

TOP SUITES OF ARIZONA

Arizona's dazzling vistas cast by towering saguaros, fiery cliff faces and dizzying azure horizons are long the stuff of fantasy for freedom-seeking sojourners. Arizona's finest hotel properties and their most elegant suite accommodations deliver the stars, the sage, the sun and the wild wonderful west. Here are some of our favorites.

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VILLA RETREAT DINING AREA / THE BOULDERS RESORT



HACIENDA STUDIO LIVING AREA / ENCHANTMENT RESORT



HILLSIDE COTTAGE LUXURY LIVING / L'AUBERGE DE SEDONA

CAREFREE

THE BOULDERS RESORT & GOLDEN DOOR SPA

THE VILLA RETREAT

Key selling points | Essentially a private home set within the resort property, this retreat offers a discrete getaway in a stunning architectural achievement.

Standout service | Arrange for a romantic mountaintop dinner for two.

Style | Urban/desert hybrid, by Palo Alto's Turner/Martin Design, 2007

Special amenities | Custom-blended soaps, butler, plasma-screen and LCD TVs, private fitness room

Square footage | 5,000

Number of rooms in suite | 11

Number of bathrooms in suite | Six

Number of rooms in hotel | 160 private casitas, 60 villas

Who's slept here? | Lance Armstrong, Sheryl Crow and Willie Nelson have all reportedly stayed here.

Nightly rate | \$3,500 to \$5,000

Location | 34631 N. Tom Darlington Dr., Carefree
Contact | Managing Director Michael Hoffmann, (480) 488-7375; michael.hoffmann@theboulders.com; www.theboulders.com

SEDONA

ENCHANTMENT RESORT

HACIENDA STUDIO

Key selling points | The Hacienda Studio features a spacious living room accented by a beehive fireplace and a high ceiling with peeled pine log beams, a full kitchen, a dining room that seats six, and three private viewing decks with built-in gas grill for outdoor dining.

Standout service | Staff set up a private exercise space with state-of-the-art machines in the adjoining room for a high-profile guest.

Style | Southwestern Contemporary, by Terese Messina-Shea, 2001

Special amenities | Mii amo spa products, fresh orange juice and newspapers every morning

Square footage | 2,340

Number of rooms in suite | Two

Number of bathrooms in suite | Three

Number of rooms in hotel | 218 casitas and suites

Who's slept here? | Sharon Stone, Robert DeNiro and Mariah Carey have all been spotted here.

Nightly rate | \$1,225

Location | 525 Boynton Canyon Rd., Sedona
Contact | VP/Managing Director Annika Jackson, (928) 204-6060; ajackson@enchantmentresort.com; www.enchantmentresort.com

L'AUBERGE DE SEDONA

HILLSIDE COTTAGE

Key selling points | This brand new cottage features vaulted ceilings, 300 square feet of private outdoor living space, oversized sliding glass doors, Jacuzzi tubs and views of the stunning high desert landscape and red rocks.

Standout service | An anniversary couple arrived to find a framed photo of themselves in their suite that was obtained with a personal assistant's help.

Style | Cool cottage, by Kim Harley Interior Architecture + Design, 2009

Special amenities | Fili D'oro linens, Keurig coffee maker, iHome docking station, 42-inch LG flat screen LCD HDTV, Molton Brown amenities

Square footage | 1,200

Number of rooms in suite | Two

Number of bathrooms in suite | One

Number of rooms in hotel | 89, 64 private cottages

Who's slept here? | John Cusack, Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn, Barbra Streisand, Johnny Depp

Nightly rate | \$500 to \$975

Location | 301 L'Auberge Lane, Sedona
Contact | General Manager Joe Mottershead, (928) 204- 4310; joem@lauberge.com; www.lauberge.com.

TOP SUITES



TUCSON

CANYON RANCH TUCSON

CASA GRANDE

Key selling points | The main draw of Casa Grande, besides the open-plan kitchen, dining area and two master suites, is the spectacular mountain views from the Great Room.

Standout service | Private town car transportation

Style | Casual elegance, by William Caligari, 2003

Special amenities | Stocked refrigerator, complimentary massage, DVD player, stereo/CD player, LATHER bath products

Square footage | 2,700

Number of rooms in suite | Three

Number of bathrooms in suite | Three

Number of rooms in hotel | 169, including 43 suites

Who's slept here? | Amy Irving, John Goodman, Ben Cohen (of Ben and Jerry's)

Nightly rate | \$7,930 (three-night minimum)

Location | 8600 E. Rockcliff Rd., Tucson

Contact | General Manager Kyle Treat, (520) 749-9655; ktreat@canyonranch.com; www.canyonranchtucson.com

TANQUE VERDE RANCH RESORT

SONORAN SUITE

Key selling points | Guests of this suite enjoy sweeping views of the Rincon Mountains, high saguaro rib ceilings, a working brick fireplace in the bedroom and a private patio.

Standout service | The general manager personally delivered a left-behind bag to the guest's next stop in Las Vegas.

Style | Traditional Southwestern, by owner Bob Cote, 1996

Special amenities | Complimentary ranch activities (including horseback riding on more than 60,000 acres of rolling hills outside Tucson)

Square footage | 850

Number of rooms in suite | Two

Number of bathrooms in suite | One

Number of rooms in hotel | 76 and eight suites

Who's slept here? | Television stars, CEOs and other A-listers

Nightly rate | \$1,050

Location | 14301 E. Speedway Rd., Tucson
Contact | General Manager Paul Gustafson, (520) 731-5563; gus@tvgr.com; www.tanqueverderanch.com

MIRAVAL ARIZONA

CATALINA SUITE

Key selling points | Enjoy views of the Catalina Mountains through a floor-to-ceiling wall of glass that opens to expansive patios. The suite also features an indoor/outdoor fireplace and an outdoor shower in a private bathroom courtyard.

