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We're hitting the road again in Pearl Our Dennis Dylan RV and my girls Jasmine and Olivia are heading back to the desert Take it away Ladies Dana the desert was calling us back First stop Kakia a true oasis The name of the hotel is Kakia Penion Kakia stands for Crow in Greek Karakia consists of the Moroccan Villa and the Mediterranean villa that are opposite side of the street from each other The Moroccan side has 12 rooms and the Mediterranean side has 16 rooms Our Moroccan side was built in 1924 by a Scottish painter named Gordon Coots who actually built it He met his wife in L A and he wanted to move to tangier and she didn't want to go So he came here to the desert here and built Karia So it was kind of like his tangier in this desert instead And that was built in 1924 across the street The Mediterranean site was built in 1933 I think the thing that sets Kroy apart from other hotels is that you feel like you're completely transported into like another world And I don't think that that is something that you could create or it's very organic and it's something that is at this property and you could feel it Kro has always attracted really artistic creative open Zen people and it still does to this day One of the things that I think makes Karas so special as well is that every single room is completely different So every single room has its own personality and it's its own character But then at the same time everything marries each other and goes together So it's almost like you're on top of like being transported somewhere you're able to discover different things Every time you're here do a full breakfast every morning and that's cooked in our front courtyard We do offer room service for lunch and dinner throughout the day We have special touches that we offer the guest poolside or in their room We show a movie every night We have fire pits by the pools Both of the pools are heated depending on the time of the year But in the winter time when it's a little chilly we are known to have steamed pools that are it's really really magical We do offer bikes So if a guest wants to take a bike into town they're welcome to a lot of the guests just like to ride around in the neighborhood We are on a residential street It's run almost completely by women We have an all female staff and I think that it lends to its nurturing feeling I think that you could definitely feel when you stay here that you're nurtured that you're taken care of that you looked after It helps to add to the to the experience The thing I love the most about Palm Springs and the desert is that it feels very grounding You have amazing people who come and visit It's a small town but it feels so international and amazing Ok

So now you're officially in the know about this place but we're not done So you know when you're driving to Palm Springs and you see hundreds of white windmills Well I've always wondered what those were We found out We are actually touring one of the original wind farms in the Palm Springs area Well in the United States ground zero really for wind energy was California which set up an incentive program in the 19 eighties They call it the wind rush the 19 eighties Unfortunately there were a lot of failures and here are the this is our little tribute to those failures So this is like the graveyard This is the graveyard Hi I'm Tom director of education at Palm Springs windmill tours So there are three places in California that had a tremendous amount of wind that were all developed for wind farms in the 19 eighties The Altamonte in northern California Tehachapi which is about 160 miles from here And this San Grego pass take energy from the wind and turn it into rotational energy that spins up a turbine just like hydroelectric works They're operated by large energy companies They are very robust and reliable today which is different from the early years when you get a wind of 25 miles an hour That's a pretty good breeze out here You'll see some spinning and some not spinning And you say why isn't that one spinning It's just not enough wind They need seven miles an hour Give or take to really operate too much wind over 50 miles an hour they start to shut down So this would be this might be going at 47 47 or so rotations a minute and that would be going 818 100 rotations per minute That's what you need to make the electricity Can I give it a shot Give it a try really heavy There are about 1200 wind turbines in this mountain pass According to the wind turbine database enough energy produced over a year to power about 250,000 a quarter of a million homes That's a third of all of Riverside County That's 10 times the size of Palm Springs So the energy coming here does go to Palm Springs but it also goes to Los Angeles and just goes onto the grid There is so much of it that big green disc in the middle and the big gray disc on the left side are both massive brakes This was a prototype machine These windmills are just getting bigger and but they are becoming fewer and fewer So the trend is they call it repowering They're taking out old wind turbines and putting up new wind turbines The turbines out here range in height from the originals being about 80 ft to the most modern being 300 ft So there are 50 stories give or take like robots They are like wind robots So wind power is just one of several renewable energies in California Of course solar is probably the most well known because you see it on rooftops across the place You don't see a lot of rooftop wind turbines but the wind is making a

