

STAYCATION Spotlight

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Pool lounging at Mountain Shadows Resort in Paradise Valley. Check out summer deals on page 167.

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OLD TOWN SCOTTSDALE

Boasting Arizona's densest ecosystem of restaurants, bars and nightlife, Old Town is the ticket for energetic staycationers who want to paint the town.

WHY WE LOVE IT

- ▶ Everything's within walking and biking distance, from Scottsdale Fashion Square to the Valley Ho.
- ▶ Boasts both our favorite beer bar (Craft 64) and Japanese restaurant (Shinbay).
- ▶ Shake off the karaoke cobwebs at The Grapevine and Geisha A Go Go.

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FORMERLY the personal residence of Scottsdale dining legend Peter Kasperski (Cowboy Ciao, Kazimierz), this sprawling second-story apartment off Stetson Avenue has been re-fashioned into a six-bedroom deluxe party pad by Valley luxury rental king Parsons Villas. With a pool table, jacuzzi, high-ceiling community area and balcony with a sweeping view of Kyoto, Geisha A Go Go and the greater Old Town nightlife scene on the street below, it's not hard to imagine a gangbusters staycation weekend with a dozen or so of your closest friends. (It maxes out at 22 guests.) Party on, princes of Old Town.

YEAR-ROUND RATE: **\$1,200/night**
parsonsvillas.com/vacation-rental/
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FROM OUR PARTNERS

3 Bucket List RESTAURANTS in Old Town

- 1 SHINBAY: Sit down, shut up and enjoy your \$200-a-person omakase tasting odyssey at the hands of James Beard Award-nominated chef Shinji Kurita. Oh, and don't ask for wasabi. He hates that. shin-bay.com
- 2 OCEAN 44, pictured: From the Mastro clan comes this glass-and-steel dining palace near the new luxury wing of Scottsdale Fashion Square. All hail the raw bar. ocean44.com
- 3 MONARCH CAFÉ: Named the most romantic restaurant in the U.S. by some website or other, this Tuscan love-pad of a restaurant features multicourse tasting menus and some of the most attentive sommeliers you'll ever meet. Foot, meet bucket. cafemonarch.com

Resort Roundup

- ▶ W SCOTTSDALE: Epic pool scene upstairs, upscale sushi legend Sushi Roku downstairs. What's not to salivate over. **Summer rate: \$204/night.** marriott.com
- ▶ BESPOKE INN, pictured: Between the infinity lap pool, the colossal bathrooms that encourage pampering, the colorful Southwest décor and the intimate eatery right downstairs at Virtù Honest Craft, it's easy to forget you're in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale. **Summer rate: \$102/night.** bespokeinn.com
- ▶ VALLEY HO: The historical property's legendary pool scene will safely continue at fractional capacity during the summer, and the reconceived, re-energized ZuZu restaurant awaits. **Summer rate: \$169/night.** hotelvalleyho.com

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