Standout service | A guest once lost a valuable diamond ring during their stay, and the resort was able to locate it nearly two miles away in the dirt at the ranch.

Style | Simple earth tones, Clodagh Design and Mithun, Inc., 2008

Special amenities | iHome docking station, 37-inch LCD TV, Anichini linens

Square footage | 900

Number of rooms in suite | One

Number of bathrooms in suite | One

Number of rooms in hotel | 118,

including 12 suites and eight villas

Who's slept here? | Martha Stewart, Oprah Winfrey

Nightly rate | \$1,585

Location | 5000 East Via Estancia Miraval, Tucson
Contact | General Manager Michael Tompkins, (800) 232-3969; mtompkins@miravalresorts.com; www.miravalresort.com

PARADISE VALLEY

SANCTUARY ON CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN RESORT & SPA

SPA CASITA SUITE

Key selling points | The Spa Casita Suite offers a separate living room with a lava rock fireplace, state-of-the-art technology, vessel sink and wet bar, and a vibrantly colored sitting area.

Standout service | An extraordinary nightly turndown service includes a lightly sprayed lavender scent on guestroom linens.

Style | Contemporary desert chic, by Catharine Hayes of Phoenix, 2005

Special amenities | Mascioni linens, Red Flower Asian Neroli toiletries, Fresh bath salts

Square footage | 1,200

Number of rooms in suite | Two

Number of bathrooms in suite | One

Number of rooms in hotel | 105, 52 suites and 53 casitas

Who's slept here? | Britney Spears and other pop stars

Nightly rate | \$699

Location | 5700 E. McDonald Dr., Paradise Valley
Contact | General Manager Michael Surguine, (480) 948-2100; msurguine@sanctuaryaz.com; www.sanctuaryoncamelback.com

PHOENIX

THE RITZ-CARLTON, PHOENIX

THE RITZ-CARLTON SUITE

Key selling points | Guests of this gorgeous suite enjoy a baby grand piano, a separate parlor entrance and stunning Arizona mountain views.

Standout service | A high-profile guest who loved cigars was given a private living room set-up—complete with oriental rug and couch—on the roof to enjoy smoking, even in this non-smoking hotel.

Style | Classically elegant, by Hughes Design Associates, 1995

Special amenities | Egyptian cotton linens, featherbeds

Square footage | 1,860

Number of rooms in suite | Two

Number of bathrooms in suite | One and one half-bath

Number of rooms in hotel | 281, including nine suites

Who's slept here? | Rumored guests include Sheryl Crow.

Nightly rate | \$3,000

Location | 2401 E. Camelback Ave., Phoenix
Contact | General Manager Christoph Roshardt, (602) 468-0700; christoph.roshardt@ritzcarlton.com; www.ritzcarlton.com/phoenix

ROYAL PALMS RESORT AND SPA

PRESIDENTIAL VILLA

Key selling points | This villa is extremely spacious with Old World Spanish Colonial décor. Guests enjoy three private patios, two indoor fireplaces, a separate eight-seat dining room and a glass-enclosed indoor/outdoor shower.

Standout service | One high-profile guest requested staff re-create the same makeup vanity she had in her home in the suite during her stay.

Style | Old World Mediterranean-inspired, by Sharon Alber Fannin, 1997

Special amenities | Antique claw-foot deep soaking tub, fresh flowers and fruit, complimentary fully-stocked kitchen

Square footage | 1,700

Number of rooms in suite | Four

Number of bathrooms in suite | One and one half-bath

Number of rooms in hotel | 119,

including 39 suites

Who's slept here? | President George W. Bush

Nightly rate | \$3,000

Location | 5200 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix
Contact | General Manager Pete Ells, (602) 808-3277; pells@destinationhotels.com; www.royalpalmsotel.com



TOP SUITES

PINNACLE SUITE LIVING AREA / FOUR SEASONS SCOTTSDALE



CASA DORADA DUPLEX LIVING / FAIRMONT SCOTTSDALE

SCOTTSDALE

**FOUR SEASONS RESORT
SCOTTSDALE AT TROON NORTH**

PINNACLE SUITE

Key selling points | This private, one-of-a-kind suite occupies the highest ground on the resort and backs onto the desert preserve on the north edge of the property.

Standout service | Spa staff rifled through the facility laundry to locate a guest's lost wedding ring.

Style | Desert chic, by Paul Duesing Partners Dallas, 2008

Special amenities | Wide-plank, antiques wood flooring; four flat-screen TVs

Square footage | 3,000

Number of rooms in suite | Five

Number of bathrooms in suite | Three

Number of rooms in hotel | 210, including 22 suites

Who's slept here? | Oprah Winfrey and other media superstars

Nightly rate | \$5,500

Location | 10600 E. Crescent Moon Dr., Scottsdale

Contact | General Manager Vince Parrotta, (480) 513-5005; vince.parrotta@fourseasons.com; www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale

FAIRMONT SCOTTSDALE

CASA DORADA

Key selling points | Casa Dorada pairs private, residential-style digs with customized resort amenities and adds the convenience of a complete kitchen, media room, private pool and more.

Standout service | Enjoy the Gold Concierge's personalized service, including private check-in and out, and dedicated concierge.

Style | Contemporary Southwest, by Strategic Hotels/Looney & Associates, 2008

Special amenities | Espresso machine, complimentary access to Willow Stream spa

Square footage | 3,700

Number of rooms in suite | Six

Number of bathrooms in suite | Three and one half-bath

Number of rooms in hotel | 440, including 209 suites

Who's slept here? | Beyoncé Knowles, Oakland A's Lew Wolff

Nightly rate | \$4,279

Location | 7575 East Princess Dr., Scottsdale

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