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**30** perfect retreats in and around AZ for families, couples, nature lovers & more!



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A photograph of a spa interior. In the foreground, a dark wooden bench sits on a wet, reflective floor. The background is filled with tall bamboo stalks. To the left, a glass door leads into a spa area where exercise equipment is visible. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

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Whether you're seeking the perfect family vacation, scouring for a romantic spot on the beach or simply need some R&R, these retreats have just what you need to make your summer escape spectacular.

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## Out of State

### Encantado Resort & Spa

198 State Road 592, Santa Fe, New Mexico;  
877-262-4666, [encantadoresort.com](http://encantadoresort.com)

Encantado settles into the Sangre de Cristo Mountains like a low-slung cloud, and is nearly as silent and soothing. No wonder the Dalai Lama visited here. Then again, he may have been tempted by the refined New Mexican fare from Chef Charles Dale, a double-nominee for Best American Chef in the Southwest by the James Beard Foundation. Chef Dale captures the colorful essence of the area with creations like agave-glazed salmon with achiote-grilled corn and stuffed squash blossom or Huevos El Rancho with Christmas salsas over blue corn muffins. Like the muffins? Consider wrapping yourself in them (sort of) with a blue corn and honey renewal wrap/massage at Encantado's spa.

This year, Santa Fe celebrates its 400th anniversary with a slew of summer festivals including the International Folk Art Market July 9-11. After a hard day of shopping and gallery hopping, Encantado is the ideal place to escape the hubbub and sip a Terra Sunset (a blood orange martini), watching its inspiration settle into the mountains.

**Summer Specials:** *The Opera Lover's package (available July 2 - August 28) starts at \$2,943 for three nights and includes prix fixe dinner, opera tickets for two, a \$200 per person spa credit and more.*

## Mountain Views

### In Town

### The Boulders Resort & Golden Door Spa

34631 N. Tom Darlington Drive, Carefree;  
480-488-9009, [theboulders.com](http://theboulders.com)

Hunkered down amid well-rounded and oddly teetering boulders, The Boulders Resort & Golden Door Spa offers one- to five-bedroom accommodations, almost all of which face mountains or what looks like a Jenga game that dropped from the sky.

In the distance sit the rugged mountains and rolling hills of the Tonto National Forest. The 221-unit resort features a spa with 24 different treatments, four swimming pools, two world-class golf courses, six restaurants and two tennis gardens across its 1,300-acre expanse. Guests can enjoy the mountain views from the top of the resort's paved Sunset Point trail, or, for a more up-close experience, commission a Jeep tour of the area.

**Summer specials:** *The resort is marking its 25th anniversary with a \$250 package that includes a two-night stay in a casita and a \$50 credit toward on-site restaurants, retail shops and activities through September 11.*

### Out of Town

### Hidden Meadow Ranch

30 miles north of Greer; check Website for specific directions; 866-333-4080, [hiddenmeadow.com](http://hiddenmeadow.com)

If author Zane Grey knew there were 12 luxurious, hand-hewn log cabins with soaking tubs and sweeping views of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, nary a Western novel would have been written. Hidden Meadow Ranch wasn't around during his time, but it's here now

for those who seek rustic magnificence with a little pampering.

In addition to ample opportunities for strolling around the property, the upscale guest ranch features more than 975 miles of trails winding throughout eastern Arizona's pristine White Mountains. Since the area around the ranch is closed to motorized vehicles, guests can hike, fly fish, mountain bike, ride horses and canoe in peace on the ranch's 150-acre grounds. Cool summer days and nights make this mountain retreat extra enticing.

**Summer specials:** *The Hideaway Package includes three gourmet meals each day, non-alcoholic beverages and double-occupancy accommodations starting at \$450 per night; the Ranchers Package offers the same plus all ranch-sponsored activities starting at \$595 per night. Both are good until September 5.*

### Out of State

### Capella Telluride

568 Mountain Village Blvd., Telluride, Colorado;  
877-247-6688, [capellatelluride.com](http://capellatelluride.com)

It's all about individual treatment at Capella Telluride, where personal assistants help visitors plan everything they need to enjoy this former mining town-turned-luxury enclave. Set amid a towering, dense stretch of peaks in the Rocky Mountains, it's everything in a John Denver song and then some: Ski from the slopes right to the hotel's doorstep, hit the indoor hot tub with mountain views and then knock back a few in the Nordic Lounge.

The resort opened in February 2009 and was named one of the world's best new hotels by *Condé Nast Traveler* with its 100 condominium-style hotel rooms and 60 residences designed to look like an alpine village in Europe. Children can explore the area with a Bear Creek Ranger or visit the Nature Center atop the gondola station for lessons on local ecology. Horseback riding, white-water rafting, hiking and fly-fishing activities also are available.

**Summer special:** *The hotel's Summer Festivals package includes a two-night stay, a full breakfast for two daily, complimentary parking and a \$50 spa credit starting at \$550 until September 30. Check the hotel's Website for several other packages.*

## Recreation Vacation

### In Town

### Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort

7677 N. 16th St., Phoenix; 602-997-2626,  
[hilton.com](http://hilton.com)

Four acres of refreshing swimming pools accented by cascading waterfalls and a lazy river; on-site tennis; guided nature hikes and Jeep tours throughout the surrounding desert; a decked-out fitness center; and individual or group lessons at the renowned Lookout Mountain Golf Club make the spectacular Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak one of the best places to stay for the adventuresome traveler.

When you're ready to rest those weary bones, settle into one of the resort's 30 suites or 133 one- and two-bedroom luxury casitas, each outfitted with top-notch amenities and many that afford stunning views of Piestewa Peak and Arizona's salmon-colored sunsets.

**Summer specials:** *Take advantage of the Stay and Play package through September 26, which gets you one night, breakfast for two and a free round of golf for just \$69 per night.*