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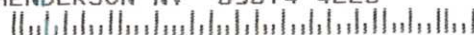
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TOP 5 most challenging

stay-and-plays



1. JW MARRIOTT DESERT RIDGE RESORT & SPA/WILDFIRE GC

Expansive is an understatement when you consider that this hotel is the largest hotel west of the Mississippi, excluding Las Vegas. The golf at Wildfire takes the shape of a Faldo-designed, links-inspired course and a Palmer-designed desert charmer.

www.marriott.com

2. SHERATON WILDHORSE PASS

It's all here—36 holes of championship golf (the Nationwide Tour plays here), a casino and a 500-room resort that overlooks the scenic

Gila River Indian Reservation. Seems far removed, but the resort is only 11 miles from the airport.

www.wildhorsepassresort.com

3. THE PHOENICIAN

Banked at the base of Camelback Mountain, the Phoenician's 27 holes are a resort-dweller's delight, as are the classy rooms and views.

www.thephoenician.com

4. WESTIN KIERLAND RESORT

Scott Miller succeeded in designing three nine-hole tracks that are player-friendly, but memorable as well. The new and beautiful Westin epitomizes sheer decadence.

www.kierlandgolf.com

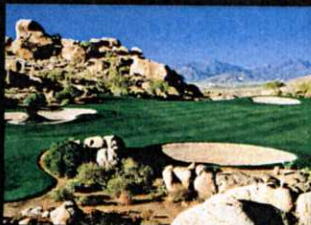
5. SEDONA GOLF RESORT

One of the most photogenic areas in Arizona, Sedona and namesake golf resort is a place golfers will remember for years to come.

The whole place is a work of art.

www.sedonagolfresort.com

scenic courses



1. TROON NORTH GOLF CLUB

Although new developments have impeded on the periphery, the two Weiskopf designs at Troon North prove that thrilling golf, real estate and stunning desert scenery can, in fact, coexist. The late-afternoon rounds are best, as the colorful Pinnacle Peak and McDowell Mountains change hues with the setting sun.

www.troongolf.com

2. WE-KO-PA GOLF CLUB

Conversely, this Scott Miller design has no real estate nearby, yielding one of the most spectacular and unspoiled golf experiences in the desert West. We can't wait to see the second course, which is already in the works.

www.wekopa.com

3. TALKING STICK GOLF CLUB

Designed by Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore, this 36-hole facility produces some tranquil vistas, even though it's very close to downtown Scottsdale. Because it sits on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the views aren't obstructed. Better yet, the course conditioning at Talking Stick is superb.

www.talkingstickgolfclub.com

4. EAGLE MOUNTAIN

Put it this way—walking this Scott Miller course is impossible. The views of the valley floor are a treat to see, and the holes that sprawl through the McDowell Mountains are immaculately defined. Grab a cart and enjoy the ride.

www.eaglemtn.com

5. LAS SENDAS GOLF CLUB

With views of Superstition Mountain, this Robert Trent Jones masterpiece requires thoughtful shot selection and precise shotmaking to score well. Its beauty is defined not in artificiality, but in an homage to the Old West.

www.lassendas.com

1. SUNRIDGE CANYON

Down, up, down, up and way up again, this Keith Foster gem is a rewarding test of golf. The closing three holes are the best and toughest holes on the course. If it's breezy, the course gets even more challenging, especially when it comes to the many forced carries golfers must face.

www.sunridgecanyon.com

2. VENTANA CANYON

With the Santa Catalina Mountains as a backdrop, Tom Fazio crafted 36 brilliant holes that force golfers to pay attention to every shot, especially on the dazzling array of par-3s. Challenge, frankly, has never looked so good.

www.thelodgeatventanacanyon.com

3. THE BOULDERS (SOUTH)

Steeped in target-style golf, the Jay Moorish-designed South Course at the revered Boulders Resort is known for demanding golfers to lay up and put the ball in play with a fairway wood or hybrid club, as opposed to swinging freely with the driver. The Boulders' North Course, by the way, is no slouch either. An Arizona favorite.

www.theboulders.com



4. GOLD CANYON GOLF RESORT (DINOSAUR MOUNTAIN)

Removed from the hustle and bustle, golfers can concentrate solely on conquering each of the 18 holes designed by Ken Kavanaugh. Forced carries, tricky greens and tremendous elevation changes levy a challenge that tests players of all skill levels. Don't miss its sister course, the Sidewinder.

www.gcgr.com

5. TRILOGY AT VISTANCIA

Don't be fooled by the active-adult moniker, this Gary Panks design is an intelligent course that, from the forward tees, is very playable. However, should golfers challenge the 7,259-yard championship tees, this course has plenty of bark and bite. Sometimes it's the sneaky subtleties that make golf difficult. Vistancia is chock-full of them.

www.trilogygolfclub.com

player-friendly



1. THE DUKE GOLF CLUB

With fairways as wide as the eye can see, The Duke is a great option for players who like to swing the driver really hard. The par-3s are at times challenging, but most have bail-out areas for the timid player who'd rather not face a forced carry over desert expanse.

www.thedukegolf.com

2. TPC OF SCOTTSDALE

Also a driver-friendly course, the Weiskopf-designed TPC has all its teeth on the greens and in the bunkers. If golfers putt well and avoid the sand, a good score will likely follow. Revel in the last four holes—they make up one of the most exciting finishes on the PGA Tour (FBR Open).

www.tpc.com

3. LONGBOW GOLF CLUB

The expertly designed Longbow presents golfers with a fun mix of short and long holes that offer a variety of options for players of any skill. Better players will appreciate the risk-reward options, while the novice will enjoy sizable landing areas for their tee shots.

www.longbowgolf.com

4. LEGEND TRAIL GOLF CLUB

Designed by Rees Jones, Legend Trail is a popular choice for women, due to its friendly fairway shapes and readable greens. The course actually looks tougher than it is, affording its fair share of happy golfers with lower-than-usual scores.

www.legendtrailgc.com

5. WIGWAM RESORT

The Wigwam has recently benefited from a huge, multimillion-dollar upgrade and, now, it's better than ever. The Gold Course is tough, but the Blue and Red are fun to play for just about everybody. All three are Trent Jones classics.

www.wigwamresort.com