

# BonAppétit

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[ Retro Restaurant ]

## Pretty in Pink

Ready for a trip back to Palm Springs' glam racquet club days of the 1950s and '60s? **The Pink Cabana** in nearby Indian Wells (home of the renowned annual BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament) will take you there ... and serve as a swanky spot for stellar seasonal fare and cool cocktails, too. Part of the newly renovated Sands Hotel and Spa, the restaurant is splashed with elements of its namesake hue thanks to blush-colored banquettes and cathedral ceilings. Palm-patterned wallpaper, framed vintage tennis photos, and antique rackets decorate the walls. The Mediterranean-inspired menu boasts sharable starters focused on California produce, such as a beet-and-citrus salad or Petaluma young lettuces laced with Marcona almonds and Manchego. Entrées include *tagine* of short ribs and an ever-changing Hawaiian day-boat fish. Order a classic cocktail from the glitzy green-tiled bar, or opt for a more whimsical creation (the gorgeous grapefruit-and-vodka-based Pushing Buttons, gamished with a golden "buzz button" bud, will set your tongue atingle). Look for special menus over the holidays. *Open daily for lunch and dinner. (760) 321-3771; sandshotelandspa.com/dining-bar.* —Lizbeth Scordo

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