

SOUTH COAST PLAZA PALM COLLECTION

Self-Guided Tour





WELCOME

to South Coast Plaza's Palm Collection.

We hope this guide will enrich your tour of our diverse palm collection, unique in Southern California. While our property is home to hundreds of palms, the 58 featured in this brochure represent the breadth of variety within the collection—not its full quantity. The core of our collection comes from the estate of Dr. A.J. Vance. Dr. Vance began collecting exotic palms in the late 1940s at his canyon estate located off Sunset Boulevard, in Los Angeles, California. The collection was recognized for both its size and diversity of plantings.

After Dr. Vance's death in the early 1980s, the collection was acquired by South Coast Plaza and transplanted to its present location in 1986.

With the help of the International Palm Society, South Coast Plaza continues to add unique specimens to its collection. We would like to thank Ralph Velez (past president) and Larry Black, president of Southern California Palm Society for their continued collaboration in helping develop one of the most acclaimed palm collections in Southern California.

58 of our palms are labeled with their common name, botanical name and country of origin.

We have highlighted 6 of them in this digital brochure.

* [Please click here for details on our six unique palms.](#)

We hope you enjoy this interesting and educational tour.

CHARACTERISTICS OF PALMS IN THE SOUTH COAST PLAZA BEAR STREET PALM COLLECTION

CLUSTERING PALMS

Areca Palm (#9 – Madagascar)
Slender Lady Palm (#17 – Southern China)
Clumping Fishtail (#58 – Philippines)

SOLITARY PALMS

Kentia Palm (#1 – Lord Howe Island)
Cuban Royal Palm (#5 – Caribbean, Cent. Amer.)
King Palm (#37 – Australia)
Solitary Fishtail Palm (#53 – Myanmar)
Chilean Wine Palm (#44 – Chile)
Cliff Date Palm (#48 – India)
Alexandra Palm (#21 – Australia)
Needle Palm (#20 – Southeastern US)
Mexican Fan Palm (#43 – Mexico)
Norfolk Island Palm (#7 – Norfolk Island)
Majesty Palm (#35 – Madagascar)

PALMS WITH IRRITATING FRUIT

Giant Fishtail Palm (#22 – Thailand, Laos, India)

PALMS THAT GROW WELL IN PARTIAL SHADE

Queen Palm (#40 – Brazil)
Kentia Palm (#1 – Lord Howe Island)
Alexandra Palm (#21 – Australia)
Slender Lady Palm (#17 – Southern China)
Maya Palm (#8 – Cent. Amer.)
Majesty Palm (#35 – Madagascar)

PALMS THAT GROW IN LOW LIGHT

Slender Lady Palm (#17 – Southern China)

PALMS GENERALLY 20' TALL OR LESS

Clumping Fishtail (#58 – Philippines)
Slender Lady Palm (#17 – Southern China)

