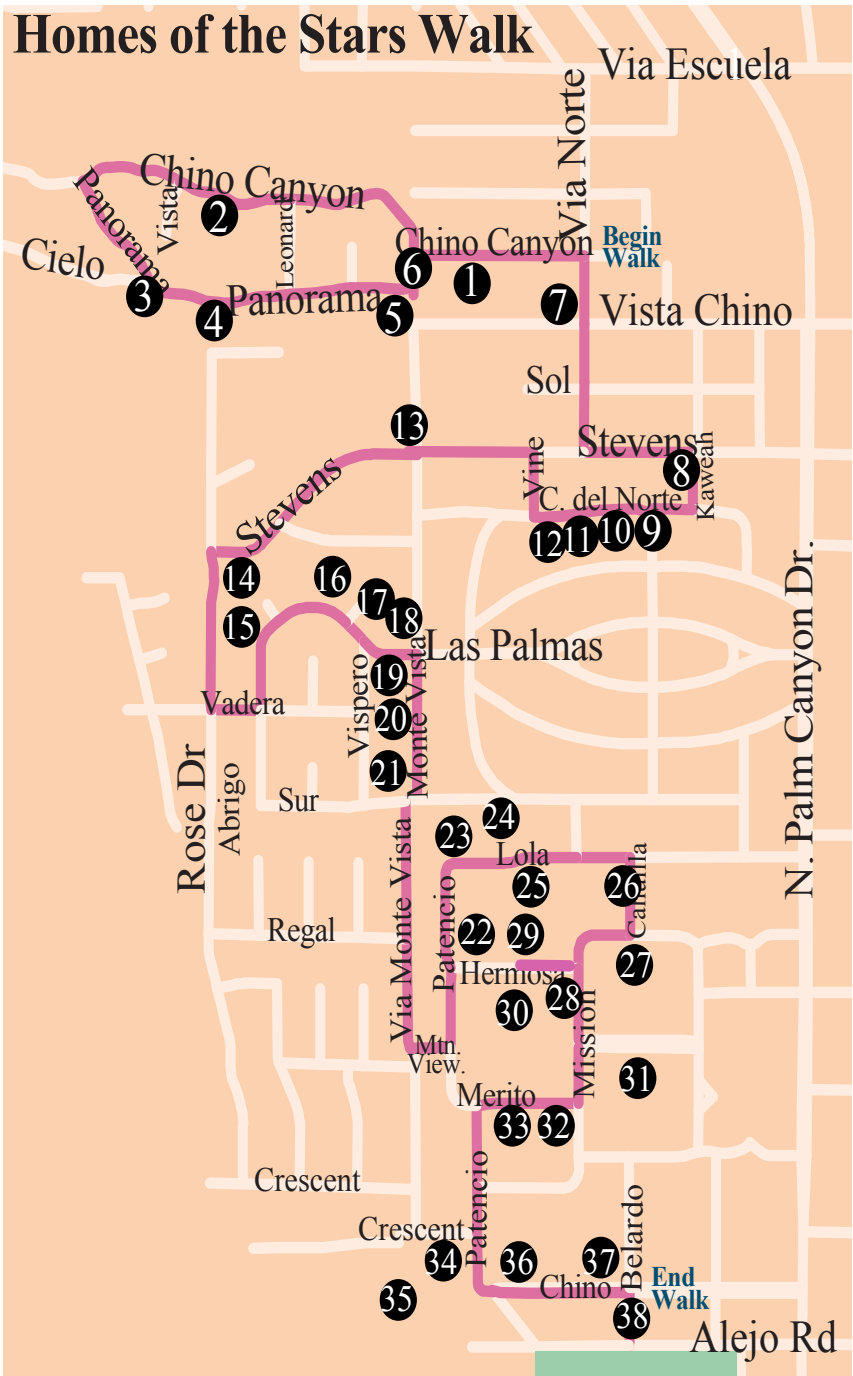


# Homes of the Stars Walk



## THE HOLLYWOOD CONNECTION

Under the Hollywood studio system, stars were required to report to work on short notice. A rule, allegedly written into many contracts, was that an actor or actress could not travel more than two hours or 100 miles (161 km) from the set when they were not needed during filming. Conveniently, Palm Springs was within 100 miles from Hollywood—and the city became the “Playground of the Stars.”



### The Homes of the Stars

Our “Homes of the Stars Walk” takes you through 4.5 miles (7.2 km) of some of the most gorgeous neighborhoods in Palm Springs. *See map on previous page.* Even if you don’t know some of the old stars on the route, you’ll surely enjoy the scenery. You can walk, bike, or drive through the Little Tuscany, Vista Las Palmas, and Old Las Palmas neighborhoods. Note that many of the homes are behind walls and gates. In this section, we’ve also included information on celebrity homes in other neighborhoods.

