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# Almost time for Mod Week preview

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Itching for some nostalgia?

Hold tight because the Modernism Week Fall Preview, which highlights all things mid-century modern, is just around the corner. The full schedule is expected to go online Tuesday with tickets available for purchase Aug. 1.

The fall preview event Oct. 19-22 serves as a sneak peek of what's to come in February 2018 during the 11-day festival Feb. 15-25. The fall event was expanded by one day to accommodate more programming.

"This fun, four-day event offers entertaining tours, lectures, iconic architecture and parties similar to the upcoming 2018 festival," said Lisa Vossler Smith, executive director of Modernism Week in a prepared statement.

There will be some new tours and the return of some staples like the iconic Frey House II tour, the witty "Mod with a Twist" programming and Gary Johns' "Lost, Saved & Endangered" presentation. Charles Phoenix, known as the "Ambassador of Americana" will also return to guide some double-

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People see the sights on a Modernism Week double-decker bus tour.

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decker architecture tours. Unfortunately, there will be no tours of Sunnylands, the historic estate of Walter and Leonore Annenberg because it is not available.

Here are some event highlights:

**Opening Night Party and Early Buying Preview Reception:** On Oct. 20 at the Modernism Show & Sale at the Palm Springs Convention Center with furniture, art and textiles from more than 40 premier national and international decorative and fine arts dealers. The Show and Sale continues throughout the weekend. Tickets are \$60.

**The "Cul-de-Sac Experience" at Canyon View Estates #4:** This tour on Oct. 22 combines vintage automobiles displayed on the driveways of six William Krisel-designed homes in a quaint cul-de-sac in South Palm Springs. Participants have access to all of the homes on the tour. Tickets are \$65.

**Kirk Douglas and Frank Sinatra:** The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation will offer tours of the recently restored Kirk Douglas home in the Old Las Palmas neighborhood and of the historic Frank Sinatra "Twin Palms" Estate in the Movie Colony neighborhood.

**Unique tour and brunch:** On Oct. 22 guests will have a rare opportunity to view the historic Cavanagh Adobe, one of the oldest surviving homes in the Coachella Valley, followed by an interactive lecture by designer Christopher Kennedy and a champagne brunch at The VUE at Indian Wells Golf Resort. Tickets are \$75.

**The "Framed Spaces Home Tour:"** On Oct. 21 a self-guided driving tour in Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage will feature homes that accentuate the



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The House of Tomorrow, more commonly known as the Elvis Honeymoon Retreat, is located on Ladera Circle in Palm Springs.

"art" of desert living with amazing landscaping, decorative features and art collections, followed by a light reception at an iconic E. Stewart Williams-designed building. Tickets are \$75.

**Wexler National Register Fundraising Party:** On Oct. 21 the Palm Springs Modern Committee will host a party at the Historic Leff/Florsheim Residence designed by Donald Wexler to raise money for the nomination of Wexler's significant body of work. Tickets are \$100.

**Elvis Honeymoon Hideaway Cocktail Party:** On Oct. 19 the Mizell Senior Center will host a cocktail party at the William Krisel-designed "House of Tomorrow" also known as the Elvis Honeymoon Hideaway to benefit Mizell Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program. Tickets are \$150.

**Walk of Stars:** On Oct. 20 architectural and preservation champion Sidney Williams will be honored with a Palm Springs Walk of Stars during a ceremony at 300 S. Palm Canyon Drive.

To check out the Modernism Week Fall Preview schedule of events go to [modernismweek.com](http://modernismweek.com).