

THE SPARROW SEDONA GUIDE™

# The Insider's Guide to a Restorative Sedona Stay

Curated from years spent inside Sedona's vacation homes, wellness experiences, and retreat spaces.



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## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# Welcome to The Sparrow Sedona Guide™

People come to Sedona for many reasons: the landscapes, the adventure, the beauty, and the sense that something feels different here. But what many are truly searching for is a chance to slow down.

Over the years, I've worked inside hundreds of Sedona vacation homes, retreats, and wellness experiences. I've seen firsthand what creates a memorable stay, and what often gets overlooked. While most travel guides focus on fitting more into your itinerary, I've found that the experiences people remember most are rarely the busiest ones.

The truth is that restoration rarely comes from doing more. It comes from choosing the right home, leaving room in your schedule, sharing meaningful experiences with people you love, and creating enough space to actually experience where you are.

This guide was created to help you do exactly that.

Inside, you'll find my favorite places to stay, thoughtfully curated wellness experiences, restorative itineraries, local recommendations, and the small details that can transform a good trip into a meaningful one. Everything included has been shaped by years spent inside Sedona's vacation rental and wellness community.

My hope is that this guide helps you experience Sedona a little differently. A little slower. A little more intentionally. And with enough space to discover what restoration looks like for you.

Welcome to Sedona.

Stay well,



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# How To Use This Guide



**This guide was created differently than most travel guides.**

Rather than organizing recommendations by popularity or tourist attractions, it is organized around experience.

Built from years spent inside Sedona's vacation homes, retreats, and wellness spaces, this guide is designed to help you choose well, slow down, and create a more meaningful stay.

The recommendations inside are curated rather than exhaustive. Use them as inspiration, leave room for spontaneity, and whenever possible, read this guide before booking accommodations. The Table of Contents is linked and easy to navigate. Tap the desired section for on-the-go travel to be taken right to the page.

**Inside these pages, you'll find recommendations built from firsthand local experience.**



# The Sparrow Philosophy

**We believe restoration isn't found in doing more.**

It's found in creating space for what matters.

A beautiful place to stay.

A slower morning.

A memorable meal.

Space for yourself.

A conversation that lasts longer than expected.

This guide was designed to help you experience Sedona with a little more intention and a little less hurry.



## UNDERSTANDING SEDONA

# Sedona Doesn't Reward Rushing



### **Sedona has a different pace.**

Most people arrive in Sedona with good intentions.

They want to hike the trails, try the restaurants, book the experiences, catch the sunsets, explore the shops, and make the most of every moment. It's understandable. Vacations are limited, and Sedona offers no shortage of things to do.

But after years spent inside vacation homes, retreats, and wellness experiences, I've noticed something:

The people who seem to enjoy Sedona the most are rarely the ones trying to fit the most into their schedule.

### **Many visitors arrive with an itinerary.**

The landscapes invite you to slow down. The views ask you to linger a little longer. The most memorable moments often happen in the spaces between activities: drinking coffee on the patio before anyone else wakes up, watching the colors change at sunset, sharing a meal with friends, or simply sitting quietly and taking it all in.

The people who leave feeling restored often leave with a memory.

One of the biggest mistakes travelers make is treating Sedona like a destination to conquer rather than a place to experience. Filling every hour of the day can leave little room for the very thing many people came here looking for: space.

## UNDERSTANDING SEDONA

Space to breathe.  
Space to reconnect.  
Space to remember what it feels like to be present.

If there's one piece of advice I would offer before you begin your stay, it's this:

# Leave room.

Leave room for a slow morning.  
Leave room for an unplanned sunset.  
Leave room for a longer conversation.  
Leave room to do a little less than you think you should.  
You don't have to earn rest once you arrive in Sedona.  
In many ways, that's why you're here.

## UNDERSTANDING SEDONA

# Vacation Mistakes That Drain Your Energy

**Most people don't come to Sedona looking for more stress.**

Yet many leave feeling surprisingly tired.

After years of helping visitors experience Sedona, I've noticed a few common patterns that can quietly drain energy and take away from an otherwise wonderful trip.



## VACATION MISTAKES THAT DRAIN YOU

### Overpacking the Itinerary

Sedona offers no shortage of things to do. The temptation is to fill every day with activities, reservations, and excursions.

The problem is that some of the best moments happen in the space between plans. Leave room for slow mornings, unplanned conversations, and the occasional afternoon with nowhere to be.

### Choosing a Home Based Only on Photos

A beautiful listing doesn't always create a beautiful experience.

Layout, privacy, location, natural light, noise levels, and group flow often matter more than a perfectly styled living room.

How a home feels is just as important as how it photographs.

### Arriving Without a Grocery Plan

Many visitors arrive late, settle into their accommodations, and realize they're missing the basics. A few breakfast items, snacks, hydration, and coffee can make the first morning feel dramatically different.

### Trying to See Everything

One of the most common mistakes visitors make is treating Sedona like a checklist. The goal isn't to see everything. The goal is to enjoy what you choose.

## VACATION MISTAKES THAT DRAIN YOU

### **Scheduling Every Moment**

Some of the most memorable parts of a trip are impossible to schedule.

A sunset that lasts longer than expected.

A conversation around the fire pit.

A quiet cup of coffee before everyone else wakes up.

Leave enough space for those moments to find you.

### **Saving Relaxation for the Last Day**

Many people plan wellness experiences only after they're already exhausted.

Consider building restoration into the beginning of the trip rather than treating it as a reward at the end.

A slower nervous system often creates a better vacation from day one.

The visitors who seem to enjoy Sedona most aren't usually the ones doing the most.

They're the ones who leave enough room to experience it.



## UNDERSTANDING SEDONA

# The Car-Free Sedona Stay

**Most visitors assume they need a rental car to enjoy Sedona.**

In reality, many travelers can experience a surprisingly enjoyable stay without one. If you're flying into Arizona, [Groome Transportation shuttle](#) services can bring you directly from the airport to your vacation rental, eliminating the need to navigate unfamiliar roads or coordinate a rental car.