*Begin your walk at Via Norte and Chino Canyon Drive. Walk west up Chino Canyon.*

1. #595 **Zsa Zsa Gabor**: Actress and former Miss Hungary. Known for her large personality and many marriages.
2. #845 **Elvis Presley**: Film and music icon, aka the “King.” It’s the house that has white painted rocks and a red tile roof.

*Left on Panorama Dr.*

3. #1011 (W. Cielo Dr.) **Dr. Franz Alexander**: Psychoanalyst.
4. #815 **Frederick Loewe**: Composer of Broadway musicals (*My Fair Lady* and *Camelot*) and film (*Gigi*).
5. #701 **Hearst family**: Newspapers and media.
6. #700 **Hollywood House** designed by James McNaughton, a famed set designed for film and television.

*Right on Chino Canyon, right on Via Norte.*

- 7 #424 Vista Chino (the pink house at the corner of Via Norte) **Jack Benny**: Vaudeville, radio, television, and film star.

*Left on Stevens, right on Kaweah.*

8. #1441 **Liberace's Guest House:**

Flamboyant performer (look at the mailbox!).

*Right on Camino del Norte.*

9. #317 **Dinah Shore/George Montgomery:**

Singer, actress, and television personality (*Dinah!*)

Actor in Western films and television.

10. #323 **Alan Ladd:** Producer and actor (*Shane*).

11. #335 **Howard Hughes:** Reclusive businessman and film director.

12. #365 **Mary Martin:** Award-winning actress (*South Pacific*).

*Right on Vine, left on Stevens.*

13. #670 **Debbie Reynolds:** Singer and actress (*The Unsinkable Molly Brown*).

*Left on Rose.*

14. #1326 **Marilyn Monroe** (allegedly stayed here): Sex symbol and actress of the 1950s and early 1960s.

15. #1258 **Nat "King" Cole:** One of the greatest pop vocalists of all time, and a major figure in the development of jazz piano.

*Left on Via Vadera, left on Abrigo.*

16. #1350 (Ladera Cir.) **Elvis and Priscilla Presley's** honeymoon house.

*Also see page 73.*

*Abrigo turns into Las Palmas.*

17. #840 **Rona Barrett:** Gossip columnist and entertainment reporter.

18. #700 **Donald O'Connor:** Dancer and actor (*Singin' in the Rain*).

*Right on Monte Vista.*

19. #1295 **Peter Lawford/Patricia Kennedy:** Member of the Rat Pack/JFK's sister.

20. #1197 **Cyd Charisse/Tony Martin:** Actress and dancer (*Brigadoon*) and her actor/singer husband (*Stranger in Paradise*).

21. #1123 **Dean Martin:** Singer, actor, and member of the Rat Pack.

*Left on Mountain View, left on Patencio.*

22. #990 **Harold Robbins:** Best-selling author (*The Carpetbaggers*).

23. #999 Home used in the film *Oceans 11*.

*Right on Via Lola.*

24. #550 **Goldie Hawn/Kurt Russell:** Actress (*Private Benjamin*) and actor (*Silkwood*).

25. #515 **Kirk Douglas:** Actor (*Spartacus* and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*).

26. #425 **Sidney Sheldon:** Director, producer, and writer of best-selling romantic suspense novels (*Master of the Game*).

*Right on Cabuilla, right on Hermosa.*

27. #369 **Ronald and Nancy Reagan:** 40th president of the United States and his actress wife.

*The road curves and becomes Mission. Right on Hermosa.*



28. #417 **Elizabeth Taylor:** Screen legend and Academy-Award winner (*Butterfield 8* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*).

29. #432 **Leonardo DiCaprio:** Oscar-winning actor (*The Revenant*).

30. #457 **Ann Miller:** Dancer, singer, and actress in Hollywood musicals.

*Return to Mission, and turn right.*

31. #776 **Katharine Hepburn/Spencer Tracy:** They won multiple Academy Awards (*On Golden Pond* and *Boys Town*).

*Right on Merito.*

32. #443 **Lily Tomlin:** Comedienne, film, and television (*Grace and Frankie*).

33. #465 **Lena Horne:** Actress, dancer, and singer (*Stormy Weather*).  
*Left on Patencio.*

34. #591 **George Hamilton:** Actor (*Zorro, The Gay Blade*).

35. #555 **Barbra Streisand/James Brolin** Oscar-, Tony-, and Grammy-Award winner (*The Way We Were*)/Actor (*Hotel*).

*Left on Chino.*

36. #444 **Sammy Davis, Jr.:** Talented all-around entertainer, one of the first black artists to find mass appeal (*The Candy Man*), and member of the Rat Pack.

37. #222 **Clark Gable/Carole Lombard:** Academy Award-winning actor (*It Happened One Night*) and actress wife (*Mr. & Mrs. Smith*).

