With the many luxury resorts and hotels sprinkled throughout our beautiful Arizona, why leave town for a vacation? Check out some great local escapes that are featuring not-to-miss deals and specials this summer in our first annual list of best resort deals in Arizona!



Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort



Sanctuary Camelback Mountain offers an abundance of summer specials, with a variety of temptations to enjoy throughout the season. Summer rates make it tempting to escape for a relaxing getaway in a luxurious mountainside casita with spectacular views of the beauty surrounding you...and private pleasures that live up to the setting.

Laze by Arizona's largest infinity pool, and savor cuisine by Food Network star Chef Beau MacMillan at the Infinity Pool grill. Or move on over to elements, the newly transformed restaurant with a cutting-edge kitchen and expanded menu featuring farm-fresh American cuisine with Asian accents, including sustainable seafood and the best local produce.

Enjoy The Pour...raising the bar for Happy Hour with \$6 small plates, fine wines, cocktails and top shelf spirits from 4–6pm daily at jade bar and 10pm–midnight on edge. Pick up techniques from master mixologists at jade bar's Mixology 101 every Saturday, and polish up your culinary skills at Lunch & Learn weekends — with special rates for guests who stay overnight.

Take advantage of summer specials at Sanctuary Spa, where you can indulge in Asian-inspired treatments, indoors and out. Relax in the spa meditation garden, couple's suite, Watsu pool or Sanctum suite. Save 15% on Swedish or Therapeutic Massages and Emperor or Sanctuary Jewel Facials, as well as 50% off a second salon service, any Sunday–Thursday from June 1–September 1. Also ask about weekend values, tennis lessons, and retail discounts.

Book Now: sanctuaryaz.com or call 480.948.2100

Fairmont Scottsdale

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The Fairmont Scottsdale is making this summer an adventure to remember. Kicking off May 28, 2010, the resort's award-winning National Geographic Explorers Camp is the only one of its kind in the United States and will now be offered daily, year-round. Kids 5-12 will trek on desert discovery GPS treasure hunts, go on photo and video safaris, play on gigantic maps, enjoy arts 'n' crafts, games and of course, swim time. On summer holiday weekends, world-renowned National Geographic Explorers visit to share their adventures with campers, with events for the whole family. Families enjoy 200-foot waterslides, "dive-in" movies, fishing, a teen "Hang Out" and visits from mascots "Arizona Jones" and "Bobcat Billy." The National Geographic Explorers Camp Package is \$189 per night and includes a half-day camp and breakfast in the family restaurant, LV Bistro, for up to three children, May 28 – September 6, 2010. The camp is available for resort guests a la carte starting at \$20.

Sip in style at Stone Rose Lounge and enjoy muddled-to-order Bacardi Superior mojitos poolside at the South Pool of the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess or at Stone Rose Lounge this summer. Roving mixologists will customize your cocktail with fresh fruits and Bacardi flavors of your choice for just \$12 each or pitchers from \$25. For table reservations and bottle service, email srsd@gerberbars.com. Pool access is limited to overnight guests of the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess. For special summer rates, visit www.fairmont.com/scottsdale.

InterContinental Montelucia Resort



Mark Twain once famously said that to live life without regrets, one must "explore, dream [and] discover." With these words in mind, InterContinental Montelucia Resort & Spa offers packages, events and activities designed to help guests do just that all while celebrating the joy of summer. Whether it is a family vacation, romantic rendezvous, girlfriends' getaway, or even just a day at the pool, everyone will discover their perfect summer escape at Montelucia with summer rates beginning at \$129 for travel June 1– September 7, 2010. Summer packages include the Weekender, for guests interested in a long weekend filled with an early check-in and late checkout, spa treatments, dinner in Prado and \$100 credit, the One Night Stand, for guests looking for a quick romantic getaway, the Summer Survival Spa Escape, complete with manicure/pedicure, facial and massage and the Arizona Family Excursion, offering a pizza and movie night, day-long family adventure and complimentary Discovery Camp for the kids.

Guests of every age will enjoy exploring all Montelucia has to offer this summer. While staying at the resort, children ages 5 – 12 will have a blast at Planet Trekkers Camp Discovery while adults will have plenty to explore with a host of entertaining activities designed just for them. Of course for those who want to do nothing at all but relax and luxuriate in the resort's beautiful surroundings, there are five pools to spend a beautiful summer day in. If you aren't a hotel guest, purchase a \$25-\$50 one day pool pass good for entry for two and a credit to dine with.

This year, Montelucia brings live entertainment to guests with the "Summer ROQ Concert" series at the resort's brand new pool-side restaurant ROQ, An Outdoor American Bistro. Concert-goers will enjoy live music from the Valley's most popular cover bands every Friday throughout the summer. In addition to the ROQ concerts, Montelucia will feature live entertainment every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings as well as Sunday afternoons.

