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Esplendor Resort and Country Club at Rio Rico offers Golf for Free package

Just 40 minutes south of Tucson and 2-1/2 hours from Phoenix, discover simplicity, beauty, and understated elegance in a place enshrouded in centuries of history and forged by the soul of the Old West and the spirit of Old Mexico. An escape with acclaimed cuisine, championship golf and memorable vistas, Esplendor Resort and Rio Rico Country Club is the perfect destination for golf getaways, golf groups, shopping excursions to Mexico, family outings/vacations, weddings, business conferences and romantic getaways.

Set among rolling mountains, overlooking the lush green Santa Cruz River Valley and amid centuries of history, the Esplendor Resort at Rio Rico is a one-of-a-kind destination in southern Arizona. An additional excellent attraction to this destination is you are minutes from

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The Phoenician tees up great value with their Summer Golf Package

Vacationers and 'Staycationers' can enjoy AAA Five Diamond accommodations; unlimited play on USGA championship course from \$199



The Phoenician's Desert Course – Hole #9

Tucked into Camelback Mountain, just off Camelback Road, is an oasis retreat everyone needs to experience at least once in their lifetime. The Phoenician is elegant, yet casual, and you literally forget that you are still in the city while sitting on the patio watching the sunset while sipping a libation, lounging by the pool or playing a round on their 27 holes of championship golf.

The Phoenician, Arizona's premier AAA Five Diamond resort destination, is teeing up exceptional value and unforgettable experiences with its new Summer Golf Package for two. Available seven days a week from June 1 through Sept. 7, 2009, the package includes luxurious guestroom accommodations; a convenient grab-n-go breakfast or lunch each day; and daily unlimited play on The Phoenician's USGA Championship course. Rates start at just \$199 per night.

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Secluded and relaxed atmosphere with beautiful vistas.

Esplendor Resort

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the Mexican border town of Nogales offering wonderful shopping amongst our friendly neighbors who are always eager to welcome us to explore their culture, bargain for their artistry and enjoy fine dining. Be sure to bring your passports which are required beginning in June, 2009. And, yes, it is very safe in Nogales and loads of fun, we picked up some great bargains, had delicious food and never

felt as safe in all the years we've been exploring Nogales, Mexico.

Rio Rico Country Club offers world-class golf on their original Robert Trent Jones, Sr. championship golf course, with 18 magnificent holes, playing 7126 yards from the tips, beneath the shadows of the San Cayetano Mountains. Play your round amidst the beauty of the high Sonoran Desert in the casual and secluded atmosphere away from the hustle and bustle. Designed for the golf purist, this layout offers a true challenge and is consistently rated one of Arizona's top public courses. The mature Mesquite lined fairways play host to the PGA Tour Qualifying School.

The Country Club offers a well-appointed golf shop, restaurant and bar, patio dining, driving range and chipping and putting areas. Currently, the Esplendor Resort is offering a magnificent Stay and Play package created for two and good through May 31, 2009. One night in a spacious and charming guestroom and two rounds of golf for only \$129, which basically equates to golfing for Free! And, for single occupancy - One night guestroom and one round of golf for only \$99. For reservations, call toll free 800.288.4746, 520.281.1901, or email ReservationsAZ@HHandR.com with promotional code AZ Golfer. For more information on the Resort, visit www.esplendor-resort.com.

Green fees are very affordable throughout the year so check out their

rates by calling 520.281.8567 or visit www.esplendor-resort.com. Annual and semi-annual memberships are also available.

At 4000 feet in elevation with cooler summer temperatures, approximately eight degrees cooler than the Valley of the Sun, Esplendor is classic old world charm in the heart of Old Arizona. The resort offers each guest the experience of an elegant

Spanish inspired hacienda and the opportunity to discover centuries of local history and folklore. Explore awe inspiring Spanish missions, the renowned Tubac artist colony, and world class birding sanctuaries. Bask in the warm sun poolside or escape to the sauna or jacuzzi. Explore lush gardens, the nature trail or meditative vistas of the Santa Cruz Valley. Or, enjoy a good game of tennis on one of their four tennis courts. They even provide racquets and tennis balls at the front desk for you.

Horseback riding through the Santa Cruz River Valley along with their Mesquite Gulch - featuring campfire cookouts, a saloon, stage with gallows, and a corral take you back in history to the Old West. Taste the flavors and cooking



Rio Rico Country Club's Championship Course.

sets against the rolling mountains.

The resort helps you celebrate with distinction for any special event. From the elegant Sonoran Ballroom to spectacular outdoor event space, Esplendor offers over 56,000 sq. ft. of combined outdoor and indoor space. It has all the amenities you expect for a successful meeting/event, such as high speed

internet access, state of the art audio/visual equipment, flexible meeting space capabilities, and an attentive staff that will attend to every detail of your meeting or event.

With 179 comfortable guest rooms, all with private balconies with views of interior courtyards or the valley below, Esplendor Resort also features 13 suites and 5 specialty suites. This is a resort that offers charm with comfort. Whether you are on a golf or family outing, holding a business conference or just want to get out of the city, Esplendor Resort offers something for everyone in a relaxing, totally secluded atmosphere. Their property statement suits them well..."Uncomplicated, Unpretentious and

Unforgettable."

Esplendor Resort at Rio Rico is owned and operated by Heritage Hotels & Resorts, a collection of award-winning hotels distinct in style, each a gem in their own setting. Drawing from the unique blend of the southwest and Western regions' Native American,



traditions of Old Mexico.


