



Desert Oasis

Suspended high above Paradise Valley, Villa Ventana is the rare kind of retreat that feels both otherworldly and entirely at ease. Built into the mountainside at Sanctuary Camelback Mountain, A Gurney's Resort & Spa (gurneysresorts.com), the newly refreshed villa pairs architectural drama with serene seclusion. The 2,500-square-foot escape includes two spacious bedrooms with en suite baths, a detached guest casita, an expansive patio, a private heated pool and a whirlpool perched on the deck's edge—all framed by 270-degree views of the Sonoran landscape. Starting at \$2,500 per night (and climbing to \$5,500 in peak season), this is one of Scottsdale's most coveted perches. by LAURA ECKSTEIN JONES