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As excitement builds for the 2025 WM Phoenix Open, one of the most vibrant events on the PGA Tour, Scottsdale will welcome golf enthusiasts from around the world this February 3-9. While the main action unfolds at the iconic <u>TPC Scottsdale</u>, Arizona is also renowned for its plethora of outstanding golf courses in the desert. Looking to tee it up while you're in town for the WMPO? Look no further than Troon Golf Arizona, where you can experience the best courses in the Grand Canyon State at the best available rates. Here are some of Troon's must-play courses:

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club

18 Holes | Maricopa

480.367.8949 | AkChinSouthernDunes.com

Sprawling across more than 320 acres, **Ak-Chin Southern Dunes** offers a welcoming, laid-back ambiance –a place where golfers can enjoy a 'Pure Golf Experience,' complete with exceptional service and amenities. Set against breathtaking 360-degree views of Arizona's vast desert landscape, this Fred Couples and Schmidt-Curley-designed course follows the tradition of some of the world's most prestigious layouts, closely resembling the 'sand belt' region of Australia. During peak season, the course is fully over-seeded, with lush greenery, and you won't find a cactus on the property. Instead, Eucalyptus and Acacia trees populate the landscape.



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Boulders Resort & Spa Scottsdale

36 Holes | Scottsdale

480.488.9028 | TheBoulders.com

Experience the extensive \$4 million golf course enhancements on two award-winning, Jay Morrish-designed courses that seamlessly wend their way through her composition. Listed among the finest in the United States, the extraordinary setting includes dramatic 12-million-year-old rock formations and unmatched vistas that stretch across an enchanting desert landscape.



The Club at Starr Pass

27 Holes I Tucson

520.900.8216 | TheClubatStarrPass.com

The Starr Pass legend began over 120 years ago when Richard Starr crafted a trail through the rugged wilderness of the Tucson Mountains. Arnold Palmer completed a redesign of the original 18-hole Cupp/Stadler layout and added a new nine holes making **The Club at Starr Pass** a 27-hole Championship Golf Course, a true desert experience with the three nines, aptly named after the ever-present desert wildlife - Rattler, Coyote & Palmer.

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Dove Valley Ranch Golf Club

18 Holes I Cave Creek

480.488.0009 I DoveValleyRanch.com

Nestled in the scenic landscapes of Cave Creek, **Dove Valley Ranch Golf Club** stands as a testament to masterful design by the renowned Robert Trent Jones, Jr. This exceptional course seamlessly weaves through the Sonoran Desert, offering golf enthusiasts a challenging yet captivating experience. With meticulously crafted fairways and strategically placed hazards, Dove Valley Ranch is a golf haven where players can immerse themselves in the natural beauty while enjoying a challenging round.



Eagle Mountain Golf Club

18 Holes | Fountain Hills

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480.816.1234 | EagleMtn.com

Nestled in the ravines of the McDowell Mountains and colorized by dramatic sunrises and sunsets, **Eagle Mountain** beckons those who desire an outstanding golf experience. Designed by Scott Miller, Eagle Mountain features contoured fairways and immaculately maintained emerald greens that wind through natural box canyons, rolling hills and lush desert valleys in harmony with nature.



Foothills Golf Club

18 Holes | Phoenix

480.460.4653 TheFoothillsGC.com

The **Foothills Golf Club** truly represents what desert golf should be and caters to both power and course management-minded players. Designed by acclaimed architects Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish, the par-72 Championship course features 7,000 yards with lush rolling fairways, blue lakes, and 65 bunkers set against rocky desert terrain.



Golf Club of Estrella

18 Holes | Goodyear 623.386.2600 | <u>EstrellaGolf.com</u>

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Crafted by Nicklaus Design, with Jack Nicklaus II as the primary designer and located within the master-planned community of Estrella, the par-72, 7139-yard layout at **Golf Club of Estrella** features undulating fairways and elevated tee areas that traverse the natural contours of the desert terrain.



Longbow Golf Club

18 Holes | Mesa

480.807.5400 | LongbowGolf.com

Longbow Golf Club epitomizes the spirit of Arizona golf and is a must-visit destination on your trip, conveniently situated just minutes away from the Chicago Cubs Spring Training Facility. Recognized as one of the "Top 100 Resort Courses in the Country," Longbow Golf Club has earned acclaim, securing a coveted spot among the "Best Courses You Can Play in Arizona," per Golfweek Magazine's 2024 rankings.



Lookout Mountain Golf Club

18 Holes |Phoenix

602.866.6357 | LookoutMountainGolf.com

Lookout Mountain Golf Club is a nine-time winner of the Golf Digest Four Star Award, has been recognized as one of "America's Best Golf Courses" by Zagat, and has been chosen as one of Arizona's "Top 10 Golf Courses" by readers of Arizona Business Magazine. At Lookout Mountain, there is nothing like playing 18 holes among the vivid beauty of the Sonoran Desert and lush Phoenix North Mountains.

