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Dear Member,

We like to take this opportunity each year to showcase a variety of exceptional things happening at your Residence Clubs. This exclusive publication is a favorite of ours for sharing some features you may not see elsewhere.

One of the best examples of this is our top story “A Cut Above,” which highlights the culinary scene at our three Residence Club locations. Each is home to an impressive display of dining options, including the all-new Velvet Buck at The St. Regis Aspen Resort, and two brand-new eateries at The Phoenician, a Luxury Collection Resort.

These new restaurants feature a distinctive sense of place as they focus on the classic Western origins of Aspen and Scottsdale, respectively. Of course, the iconic King Cole Bar and Astor Court have remained an emblem of style and sophistication synonymous with New York City for decades. It’s no wonder these three destinations are also home to renowned food and wine festivals, which we cover in “Taste of Greatness.”

In keeping with our foodie theme, we bring you an insider’s look at the long-standing ritual at St. Regis hotels: the art of Champagne sabering. What started more than 100 years ago at The St. Regis New York remains a cherished tradition at every St. Regis hotel around the world today. In “A Pop of History,” you’ll be introduced to this signature ceremony and two of the experts who perform the remarkable nightly demonstration.

While The Phoenician debuts new restaurants, the rest of the resort has been undergoing a larger renovation that will be completed in 2018. “Exquisite Transformation” is an in-depth look at what is being done to the resort for the first time in 30 years.

As always, we love to feature stories of our Residence Club Members, so we are extremely appreciative of two who shared their recent SPG Moments<sup>SM</sup> experiences. “Amazing Travel, Platinum Style” underlines the premium benefits associated with your Platinum membership in the Starwood Preferred Guest<sup>®</sup> program.

It’s these types of exemplary amenities, features and benefits that I hope you’ll continue to enjoy as a valued Member of the Residence Club.

Sincerely,

*Suzanne Clark*



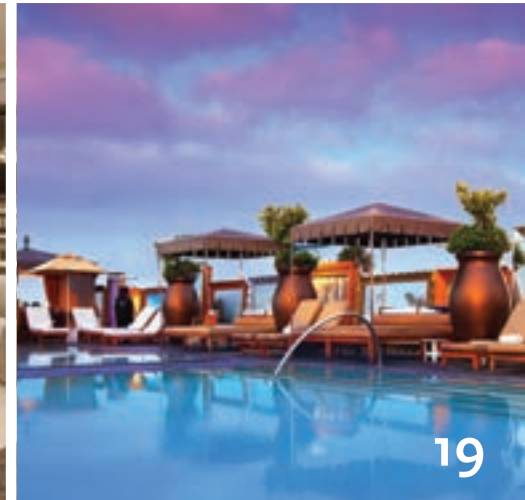
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# NEW EXPLORATIONS

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*The St. Regis Zhuhai, China*



*Perry Lane Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, USA*



*Debuting in 2018:*

- *The Santa Maria, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Golf Resort, Panama City, Panama — January*
- *Perry Lane Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Savannah, Georgia, USA — March*
- *ITC Kohinoor, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Hyderabad, India — March*
- *Parklane, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Limassol, Cyprus — March*
- *The Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Yerevan, Armenia — April*
- *Al Manara, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Saraya Aqaba, Jordan — April*
- *The St. Regis Zhuhai, China — May*
- *Hôtel de Berri, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Paris, France — June*
- *The Langley, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Buckinghamshire, England — June*
- *The Hotel Ajax, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Telluride, Colorado, USA — August*
- *ITC Royal Bengal, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Kolkata, India — December*
- *The St. Regis Kanai Resort, Riviera Maya, Mexico — December*

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*The Langley, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Buckinghamshire, England*



# AMAZING TRAVEL, PLATINUM STYLE

*The St. Regis Rome, Rome, Italy*

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For Residence Club Member Patti Duvall, SPG Platinum membership has led to some truly magnificent experiences. Since 2007, Ms. Duvall has called The St. Regis Residence Club, New York, her Home Residence, and thanks to her SPG membership, she's taken full advantage of benefits like hotel stays in Europe, airline miles and SPG Moments<sup>SM</sup>.

"I love my Starpoints! I have stayed in Paris, London, Los Angeles, Chicago, Napa Valley, San Francisco, and Punta Mita," said Ms. Duvall.

