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THE PHOENICIAN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Located more or less below Camelback Mountain in Scottsdale, the 27 hole Phoenician Golf course is at the heart of the town, and offers spectacular elevated views of downtown Scottsdale and the McDowell mountains.

Combining playability with aesthetic beauty, The Phoenician's 27-hole USGA championship facility is comprised of three memorable nines, each named for its surrounding landscape - Canyon, Desert and Oasis.

Not especially long by today's standards., none of the 3 nines is more than 3250 yards, but there is a fine balance between challenging longer holes and shorter "have a go" holes. Indeed, the lie of the land means many shots are played straight up the side of Camelback mountain and some shots will require two or even three additional clubs due to the elevation change. The course features fast undulating greens, which present a real challenge when contemplating a fast downhill putt of 2 feet with 6 inches of break.

The fairways are very narrow in many places, and some are lined with houses in the resort style, but this does not distract from the game and is not the predominant feature of the course. Indeed, visitors will be surprised at the number of water features and palm trees, although there are plenty of holes in the true desert style. This is most certainly a course to be treated with respect. Plot your way carefully around the dog-legs, narrow fairways, water features and fast greens and you can record a very good score, but beware the aggressive golfer who finds the water or a stance impeded by a cactus right where it might hurt.

Like so many courses in the Southwest, it is run efficiently and with courtesy by an army of uniformed employees, all of whom are trained to make your day as enjoyable as possible. The driving range has pyramids of complimentary practice balls, the staff provide cold water at the half way turn, and the quiet electric carts are sparkling clean.



Golf Digest ranked the Phoenician with 3.5 stars in its Best Places to Play awards 2006, and in the same year, Conde Nast Traveller rated the facility as #56 in the Top 100 Golf Resorts.



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