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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.

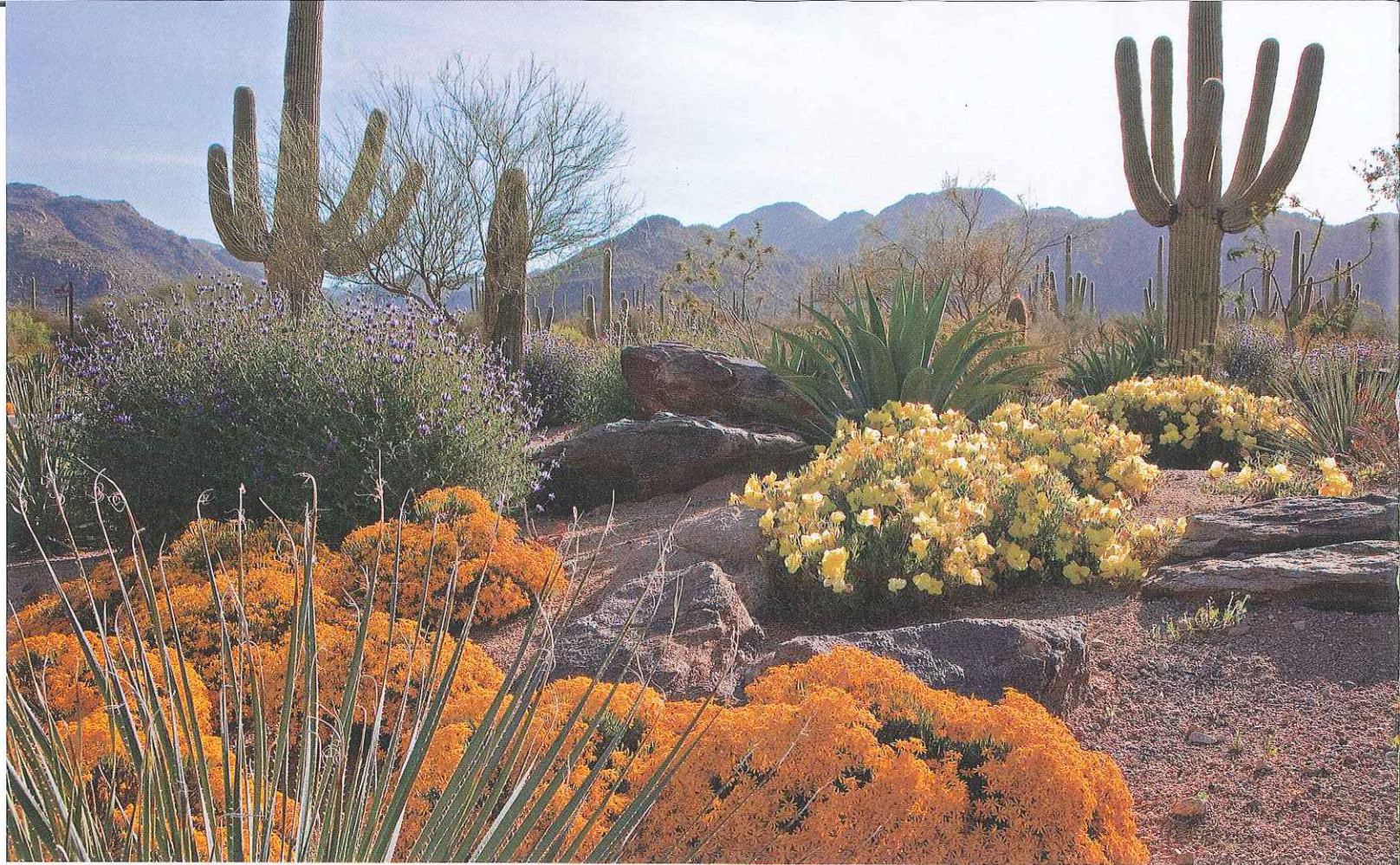
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Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa

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Out of Town

The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain

15000 N. Secret Springs Drive, Marana;
520-572-3000, ritzcarlton.com

It's impossible to peg The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain, as a spa-friendly resort, romantic resort, dining destination, etc., because, quite frankly, it's all of these things in one.

The intimate, pet-friendly property, which opened last December on 850 acres of pristine desert just northwest of Tucson, offers 250 luxurious suites, each of which looks out toward the saguaro-studded Tortolita Mountains and a cloudless Arizona sky. And while the resort bears the world-class Ritz brand, the laid back ambience of this particular resort defies the properties' reputation as a sometimes stuffy destination.

Guests can peruse more than 20 miles of world-class hiking and biking trails, etched with ancient petroglyphs; explore the Sonoran desert via private Jeep tours; rent a private cabana at the heated Aventura Pool (complete with a 235-foot water slide); book a treatment at the eco-holistic spa; keep the kids entertained with activities through The Ritz-Kids program; enjoy an inspiring sunset serenade on the patio each night by trained American Indian storytellers and flautists; take a swing at the Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf course; and book a romantic dinner at the signature restaurant, CORE, helmed by rising culinary star Chef de Cuisine Joel Harrington.

Summer specials: Several golf, spa and dining packages are available through December 31. Check the Website for details. Note: The spa is also open to non-overnight guests.

Out of State

Beach Village at the Hotel Del Coronado

1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, California;
800-468-3533, hoteldel.com

Noted time and again for its picturesque beach setting and convenient location to San Diego, the historic Hotel del Coronado needs little introduction. Still, we couldn't resist. Situated along 28 oceanfront acres on Coronado Island, the Hotel del has radiated class and sophistication since it was built in 1888. Now officially a National Historic Landmark, it continues to be noted as one of America's most beautiful beach resorts.

Adults can take moonlit strolls along the beach, lounge poolside in a private cabana, enjoy an ocean-inspired treatment at The Spa at the Del, shop at the Del's upscale boutiques, stretch their muscles with beach yoga lessons, or simply relax in one of 679 recently remodeled rooms. Or choose from one of 78 more secluded beachfront guest rooms at Beach Village, which feature spacious dining and living rooms, cozy fireplaces, gourmet kitchens and personal concierge service – not to mention breathtaking ocean views from private cabanas and terraces. Kids can pedal around the island on rental bikes from PeDel's, try their footing at surfing lessons (ages 6 and up), or visit nearby attractions such as Sea World.

Summer specials: Stay three nights and get the fourth night free through December 31. Rates start at \$390 per night (based on double occupancy), plus taxes and a \$25 daily resort fee.

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