Once you're here, [Sedona's shuttle system](#) provides access to many of the area's most popular trailheads, making it possible to explore some of the region's best hiking without driving yourself.

For visitors planning a slower, more restorative trip, this can be one of the easiest ways to reduce stress from the very beginning.



## THE CAR-FREE SEDONA STAY

### Best Areas to Stay

- Uptown
- Certain parts of West Sedona

### One of the easiest ways to reduce stress from the very beginning.

For visitors planning a slower, more restorative trip, this can be one of the easiest ways to reduce stress from the very beginning.

Imagine arriving at your Airbnb, settling in, and spending the next few days walking to coffee, enjoying nearby restaurants, taking a shuttle to a trailhead, and returning home without worrying about parking, directions, or traffic.

Of course, not every property is ideal for a car-free stay. Location matters. Homes near Uptown, Tlaquepaque, Hillside, or other central areas often provide far more flexibility than remote properties tucked deep into the surrounding hills.

### Consider how much driving you actually want to do during your trip.

When choosing accommodations, consider how much driving you actually want to do during your trip.

Many of the most memorable Sedona stays aren't defined by how many places people visit. They're defined by how present they felt while they were here.

Sometimes the best way to experience Sedona is to leave the keys on the table and simply enjoy where you are.

## UNDERSTANDING SEDONA

# A Local's Guide to Sedona Neighborhoods

One of the biggest factors shaping your Sedona experience isn't the restaurant you choose or the activities you book.

### **It's where you stay.**

After years spent inside Sedona's vacation homes, I've learned that each area of town has its own personality. Some are ideal for walking to dinner. Others offer quiet mornings and sweeping views. Some feel energetic and connected. Others feel secluded and restorative.

Choosing the right neighborhood can make the difference between a trip that feels effortless and one that feels surprisingly hectic.

Here's a quick guide to the areas visitors ask about most.



## LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS OF SEDONA

# Sedona At A Glance

Use this map as a quick reference while exploring the neighborhoods in this section.

## Sedona NEIGHBORHOODS MAP

Each area offers something different. Use this map to find the right fit for your stay.

### 1 OAK CREEK CANYON

*Nature lovers' paradise. Creek access, cooler temperatures, and secluded stays.*

### 2 UPTOWN SEDONA

*Shops, dining, galleries, and walkable. The heart of Sedona with more traffic and visitors.*

### 3 WEST SEDONA

*Local conveniences, grocery stores, and stunning red rock views.*

### 4 CHAPEL AREA

*Iconic views and a more private, residential feel.*

### 5 VILLAGE OF OAK CREEK

*Slower pace, great hiking and golf, easy access to Bell Rock.*



## LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS OF SEDONA

### Uptown Sedona

*City Vibes of Sedona*

**Best For:** First-time visitors, couples, walkability, shopping, dining

If you want to be in the heart of Sedona, this is it. Uptown offers easy access to restaurants, galleries, shops, and some of the area's most iconic views. It's one of the few places where you can spend much of the day on foot.

**What to Know:** Expect more people, more activity, and less privacy than other areas.

### West Sedona

*Live like a local*

**Best For:** Convenience, groups, longer stays, easy access to everything

West Sedona is where locals tend to run errands, grab coffee, and go about daily life. It's centrally located, practical, and often provides easier access to grocery stores, restaurants, and services.

Many vacation rentals here offer excellent views while keeping you close to everything you need.

**What to Know:** Not every home has dramatic red rock views, but the convenience can make for a much smoother stay.

### Chapel Area

*Stunning views*

**Best For:** Scenic views, quiet mornings, romantic stays

The Chapel area offers some of Sedona's most recognizable scenery and a slightly more secluded feel. Many homes are tucked into the red rocks and provide incredible sunrise and sunset views.

**What to Know:** Roads can be steeper and winding, which some visitors love and others don't. There can also be traffic during peak season.

## LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS OF SEDONA

### Village of Oak Creek

*Cool, Calm & Collected*

**Best For:** Golf, hiking, quieter vacations, repeat visitors

Located just south of Sedona, Village of Oak Creek tends to feel more relaxed and residential. It's a favorite among visitors who want beautiful scenery without being in the center of town.

You'll often find excellent value and easier access to trailheads.

**What to Know:** Expect a short drive into Sedona proper for shopping and dining.

### Oak Creek Canyon

*Charming creekside ambiance*

**Best For:** Nature lovers, cooler temperatures, creek access

If you're drawn to towering canyon walls, flowing water, and a more immersive natural setting, Oak Creek Canyon offers a completely different side of Sedona.

The atmosphere here feels peaceful, shaded, and distinctly removed from town.

**What to Know:** Services and restaurants are more limited, making this a better fit for travelers seeking solitude rather than convenience.

## The Best Choice?

There isn't one.

The best neighborhood depends entirely on the experience you're hoping to create.

Want to walk to dinner and browse shops? Stay near Uptown.

Want convenience and flexibility? Consider West Sedona.

Looking for quiet views and slower mornings? The Chapel area or Village of Oak Creek may be a better fit.

The right neighborhood won't just influence where you sleep.  
It will shape how your entire trip feels.



LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS OF SEDONA

# Neighborhood Overview

| Neighborhood         | Best For                                           | What to Expect                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Uptown Sedona        | First time visitors, dining, walkability, shopping | The heart of Sedona. Close to restaurants, galleries, and some of the area's most iconic views. Expect more activity, more visitors, and easy access to everything. |
| West Sedona          | Convenience, longer stays, local feel              | Where many locals live and spend their time. Easy access to grocery stores, coffee shops, and everyday essentials without sacrificing beautiful red rock scenery.   |
| Chapel Area          | Views, Privacy, Romantic Stays                     | One of the most scenic areas in Sedona with dramatic red rock surroundings and a quieter atmosphere. Ideal for visitors prioritizing views and a sense of retreat.  |
| Village of Oak Creek | Hiking, golf, slower pace                          | A more residential area south of Sedona with excellent trail access, less congestion, and a relaxed atmosphere.                                                     |
| Oak Creek Canyon     | Nature lovers, creek access, solitude              | A completely different side of Sedona. Cooler temperatures, towering canyon walls, and a stronger connection to nature.                                             |

## WHERE TO STAY

# How I Rated These Homes

**Unlike most vacation rental guides, these recommendations aren't based solely on listing photos, online reviews, or a weekend stay.**

Over the past eight years, I've worked inside hundreds of Sedona vacation homes while providing in-home wellness experiences for visitors from around the world. That perspective has given me a unique understanding of how these properties actually function once guests arrive.

I've seen which homes create effortless weekends and which ones look beautiful online but present challenges in real life.

I've learned how layout affects group dynamics, which properties feel private and restorative, where outdoor spaces are actually used, and which homes are best suited for couples, families, retreats, or girls' getaways.

**When evaluating each property, I considered more than views and amenities.**

I looked at how the home feels to live in, how well it supports the type of experience most travelers are hoping to create, and whether it contributes to a stay that feels relaxed, memorable, and easy.

**Each area of Sedona has a very unique feel and offering to its visitor.**

Because sometimes the difference between a good vacation and a great one comes down to details that don't show up in the photos.

## WHERE TO STAY

### **A vacation rental is only as good as the people supporting it.**

Another factor I quietly considered was the experience beyond the home itself. Over the years, I've worked alongside many of Sedona's property managers, hosts, and hospitality teams, and I've seen firsthand how much that experience can vary.

Some properties are managed through large, automated systems, while others are cared for by local teams who know the area, respond thoughtfully, and genuinely want guests to have a memorable stay. Those details don't always show up in a listing, but they often shape the experience long after booking.

### **The Best Places to Stay in Sedona**

Sedona has no shortage of beautiful vacation rentals.

But after years spent inside these homes, I've learned that the best properties offer more than just good photography. They create an experience.

Some are ideal for girls' getaways and long conversations around the fire pit. Others are perfect for couples seeking privacy, families gathering together, or visitors looking for a quieter, more restorative stay.

The homes in this section aren't ranked from best to worst. Instead, they're organized by the type of experience they create.

As you browse, focus less on finding the "perfect" property and more on finding the one that feels aligned with the trip you want to have.



## WHERE TO STAY

# Where I'd Send My Friends

*The homes I find myself recommending most often*



**If you're not sure where to start, start here.**

If a friend called me and asked where they should stay in Sedona, these are the properties I'd recommend first.

Over the years, I've worked inside hundreds of vacation homes throughout Sedona. The homes in this section stand out not just because they're beautiful, but because they consistently create great experiences for the people staying there. Some are ideal for groups, some for couples, and others for visitors looking to slow down and enjoy the landscape.

## WHERE I'D SEND MY FRIENDS

# Chapel View Retreat

*An unforgettable stay hugged by red rocks and solace*

**Location:** Chapel Area

**Sleeps:** 10 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4

 **Car-Free Friendly**

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Families - First-Time Visitors - View Seekers

**Why I Love it:** The views are the reason to book this home. Located near the Chapel area and surrounded by some of Sedona's most recognizable scenery, the property offers sweeping red rock vistas from multiple vantage points, including a rooftop deck that becomes the natural gathering place throughout the day. Whether you're watching the morning light hit the cliffs or enjoying a quiet evening under the stars, the landscape is always part of the experience.

**Good to Know:** The location offers excellent access to some of Sedona's most popular trailheads and viewpoints while still providing plenty of privacy. The rooftop deck is a standout feature and one of the most unique outdoor spaces I've seen in this area.

**My take:** Some homes have great views from a window. This home was built around them. I especially love recommending it to first-time visitors because it delivers the iconic red rock scenery people travel to Sedona to experience. Between the rooftop deck, outdoor gathering spaces, and proximity to the Chapel area, it captures many of the things people love most about staying here.

**Atmosphere:**

Scenic - Elevated - Social - Classic Sedona



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WHERE I'D SEND MY FRIENDS

# Longwood Sedona Sanctuary

*Quiet mountain retreat with exceptional privacy and outdoor living*

**Location:** Village of Oak Creek

**Sleeps:** 8

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Wellness Weekends - Families

**Why I Love it:** This is the kind of home that encourages slower mornings. The outdoor spaces feel private, the mountain backdrop is beautiful, and the layout works especially well for groups that want time together without feeling crowded.

**Good to Know:** This house is outside of town and has a secluded feel. Great for trail running, exploring and relaxing.

**My Take:** I've worked in this home multiple times over the years and consistently recommend it for wellness retreats, girls' trips, and families. The outdoor spaces are where guests naturally gather, and the property feels more private than many homes in this area.

**Atmosphere:**

Warm - Quiet - Scenic - Social



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## WHERE I'D SEND MY FRIENDS

# Cayuse Sky Lodge

*Luxury hilltop retreat with some of the most breathtaking views in Sedona*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 2 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 1

**Best For:** Couples - Anniversaries - Romantic Getaways - Special Occasions

**Why I Love it:** Perched high above Sedona with panoramic views stretching across the red rocks, this feels like a private sanctuary. The floor-to-ceiling windows bring the landscape indoors, while the elevated setting creates a sense of seclusion that's increasingly difficult to find. Whether you're watching the sunrise with coffee or soaking in the hot tub as the sun sets over Cathedral Rock, this is the kind of property that turns an ordinary weekend into a memorable experience.

**Good to Know:** This home is designed for two and is best suited for couples looking for privacy, quiet, and uninterrupted views. The elevated location is part of its appeal, but it also means you'll feel removed from the busier parts of town.