It was a trip to Rome five years ago with her niece that really left her impressed with her Platinum capabilities. "The St. Regis Rome gets my highest rating. Everything that makes a trip magical was part of the equation," she said. "The architecture and furnishings are stunning. The staff is so well-trained and couldn't do enough to make you feel like a valued guest. We loved the sumptuous hotel breakfast every morning, which was a Platinum amenity. I want to go back."

Recently, she had the opportunity to treat her son and his girlfriend to an SPG Moments experience. After a few nerve-racking minutes bidding on the package, she won tickets for the SPG Suite at the 2017 US Open tennis tournament in New York. "They loved it. Max and Margaret are both tennis instructors. It truly was a memorable moment for them," she said.



Members Carol and Roger Shiffman (right) are accompanied by friends Amy and Marc Rosenberg at a Chicago Cubs game.

Residence Club Member Roger Shiffman has been redeeming Starpoints® for stays on Maui the last few years so he and his family can enjoy extended vacations on the picturesque Hawaiian island. Back home in a Chicago suburb, he takes full advantage of the SPG Moments at Wrigley Field for Chicago Cubs games, complete with exclusive access to the SPG Luxury Suite.

He also took the chance in 2017 to bid on a package for a day at Wrigley Field with a private lunch, a meet-and-greet with

former second baseman Ryne Sandberg, and premium seats near first base. "I really loved these Moments and I'm hoping there will be more," he said. "It's a great way to utilize Starpoints beyond hotel rooms."

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# A CUT ABOVE

## RAISING THE CULINARY BAR ONE DISTINCTIVE RESTAURANT AT A TIME

In an era when quick-service restaurants are on every corner and food trucks are the *meal du jour*, it's easy to look beyond the world of chic sit-down dining spaces, where mealtime is meant to be slowed down and cuisine is meant to be savored. Yet, as

The St. Regis New York, The St. Regis Aspen Resort, and The Phoenician, A Luxury Collection Resort, hold onto the traditions and visions set forth by their founders, the culinary scene at these three properties continues to evolve with distinctive spaces and innovative menus.



## ASPEN'S CHANGING SPACES

**Chefs Club** at The St. Regis Aspen Resort has been wildly popular since opening in 2012 as a partnership with *Food & Wine* magazine (it has been named one of the 100 Best Restaurants in the country by *Time* magazine).

After recently dropping the *Food & Wine* branding from its moniker, the restaurant's menu also underwent a revamp. What was originally a platform for showcasing a revolving group of up-and-coming chefs culled from *Food & Wine*'s Best New Chefs program is now exclusively featuring 20 seasonal dishes from 20 star chefs, including Éric Ripert, Daniel Boulud, Mario

Batali and Marcus Samuelsson. Lead by Culinary Director Didier Elena and Executive Chef Todd Slossberg together with Master Sommelier Jonathan Pullis, Chefs Club remains an exceptional venue for exquisite fare and premium wine. So it would be easy to excuse The St. Regis Aspen Resort if it decided to breeze along on the success of the acclaimed Chefs Club for a while longer. But that's not how things roll for the culinary team led by Chef de Cuisine Hunter Kepley, the visionary behind the resort's newest restaurant that opened December 2017, the Velvet Buck.



Chefs Club



Taking over the space previously occupied by ThePortal@TQD, the **Velvet Buck** is a concept that presents modern mountain cuisine in a relaxed rustic setting. Named for the fuzzy material that covers a buck's antlers while still growing, the Velvet Buck honors the rugged roots of mountain living and the skilled survivalists who became known as mountain men and women.

The menu's approach draws inspiration from the primal cooking techniques used by these mountain dwellers — cooking on a spit, over a fire, on an open flame, or curing and smoking meats. Working closely with farms and purveyors, Chef Kepley infuses local ingredients where possible into the menu, like the Colorado Charcuterie & Cheese Board small plates selection and the Local Striped Bass large plates option.





## BOLD AND STYLISH IN SCOTTSDALE

As Arizona's premier AAA Five Diamond resort, The Phoenician, a Luxury Collection Resort, has mastered the spectrum of dining styles, from a sophisticated steakhouse to a casual golf course snack shop. Somewhere in between the resort's assortment of eight dining venues are three new spots that stand out.

