

Arizona's Posh Pools for a Cooler Summer

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So us Arizonans may not have the luxury of laying by the beach on our warm summer days, but it's hard to complain with the Valley's Vegas-style resort pools that bring the posh atmosphere of a sophisticated lounge to the cheerful broad daylight.



Oh Pool Bar + Cabanas at Hotel Valley Ho



Don't expect a quiet day by the pool at Hotel Valley Ho's Oh Pool Bar + Cabanas in Scottsdale. Known for its young crowd, popular DJ, vibrant cabanas and delicious Miami Vice frozen cocktails (mix of piña colada and strawberry daiquiri), the Oh Pool is oh so happening! Along with its colorful cocktails, Oh Pool also features an exclusive poolside menu with delicious day food. Our recommendation: Chicken Pesto Panini. Delish!

Cabanas: Aside from catching some rays on the water mats and tubes up for grabs in the pool, VIPs are welcome to purchase and reserve a cabana which includes three of the following amenities: a bucket of Fiji Water, a Fresh Fruit Plate, deck of cards, tortilla chips and salsa, kids water toys, two fruit smoothies, Hummus and Pita Plate, or Fresh Veggies and Dip Plate. For those who would like to focus primarily on drinking, order the cabana private bar which includes 8 Bud Lights, 8 Budweisers, 8 Michelob Ultras, water bottles, Mister Fans and hand rolled cool towels. Cabana prices vary per day so check www.hotelvalleyho.com for more information and for reservations.

Summer Pool Parties & Specials: Oh Pool frequently has summer pool parties on Saturdays. Hotel guests may bring only a certain number of guests into Oh Pool complimentary; any others are subject to a cover charge. Visit www.hotelvalleyho.com for upcoming events.

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Scottsdale, AZ 85251
480.248.2000, www.hotelvalleyho.com

Main Pool and Serenity Pool at Mondrian Scottsdale



Not just one but two beautiful pools, the Main Pool and the Serenity Pool are set behind the elegant Mondrian Scottsdale. The Main Pool, a dramatically stretched rectangular-style water oasis, is where you'll find most poolsiders. Just like the interior, the white chic and contemporary décor transcends to the outdoors with its plush lounge chairs and cabanas. Cocktails are always on hand to serve you with only top quality cocktails including the Frozen Mojito from Blue, the pool bar and grill. The most unique icing on Mondrian's white cake, is the underwater music and outdoor fireplaces.

Cabanas: Over the course of Mondrian Scottsdale's much-awaited summer pool series (see below for more information), cabanas can be purchased by hotel guests at a discounted price, otherwise guests must purchase the cabana package which comes with a Standard Room and an 8 person poolside cabana that includes two bottles of liquor and/or Champagne, Fiji water bottles, a flat screen TV, fans and misters, lounge chairs for sunbathing and VIP access to Midnight Room – Mondrian's happening nightspot.

Summer Pool Series & Specials: Starting this weekend (May 10) and running until September 27, Mondrian Scottsdale's pools will come alive each Friday, Saturday and Sunday for its Summer Pool Series. Fridays are a relaxing "leave work early" day starting at 2 p.m. and running until sundown. Saturday pool parties are known as "Destination" as DJ Mikhail spins and cabana packages are welcome. Sundays are open to the public with a \$5 cover charge for females and \$15 for males.

****On May 16, Mondrian's Pool is throwing its "H2O" party which is open to the public with a small cover charge.**

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Wet at W Scottsdale



Not your average Valley pool with its 24/7 access, high rise location and beach entry, Wet definitely achieved its 'Wow' factor. But that's not all, the pool features underwater lighting and music, daybeds and lounging pods and even four large portholes on the bottom for level one peek-a-boos. The sunset beach poolside bar will keep your stomachs full and your thirsts quenched as cocktailers deliver you whatever you desire.

Cabanas: Play like a VIP celeb and reserve one of Wet's 13 private cabanas, complete with a flat screen TV, individually controlled sound, personal services and High Speed Internet Access for the ultimate in R&R.

Summer Pool Series & Specials: Now through September 13, guests can enjoy fun in the sun with W Scottsdale's ultimate summer package. Included in your stay is reserved seating at WET pool, two cool cocktails, tanning lotion to keep you glowing, flip flops, complimentary sunrise breakfast with fruit, access to SWEAT® fitness, plus, a Wonderful Room starting at \$169!

W Scottsdale
7277 E. Camelback Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251
480.970.2100, www.starwoodhotels.com/whotels

Oasis Pool at The Phoenician



Scottsdale's signature hotel, The Phoenician Resort boasts nine acres of sparkling blue pools surrounded by only the best lounge chairs. The Oasis Pool is of course home to a plethora of poolside amenities and adult relaxation areas, as well as kid-friendly areas perfect for the whole family. Guests are invited to sun bathe while enjoying a refreshing tropical concoctions and choose from a selection of light sandwiches, grilled specialties, salads and snacks.

The Phoenician
6000 East Camelback Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251
800.888.8234, www.thephoenician.com

Infinity Pool at Sanctuary on Camelback



For an intimate day by the pool experience Sanctuary's dramatic infinity pool set at the picturesque foothills of Camelback Mountain. Sanctuary, Scottsdale's "luxury boutique hideaway," is perfect for that romantic weekend with that special someone amidst a breathtaking view and private weekend under the sun.

Sanctuary on Camelback
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