**My take:** If someone told me they were planning an anniversary, honeymoon, proposal, or simply wanted to do an unforgettable Sedona stay, this is one of the first properties that comes to mind. The views alone are remarkable, but what makes this home special is how intimate and peaceful it feels once you're there.

**Atmosphere:**

Romantic - Private - Scenic - Elevated



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WHERE I'D SEND MY FRIENDS

# Ravens Rock Retreat

*An extraordinary clifftop estate surrounded by some of Sedona's most iconic scenery*

**Location:** Village of Oak Creek

**Sleeps:** 12 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 5

**Best For:** Multi-Family Gatherings - Luxury Group Trips - Retreats - Special Celebrations

**Why I Love it:** Very few properties in Sedona feel this immersed in the landscape. Perched on its own dramatic stretch of red rock, Ravens Rock Retreat offers panoramic views in nearly every direction and a sense of privacy that's difficult to replicate. The home feels expansive without losing warmth, making it equally suited for large groups gathering together or individuals seeking quiet moments overlooking the surrounding scenery.

**Good to Know:** This is a destination property. Many guests could easily spend an entire day at the home enjoying the views, outdoor spaces, and atmosphere without feeling the need to leave. The elevated setting and dramatic location are a major part of the experience.

**My take:** This is one of the most visually impressive homes I've encountered in Sedona. The setting alone makes it memorable, but what stands out most is how connected you feel to the landscape from nearly every room. For groups looking to create a truly unforgettable Sedona experience, this property is difficult to top.

**Atmosphere:**

Dramatic - Elevated - Expansive - Memorable



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## WHERE I'D SEND MY FRIENDS

# Oak Creek Hideaway

*Modern canyon retreat surrounded by trees, creekside atmosphere, and cooler temperatures*

**Location:** Oak Creek Canyon

**Sleeps:** 6 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 2

**Best For:** Couples - Small Families - Nature Lovers - Weekend Getaways

**Why I Love it:** Most visitors picture Sedona's red rocks when planning their trip, but Oak Creek Canyon offers a completely different experience. Surrounded by mature trees and tucked into one of the most peaceful areas near Sedona, this home feels like a true escape. The outdoor living spaces invite you to linger a little longer, whether you're enjoying coffee on the deck, soaking in the hot tub, or gathering around the fire pit after a day of exploring.

**Good to Know:** This property offers a quieter and cooler environment than many homes in Sedona proper. It's an excellent fit for travelers who prioritize nature, relaxation, and a more secluded atmosphere over being in the center of town.

**My take:** I often recommend this property to visitors who want something that feels different from the typical Sedona experience. The setting creates an immediate sense of calm, and the combination of modern design and canyon surroundings makes it especially memorable. If your ideal vacation includes trees, fresh air, and slower mornings, this is a wonderful choice.

**Atmosphere:**

Wooded - Cozy - Peaceful - Restorative



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## WHERE I'D SEND MY FRIENDS

# Elysian Pines

*Modern luxury retreat with panoramic red rock views and one of the most impressive outdoor living spaces in Sedona*

**Location:** Chapel Area

**Sleeps:** 10 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** Luxury Group Getaways - Special Celebrations - Retreats - Multi-Family Vacations

**Why I Love it:** Few homes make such a strong first impression. Planted above the surrounding landscape, Elysian Pines combines contemporary architecture with sweeping red rock views in nearly every direction. The infinity pool, outdoor lounge spaces, and expansive patios create an experience that feels uniquely Sedona. This is the kind of property where people naturally gather outside and find themselves staying up late to watch the colors change across the cliffs.

**Good to Know:** This home is designed for groups who want both luxury and space. Between the outdoor entertaining areas, pool, spa, and multiple gathering spaces, it's easy for everyone to spread out while still feeling connected.

**My take:** This is one of the most visually striking homes I've worked in. The views are extraordinary, but what I remember most is how the property encourages people to spend time outside. Whether it's coffee by the pool, sunset from the patio, or a quiet evening in the spa overlooking the red rocks, the setting does a lot of the work for you.

**Atmosphere:**

Luxurious - Elevated - Scenic - Unforgettable



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## WHERE I'D SEND MY FRIENDS

# Cliffside Retreat

*Where Great Layout Meets Great Scenery*

**Location:** Chapel Area

**Sleeps:** 12 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** Couples Traveling Together - Family Gatherings - Wellness Retreats - Scenic Getaways - Special Celebrations

**Why I Love it:** Of all the homes I've toured, this one has one of my favorite layouts. Nearly every major living space is oriented toward the landscape, creating a constant connection to Sedona's red rock scenery. The expansive deck, outdoor hot tub, and wide-open gathering areas make the home feel both luxurious and welcoming at the same time.

**Good to Know:** This property works remarkably well for different types of travelers. Couples can enjoy private corners and sunset views, while families and groups still have plenty of room to gather, cook, relax, and spend time together. The layout flows naturally between indoor and outdoor spaces.

**My take:** Some homes have beautiful views but don't necessarily feel comfortable to live in. This one delivers both. The design feels thoughtful, the setting is exceptional, and the overall atmosphere encourages people to slow down and stay present. If I were planning a special trip with family or friends and wanted a home that felt distinctly Sedona, this would be high on my list.

**Atmosphere:**

Scenic - Elevated - Welcoming - Memorable



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## WHERE TO STAY

# Best Homes for Girls Trips

*The Homes That Bring People Together*



**There's something special about getting everyone together in one place.**

The homes in this section are particularly well-suited for girls' weekends, celebrations, wellness retreats, and group getaways. From spacious kitchens and outdoor lounges to pools, fire pits, and beautiful views, these are the properties that naturally encourage connection.

Many of my favorite Sedona memories have happened in homes like these.