Moroccan inspired Joya spa is offering reduced pricing and extended late night hours just for the summer along with seasonal treatments designed to offset the effects of the warm season. In addition, Prado Restaurant is offering a three-course menu for just \$39 per person throughout the summer.

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All summer rates, packages and offers are available June 1 through September 7. To explore, dream, discover, and recover this summer, please visit <u>www.icmontelucia.com/summer</u>.

The Westin La Paloma



Nestled in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, The Westin La Paloma offers all the amenities you need to relax and revitalize in one of the country's most diverse and scenic locations. To help stretch your summer travel budget be sure to take advantage of overnight rates starting at \$109 and unlimited golf packages and guest room rates starting at \$169. Once here cool off with a refreshing dip in one of five relaxing pools, featuring a swim-up bar and 177-foot water slide, or enjoy 27 holes of Jack Nicklaus Signature golf on a lush desert course. Experience the ultimate in health and wellness at the rejuvenating Red Door Spa, or stimulate your taste buds in Azul Restaurant & Lounge that offers breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. James Beard award winning chef, Janos Wilder also offers Janos Restaurant and the J Bar located only steps away from our front drive. The resort also has complimentary shuttles daily to nearby La Encantada, a vibrant shopping and restaurant scene located only 1.5 miles away.

The Westin La Paloma guest rooms include a large work area with a two-line speakerphone with data port, wireless internet access, voice messaging, a fully-stocked refreshment center, cable television, in-room movies, laptop-sized safe, full size ironing board and iron, Starbuck's coffee and gourmet tea, daily newspaper and more. Guestrooms feature Westin's exclusive Heavenly Bed — a custom designed, pillow-top mattress set and several layers of high-quality linen providing soothing comfort away from home and the Westin's Heavenly Bath.

www.westinlapalomaresort.com

W Hotel Scottsdale



If you have yet to stay at W Scottsdale, this summer might be the best time to check it out. The hotel's magnificent WET pool deck is definitely the epicenter of all the action complete with linen-draped daybeds and cabanas set in a sandy beach, rows of poolside lounge chairs and a real "cool" pool kept chilled for those 110 degree afternoons. Also poolside, sunset beach, a beach bar, serves everything from salads and sliders to signature cocktails and refreshing frozen drinks.

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The hotel has created an exclusive summer special surrounding the upcoming holiday weekends for as low as \$125 a night when you book all three. The new VIP Getaways package includes three, two-night stays over each summer holiday weekend – Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. The package offers guests insider access to BBQs, live entertainment, includes a late check-out of 4 p.m. and new this summer, The Bungalow - an indoor/outdoor, rooftop VIP lounge featuring all the comforts of home and then some. Creating a much-needed break from the heat, The Bungalow will feature fresh, frozen fruit treats and luscious libation.

For a little more relaxation, the Vitamin D and Spa-tacular Staycation special offer is complete with a pitcher of mojitos served poolside and a W tote and a Wonderful room rate starting from \$189. If a spa staycation is what appeals, the new Spa-tacular Staycation is the perfect fit. Complete with a two-night minimum stay, a visit to the hotel's Bliss Spa for a 60-minute Bliss massage and refreshing Super Minty Soap & Scrub, nightly rates start from just \$159.

Book Now: whotels.com/scottsdaleoffers or call 480.970.2100

Hotel Valley Ho



Play this summer at Scottsdale's downtown resort, the home of the Original Pool Party. But you know the rules, you've got to stay to play. Weekends will sell out, so book your room or suite today for best availability.

Put yourself at the heart of the summer fun and save 35% with the \$555 No Surprise Package available from June 1 through Sept. 6, which includes two nights in a signature guest room, two drinks upon arrival, your choice of any two 60-minute spa treatments, a three-course prix-fixe dinner for two at Trader Vic's, breakfast for two at ZuZu both mornings of your stay, and all taxes and gratuities included. Plus, extend your weekend and take more time to enjoy yourself by delaying your departure until 5 p.m. for just \$50 more. (Some restrictions apply. Ask for details.)

Summer fun includes live entertainment, great dining, and all the temptations of VH Spa for Vitality + Health. While you're enjoying Hotel Valley Ho, don't miss the wonderful Happy Hour choices! ZuZu features "Cool Redux" with \$3 drinks and appetizer specials from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. And Trader Vic's celebrates with 1950s prices—like \$1, \$2 and \$3 appetizers—plus drink specials daily from 4 to 6 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m.

Also, ask about pool cabana rentals for a front-row splash with live entertainment at OH Pool Bar + Cabanas, featuring Happy Hour Fridays, Session Saturdays and Tiki Sundays. Check Facebook for up-to-the-minute happenings at Hotel Valley Ho, see the calendar of summer pool events online!

Book Now: hotelvalleyho.com or call 480.248.2000

Stay and Play at the Arizona Grand Resort

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The family that plays together stays together, especially at Arizona Grand Resort. Starting May 14th, the Resort is offering the Grand Playcation package, which includes a newly re-designed, Resort king suite along with access to its award-winning, 7-acre Oasis Water Park, and receive four total passes to both the SEA LIFE Arizona Aquarium and Children's Museum of Phoenix as well as two LEGOLAND California tickets.