*Right on Belardo.*

38. #501 **Liberace:** Flamboyant actor, singer, and pianist.



### *Vista Las Palmas/Old Las Palmas/Little Tuscany*

**Cher:** 252 Camino Sur. Everyone knows who Cher is!

**Bobby Darin:** 845 N. Fair Circle. One of pop music's most well-known vocalists (*Mack The Knife*).

**Cary Grant:** 928 N. Avenida Palmas. Debonair actor during Hollywood's Golden Age.

**Bob Hope:** 1188 E. El Alameda. One of three properties owned by the entertainer.

**Frank Sinatra:** 1148 E. Alejo Rd. One of several homes owned by the singer, actor, and member of the Rat Pack.

### *Movie Colony*

**Lucille Ball:** 1194 N. Via Miraleste. Comedic legend, incredible business-woman, and one of television's earliest superstars.

**Truman Capote:** 853 E. Paseo El Mirador. Novelist, screenwriter, playwright, and actor. Best known for *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1958) and *In Cold Blood* (1966).

**Bing Crosby:** 1011 E. El Alameda. One of the most influential male vocalists of all time.

**Tony Curtis:** 641 N. Camino Real. Actor whose career spanned six decades (*Some Like It Hot*).

**Frank Sinatra:** 1148 East Alejo Rd. Famous singer, actor, and member of the Rat Pack.

### *Other Neighborhoods*

**Sonny Bono:** 294 Crestview Dr. Actor, singer, former mayor, and Congressman. Best known as half of Sonny & Cher.

**Walt Disney:** 2688 S. Camino Real. Businessman, animator, writer, and film producer who holds the record for most Academy Awards earned by an individual.

**Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds:** 955 La Jolla Rd. He was one of the most popular singers of the 1950s, and she was a much-loved singer and actress (*Mother*).

**Eva Gabor:** 1509 S. Manzanita Ave. Actress in film and television (*Green Acres*).

**Steve McQueen:** 811 E. Grace Circle. Once the highest-paid movie star (*The Great Escape*).

**Sia:** 232 Avenida Ortega. Singer and songwriter (*Chandelier*). The property, called Fontanelle, was originally owned by Max Factor.

**Suzanne Somers:** 252 Ridge Rd. Television actress (*Three's Company*) and self-help author.

**Loretta Young:** 1075 Manzanita Ave. Academy-Award winner (*The Farmer's Daughter*) and television star (*The Loretta Young Show*).

## DESERT MEMORIAL PARK

Flat and uniform grave stones, under shade trees, mark the remains of some of Hollywood's most famous celebrities. Frank Sinatra, Sonny Bono, and the Gabors are among the stars buried here. *Info:* 31750 Da Vall Dr., Cathedral City. Tel. 760/328-3316. Open daily 7am-5pm. Map available at the office. [pscemetery.com](http://pscemetery.com).

### Walk of the Stars

Since 1992, over 440 people—entertainers, architects, authors, humanitarians, civic leaders, artists, and athletes—have been honored on the sidewalks throughout Palm Springs, primarily located on Palm Canyon Drive, Tahquitz Canyon



Way, and Museum Drive. Some of the notable honorees include Shirley Temple, Mary Pickford, Clark Gable, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Ginger Rogers, Gene Autry, Liberace, Elizabeth Taylor, Elvis Presley, Dinah Shore, Sonny Bono, Merv Griffin, Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, Lily Tomlin, Debbie Gibson, Lynda Carter, Carol Channing, and Pierre Cardin. For a full list of stars, check out the walk website. *Info:* 760/325-1577.

[www.walkofthestars.com](http://www.walkofthestars.com).

### Film Festivals

#### Palm Springs International Film Festival

This film festival was the brainchild of former mayor of Palm Springs Sonny Bono. It has incredible importance in the film industry, as it occurs every January during Academy-Awards voting. Over 12 days, nearly 150,000 people attend the festival, to view over 200 films from nearly 80 countries. The highlight is the Film Awards Gala, where the spotlight is on those who are hoping for an Oscar. *Info:* [www.psfilmfest.org](http://www.psfilmfest.org).

Other film festivals in the city include:

**Palm Springs International ShortFest:** Every June, showcasing the best in short films. [www.psfilmfest.org](http://www.psfilmfest.org).

**American Documentary Film Fest:** Every March/April, featuring the best of global documentary films. [www.amdocfilmfest.com](http://www.amdocfilmfest.com).

**Cinema Diverse:** Every September, featuring LGBTQ films and hosting fantastic themed parties. [psculturalcenter.org/filmfest](http://psculturalcenter.org/filmfest).

**Arthur Lyons Film Noir Festival:** Every May, featuring cynical heroes, stark lighting effects, and frequent use of flashbacks. [www.palmspringfilmnoir.com](http://www.palmspringfilmnoir.com).