## BEST HOMES FOR GIRLS TRIPS

# Casa Del Sol

*Warm Southwestern retreat with panoramic red rock views and inviting gathering spaces*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 8 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Families - Wellness Weekends - Group Getaways

**Why I Love it:** Casa Del Sol captures the feeling many people imagine when they picture a Sedona vacation. Large windows frame the surrounding red rocks, natural wood finishes create warmth throughout the home, and the spacious common areas make it easy for groups to gather without feeling crowded. Between the hot tub, outdoor living spaces, and expansive views, there are plenty of opportunities to slow down and enjoy the scenery.

**Good to Know:** The open layout works especially well for groups who plan to spend time together. Whether it's morning coffee overlooking the red rocks, evenings around the firepit, or a shared meal after a day of exploring, the home naturally encourages connection.

**My take:** This is one of those properties that feels welcoming from the moment you arrive. The views are beautiful, but what stands out most is the atmosphere. It's comfortable, relaxed, and designed for the kind of trips where people spend as much time enjoying the house as they do exploring Sedona.

**Atmosphere:**

Warm - Welcoming - Scenic - Social



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## BEST HOMES FOR GIRLS TRIPS

# Accidentally Creekside

*Playful creekside retreat where design, nature, and gathering spaces come together beautifully*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 12 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 3

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Creative Retreats -  
Families - Wellness Weekends

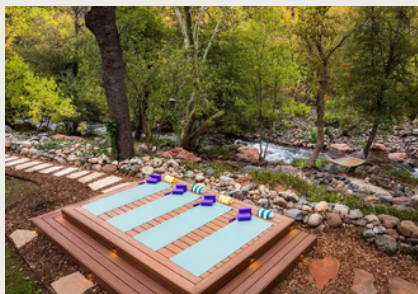
**Why I Love it:** This is one of the most distinctive homes I've come across in Sedona. While many vacation rentals focus on views, Accidentally Creekside creates an experience through atmosphere. The design feels playful and thoughtfully curated, with colorful spaces, unique details, and a personality all its own. Outside, the property opens into a lush creekside setting that feels worlds away from the desert landscape most visitors expect.

**Good to Know:** The creek access and outdoor gathering areas are a major part of the appeal. Between the decks, seating areas, and natural surroundings, many guests find themselves spending as much time outside as they do indoors.

**My take:** This is the kind of property people remember long after the trip is over. The combination of creative design, mature trees, and the sound of the creek creates a setting that feels both relaxing and inspiring. I especially love it for girls' weekends, creative retreats, and groups looking for something a little different from the typical Sedona stay.

**Atmosphere:**

Creative - Playful - Creekside - Memorable



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## BEST HOMES FOR GIRLS TRIPS

# Longwood Sedona Sanctuary

*One of my favorite properties for wellness weekends, girls' getaways, and meaningful time together*

**Location:** Village of Oak Creek

**Sleeps:** 8

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Wellness Weekends - Families

**Why I Love it:** This is the kind of home that encourages slower mornings. The outdoor spaces feel private, the mountain backdrop is beautiful, and the layout works especially well for groups that want time together without feeling crowded.

**Good to Know:** This house is outside of town and has a secluded feel. Great for trail running, exploring and relaxing.

**My Take:** I've worked in this home multiple times over the years and consistently recommend it for wellness retreats, girls' trips, and families. The outdoor spaces are where guests naturally gather, and the property feels more private than many homes in this area.

**Atmosphere:**

Warm - Quiet - Scenic - Social



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## BEST HOMES FOR GIRLS TRIPS

# Red Rock Vista

*Expansive view home designed to showcase some of Sedona's most iconic scenery*

**Location:** Chapel Area

**Sleeps:** 12 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Families - Group Getaways - First-Time Sedona Visitors

**Why I Love it:** The moment you walk into this home, your attention is immediately drawn to the views. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame the surrounding red rocks, creating a living room that feels connected to the landscape throughout the day. The open gathering spaces, multiple outdoor decks, and comfortable layout make it easy for larger groups to spend time together while still enjoying some room to spread out.

**Good to Know:** This is an excellent choice for visitors who want the classic Sedona experience. The views are a major part of the appeal, and the home is positioned well for exploring many of Sedona's most popular attractions, restaurants, and trailheads.

**My take:** This is one of those properties I often recommend to first-time visitors because it delivers exactly what many people imagine when they think of Sedona. The scenery is front and center, the home is welcoming and comfortable, and there are plenty of places to gather after a day of exploring. If your goal is to wake up, pour a cup of coffee, and stare at red rocks for an hour, this home makes that very easy to do.

**Atmosphere:**

Creative - Playful - Creekside - Memorable



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## BEST HOMES FOR GIRLS TRIPS

# Sedona Top Notch

*Secluded comfort surrounded by red rock views and room to gather*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 14 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 7

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Families - Group  
Getaways - Multi-Generational Trips

**Why I Love it:** Some homes feel larger than their square footage, and this is one of them. The layout is exceptionally comfortable for groups, with multiple indoor and outdoor spaces that allow people to gather together without ever feeling crowded. The two expansive decks create different places to relax throughout the day, each offering beautiful views of Sedona's surrounding red rocks.

**Good to Know:** The home offers a rare combination of privacy and accessibility. While it feels tucked away from the busier parts of town, you're still within easy reach of restaurants, trailheads, and everything Sedona has to offer.

**My take:** What stands out most to me is how easy this property is to live in. The views are beautiful, but it's the thoughtful layout and multiple outdoor spaces that make people want to linger. Whether you're enjoying coffee on the deck, gathering for dinner, or watching the colors change at sunset, the home naturally encourages people to slow down and spend time together.