With the closing of Il Terrazzo Italian eatery, the space was reopened October 2017 as **Mowry & Cotton**, a modern-meets-Old West concept with a folkloric tale behind its name.

The approachable menu is driven by Chef de Cuisine Tandy Peterson and team. Hailing from Wyoming and residing in Arizona for the last eight years, Chef Peterson is no stranger to the flavors of America's West. Combine that with the coal grill cooking techniques she picked up during a stint working in Spain, and the menu at Mowry & Cotton speaks to the flame-cured, indigenous flavors and textures of modern American cuisine.



Chef Tandy Peterson

*“Precise, yet relaxed,” said Chef Peterson. “It’s straightforward cooking that’s easy to love and matches the laid-back vibes of the space. You’ll know you’re in Arizona.”*



By relaxing the luxe style seen throughout the rest of the resort, this new restaurant aims to be a space where an easygoing atmosphere encourages friends to gather over bold regionally inspired dishes (bison carpaccio, anyone?) and winsome-named cocktails (try the Hi-Yo Silver).

Inside, Mowry & Cotton boasts a spacious and open dining room where a signature hearth oven stands as the central focal point. Floor-to-ceiling windows and rustic touches make for a relaxed backdrop. Or make your way to the expansive, open-air back porch furnished with communal fire pits and views of the newly redesigned pools.

Also new to the scene (as of fall 2017) is the **Kalio Kabobery**, a casual poolside eatery offering Mediterranean-inspired

cuisine. The former pool complex where it's located was modernized and expanded to be a more welcoming space with upper pools and a lounge deck, a VIP Center Island and a family-friendly Kids Zone. The addition of Kalio Kabobery brings a light and fresh outdoor menu of kabobs, hummus and dips, flatbreads and wraps, cocktails and drinks — all perfect accompaniments to the serene desert surroundings of Scottsdale.

**Thirsty Camel** isn't new to the resort, but it did undergo a redesign and a grand reopening October 2017. With floor-to-ceiling views of the resort and the Valley beyond, the Thirsty Camel draws inspiration from the vibrant surroundings of the Sonoran Desert for regionally centric food and drinks.



KEEPING UP WITH A NEW YORK CLASSIC

King Cole Bar

When a restaurant is set in a location as revered as New York City for its diverse and original dining scene, it would seem almost impossible to maintain an eatery that consistently draws crowds day after day. But that’s exactly what The St. Regis New York’s acclaimed restaurant and bar do so well.

*“The King Cole Bar has always been a New York icon and one of the city’s most stately cocktail lounges, drawing the city’s elite nightly,”* says Daniel De La Rosa, chef de cuisine at The St. Regis New York. *“The dining experience in Astor Court is unrivaled and quintessentially Manhattan, with a menu featuring modern American cuisine with an international twist.”*

It makes sense that the lure of likely the most exclusive dining table in New York City is nestled within the famous King Cole Bar, a space with its own storied past. Table 55 sits in a prime private corner of the bar and is only set up when the table is reserved at \$2,500 per night. Accommodating up to four people, the table service features a menu curated by the culinary team and customized to each guest’s preferences.

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Astor Court

For those who’d prefer the elegant and refined open-style lounge of **Astor Court**, there are a few unassuming changes being made to the menu in 2018 that will focus on offering lighter and healthier fare, including vegan-friendly options. *“This has been a popular trend with our guests for the past few years, and we are constantly adding new items that are on the lighter side without compromising on the flavor,”* says Chef De La Rosa. *“Keeping the menu fresh and updated allows us to remain a special and celebrated destination.”*

That’s not to say that the menus at these two spots are shifting away from some of the most-ordered items. The King Cole Prime Burger remains the most popular selection for patrons ordering from the bar menu, while the Astor Court menu features the signature Champagne Risotto, which is customized and prepared with your choice of bubbly. *“It will never go out of style,”* says Chef De La Rosa.



*Taste of* **GREATNESS**

YOUR INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE PREMIER 2018 FOOD AND WINE FESTIVALS IN ASPEN, NEW YORK CITY, AND SCOTTSDALE



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**T**hese days, food festivals across the United States range from everything from the Kodiak Crab Festival in Alaska to the National Cherry Festival in Michigan. But for foodies and connoisseurs alike, the next-level food and wine fests feature celebrity chefs and culinary powerhouses on display in the three destinations that are also home to your Residence Clubs. Here is a complete insider's guide to the three top food festivals you should be attending in 2018, in order by date.

