathways.

For more group fun, a volleyball court, 6-hole putting course are onsite and for lawn activities, Concierge provides bocci and croquet sets. Those traveling with children can unwind between meetings in a game room equipped with a pool table, foosball, pinball machines, a children's playground and other activities. The property hosts "movie nights" in its onsite movie theater and poolside during the summer months.

The area also has abundant opportunities for offsite group activities and team-building endeavors, which are organized by Destination Services, among them hiking, rock climbing, horseback riding, bicycle tours, jeep tours and hot air ballooning. Events and adventures can be custom-designed for each group and tailored to meet individual needs and goals.

**AREA
ATTRACTIONS:** Groups can plan excursions to nearby Palm Springs attractions, such as the Living Desert Museum; the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, which ascends to the top of Mt. San Jacinto; the Coachella Valley Preserve, Indian Canyons, Joshua Tree National Park; Indian Canyon Hiking Trails; Knott's Soak City Water Park; McCallum Theatre; Eldorado Polo Club; Old Town La Quinta; and the posh El Paseo Shopping Area, known as the Rodeo Drive of the desert. La Quinta staff can also organize tours of the area, including treks to the Palm Springs Air Museum, tours of Retro Palm Springs, Date Desert Tours and trips to the San Andreas Fault.

TRANSPORTATION:
John Wayne Airport/Orange County - 2 hours and 15 minutes
San Diego International Airport - 2 hours and 15 minutes
Los Angeles International Airport - 2 hours and 15 minutes
Ontario Airport - 90 minutes
Palm Springs Regional Airport - 20 minutes

Palm Springs Regional Airport is serviced by major carriers including Alaska Airlines, America West, American Airlines, American Eagle, Northwest, SkyWest, United Airlines, United Express, US Airways and WestJet.

In addition, private planes are served by Desert Resort Regional Airport in Thermal, just 10 minutes from the resort.

SEASONS:

High Season: January – April
Low Season: June – September

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