**Atmosphere:**

Spacious - Scenic - Comfortable - Relaxed

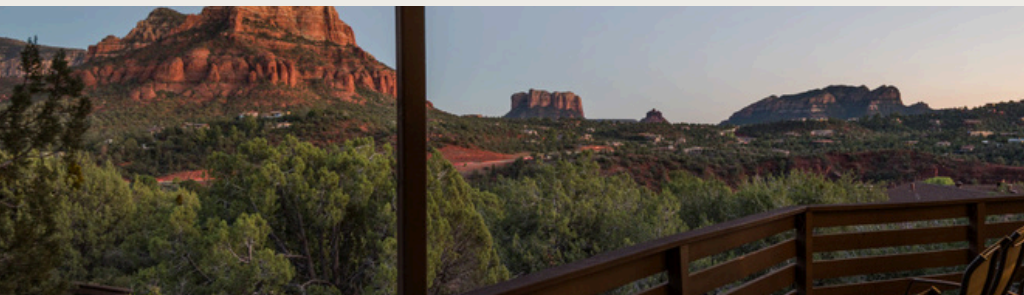


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## WHERE TO STAY

# Best Quiet & Restorative Homes

*For When You Need a Little Less Noise*



**Not every trip needs an itinerary.**

These are the homes I recommend to visitors looking for a slower pace, more privacy, and space to truly unwind. Whether you're seeking solitude, recovery, or simply a break from the pace of everyday life, these properties create an environment where rest comes naturally.



## BEST QUIET AND RESTORATIVE HOMES

# Desert Adobe

*Classic Southwest retreat designed for slower mornings, quiet evenings, and deep relaxation*

**Location:** Village of Oak Creek

**Sleeps:** 10 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** Wellness Retreats - Families -  
Restorative Getaways - Small Groups

**Why I Love it:** Some homes encourage activity. This one encourages rest. With its traditional adobe architecture, peaceful setting, heated pool, hot tub, sauna, and multiple outdoor gathering spaces, Desert Adobe feels intentionally designed for unwinding. The property offers beautiful red rock surroundings without feeling overly busy or overstimulating, making it easy to settle into a slower rhythm.

**Good to Know:** The wellness amenities are a major highlight here. Between the pool, spa, sauna, firepit, and comfortable indoor spaces, guests have plenty of opportunities to recharge without ever leaving the property.

**My take:** I love recommending this home to visitors who arrive in Sedona needing a reset. It has a grounded, comfortable quality that invites people to spend less time rushing between activities and more time enjoying where they are. If your goal is to leave feeling more rested than when you arrived, this is the kind of property that supports that experience.

**Atmosphere:**

Grounded - Restorative - Comfortable - Peaceful



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## BEST QUIET AND RESTORATIVE HOMES

# Oak Creek Hideaway

*A peaceful retreat tucked beneath the trees of Oak Creek Canyon*

**Location:** Oak Creek Canyon

**Sleeps:** 6 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 2

**Best For:** Couples - Small Families - Nature Lovers - Weekend Getaways

**Why I Love it:** Most visitors picture Sedona's red rocks when planning their trip, but Oak Creek Canyon offers a completely different experience. Surrounded by mature trees and tucked into one of the most peaceful areas near Sedona, this home feels like a true escape. The outdoor living spaces invite you to linger a little longer, whether you're enjoying coffee on the deck, soaking in the hot tub, or gathering around the fire pit after a day of exploring.

**Good to Know:** This property offers a quieter and cooler environment than many homes in Sedona proper. It's an excellent fit for travelers who prioritize nature, relaxation, and a more secluded atmosphere over being in the center of town.

**My take:** I often recommend this property to visitors who want something that feels different from the typical Sedona experience. The setting creates an immediate sense of calm, and the combination of modern design and canyon surroundings makes it especially memorable. If your ideal vacation includes trees, fresh air, and slower mornings, this is a wonderful choice.

**Atmosphere:**

Wooded - Cozy - Peaceful - Restorative



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## BEST QUIET AND RESTORATIVE HOMES

# Chapel View Retreat

*Panoramic red rock views and a rooftop deck designed for sunrise coffee and sunset gatherings*

**Location:** Chapel Area

**Sleeps:** 10 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4



**Car-Free Friendly**

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Families - First-Time Visitors - View Seekers

**Why I Love it:** The views are the reason to book this home. Located near the Chapel area and surrounded by some of Sedona's most recognizable scenery, the property offers sweeping red rock vistas from multiple vantage points, including a rooftop deck that becomes the natural gathering place throughout the day. Whether you're watching the morning light hit the cliffs or enjoying a quiet evening under the stars, the landscape is always part of the experience.

**Good to Know:** The location offers excellent access to some of Sedona's most popular trailheads and viewpoints while still providing plenty of privacy. The rooftop deck is a standout feature and one of the most unique outdoor spaces I've seen in this area.

**My take:** Some homes have great views from a window. This home was built around them. I especially love recommending it to first-time visitors because it delivers the iconic red rock scenery people travel to Sedona to experience. Between the rooftop deck, outdoor gathering spaces, and proximity to the Chapel area, it captures many of the things people love most about staying here.

**Atmosphere:**

Scenic - Elevated - Social - Classic Sedona



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## BEST QUIET AND RESTORATIVE HOMES

# Cayuse Heights

*Private hillside retreat with expansive red rock views and room to simply be*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 2 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 1

**Best For:** Solo Travelers - Couples - Writers - Restorative Getaways

**Why I Love it:** Not every Sedona trip needs to be packed with plans. Cayuse Heights is the kind of place that invites you to slow down, linger over your morning coffee, and spend more time looking out the window than looking at your phone. Perched above the surrounding landscape, the home offers sweeping red rock views while still feeling quiet, private, and tucked away from the pace of town.

**Good to Know:** The smaller footprint is part of the appeal. This home is best suited for one or two guests looking for simplicity, privacy, and easy access to nearby trails and outdoor experiences.

**My take:** I often recommend this property to solo travelers, writers, creatives, and anyone arriving in Sedona needing a little breathing room. There is something about the scale of the space and the surrounding views that encourages people to slow down naturally. It feels less like a vacation rental and more like a personal retreat.