PALMS WITH SPINES OR TEETH

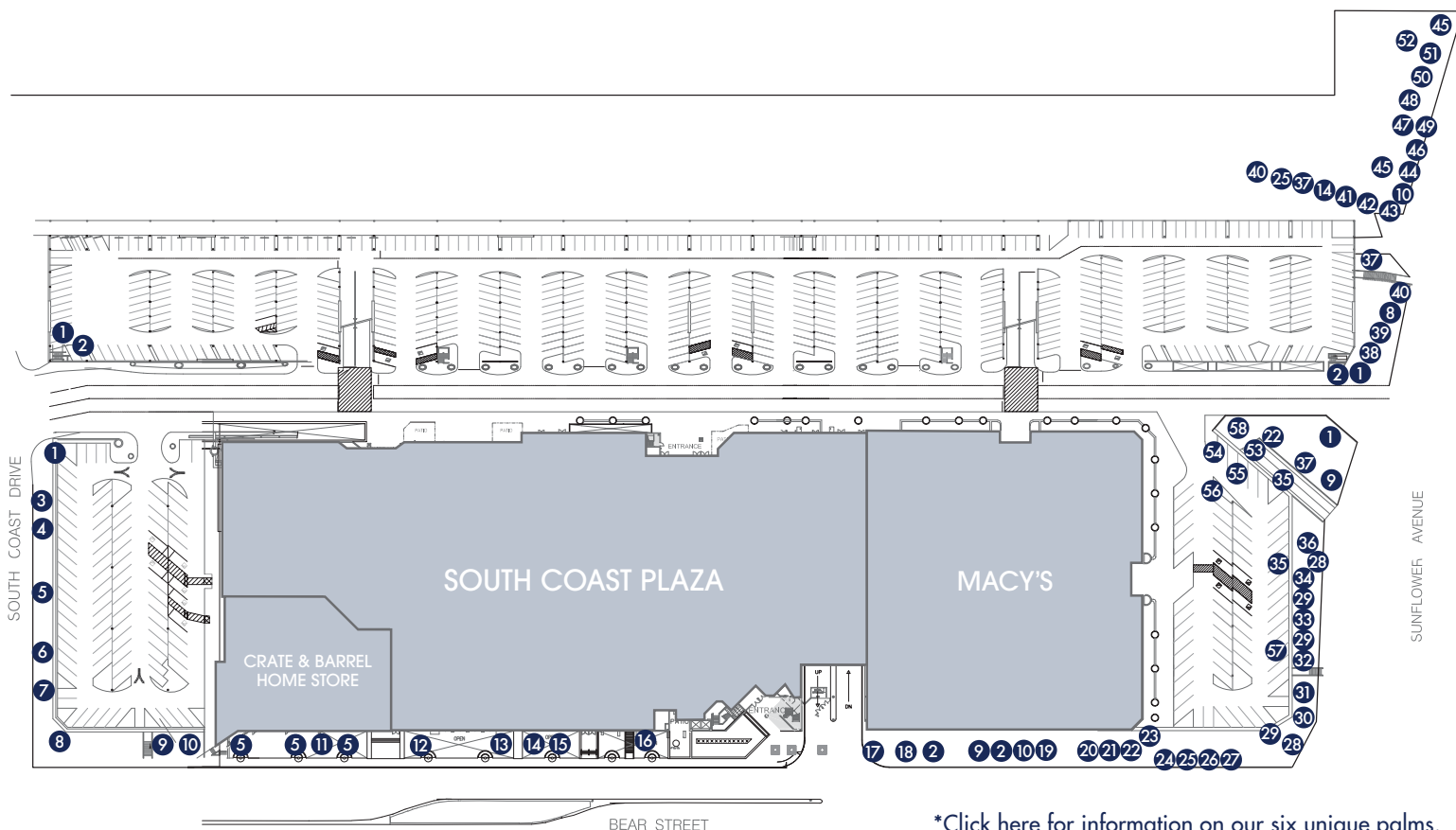
Senegal Date Palm (#45 – Africa)
Bismarck Palm (#26 – Madagascar)
Blue Hesper Palm (#54 – Baja California, Mexico)
Dwarf Date Palm (#10 – Laos)
Cliff Date Palm (#48 – India)
Guadalupe Palm (#56 – Mexico)
Mexican Fan Palm (#43 – Mexico)
Needle Palm (#20 – Southeastern US)

HIGHLY DROUGHT-TOLERANT PALMS

Chinese Fountain Palm (#25 – Southern China)
Senegal Date Palm (#45 – Africa)
Cliff Date Palm (#48 – India)
Arikury Palm (#50 – Brazil)
Mexican Fan Palm (#43 – Mexico)
Needle Palm (#20 – Southeastern US)
Blue Hesper Palm (#54 – Baja California, Mexico)

FAST-GROWING PALMS

Queen Palm (#40 – Brazil)
Cuban Royal Palm (#5 – Cuba)
Solitary Fishtail Palm (#53 – Myanmar)
Giant Fishtail Palm (#22 – Thailand, Laos, India)
Majesty Palm (#35 – Madagascar)