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## 2 NEW YORK CITY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

October 11–14, 2018

### OVERVIEW

The Food Network and the Cooking Channel join forces for the largest food and wine festival featuring events, parties, classes, seminars, tastings and a star-studded cast of personalities — from Giada De Laurentiis to Bobby Flay.

### LOCATION

The festival spreads out throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn at specific locations. The Culinary Campus, located at Piers 92 and 94 on the Hudson River, is home to NYCWFF's signature Grand Tasting.

### WHY YOU SHOULD GO

This is a charity event with 100% of the net proceeds benefiting Food Bank For New York City and the No Kid Hungry® campaign to end childhood hunger in America.

### TICKETS

Ranges from \$50–\$400 depending on the type of event.

### CONTACT

nycwff.org | tickets@nycwff.org | 800 764 8773

## 1 FOOD & WINE CLASSIC IN ASPEN

June 15–17, 2018

### OVERVIEW

*Food & Wine* is the ultimate authority on the best of what's new in food, drink, travel, design and entertaining. The signature Food & Wine Classic in Aspen features an all-star lineup of culinary celebs, more than 80 cooking demonstrations and wine seminars, exhibitors, and the Grand Tasting Pavilion with over 300 wines and dish samples.

### LOCATION

It's spread throughout town, but many events are actually hosted at The St. Regis Aspen Resort, so you'll have easy access to some of the most popular sessions. And the Grand Tasting Pavilion is conveniently located across the street in beautiful Wagner Park, where several of The St. Regis chefs participate in the Sunday event.

### WHY YOU SHOULD GO

For the gastronomically inclined, this is considered the crème de la crème of culinary festivals, putting you up close and personal with top-tier chefs and well-known wine experts.

### TICKETS

Tickets are a hot commodity, so you'll want to snag your passes early. There are also separate evening events and parties available for purchase. Regular passes go on-sale January 2018.

### CONTACT

foodandwine.com/classic  
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## 3 CADILLAC PRESENTS THE AZ CENTRAL® FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCE

November 3–4, 2018

### OVERVIEW

This showcase combines culinary flair and entertainment with highlights of regional food trends, local chefs and alcohol experts. It's truly a way to celebrate with chefs, vintners, distillers, restaurateurs and enthusiasts.

### LOCATION

The entire festival is set up in the Valley's outdoor venue called Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.

### WHY YOU SHOULD GO

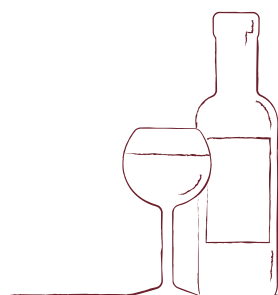
Now in its fourth year, the festival always features a notable headliner who shares his or her culinary knowledge and tips in an exclusive meet-and-greet. Emmy Award winner and best-selling author Martha Stewart made her debut at the 2017 fest, so stay tuned for the announcement of the 2018 headliner.

### TICKETS

Ranges from \$20–\$325 depending on event.

### CONTACT

wineandfood.azcentral.com





# A Pop of History

*Behind the fascinating tradition of  
sabrage at St. Regis hotels*

As the sun begins to set over New York City, Will Rentschler, director of food & beverage at The St. Regis New York, makes his way to a candlelit Astor Court where a small crowd gathers around him for a special demonstration marking the transition from day to evening.

With a sword known as a saber in one hand and a bottle of sparkling wine in the other, he gracefully slides the saber up the seam of the bottle, knocks the entire neck off in one clean fell swoop and pours the flowing bubbly into glasses that are passed around to the guests.

It's a tradition that has become synonymous with St. Regis hotels after John Jacob Astor IV instituted it in 1904 with the opening of The St. Regis New York. The art of sabering — which dates back to Napoleon Bonaparte, who opened Champagne with his saber in both victory and defeat — has become a signature evening ceremony at all St. Regis hotels around the globe.

While The St. Regis New York had been reserving the ritual for celebratory moments in recent history, it was reintroduced mid-2017 as a nightly occurrence, bringing it back to where it all began more than 100 years ago.