**Atmosphere:**

Quiet - Reflective - Scenic - Restorative



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## WHERE TO STAY

# Best Luxury Homes

*The Homes That Leave an Impression*



### **Luxury means different things to different people.**

For me, it isn't just high-end finishes or a bigger price tag. It's a property that creates an experience people remember long after they leave.

The homes in this section combine exceptional settings, thoughtful design, remarkable views, and the kind of atmosphere that makes a stay feel truly special. If you're celebrating something important, traveling with a larger group, or simply want the best Sedona has to offer, start here.

## BEST LUXURY HOMES

# Château Sedona

*Architectural retreat with sweeping red rock views, expansive gathering spaces, and unforgettable sunsets*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 14 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 5

**Best For:** Luxury Group Getaways - Family Gatherings - Retreats - Celebrations

**Why I Love it:** This is one of the few homes where every room feels designed around the landscape. Floor-to-ceiling windows, multiple outdoor living areas, and elevated views create a constant connection to Sedona's red rocks. The layout works exceptionally well for larger groups who want both shared spaces and privacy.

**Good to Know:** The home comfortably accommodates larger groups and includes multiple decks, a theater room, spa amenities, and several gathering areas. It's ideal for celebrations, retreats, multi-family vacations, or anyone wanting a truly high-end Sedona experience.

**My take:** Some luxury homes have impressive finishes but don't necessarily feel special once you're inside. This one does. The views are present throughout the property, the outdoor spaces are memorable, and the scale of the home allows everyone to spread out without losing the sense of being together.

**Atmosphere:**

Expansive - Elevated - Sophisticated - Memorable



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## BEST LUXURY HOMES

# Elysian Pines

*Infinity pool living above Sedona's red rock horizon*

**Location:** Chapel Area

**Sleeps:** 10 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** Luxury Group Getaways - Special Celebrations - Retreats - Multi-Family Vacations

**Why I Love it:** Few homes make such a strong first impression. Planted above the surrounding landscape, Elysian Pines combines contemporary architecture with sweeping red rock views in nearly every direction. The infinity pool, outdoor lounge spaces, and expansive patios create an experience that feels uniquely Sedona. This is the kind of property where people naturally gather outside and find themselves staying up late to watch the colors change across the cliffs.

**Good to Know:** This home is designed for groups who want both luxury and space. Between the outdoor entertaining areas, pool, spa, and multiple gathering spaces, it's easy for everyone to spread out while still feeling connected.

**My take:** This is one of the most visually striking homes I've worked in. The views are extraordinary, but what I remember most is how the property encourages people to spend time outside. Whether it's coffee by the pool, sunset from the patio, or a quiet evening in the spa overlooking the red rocks, the setting does a lot of the work for you.

**Atmosphere:**

Luxurious - Elevated - Scenic - Unforgettable



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## BEST LUXURY HOMES

# Uptown Architectural Retreat

*Architectural retreat with sweeping red rock views, expansive gathering spaces, and unforgettable sunsets*

**Location:** Uptown

**Sleeps:** 6 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 3

 **Car-Free Friendly**

**Best For:** Luxury Group Getaways - Family Gatherings - Retreats - Celebrations

**Why I Love it:** This is one of the few homes where every room feels designed around the landscape. Floor-to-ceiling windows, multiple outdoor living areas, and elevated views create a constant connection to Sedona's red rocks. The layout works exceptionally well for larger groups who want both shared spaces and privacy.

**Good to Know:** The home comfortably accommodates larger groups or soloists alike and includes multiple decks, and handcrafted built details. It's ideal for celebrations, retreats, family vacations, or anyone wanting a truly high-end Sedona experience.

**My take:** Some luxury homes have impressive finishes but don't necessarily feel special once you're inside. This one does. The views are present throughout the property, the outdoor spaces are memorable, and the hand-crafted design is soothing to all the senses.

**Atmosphere:**

Expansive - Elevated - Sophisticated - Memorable



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## BEST LUXURY HOMES

# The Uzu Dome

*An unforgettable retreat hidden beside Oak Creek*

**Location: West Sedona**

**Sleeps:** 16 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 10

**Best For:** Retreats - Wellness Gatherings - Family Reunions - Creative Escapes - Large Groups

**Why I Love it:** There simply isn't another property like this in Sedona. The dome architecture feels completely immersed in nature, while the creek, mature trees, and secluded setting create a sense of privacy that is difficult to find elsewhere. The property feels more like a private retreat center than a vacation rental.

**Good to Know:** Located near Oak Creek, temperatures are often cooler than central Sedona. Guests have direct access to one of the most peaceful natural environments in the area, with flowing water, shade, and abundant outdoor gathering space. The unique layout is ideal for larger groups and retreats.

**My take:** This is one of the most distinctive properties in the entire guide. People don't book this home because it's luxurious in the traditional sense. They book it because the experience is memorable. Between the creek access, dome architecture, and retreat-like atmosphere, it creates a feeling that guests tend to talk about long after the trip ends.

**Atmosphere:**

Unique - Immersive - Nature-Centered - Retreat-Like



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## WHERE TO STAY

# Couples Retreat Homes

*Private retreats for meaningful time together*



**Sedona is one of the most romantic couples escapes in the country.**

Some of the most memorable stays are the quietest ones.

These homes were selected for privacy, atmosphere, and the feeling of having space to slow down together. Whether you're celebrating something special or simply reconnecting, these are the properties I'd choose for a getaway built around quality time.

## COUPLES RETREAT HOMES

# Juniper Ranch

*Private desert living with room to breathe and views in every direction*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 6 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 2

**Best For:** Couples Retreats - Small Families -  
Longer Stays - Quiet Getaways

**Why I Love it:** This property feels remarkably spacious despite its modest size. Surrounded by juniper trees and open desert landscape, it offers a sense of privacy that's increasingly difficult to find this close to town. The floor-to-ceiling windows keep Sedona's scenery present throughout the home without sacrificing comfort or simplicity.