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The Phoenician

18 Holes | Scottsdale

480.423.2449 | GolfthePhoenician.com

Following an extensive redesign in 2018, **The Phoenician Golf Club** transformed itself, introducing a diverse collection of offerings that honor both guest and destination. The 18-hole course displays the unique beauty of Arizona's Sonoran Desert, while capturing the iconic views of the resort, Camelback Mountain and the Valley of the Sun, matching the reputation and quality of the award-winning resort.



Power Ranch Golf Club

18 Holes I Gilbert

480.988.0004 | PowerRanchGolfClub.com

Following an extensive \$2.3 million green and bunker transformation project completed last summer, this course has everyone talking. Nestled in Gilbert, **Power Ranch Golf Club** is a hidden gem within the neighborhood. While the course measures just over 6,900 yards (par 71), don't let that fool you. The well-appointed bunkers, hazards, and washes provide a challenging experience for even the most accomplished players, while still accommodating novice golfers.

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Rancho Mañana Golf Club

18 Holes | Cave Creek

480.488.0398 | RanchoManana.com

Located in the heart of the Sonoran Desert in historic Cave Creek, **Rancho Mañana Golf Club** is set on a former 1940s dude ranch. The course features a challenging par 70 championship layout, known for its dramatic elevation changes and pristine desert landscape. This stunning high-desert course invites golfers to test their skills against nature, all while enjoying the unforgettable beauty of the surrounding desert terrain.

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Sedona Golf Resort

18 Holes | Sedona

928.284.9355 | SedonaGolfResort.com

Nestled in the heart of one of the Southwest's most captivating regions, **Sedona Golf Resort** features a thrilling 6,646-yard, Par-71 course that is renowned as one of the world's most unforgettable golfing experiences. The course weaves around the iconic red rocks of Sedona, with each hole offering a unique adventure. Beyond its exceptional golfing, Sedona Golf Resort is also a sought-after venue for outdoor weddings and special events. With Cathedral Rock and Bell Rock as your stunning backdrop, it's an ideal location for a Sedona wedding or celebration, making it one of the most picturesque places to tie the knot in the region.

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Sterling Grove Golf + Country Club

18 Holes ? Surprise

623.213.7000 ? SterlingGroveClub.com

Designed by the legendary Nicklaus Design team, **Sterling Grove Golf + Country Club** is the West Valley's newest golf experience. Rooted and inspired by West Valley farming and agriculture, Sterling Grove Golf & Country Club combines diverse and timeless architecture, gardens and groves, and an abundance of water, with stunning views of the White Tank Mountains.



SunRidge Canyon Golf Club

18 Holes ? Scottsdale

480.837.5100 | SunRidgeGolf.com

Get ready for the "Wicked Six." **SunRidge Canyon Golf Club**, designed by Keith Foster, is set against the scenic backdrop of the McDowell Mountains. The course blends a unique design with a nod to the club's links-style origins, offering a distinct golfing experience. For those seeking a touch of Scotland, the club offers an extra special experience on Friday afternoons: a live bagpiper fills the air with traditional tunes, perfectly complementing the desert sunset.

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Troon North Golf Club

36 Holes | Scottsdale

480.585.7700 | TroonNorthGolf.com

Troon North Golf Club stands as a hallmark of the Scottsdale golf experience with two 18-hole courses stretching through the natural ravines and foothills in the shadows of Pinnacle Peak. Set amid the grandeur of the Sonoran Desert, the two nationally recognized courses, the Monument and Pinnacle, gracefully wrap around the northern slopes of landmark Pinnacle Peak. This dramatic terrain creates a striking setting by which all other facilities are judged.



Tubac Golf Resort & Spa

27 Holes | Tubac

520.398.2211| TubacGolfResort.com

Tubac Golf Resort & Spa, famously featured in the movie *Tin Cup*, was originally designed by renowned architect Robert 'Red' Lawrence in 1959. In 2006, local architect Ken Kavanaugh expanded the course with nine additional holes, enhancing its layout. The course features three distinct nines: Anza, Rancho, and Otero, each offering a range of exciting shots that encourage golfers to return time and time again.

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The Westin Kierland Golf Club

27 Holes |Scottsdale

480.922.9283 | KierlandGolf.com

Punctuated by the expansive and dramatic beauty of the Scottsdale desert, **The Westin Kierland Golf Club**, a Scott Miller-designed course, features 27 holes with stunning mountain views, cool lakes, dry washes, and stands of desert trees. Kierland is proud to be certified by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for golf courses. Complemented by the luxury of a resort destination, The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa offers sweeping vistas of Pinnacle Peak and the McDowells.

For more information, visit TroonGolfAZ.com.