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A \$25,000
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QUICK TRIPS

3 PERFECT DAYS
IN AUSTIN,
PALM SPRINGS,
MINNEAPOLIS,
AND MORE

2008 HOT LIST WORLD'S TOP NEW 136 hotels*

105 Restaurants

76 Spas

28 Nightclubs

*including 36 under \$250

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Spa Desert Springs » Palm Desert, California

The 21-year-old Desert Springs JW Marriott Resort, a monolithic 800-plus-room Coachella Valley property built around a lake and golf course, has added a spa, providing watery relief for sun-parched active types. The standard sauna, steam room, and whirlpool have been supplemented by a hammam; just outside, a bin of refreshing herbal-soaked washcloths awaits. The Desert Journey body treatment (\$190) is more than an hour of being rubbed in citrus body butter, scrubbed with brown sugar, and prodded with basalt river rocks (with a bit of foot paraffin masking and scalp rubbing thrown in). The only thing missing is an in-room rinse, so guests are left to find the shower in their post-massage narcotized state (760-341-2211; massages, \$130-\$140). 📞 🌿 🏠