

Spending the Night with Frank Sinatra

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In 1947, a 30-something young man, sucking on an ice-cream cone melting in the Palm Springs heat, wandered off the street into an architect's office and asked him to design a house. The result was Twin Palms, a rambling, open-air design custom-made for none other than the Chairman of the Board — Frank Sinatra. The house was the centerpiece for countless celebrity gatherings, love affairs and even some heartbreak in the life of 'Ol Blue Eyes. Frank is gone now, but you can be his guest almost anytime you'd like.

"We get calls from Sinatra fans from all over the place," says Jennifer Bierma at Homesrun, the company managing the property.

The house got its name, Twin Palms, from two very large Washingtonia palm trees that are tall enough to be spotted from miles away, especially from the air. Sinatra would sometimes bring his guests in by helicopter, and the two big trees made an unmistakable landmark. Guests over the years not only included neighbors, but people like Bogie and Bacall, Phil Silvers, Bob Hope, Peter Lawford, Greta Garbo and, of course, The Rat Pack.

Not surprisingly, the 4,500-square-foot house was and is a Mecca for entertaining. When Frank was in town and ready to entertain, he'd run a flag up a large flagpole near the piano-shaped pool, signaling to the world that cocktail hour had begun at the Sinatra estate. The swimming pool was ground zero for socializing. To get a sense of Sinatra's house and swimming pool during its heyday, watch *The Damned Don't Cry*, a 1950 film in which Joan Crawford takes a dive into a swimming pool. Her gangster boyfriend quips that his dame has just jumped into "the best-looking swimming pool in the West." That pool is Sinatra's.

Twin Palms has been romantically restored with period furnishings and mementos. Visitors often are shown a chipped sink, reportedly damaged when Frank hurled a bottle during a battle with Ava Gardner. The residence includes a master suite, guest suite, guest bedroom and an exterior-entrance guest room. The kitchen is updated with modern appliances, and the estate is now wired for Wi-Fi.

Mention Flying Adventures, and rent Frank's house for \$1,950/night. For more, visit BeauMondeVillas.com, 760.320.1058, Airport: Palm Springs Intl. (PSP).