When in Residence in New York or Aspen, you can take in the significance of the experience and appreciate this time-honored tradition in all its splendor.

## EXPERIENCE SABERING

*The St. Regis New York*  
Astor Court  
5:30 PM

*The St. Regis Aspen Resort*  
Mountain Social  
4:45 PM winter; 5:15 PM summer

## MEET THE SABERERS

With only a select handful of people trained to execute the sabrage at each property, we spoke with two who shared their take on this unique ritual.



### THE ST. REGIS NEW YORK Will Rentschler, Director of Food & Beverage

When did you learn to do sabrage?

I learned about four years ago while I was living in Washington, D.C.

How long did it take you to perfect it?

Not sure if I would say I've perfected it as every time can be challenging, but I knocked the top off on my second try while learning.

What is the trick for making a clean break?

We always slide the saber up the seam of the bottle and make contact with the neck, which is the weakest part. The blunt side of a saber acts as more of a hammer instead of a blade, knocking the entire neck off. The force of the champagne coming out of the bottle prevents any bits of glass going back into the bottle.

What is the most expensive bottle you've ever sabered?

A 2002 Dom Pérignon. A shame to see some of it spill out, but it was a very fun bottle to saber.

How do you prepare for the demonstration?

We make sure the bottle is very chilled because this will provide a cleaner break at the neck. We also light all the candles in the restaurant right before sabering so we are prepared for evening right after pouring for the guests.

What makes this ritual so special?

It's a lot of fun for the guests to watch. Quite a few of them have never seen a bottle sabered in person, or had the opportunity to do it in such a small and intimate group. It's a very unique way to start the night.

### THE ST. REGIS ASPEN RESORT Martin Johnson, Manager Restaurant & Bars

Where and why did you learn to do sabrage?

The first time I tried was on my balcony using a kitchen knife and watching an online video ... it didn't go that well. Before I started working at The St. Regis Aspen Resort, I met a lot of the staff from the food & beverage team and they would never open a Champagne bottle without sabering it. It is much more than a ritual just for guests.

How long did it take you to perfect it?

They taught me how to do it properly and within a few tries and with the right advice, I mastered it.

What is the most expensive bottle you've ever sabered?

A bottle of 2006 Dom Pérignon.

Is there a significance to the sword?

The sword is reminiscent of the Napoleon era when the tradition started. The one we use for sabering has evolved to be smaller and easier to handle with a dull blade as it does not need to be sharp but just carry enough weight.

What's the process of the ritual?

We invite guests from the lounge to join us in the courtyard outside to celebrate the ritual.

A cart is waiting outside with flutes and Champagne buckets with several bottles. We then explain the origin of this ritual. The bottle is then sabered and we offer a toast to all in attendance. It is a nice occasion to connect and mingle with our guests.



# Exquisite Transformation

*A new look of luxury in Scottsdale*





The Phoenician, a Luxury Collection Resort, has long been layered with details that define the destination's history, location and culture since opening in 1988. And after nearly 30 exceptional years as a premier resort destination, The Phoenician is undergoing a resort-wide transformation that will conclude in 2018 with the opening of a new spa complex, a redesigned golf course, and a two-story athletic club.

The latest phase of projects comes on the heels of the summer 2016 renovation of all main building guest rooms and casitas, the remodel of The Canyon Suites at The Phoenician, and the refurbishment of the main lobby, pool complex and select dining venues.

Once complete, the new look will feature a more contemporary use of the rich tones and warm hues of the surrounding Sonoran Desert, creating an inviting, residential feel that flows throughout the property.

"The Phoenician has always been synonymous with iconic luxury," said General Manager Mark Vinciguerra. "Through these two exciting enhancements, we once again further our commitment to providing a guest experience that is beyond expectation."





THE PHOENICIAN  
SCOTTSDALE

THE  
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# A NEW SPA RISES

PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE CENTRE FOR WELL-BEING SPA, THE CONCEPT OF THE NEWLY NAMED THE PHOENICIAN SPA IS NURTURING AND CONTEMPORARY IN ITS APPROACH TO RELAXATION, FITNESS, BEAUTY AND NUTRITION.

