

Best of Luxury Resorts & Travel

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Pack your bags. Here are the winners for the best in Luxury Resorts & Travel in the Valley.



Mondrian Scottsdale pictured above

Best Party Resort Pool

Mondrian Scottsdale

Open to the public (well, the 21 and older crowd), this pool party scene rocks out to notable guest DJs every weekend of the summer. And even through the winter, drink specials, fashion shows and bikini contests keep things hot. www.mondrianscottsdale.com.

Best Party Resort Pool (Runner Up)

InterContinental Montelucia Resort & Spa

With five gorgeous Moroccan-inspired pools to choose from, it's easy to see why people love to party at Montelucia. The Kasbah Pool is the most social gathering spot, with a loungelike vibe, cool tunes, hot bodies and cold drinks served at the Kasbah bar. Any day of the week, the vibrant pool scene is something to behold. www.icmontelucia.com.

Best Relaxing Resort Pool

Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North

The North Scottsdale locale offers pool-goers a truly relaxing backdrop of birds chirping and gentle winds blowing over Pinnacle Peak. Soak up some sun and silence at the 6,000-sq.-ft. pool oasis, heated perfectly between 80 and 85 degrees. www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale.

Best Travel Web Site

Priceline.com

It's easy to navigate, it offers a wide selection of travel options (from flights to rental cars) and it even gives you the option to name your own price, which often secures buyers a cheaper deal on travel than any other Web site. With William Shatner as its spokesman, Priceline also promises no-change fees or booking fees, which is surely why it won this category by a landslide. www.priceline.com.

Best Limo & Sweet Rides

Lexani Limousines

Owned by a very young man in Mesa (think under 21), Lexani Limousines offers a fleet of 27 top-notch luxury vehicles for your chauffeuring needs. In operation since 2004, the company has doubled its revenue every year due to the excellent service that Lexani stands for. Pick from sedans, limos and motor coaches, and Lexani will put a quality driver behind the wheel to safely take you anywhere from a wedding to the airport. www.lexanilimo.com.

Best Resort

Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North

Winning three other categories in the Luxury Resorts and Travel section, it only makes sense that our voters chose Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale as the top overall resort. Want to know what all the fuss is about? Book yourself a night and you'll know why it's a winner. www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale.

Best Resort (Runner Up)

Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa

The Biltmore, one of Arizona's first resorts, came in at a superclose second in this category. This Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired 39-acre property boasts more than 800 rooms, eight pools and so much unique historic charm. Pre-dinner drinks at the Wright Bar send guests back in time, while modern cuisine at Wright's at the Biltmore restaurant keeps our palates present. www.arizonabiltmore.com.



Talavera at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North pictured above

Best Resort Dining

Talavera at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North

Located right beside the Onyx Bar, Talavera, the resort's signature restaurant, welcomes guests to a magical dining experience with romantic patio seating that overlooks the city lights below. While indoor seating is also very stylish, the sexy outdoor fireplaces and the dramatic views from the alfresco tables are what make this restaurant the winner in this category. Prime cuts of meat and seafood dominate the menu here, but be sure to inquire about special tasting menus and wine dinners, as those options might help with the difficult task of choosing among all the delicious dishes. www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale.

Best Lobby Bar

Onyx Bar & Lounge at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North

The Onyx Bar & Lounge is a peaceful place to grab a pre- or post-dinner drink, or to take in happy hour (3-6 p.m.) and a sunset. Indoor and outdoor seating provide for great people-watching and star-gazing, and voters love how each drink order is accompanied by a complimentary snack. PS: It's called Onyx Bar because of the massive slabs of gorgeous onyx that frame the bar. www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale.