



AGUA CALIENTE CULTURAL MUSEUM

PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS



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Located in the heart of historic tribal lands, the museum will celebrate the Agua Caliente as a living culture.

FACTS

- 100,000 square feet
- Welcoming space
- Painted stone ceiling sharing the tribe's story of creation
- Permanent and changing exhibition galleries
- Café and gift shop
- 150-seat theater
- Research library and archives
- Administrative offices
- Native vegetation

BENEFITS

- Offers cultural education
- Builds community identity
- Tells local truths

Our design is inspired by the organic, spiral patterns of traditional Cahuilla basketry and borrows from an ancient ceremonial structure which once stood very near the new museum's site. The design also draws on the forms, patterns and textures of the desert landscapes that have shaped and sustained the lives of the Cahuilla Indians for countless generations—including their long struggle to retain their identity, lands and traditions.

Interpretive native plant gardens and shaded courtyards will surround the core building. The facility will accommodate permanent and changing exhibition galleries, research and educational programs, visual and performing arts presentations, academic research programs and archival collections.

"This is a total integration of landscape and design."

—Doug Hudson, Palm Springs Architectural Advisory Committee Member