

Rockin' Around the Palm Trees: The Scottsdale Resort

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Though sitting poolside with a cocktail in hand is what summer staycation dreams are made of, this season [The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch. A Destination Hotel](#), is upping the ante.



Through Labor Day weekend, guests are invited to have a rockin' good time at The Scottsdale Resort, with wallet-friendly rates as low as \$99, plus tax and resort fee, per night. Though the resort offers many of the amenities of much larger resorts (think beautiful accommodations, luxury cabanas at a relaxing pool area, top-notch food and beverage), The Scottsdale gives off a more boutique vibe. Meaning, there's more opportunity for utter relaxation as opposed to jetting from one end of the property to another, from one floor to the next.

A day at the resort is best spent hanging poolside in one of the luxury cabanas, which are available for rent daily and feature a food and beverage credit at Twisted Vine Pool Bar & Grill. The cabanas are stocked with fruit, ice-cold water, comfy seating and a TV, and an attendant is on hand to take food and drink orders and help with any needs you may have. Order a southwest chicken salad for a just-right poolside lunch and sip on a pina colada (because if you can't have a pina colada poolside, where can you?) Tuck away in the cabana to read a book or sprawl on reserved loungers to take in live tunes from the Mark Long Band which bring stellar covers that range from Jimmy Buffett to The Rolling Stones. Once the sun goes down, the pool is still the spot to be as it hosts rock 'n' roll-themed movies all summer long, like "The Buddy Holly Story" and "Walk The Line," on Friday and Saturday nights. (Especially fun if you have kids in tow, The Scottsdale hosts games, like life-size beer pong, cornhole, horseshoes, bocce ball and ping pong, in its courtyard a few steps from the pool area as well.)



Because a staycation simply isn't complete without primo F&B, stop in for a pre- or post-dinner drink at Bar Six40. Enjoy the musician on-site, check out what games are playing on the TV's or simply enjoy your company while digging into a Prickly Pear Refresher or Maud Mule, two refreshing choices for these hot summer nights that look oh-so pretty on Instagram. [Kitchen West Restaurant](#), (pictured) adjacent to Bar Six40, offers up a diverse menu that can satisfy just about any hankering. A great pick for the season, the pork chop stack features thin pork chop slices paired with mashed potatoes and veggies—typically hearty ingredients that come together in dish that is just enough for a summer evening. If you happen to pop in when red snapper is a special, go for it—the flaky fish and herbed rice are a magical duo. And don't scoot without scooping up Kitchen West's signature cobbler.