significant contribution to today's grid in California I can guarantee you big energy companies would not be investing in these machines if that was the case But this is a reliable industry today If you want something to do in Palm Springs afternoon you can stay in the comfort of your own car The tour guide comes in your car in the form of an app The other two options are this golf cart tour where we can take you on a private tour both a group tour for an hour and a VIP tour for a two hour experience Palm Springs Road trip is far from over We're boozing with hounds in the desert coming up Welcome back to scripted road trip Let's see what Jasmine and Olivia are up to now It really feels like we're going on an adventure Yes All in Southern California adventure Await adventure A late head back A little There we go This is probably the best part of the RV I love the sleeping area This is the coziest part and the bed is huge So you can just chill back here read a book and you're still on the road as you can see I know I know I love it and I love the extra decoration Yes we did a good job Like you said this makes it feel like home We brought our own blankets we brought everything we needed Have you traveled in an RV before I have years ago Like when we were younger like really brings back memories I feel like we're in a nice eighties RV Super cool I love it Everyone can pile in play games You get good times plus 2 0 my God She's making a come back What is your favorite RV game to play other than you know any card game Because it's so easy to play You know like if you've got other games like Jenga or like Dominoes or stuff that might move around this is like the card safe place I think like playing Jenga would be awesome because it adds that extra layer of danger That's true You know Well let's see what the eight ball says did the eight ball tells us to play Jenga or not Let's see And it says nothing which means it's telling us no The cool thing about an RV that I like is that you can decorate it to make it really personal with like cool stickers and different different types of flags Just really kind of make it your own I think that's a really fun part of having an RV Yeah And it's super easy Like you just grab a couple of stickers bring your own blankets your own pillows like you just grab them from home and then it makes your home the RV I love it I'm gonna make a little less action here Do it Pearl We made it it's time to go see the dinosaurs Ok So I want you guys to meet our magnificent host and what better way to do it than to belly up to the bar and meet our two hosts Hi guys Hi How in the world did you guys come to have something like this This is incredible Yeah So we were guests here Ok six years prior to it And then we bought it in March 2020 have been improving it since everything is outdoors All the amenities

these are outdoors each each trailer is separate from the other one It has its own like air conditioning and heat systems So the cool thing too I think about this is you can come and just rent one trailer or you can rent out the whole park Tell me all the different things you can do once you're here Oh there's so many there is so much to do So We have the saltwater pool Yes we have the rooftop hot tubs We have BB guns Yeah we have archery We have a ball pit We have shuffle board We have mini golf two fire pits We have our jukebox that plays music all throughout the evening I'm in love with this place Wow And then what is this trailer right here So this is the Pioneer It's named after Pioneer Town which is close by Oh look at this There's two beds It's like bed I'm gonna take a wild guess and go that this might be an alien theme You're right So this is the Integra trailer Integra trailer Yeah it's named after the Integratron which is Inlanders So this one is the FIFI OK It's named after P Mahoney's which is a world famous wig shop in New Orleans Come in You have to see look at the little lit mirror I I can't even imagine what this looks like on the inside What is this So this is a turn of the century VDO wagon that was actually used in the Pee Wee Herman movie Pee Wee's big top wagon No way This looks straight out of a movie Look at the bed and the stained glass We are 21 and up property most of the time we do have family weeks we have one every quarter So four times a year families can out and come out here and have a great time and enjoy the pool with the kids more cruising around Palm Springs When we come back this is the wrong dress for bike riding Welcome back to L A unscripted road trip to Palm Springs Now the desert has always been a popular destination but in 1999 the cool kids started coming for Coachella Oh I love Coachella I've been a bunch of times and cool kids means cool new restaurant Hi I'm Brian Rogers one of the owners of Foods hounds and welcome to the dog friendliest bar in Palm Springs Turn it out We're all dog people We love dogs Dogs are always welcome here What's great is we have this atrium and patio space outside the 3000 square feet So the atrium has this cool indoor outdoor vibe and then there's the patio that's really curated and those are our dog friendly areas I think Palm Springs had a very different demographic Uh Pre Coachella Palm Springs has become younger and people are looking for really cool culinary experiences in smaller markets Even the space you can see sort of like we lean into this desert boho chic vibe into the space that feels very current but also timeless because it's it's got mid century touches throughout which is so pivotal in Palm Springs your dog can't get food We do have a dog menu full dog meals dog treats dog uh merchant swag obviously humans can get meals

as well So we have an elevated cocktail program coastal California menu with an Asian influence We have a heavy Filipino influence There's a vibrant Filipino community in Palm Springs So we've leaned into that as well as Japanese Korean Our chef has really melded sort of European techniques with a lot of cool Asian players So I wanted to elevate a cocktail program There's a lot of spots in Palm Springs They're forcing people to step up their game with cocktails So our number one seller easily is our booze hounds Margarita It's a smoky spicy Margarita made with rep Asado Tequila a little house made habanero chili tincture a little smoked tincture as well and some red chili liqueur Hi my name is Jake Lemon I'm the lead bartender here at Loo And we're going to make three signature cocktails here for you today Make it up Oh there you go Shake shake shake What you got OK It's a much better shape and then it's into a glass with our house made Taine salt and then we garnish it with a dehydrated lime wheel for you there So yummy This is not your mama's tahi This is good Next thing we're going to make is it's called the Strikers afternoon That's one of the dogs of our owners Jimmy and Steve and the logo is actually based on it's a silhouette of striker So this is the mix of bourbon and our blackberry cordial A little bit of lemon juice Fill it up Nice give it a nice sturdy shake ginger beer for that nice ginger punch Fill it with Pebble ice which is the most fun ice How pretty that is Oh striker You guys did him proud serious So we're going to make you a mocktail now and mocktails are really great for anybody who maybe doesn't drink but still wants to you know be a part of the fun So this one is called the Elderberry Spritz It is a blackberry and thyme mixture with a little bit of vanilla syrup and then some elderflower soda This is sinful This is so good I could drink it all day long Really good My wife is a creative director at the business but my two business partners Jimmy mcgill and Steve Piacenza were the three owners They've been friends for a long time So um it's been a dream and and we're living out that dream Well our time here is almost done but we wanted to show you one more cool Palm springs pit stop The Cabazon Dinosaurs are two passion projects made by some guy named Claude Bell The first dinosaur was built and finished in 1975 The second dinosaurs finished in 86 which is the T rex They were initially created because the family owned restaurant called The Wheel in Restaurant That was right across the street from dinosaurs So in order to bring more foot traffic in and because he just liked building sculptures in general decided to erect two dinosaurs right inside Hi My name is Joshua I'm a dinosaur Wrangler here at the Cabazon Dinosaurs So the paint jobs those just started a

few years ago But in order to spice things up just after we came back from the pandemic they decided to paint them And the very first paint job on the T rex was Santa Claus costume Podos Arus along the dinosaur was green over the past two years since October of 2020 we've been painting them according to season So the dinosaurs have seen summer clothing The T rex had tank tops he's had Frank Flintstone costumes The Atos Arus have seen has had a bright pink color for Valentine's Day So the first movie that I'm aware of that the dinosaurs have been in is Pee Wee Herman's big adventure came out in the eighties It's probably one of the most popular reasons that people come out to visit the dinosaurs That first dinosaur the Apatosaurus that's 150 ft long and fun fact So that dinosaur is often referred to as the brontosaurus However the official title is Apatosaurus and the other dinosaur the T rex is 65 ft tall However real T rexes were estimated to be about 12 ft tall So there's actually plenty plenty to do here So we've got a bunch of dinosaur eggs dinosaur plushies whatever dinosaur thing you need you'll find it Of course there's also the photo opportunities but make your way past the T rex an attraction to see So uh the attraction is called uh Mr Rex's dinosaur adventure Within the dinosaur adventure there is over 50 dinosaurs there's a garden area to walk through And at the very end of that trail you also have access to climb inside another dinosaur which is the T rex Make your way past four stories up in T Rex and you make your way up into his mouth On Monday through Friday we'll see about 50 to 100 people per day depending on the season Of course the summer we'll see a lot of foot traffic and the holidays too Surprisingly Saturdays and Sundays we'll see many more people We'll get 200 upwards to 340 people Well um I was a job surgeon when I was in college and a job board said that the Cabazon dinosaurs were hiring I had no idea what that meant So I just applied and yeah it's a fun job My favorite dinosaur I'm I'm basic I'm classic I gotta go with the T rex That was so much fun Thank you for hanging out with us and thanks to Kikia and Dennis Dylan RV for our fabulous road trip Dana I'm bringing Pearl back to you Thanks ladies Where am I headed next On scripted road trip Stay tuned