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## Best of the Best



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## Best Resorts



Willow Stream—The Spa at Fairmont

### NATURAL HABITAT

Tucked away in its own private wildlife reserve on the edge of Kruger National Park, about an hour's flight from Johannesburg, South Africa, is the extraordinary **Royal Malewane**. Only superlatives apply to this luxury safari lodge, which hosts a maximum of 16 people in sumptuously furnished thatched villas with gazebos, plunge pools, and huge decks resembling outdoor living rooms. If you demand privacy, the palatial Royal Suite for two couples has its own butler, chef, and masseur. The lodge's sophisticated menu features Michelin-quality meals, and the wine list is extensive and exceptionally well chosen. Game viewing, including the chance to see rare white rhinos, cheetahs, and leopards, is led by rangers whose training and experience are unparalleled in southern Africa.

—BOBBIE LEIGH

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### HERE'S THE RUB

Many of the ultraluxurious resorts in Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona, including The Boulders and Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain, have recently added spas, but perhaps the most impressive is **Willow Stream—The Spa at Fairmont** at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess. This tri-level 44,000-square-foot retreat, anchored by an indoor waterfall modeled after the mystical Havasu Falls in the Grand Canyon, features some 25 treatment rooms—many with cacti-filled patios—where you can indulge in Southwestern-themed



Willow Stream

treatments such as the Anasazi Aloe Eucalyptus Scrub, the Royal Sonoran Body Polish, and the signature two-hour Havasupi Body Oasis Experience (a chamomile scrub and eucalyptus wrap followed by a deep-tissue massage). There's even a Golf Performance Treatment for those seeking relief from the challenging Sonoran Desert courses. Treat yourself to a mental break as well and sip a lemon hibiscus tea by the reflecting pools in the meditation room or in the rooftop infinity pool overlooking the dramatic McDowell Mountains. —JILL FERGUS

Willow Stream—The Spa at Fairmont,  
800.908.9540, [www.fairmont.com](http://www.fairmont.com)

### REMOTE CONTROL

When life gets frantic, people often daydream about running off alone to a deserted island. The notion is even more appealing if you can call ahead to request that your private butler ready your accommodations and your chef have your favorite foods on hand. At **Cayo Espanto**, an island resort off the coast of Belize in the Western Caribbean, you'll experience the ultimate in seclusion without having to sacrifice a thing. You receive a detailed questionnaire before your trip that inquires about food and activity preferences. Then, upon your arrival via boat from San Pedro, you're welcomed to your island by your staff, who are lined up on the dock in crisp khaki shorts and French blue oxford shirts. The resort features five villas, each with its own private plunge pool and dock. A soft-spoken butler is assigned to arrange for all your needs. You'll be hard-pressed to encounter any other guests at Cayo Espanto, and while you never really need to leave your villa, you can arrange for private fishing, scuba, or snorkeling excursions and an island picnic. —KARYN J. BILEZERIAN

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