The San Cayetano Restaurant features award-winning seafood and acclaimed steaks with a commanding view of the valley and mountains beyond. Sip on sweet blue Agave tequila in the rustic 'Saloon' with an outstanding room length bar and plenty of tables for dining. For warm Arizona evenings, sample shrimp ceviche accompanied with a fresh mango margarita on the veranda while the sun

Mexican, Spanish and American Western cultural and historical influences each hotel embodies the spirit of the west. Visit www.hhandr.com for more information on Heritage Hotels & Resorts' properties. Heritage Hotels & Resorts is a member of Sterling Hotel Group, part of the Preferred Hotel Group, a growing international group of the most sought-after privately owned and operated hotels in 17 countries.

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The Phoenician

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To book the Summer Golf Package, call 480.941.8200 and mention promotional code "LOCPKG2" or visit www.thephoenician.com.

Recipient of the 2007 World Travel Award as North America's Leading Golf Resort, The Phoenician is home to 27 holes of golf that offers both challenge and diversity. Special note: The Oasis Course will be closed the remainder of 2009. As a result, the Resort is "re-routing" two Canyon holes to create a new, temporary nine-hole course called the Jokake Nine. This course will be comprised of Canyon #8, Canyon #9 and Oasis #1-7. The Jokake Nine, which will be available for play in June, provides guests with a total of 27 holes of golf: The Desert Nine, The Canyon Nine and The Jokake Nine.

In addition, 27,000 square feet of first-class practice facilities provide golfers with a variety of resources for improving their game, including a full-service driving range, a chipping green and oversized putting green. Golfers can also take advantage of The Phoenician Golf Academy, which features private and semi-private instruction with state-of-the-art video and computer analysis.

New this year is The Titleist Performance Institute Experience (TPI), which combines golf instruction with



The Phoenician's Canyon Course

physical fitness. Led by The Phoenician's PGA- and TPI-certified Director of Instruction, Michael Lamanna, students receive a comprehensive golf-specific fitness evaluation; a golf swing evaluation; a take-home CD and practice plan; and a personalized golf fitness program to improve performance. The 1.5 hour program is offered at \$200 per person.

Junior Golf Camps at The Phoenician have been expanded this summer. Tee up a fun summer for your children or grandchildren with The Phoenician's one week Junior Golf Camps. Offered weekly throughout the month of June, specifically-tailored programs are available to beginning, intermediate and advanced juniors, 5-18 years old. With full-swing,

putting, chipping and pitching instruction, as well as rules and etiquette lessons, daily contests and a written game plan for success, The Phoenician's Junior Golf Camps offer something for every skill level. Upon completion, campers may play free through August, 2009 after 11:00 a.m. when accompanied by an adult paying a \$30 cart fee. Call 480.423.2454 to register or for more information.

Camps offered:

- **The Phoenician "Top Gun"**

Junior Camp is designed for the advanced junior, ages 12 to 18 looking to improve their game and compete at the high school or college level. This camp will meet from 8:00 am to 11:00 am Tuesday through Friday.

- **The "Golden Bears" Junior Camp** is open to beginning and intermediate level juniors ages 8 to 11. This camp will meet from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, each camp week.

- **The Phoenician "Littl Tiggers"**

Junior Camp is designed for juniors ages 5 to 7 and is designed to provide young beginning golfers a fun introduction to the game of golf.

Space is limited and advanced registration is required. For more details and pricing visit www.lamannagolf.com.

Phoenician Junior Camps will be conducted by P.G.A. Director of Instruction, Michael Lamanna. Mr. Lamanna has studied under teaching legends Jim McLean, Bob Toski and Golf Magazine Top 100 Teachers Tim Mahoney and Scott Sackett.

Michael has been affiliated with the PGA and teaching golf for over 30 years. He was named "2004 Harvey Penick Teacher of the Year" in the Western Chapter of the Southern Texas PGA. He has taught players of all levels including the Phoenix City Amateur Champion, the Arizona State Amateur Champion, San Antonio City Girls, Boys and Men's, Women's and Men's Senior Champions, the Texas State Mid Amateur Champion, Montana State Open Champion, Arizona State Boys and Florida State Girls Junior Champions, collegiate golfers, members of the LPGA, Nationwide Tour, The Champions Tour and PGA TOUR. For more information call 480.423.2454 or email mlamanna@troongolf.com.

Located at the base of Camelback Mountain, the 250-acre Phoenician offers two exquisite experiences – a 583-room AAA Five Diamond resort hotel and an



Clubhouse houses the pro shop, patio dining at Grille, and fine dining upstairs with views of their 19th hole.

exclusive Five Diamond boutique hotel, The Canyon Suites – at one magnificent destination. The property features elegant, residential-style accommodations, distinctive and tantalizing cuisine across a variety of restaurants, 27 holes of championship golf, 11 lighted tennis courts, The Centre for Well-Being spa complex, an activities program for all ages and interests, numerous boutique shops and a \$25 million art collection.

In addition to these offerings, the stylish 60-room Canyon Suites provides more intimate surroundings and enhanced services, creating an atmosphere of uncompromising comfort. Both The Phoenician and The Canyon Suites are owned and operated by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., as part of The Luxury Collection. For additional information, call 480.941.8200 or visit www.thephoenician.com.

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