

Palm Springs Pride Weekend Fly-In

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In 2013, Palm Springs' Gay Pride was on Halloween weekend. The Golden Gate Flyers and Southern California's "Unusual Attitudes" flying clubs were once again hosted in 2013 by Mike, a GGF/UA member who lives in Palm Springs and has hosted us during Pride 2012, 2011 and years prior. The following article was written following a prior year's fly-in, but is very typical of Mike's great hospitality, including his famous pool parties at his home. Sorry, but nobody in attendance this year wrote us an update; however, Mike reportedly came through again with an amazing weekend similar to this:

FRIDAY, November 1

Evening: 18:30-20:00 Meet and Greet - No-Host Bar on private upstairs deck at Azul, 369 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
Night: Head out to dinner at your favorite restaurant with old and new friends.

SATURDAY, November 7

Morning: Recover from the previous night; free time or go to the Pride Festival, which will have entertainment, booths, food and drink.
Afternoon: 12:00-15:00 BBQ and Pool Party; full bar and BBQ with all the fixin's (\$10 requested), at Mike's home.

Evening: 19:30 Dinner at Wang's in the Desert, 424 S. Indian Canyon Dr. Come early and enjoy their \$2 Well Drinks. Dinner will be \$25 sit-down fixed price menu

Night: Hit the bars for that search for Mr./Miss. Wonderful.

SUNDAY, November 8

Morning: The Parade starts promptly in 10 AM (well, much more promptly than in SF), and last no longer than an hour and a half. Those wanting to return to the Bay Area should have plenty of time and daylight to attend the parade and make the flight home.

There are lots of Guesthouses to stay at; although with Pride Weekend it is recommended to book early. Here are some hotels that are within walking distance of all the downtown action:

Hotel Zoso (ground zero), Hilton Hotel, Hyatt, Best Western Las Brisas (also ground zero), Wyndam Hotel, Comfort Inn and Extended Stay America. The advantage of staying at a hotel vs. a Guesthouse would be the ability to cancel several days ahead of time with no penalty.

-Mike H.