OPENING SPRING 2018, THIS THREE-LEVEL FACILITY WILL TRULY OFFER A TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE FOR GUESTS, FROM THE WELL-APPOINTED SPA TREATMENT ROOMS TO THE DELUXE ROOFTOP POOL.

## Spa features:

- 24 treatment rooms including a VIP Suite designed for couples or small private groups
- Two-sided fireplace
- Refreshment station
- Lounge chairs
- Quiet Relaxation Room designed for after a spa service or as a place to meditate
- Men's and women's locker room facilities
- Vitality Pool (hot tub) with views of Camelback Mountain
- Steam room with accompanying cold-water shower
- Sauna with water bucket for Finnish-style steam to control humidity level
- Fitness Center
- Movement Studio for yoga, meditation and cardio classes
- Nail salon
- Blowout drybar
- Retail boutique with a grab-n-go refreshment area
- Rooftop pool with 360-degree views of the resort

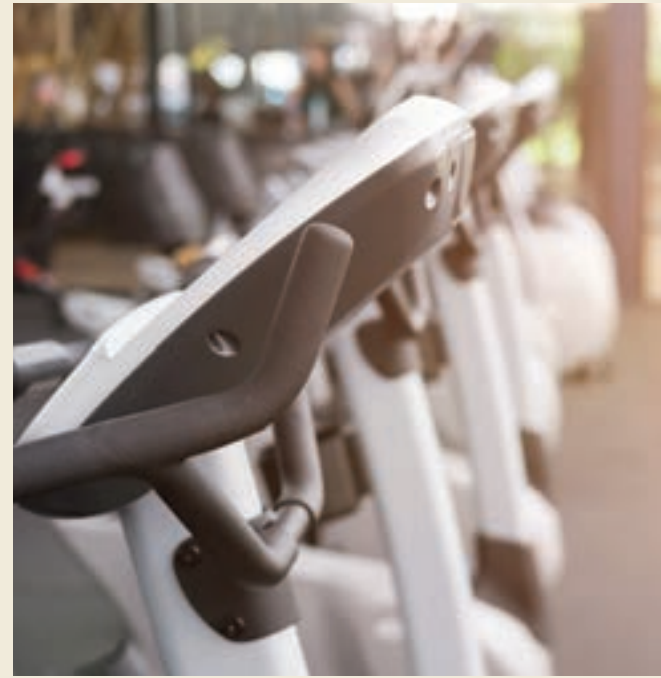


## A GRANDER WORKOUT

WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A VIRTUAL SPIN CLASS OR A ROUND OF PICKLEBALL, THE ALL-NEW TWO-STORY ATHLETIC CLUB CATERS EXCLUSIVELY TO RESORT GUESTS WITH AN ARRAY OF WORLD-CLASS AMENITIES.

The state-of-the-art club will open in March with the following features:

- Tennis Center with seven tennis courts, two pickleball courts and one basketball court
- A 2,100-plus square-foot Activity Center with arcade, TV gaming zone, board games, shuffleboard and movie screening area, among other recreational offerings
- A refreshment area, serving grab-n-go items
- A 4,600-plus square-foot Fitness Center with Matrix workout equipment and a movement studio with "fitness on demand" technology – providing access to hundreds of virtual classes
- Floor-to-ceiling windows, offering dramatic views of Camelback Mountain and the resort



## TEEING OFF IN STYLE

THE PHOENICIAN GOLF CLUB WILL UNDERGO A COMPLETE REDESIGN AND REROUTING BEGINNING JANUARY 2018.

Most notably, the project is transforming the club from a 27-hole facility to an 18-hole golf course, which is expected to open in late fall 2018.

Under the direction of course architect Phil Smith, the redesigned and rerouted course will play to a par of 71 and will offer five sets of player-friendly tees. The new course will feature consistent bunker styling, while the overall theme of the landscape design will showcase the unique beauty of Arizona's Sonoran Desert.

