

Tucson's Best 2011: Stay & Play

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Experience the natural wonders of the Sonoran Desert, enjoy an animated dining experience and more. We present Tucson's best to relax and entertain in Stay & Play.



Best Country Club

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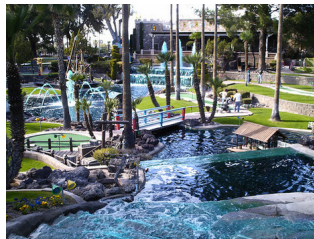
Skyline Country Club goes above and beyond the expectations for a great country club. Play the challenging par 71 golf course with panoramic views of the Tucson and Sonoran Desert or work out in a state-of-the-art fitness center with top of the line equipment with a view that will make exercise much more enjoyable. Looking to connect with people who share the same hobbies? Join one of the many clubs or partake in the many activities on their endless event calendar. With multiple membership opportunities, join Skyline Country Club to discover just why it's considered Tucson's Best Country Club! 520.299.1111, www.skylinecountryclub.com.



Best Cultural Experience

Gaslight Theatre

The Gaslight Theatre provides an animated dinner theatre experience fun for any age to enjoy. Open since 1977, this theatre has been entertaining the people of Tucson for over a quarter of a century. Sit down at one of the many tables (all with a great view), order off a feel-good menu, munch on the endless supply of popcorn continually brought to your table and sit back and enjoy fabulous performances put on by lively experienced actors. 520.886.9428, www.thegaslighttheatre.com.



Best Family Outing

Golf N' Stuff

Skip the movies and bring your family over to Golf N' Stuff for not your typical family outing. Bring out your inner child with two miniature golf courses, go-karts, bumper boats, laser tag, arcade games and much more. Every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. experience KLOVE nights where you can enjoy unlimited interactive fun for only \$15 per person! 520.296.2366, www.golfnstuff.com.



Best Guest Ranch

Sunglow Ranch

475 beautiful acres of land make up this inclusive western guest ranch resort. Wake up in one of the tranquil casitas, which includes a hearty home-cooked breakfast and a three-course dinner prepared from scratch served at the Sunglow restaurant. Hike, horseback ride or mountain bike the neighboring 200,000 acres of Coronado National Forest, and finish the night with stargazing in the lush outdoor Jacuzzi. 866.786.4569, www.sunglowranch.com.

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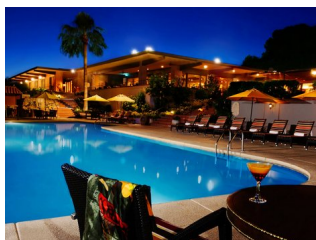
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Best Hike

Sabino Canyon

Get up and explore all the beauty the desert of Tucson has to offer and hike the Sabino Canyon Trail. A variety of trails are offered through the Santa Catalina Mountains to satisfy everyone from the most experienced trekkers to intermediate hikers looking for a scenic tour. Make sure to pack a light lunch and enjoy it on one of the many picnic sites surrounding the several trails. If you run out of energy but still want to see more, hop on a tram for a small fee. www.sabinocanyon.com.



Best Place to Stay in Tucson, Best Lobby Bar and Best Resort Pool

Westward Look

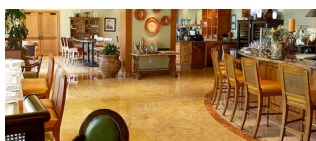
The tranquility of the desert meets modern luxury at the Westward Look Resort. Built in the early 1900s, this historic charm is set at the base of the striking Santa Catalina Mountains, exposing breathtaking views in all directions. Dine at one of the fine restaurants, relax for a drink at the lobby bar or go for a dip in the spacious pool with scenic views. Retreat in one of the Stargazer Spa Suites and take in the stars in your own private outdoor freshwater hot tub to make the most out of your getaway. 800.722.2500, www.westwardlook.com.



Best Luxury Resort

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

Break away from the daily grind and escape to Loews Ventana Canyon Resort where the perfect balance of opulence and comfort can be found. Envelop yourself in awe-inspiring scenery where your needs and desires are fulfilled in every sense of the word. Play a round of golf on one of the two 18-hole Fazio-designed PGA golf courses or experience the 7,000 square foot spa and tennis center. Dine in the five finest restaurants or take in the Tucson sun at one of their oasis-like pools. Whatever you are looking for out of your stay can be found at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. 520.299.2020, www.loewshotels.com.



Best Resort Dining

Primo, JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort and Spa

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Be prepared to be swept away by the French-, Italian- and Spanish-inspired cuisine that can only be found at Primo. Every morning the chef coordinates the perfect menu to fit that day's harvest, prepared with locally-grown produce and herbs. Take in the gorgeous Tucson scenery on the charming patio while sending your taste buds into a wonderland with imaginative dishes such as the Crisp Seared Pacific Red Snapper. Save room for dessert crafted by renowned pastry chef Price Kushner for the ideal ending to any meal. 520.792.3500, www.primojwmarriottstarrpass.com.



Best Southwestern Experience **Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**

A world-renowned zoo, natural history museum and botanical garden all in one place? The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum really is the best southwestern experience! For a half-century, the museum has inspired people to live in harmony with the natural world. Find yourself eye-to-eye with mountain lions, prairie dogs and Gila monsters, all within the natural landscape of the Sonoran Desert Region. 520.883.2702, www.desertmuseum.org.



Most Glamorous Place **Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar**

Just a short walk from Tucson's finest boutiques and galleries and the upscale La Encantada shopping center, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar is the perfect setting for get-togethers, cocktails and appetizers. Dine from a mouth-watering menu of USDA Prime steaks, market-fresh seafood and an award-winning wine list. 520.529.5017, www.flemingssteakhouse.com/locations/az/tucson.