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“A celebration of modernist architecture in the desert.”



These largely unseen homes and buildings in the Palm Springs area include works by such midcentury legends as William Cody and E. Stewart Williams, as well as others by relatively lesser-known architects.



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Photographer Dan Chavkin showcases dozens of gems of modernist design hidden away in Palm Springs and surrounding areas. Chavkin's classic photography provides midcentury enthusiasts a once-in-a-lifetime peek at these rare masterpieces.

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Eldorado Country Club Clubhouse

Indian Wells  
1959  
ARCHITECT: William F. Cody

Between 1957 and 1958, twenty-nine cottages designed by Cody were completed. The cottages first served as the country club's hotel, and were later offered as permanent homes to its members. The completed clubhouse did not originally include the domed roof seen on it now. The men's locker room is original to the building. The lockers, made of floor-to-ceiling teakwood, are adorned with individual medallions of each club member's name.



## Lavie Residence

Indian Wells

1973

ARCHITECT: William F. Cody

This house is located adjacent to the golf course of one of the country's most exclusive country clubs, Eldorado Country Club, founded in 1957. The original owners commissioned Cody to custom build the house. The current owners retain all of the original blueprints, as well as the detail book containing schedules for the interior finishes, including for the doors and fixed glass throughout the house. All of the original wood in the guest bedroom is teak.





### **Malamut Residence**

Rancho Mirage

1955

ARCHITECT: William F. Cody



### **Gary Johns Residence**

Palm Springs

1962–66

ARCHITECTS: Dan Palmer and William Krisel