

BMW Driving Experience

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 to include timed autocross – race against the clock!, drag race - Italian Job style doing MINI Stunts!, rat race on our professional polished skid pad with DSC off!, performance drive to compare a couple of our M Models, and cap the day with instructor hot laps.

Maximum: 100 participants

Timing: 1:00 – 5:30 PM

*A surcharge of \$150/per person applies to participate in the BMW Driving Experience

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. We will be asking for your skill level/handicap in a survey prior to your arrival to pair you accordingly.

Maximum: 72 participants

Timing: 2:15 – 6:00 PM

Golf clubs are available to rent for \$35

Hike at the Coachella Valley Preserve

Groups begin at the Visitors information cabin, under stately palms. The trails follow the stream created by the San Andreas Fault. A ½ mile walk takes guests to a peaceful pond surrounded by palms, cottonwoods & willows. Here the guides give a brief explanation about the preservation of the endangered species of the preserve. The 2nd optional hike climbs up a staircase trail to a great overlook of the entire Coachella Valley. Tour difficulty level: beginner to intermediate. Please wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing, good tennis shoes (closed toe shoes required), hat or visor. Bringing sunscreen and water is advised.

Maximum: 80 participants

Timing: 2:15 – 6:00 PM

Jeep Adventures Tour of San Andreas Fault

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: 2:15 – 5:30pm

Leading Off Script – and On Point

Often, we think of being purposeful as a measured process that can lead to following a “script.” For this onsite excursion, we turn the main stage into our own theater and explore the tenets and techniques of improvisational theater that can help any leader sharpen his or her leadership agility, empathy, and executive presence in any setting. This session is light-hearted and experiential, and offers you an opportunity to explore a number of basic tools to tap into your unique expressiveness as a leader, enhance your individual presence, and have a great time — no improv theater experience necessary!

Maximum: 30 participants

Timing: 2:15 – 6:00 PM

Savor the Desert

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 4 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. This tour includes lunch and the sample menu is as follows but, subject to change.

Stop 1: Ceviche plus Pork or Fish Taco, Martini

Stop 2: Soup, Vegetable Spring Roll, Pad Thai, Thai Beer

Stop 3: Chips, Guacamole, Street Tacos, Tequila Taste, Skinny Margarita

Stop 4: Pizza, Sangria, Dessert

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

Timing: Leaves at 12:45 – 5:30 PM