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#	Common Name Botanical Name	Region of Origin	#	Common Name Botanical Name	Region of Origin
1	Kentia Palm* <i>Howea forsteriana</i>	Lord Howe Island	11	Mediterranean Fan Palm <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Mediterranean
2	Chinese Windmill Palm <i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	China	12	Yellow Flame Thrower Palm <i>Chambeyronia hookerii</i>	New Caledonia
3	Hispaniola Palm <i>Sabal domingensis</i>	Hispaniola	13	New Caledonian Palm <i>Cyphophoenix elegans</i>	New Caledonia
4	Lala Palm <i>Hyphaene coriacea</i>	South Central Africa	14	Lady Palm* <i>Rhapis excelsa</i>	China, Japan
5	Cuban Royal Palm* <i>Roystonea regia</i>	Caribb., Cent. Amer.	15	<i>Dypsis onilahensis (Hooper)</i>	Madagascar
6	Foxtail Palm <i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	Northern Australia	16	Miraguama Palm/Tindea Palm <i>Kentiopsis oliviformis</i>	New Caledonia
7	Norfolk Island Palm <i>Rhopalostylis baueri</i>	Norfolk Island	17	Slender Lady Palm <i>Rhapis Humilis</i>	Southern China
8	Maya Palm <i>Gaussia maya</i>	Guatemala	18	Ivory Cane Palm <i>Pinanga coronata</i>	Adaman Islands, Fiji Lesser Sunda Islands
9	Areca Palm <i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	Madagascar	19	Teddy Bear Palm <i>Dypsis leptocheilos</i>	Madagascar
10	Dwarf Date Palm <i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>	Laos	20	Needle Palm <i>Rapidophyllum hystrix</i>	Southeastern US
			21	Alexandra Palm <i>Archontophoenix alexandrae</i>	Australia

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22	Giant Fishtail Palm <i>Caryota gigas</i>	Thailand, Laos, India	43	Mexican Fan Palm <i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Mexico
23	Alakai Swamp <i>Pritchardia minor</i>	Nā Pali Coast (Kauaʻi/Hawaii)	44	Chilean Wine Palm* <i>Jubaea chilensis</i>	Chile
24	Loulu Palm* <i>Pritchardia hillebrandii</i>	Hawaii	45	Senegal Date Palm <i>Phoenix reclinata hybrid</i>	Africa
25	Chinese Fountain Palm <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	Southern China	46	Spiny Fiber Palm <i>Thrinax ancanthocomma</i>	Brazil
26	Bismarck Palm <i>Bismarckia nobilis</i>	Madagascar	47	Pindo Palm <i>Butia odorata</i>	South America
27	Silver Thatch Palm <i>Coccothrinax barbadensis</i>	Puerto Rico	48	Cliff Date Palm <i>Phoenix rupicola</i>	India
28	<i>Ranenea xerophila</i>	Madagascar	49	Buri Palm <i>Allagoptera caudescens</i>	Brazil
29	Old Man Palm <i>Coccothrinax crinita</i>	Cuba	50	Arikury Palm <i>Syagrus schizophylla</i>	Brazil
30	Guano Palm <i>Coccothrinax fragrans</i>	Cuba, Hispaniola	51	White Rock Palm <i>Brahea calcarea</i>	Mexico, Guatemala
31	Mountain Coconut <i>Parajubaea cocoides</i>	Ecuador, Bolivia	52	Syagrus Species	South America
32	Taraw Palm <i>Livistona saribus</i>	Southeast Asia	53	Solitary Fish Tail Palm <i>Caryota maxima</i>	Myanmar
33	Mazari Palm <i>Nannorrhops ritchiana</i>	Southwestern Asia	54	Blue Hesper Palm* <i>Brahea armata</i>	Baja California, Mexico
34	<i>Chrysalidocarpus blackii</i>	Madagascar	55	Sonoran Palmetto <i>Sabal uresana</i>	Northwestern Mexico
35	Majesty Palm <i>Ravenea rivularis</i>	Madagascar	56	Guadalupe Palm <i>Brahea edulis</i>	Mexico
36	Dwarf Sugar Palm <i>Arenga engleri</i>	Taiwan	57	Hat Palm <i>Sabal causiarum</i>	Puerto Rico
37	King Palm <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Australia	58	Clumping Fishtail Palm <i>Caryota mitis</i>	Philippines
38	Sentry Palm <i>Howea belmoreana</i>	Lord Howe Island			
39	Windamere Palm <i>Trachycarpus latisectus</i>	Asia			
40	Queen Palm <i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	Brazil			
41	Hesper Palm <i>Brahea brandegeei</i>	Baja California, Mexico			
42	Caranday Palm <i>Trithrinax campestris</i>	Argentina, Uruguay			

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