

Storytelling for Impact

Join the Linkage team as we gather together to explore the power of storytelling, in life, in leadership, and throughout history, specifically ancient Greek history. This in-hotel excursion is designed for those who are looking for an opportunity to revisit some of the most well-known leadership stories from ancient Greece, examine the values and lessons we take from them, and explore how we can craft our own leadership stories to inspire and motivate those we lead. Come prepared to dive in and engage with others—one leadership story at a time.

Maximum: 60 participants

Excursion held onsite at the JW Marriott

Timing: 2:30 – 5:30 PM

Palm Springs Aerial Tram

The Palm Springs Aerial Tram on Mt. Jacinto is a true adventure: 2.5 miles up the mountainside to a height of 8,516 ft. Once at the top, the Mount San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness offers 54 miles of hiking trails. Trails range from the awe-inspiring five-and-a-half mile trek to the 10,804 foot peak of San Jacinto to the just over one mile nature walk through picturesque Long Valley. For less active guests, a continuous reel movie about the building of the tram, gift shop, 2 restaurants and a lounge to enjoy lunch/dinner/refreshments and several viewing terraces are located at the Mountain Station. This trek to the top of this famous mountain is truly a singular experience!

Maximum: 150 participants (aligned into smaller teams)

Timing: 2:30 – 6:00 PM

Jeep Adventures Tour of San Andreas Fault *(sold out)*

Experience the real desert and explore the San Andreas Fault's unique geologic features. Along the way to the fault lines, the jeeps will pass through some of the richest agricultural areas in the world. Learn how our rich soil traveled hundreds of miles to get here, which allows the Coachella Valley to grow some rather unique crops. See the beauty of a natural palm oasis, narrow, steep-walled canyons and pools filled with water bubbling up from the San Andreas Fault.

Maximum: 70 participants (5-7 ppl per jeep)

Timing: 2:30 – 5:30 PM

Savor the Desert *(sold out)*

This unique and "satisfying" epicurean walking tour on El Paseo will give guests a one-of-a-kind take on the diverse culinary and cultural offerings. Experienced, local "foodie" guides will introduce guests to the culture and history of the Palm Springs Valley as they venture on foot to 6 locally-owned restaurants to taste culinary delights of all kinds. Between each tasting, guests will learn about the art, history and culture of the area and some unique facts about each of the restaurants. With so much happening on El Paseo, this tour offers an insider's take on the diverse culinary and cultural offerings of this fashionable boulevard and the surrounding area, including a tour and mini-lecture at the "Savory" specialty spice shop.

Maximum: 40 participants (15-20 ppl per group)

Timing: 2:30 – 6:30pm

Golf at Desert Springs Golf Club

Looking for a less intense way to connect with fellow GILD travelers? Or perhaps hoping to tee off a small competition among colleagues? Hone your skills in style at the resort's Desert Springs Golf Club. Designed by legendary course architect Ted Robinson, JW Marriott's two championship golf courses feature creative, challenging holes and a remarkably picturesque setting in Palm Desert. Given daylight constraints, golfers will play 9 holes.

Maximum: 72 participants

Timing: 2:30 – 6:00 PM

*Golf clubs are available upon request free of charge

BMW Driving Experience (*sold out*)

There are driving schools. And then there's the BMW Performance Driving School. A team of expert BMW driver training instructors; a state-of-the-art test track; and a fleet of the Ultimate Driving Machines all add to a driving experience you will long remember. Program outline can be customized to include lead/follow lapping, timed autocross, drag race, match race/rat race, performance drive, and instructor hotlap. The BMW Performance Center offers team building activities and corporate programs designed to improve team dynamics, build trust, and facilitate communication.

Maximum: No limit

Timing: 1:15 – 6:00pm

*A surcharge of \$100/per person applies to participate in the BMW Driving Experience