Additional course details include:

- Every green will be rebuilt and resurfaced with new hybrid Bermuda grass
- The new putting surfaces will allow for additional pin placements
- Fairways will be recontoured, the cart path system will be rebuilt, and water features will be reshaped and renovated
- The new 9th hole, currently Desert No. 3 and Oasis No. 8, will be a long, downhill dogleg left par 4
- The new 16th hole, currently Desert No. 9, will have a lower elevation than what currently exists, providing more expansive Sonoran views from the main Camelback Road resort entrance
- A new highly efficient irrigation system will be installed, leading to increased water conservation



# BEST OF THE

# BEST



## TOP 10 HOTELS AND RESORTS FREQUENTED BY RESIDENCE CLUB MEMBERS

In past issues we have highlighted the exemplary top 10 Starwood Preferred Guest® resorts most frequented by our valued Residence Club Members. This year we focused exclusively on the St. Regis and Luxury Collection hotels — two brands you undoubtedly have an affinity for — that ranked highest among our Members in 2017.

### 1. THE PARK TOWER KNIGHTSBRIDGE, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, LONDON

Crowning the list, The Park Tower Knightsbridge stands amid the historic streets that define one of London's most stylish and beloved districts. This Luxury Collection hotel is an artful blend of timeless grace and modernity.



### 2. THE ST. REGIS BAL HARBOUR, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Experience the oceanfront luxury of Miami Beach's most prestigious hotel destination at this AAA Five Diamond award resort. Ever a favored choice among our Members, The St. Regis Bal Harbour is directly across from the celebrated Bal Harbour Shops.

### 3. PRINCE DE GALLES, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, PARIS

A paragon of the Parisian Art Deco movement in which it was erected, the meticulously restored Prince de Galles is a scenic stroll to celebrated landmarks from the Champs Élysées and Avenue Montaigne to the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower.





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#### 4. SLS HOTEL, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, BEVERLY HILLS

Situated in the heart of Beverly Hills just blocks from the sparkling storefronts of Rodeo Drive and a short block from The Beverly Center, SLS Hotel at Beverly Hills is perfectly poised to reveal the city's trendiest dining and sparkling shopping.

#### 5. PALACE HOTEL, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco's first premier luxury hotel, the Palace Hotel is an exquisitely preserved and renewed landmark of the charismatic City by the Bay. Its renowned Pied Piper Bar & Grill has attracted locals and visitors for more than a century with spectacular dining experiences.

#### 6. THE ST. REGIS SAN FRANCISCO

Find yourself in the heart of one of the city's most vibrant neighborhoods. The St. Regis San Francisco enjoys an artful address in the creative SoMA District. Explore The Museum of the African Diaspora located within the hotel and the renowned San Francisco Museum of Modern Art next door.

#### 7. THE ST. REGIS DEER VALLEY, PARK CITY, UTAH

Surrounded by spectacular views of Utah's Wasatch Mountains, The St. Regis Deer Valley offers slopeside sophistication at its peak. Retreat to grandeur after days experiencing world-class year-round recreation and the vibrant town of Park City. A heated split-level pool and hot tubs are ideal during any season.

#### 8. THE ST. REGIS FLORENCE

With picturesque placement along the Arno River, this Brunelleschi-designed palace is a Florentine jewel in the historic cradle of the Renaissance. Indulge in innovative Italian cuisine and an exceptional selection of world-renowned Super Tuscan wines at the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant.

#### 9. THE ST. REGIS ROME

Ideally located on Piazza della Repubblica near the Quirinal presidential palace, The St. Regis Rome offers a premier stay. A grand palazzo opened in 1894, the hotel is entering a new era of glamour with renovated light-filled interiors that complement the handcrafted stucco-adorned staircase, fine art and glittering chandeliers.

#### 10. EXCELSIOR HOTEL GALLIA, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, MILAN

Completely renovated in recent years by renowned Milanese designer Marco Pivo, Excelsior Hotel Gallia reflects the glittering essence of Milan's sophistication as an enduring architectural jewel of Belle Époque grandeur.



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# SAVE THE DATE

## 2018 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES NEAR YOUR RESIDENCE

There's never a shortage of world-class activities, popular festivals and sporting events taking place in New York City, Aspen and Scottsdale. As Residence Club Members, you have access to these and more when you travel to any of these destinations. Need assistance with tickets and reservations? Your Personal Member Concierge can help guide you with arrangements.

### NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

#### NEW YORK FASHION WEEK

*February 8–16, 2018*

The see-and-be-seen of fashion events showcases top luxury designers in larger-than-life runway shows and parties around the city.