With the Grand Playcation, guests can enjoy all the family-friendly fun that the Arizona Grand Resort offers including the private Oasis Water Park, named one of the nation's best resort water parks by The Travel Channel. The partner tickets that come with the Grand Playcation package allow guests to experience four family destinations this summer: Arizona Grand Resort, the new SEA LIFE Arizona Aquarium, Children's Museum of Phoenix, and LEGOLAND® California. The Grand Playcation package starts from \$155 a night and is valid May 14 through September 6, 2010 with a two-night minimum stay. Guests purchasing this package receive over \$250 in value from Grand Playcation partners.

All rates are per night and based on availability. Package requires two night minimum stay. Weekday rates start from \$155 a night with weekend rates starting from \$209 a night. Rate does not include resort fee (subject to change), incidental charges or taxes. Blackout dates may apply. No substitutions please. Package valid for stays May 14, 2010 to September 6, 2010.

Grand Playcation partner tickets are per stay and expire December 31, 2010.

Book Now: www.GrandPlaycation.com and use the promo code: PKGPLA or call 602.438.9000

Radisson Fort McDowell Resort



Been a while since your last vacation? There's no time like now. Four Diamond Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino is offering rates as low as \$139 per night along with \$75 resort credit. Guests also receive a \$20 gas card, 20% off all spa services, a special guest golf rate, \$15 in Casino Crown Credits and more. As a resort guest, you also gain access to free dive-in movies, family friendly activities on the weekends and a complimentary poolside BBQ on Friday nights. Enjoy a round of golf in our pristine Sonoran Desert surroundings. Explore your adventurous side with an exciting horseback tour. Hit the slots at Fort McDowell Casino. No matter what you're looking for, you'll find it here.

Book Now: radisson.com/sunsational or call 480.789.5300

Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain

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Reconnect and visit the ideal playground for a fun-filled family vacation. Just 90 minutes south of Phoenix is The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain. Choose from a vast array of activities that are geared toward exploration and adventure. Experience the wonders of the High Sonoran Desert during a scenic eco-jeep tour, explore over 20 miles of hiking trails, or get up close and friendly with some of natures wonders on a bike tour right from the front door of the hotel. Let the healing touch of professional therapists melt away your distractions at our destination spa. Relax, revitalize and rejuvenate your body and soul in sublime sunshine. Or golf where legends have played on a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course. With multiple dining options, enjoy menus created with sustainable, regional and organic cuisine in a warm, approachable ambience. For children of all ages, cool off on our 235-foot water slide and splash down into our Aventura Pool. Whether it's in the water or on dry land, this is the place to reconnect with family and friends, while creating memories that last a lifetime.

Guests enjoying the Resort Reconnect Package will receive \$100 Daily Resort Credit. This package begins at \$229 per night and is valid June 1 through December 2010.

Book Now: www.ritzcarlton.com/dovemountain or call 800.241.3333

Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale



Summer at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North promises poolside relaxation, sunrise hikes to Pinnacle Peak, starry nights, and – above all – indulgent getaways with superb value.

Visitors wishing to customize their own Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale getaway will enjoy summer rates beginning at \$139 per night, May 21 – Sept. 10, 2010. Other packages include Stay Longer, offering a third complimentary night with two paid consecutive nights and Experience More, extending a \$100 credit with two paid consecutive nights; rates for both packages begin at \$225 per night.

New for 2010, a remodeled grand pool experience greets visitors, featuring two luxury cabanas, expanded sightlines, extensive new seating elements and lush landscaping. Guests will enjoy specialty amenities and an enhanced poolside menu at the Resort's popular Saguaro Blossom grille, as well as the "Sip, Dip & Roll" happy hour, offered from 6 - 8 p.m. on select evenings. Complimentary "Dive-In" movies also will be offered many Saturdays throughout the summer.

While staying at the Resort, families can enjoy the complimentary "Kids for All Seasons" program, open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., for guests 5-12 years old. Additionally, the Resort extends complimentary meals in the restaurants to children under 5 and surprises the youngest travelers with an age-specific welcome amenity. Families also can choose from a weekly calendar of events at the Resort, including offerings such stargazing, family hikes and "Pajama Jam," where children enjoy pizza and a movie and parents can enjoy a night out in Talavera or Crescent Moon.

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Nestled in the cooling foothills of Pinnacle Peak, Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North offers a truly handcrafted resort experience – delivering impeccable, highly personalized, Five-Diamond service amid the rugged beauty of the lush Sonoran Desert. From the art on the walls and the cuisine in the restaurants to Native American-inspired spa treatments and adobe-style architecture, the Resort embodies a true "sense of place" in the heart of the Arizona Sonoran Desert.

Book Now: Click here or call 888.207.9696