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#### 142<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

*February 12–13, 2018*

A perennial favorite, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show has become the most notable worldwide, featuring more than 3,000 canines of beloved and rare breeds. The best-in-show judging will take place at Madison Square Garden.

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#### 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LANDMARK CONCERT WITH WYNTON MARSALIS

*June 7–9, 2018*

As the developer of jazz clubs at St. Regis hotels worldwide, Wynton Marsalis is bringing his original music to the Rose Theater. Playing alongside The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Marsalis will showcase a broad selection of favorites from his legendary career.

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#### FIRST SATURDAYS AT THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM

*July 1–November 3, 2018 (select dates)*

This long-standing tradition features an extensive lineup of free public programming tied to its permanent collection and rotating exhibits at one of the oldest and largest museums in the country.

### ASPEN, COLORADO

#### ASPEN LAUGH FESTIVAL

*February 20–24, 2018*

After a day of skiing you can head to Aspen's historic Wheeler Opera House to enjoy a night of laughs at this annual five-day festival featuring some of the country's top comedians including Jeff Ross, Paula Poundstone, Colin Jost, Mike Birbiglia and Tiffany Haddish.

04 *The Second City, courtesy of Wheeler Opera House*

#### ASPEN HIGHLANDS CLOSING DAY AND SCHNEETAG

*April 8, 2018*

Loved by locals for its unrivaled views, Aspen Highlands finishes the season with one of the biggest parties of the year. Top it off by viewing the wildly popular Schneetag (German for snow day) event featuring teams bravely descending a hill and crossing a pond in handmade watercrafts.



### SNOWMASS FREE CONCERT SERIES

*June–September 2018 (select dates)*

Glorious summer days bring with it live music concerts at Snowmass Village. Family-friendly and laid-back, the experience is best enjoyed picnicking while taking in the sounds of the music.

05 *Concert Series, courtesy of StayAspen Snowmass*

### 12 DAYS OF ASPEN

*December 20–31, 2018*

Downtown Aspen becomes a winter wonderland filled with traditional holiday activities from ice skating to concerts, carolers and light-filled streets. The celebration culminates New Year's Eve with fireworks over Aspen Mountain.

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## SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

### MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

*January 2–June 22, 2018*

From jazz to Latin to Mediterranean-inspired fusion, a diverse lineup of talented performers will take the stage at the Desert Botanical Garden's annual spring concert series set amid the stunning surroundings of the garden.

### SCOTTSDALE ARABIAN HORSE SHOW

*February 15–25, 2018*

Dating back to 1955, this show has grown from 50 horses to nearly 2,000, with seasoned riders competing for top honors. Of course, the demonstrations and traditional Western garb are the perfect pairing in this classic western city.

07 *Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show. Courtesy of Arabian Horse Association of Arizona*

### SCOTTSDALE ARTS FESTIVAL

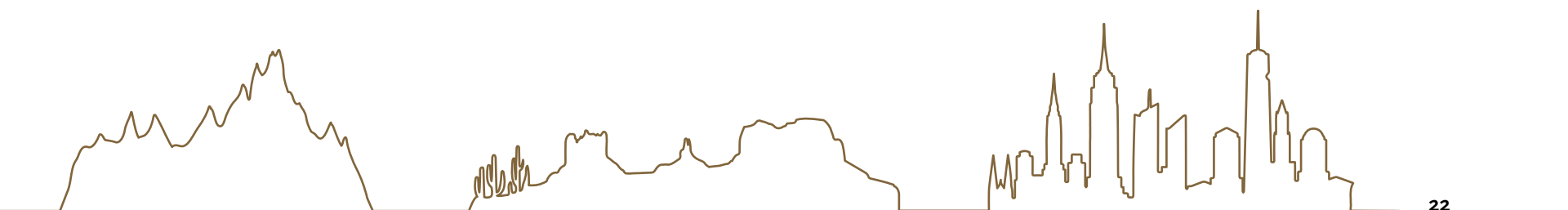
*March 9–11, 2018*

Now in its 47th year, this three-day festival hosted by the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts celebrates work in a variety of media from 175 artists. Experience live music, savory cuisine and family-friendly activities as well.

### ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

*October–November, 2018 (select dates)*

Head outdoors for America's favorite pastime as you watch major league baseball's top prospects hit the fields at five Maricopa County spring training stadiums each fall.



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