**Good to Know:** While the property feels secluded, it's still conveniently located near restaurants, grocery stores, and trailheads. The outdoor living areas are particularly strong here, making it easy to spend mornings with coffee outside or watch the colors change across the landscape at sunset.

**My take:** Some homes immediately encourage you to slow down. Juniper Ranch is one of them. The combination of privacy, natural surroundings, and understated design creates a peaceful atmosphere that works especially well for couples who want to disconnect from busy schedules and reconnect with each other.

**Atmosphere:**

Private - Grounded - Peaceful - Spacious



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## COUPLES RETREAT HOMES

# Cayuse Sky Lodge

*Cozy hilltop retreat for two where time stands still*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 2 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 1

**Best For:** Couples - Anniversaries - Romantic Getaways - Special Occasions

**Why I Love it:** Perched high above Sedona with panoramic views stretching across the red rocks, this feels like a private sanctuary. The floor-to-ceiling windows bring the landscape indoors, while the elevated setting creates a sense of seclusion that's increasingly difficult to find. Whether you're watching the sunrise with coffee or soaking in the hot tub as the sun sets over Cathedral Rock, this is the kind of property that turns an ordinary weekend into a memorable experience.

**Good to Know:** This home is designed for two and is best suited for couples looking for privacy, quiet, and uninterrupted views. The elevated location is part of its appeal, but it also means you'll feel removed from the busier parts of town.

**My take:** If someone told me they were planning an anniversary, honeymoon, proposal, or simply wanted to do an unforgettable Sedona stay, this is one of the first properties that comes to mind. The views alone are remarkable, but what makes this home special is how intimate and peaceful it feels once you're there.

**Atmosphere:**

Romantic - Private - Scenic - Elevated



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## COUPLES RETREAT HOMES

# Oak Creek Hideaway

*Nestle together under the trees with the sounds of Oak Creek beneath you.*

**Location:** Oak Creek Canyon

**Sleeps:** 6 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 2

**Best For:** Couples - Small Families - Nature Lovers - Weekend Getaways

**Why I Love it:** Most visitors picture Sedona's red rocks when planning their trip, but Oak Creek Canyon offers a completely different experience. Surrounded by mature trees and tucked into one of the most peaceful areas near Sedona, this home feels like a true escape. The outdoor living spaces invite you to linger a little longer, whether you're enjoying coffee on the deck, soaking in the hot tub, or gathering around the fire pit after a day of exploring.

**Good to Know:** This property offers a quieter and cooler environment than many homes in Sedona proper. It's an excellent fit for travelers who prioritize nature, relaxation, and a more secluded atmosphere over being in the center of town.

**My take:** I often recommend this property to visitors who want something that feels different from the typical Sedona experience. The setting creates an immediate sense of calm, and the combination of modern design and canyon surroundings makes it especially memorable. If your ideal vacation includes trees, fresh air, and slower mornings, this is a wonderful choice.

**Atmosphere:**

Wooded - Cozy - Peaceful - Restorative



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## WHERE TO STAY

# Best Views of Sedona

*For travelers who never tire of looking out the window*



### **Not all red rock views are created equal.**

These properties offer some of the most dramatic vantage points in Sedona, with scenery that remains present throughout the stay rather than only appearing from one corner of the property.

## BEST VIEWS OF SEDONA

# Cathedral Overlook

*The kind of view people imagine when they visit Sedona*

**Location:** Chapel Area

**Sleeps:** 8 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** First-Time Visitors - Families -  
Couples Traveling Together - Scenic Getaways

**Why I Love it:** If someone asked me where to stay for their very first trip to Sedona, this would be near the top of my list. The home sits in one of Sedona's most recognizable areas, with beautiful views of the backside of Cathedral Rock and easy access to many of the destinations first-time visitors come to experience.

**Good to Know:** The Chapel area offers a great balance between scenery, convenience, and privacy. You'll be close to hiking trails, scenic drives, and Uptown Sedona while still having enough space to relax and enjoy the landscape. The outdoor patio, firepit, and hot tub make it easy to enjoy the views throughout the day.

**My take:** Some homes feel like a perfect introduction to Sedona, and this is one of them. The setting captures everything people imagine when planning their first visit: red rock views, peaceful mornings, star-filled nights, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the scenery without leaving the property. It's an easy recommendation for travelers who want the classic Sedona experience.

**Atmosphere:**

Scenic - Welcoming - Classic Sedona - Relaxed



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## BEST VIEWS OF SEDONA

# Chapel View Retreat

*Panoramic red rock views and a rooftop deck designed for perfect relaxation*

**Location:** Chapel Area

**Sleeps:** 10 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4



**Car-Free Friendly**

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Families - First-Time Visitors - View Seekers

**Why I Love it:** The views are the reason to book this home. Located near the Chapel area and surrounded by some of Sedona's most recognizable scenery, the property offers sweeping red rock vistas from multiple vantage points, including a rooftop deck that becomes the natural gathering place throughout the day. Whether you're watching the morning light hit the cliffs or enjoying a quiet evening under the stars, the landscape is always part of the experience.

**Good to Know:** The location offers excellent access to some of Sedona's most popular trailheads and viewpoints while still providing plenty of privacy. The rooftop deck is a standout feature and one of the most unique outdoor spaces I've seen in this area.

**My take:** Some homes have great views from a window. This home was built around them. I especially love recommending it to first-time visitors because it delivers the iconic red rock scenery people travel to Sedona to experience. Between the rooftop deck, outdoor gathering spaces, and proximity to the Chapel area, it captures many of the things people love most about staying here.

**Atmosphere:**

Scenic - Elevated - Social - Classic Sedona



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## BEST VIEWS OF SEDONA

# Sedona Adventure House

*Big views, easy trail access, and room to breathe*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 6 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 2

**Best For:** Solo Travelers - Remote Workers -  
Adventure Weekends - Hiking Trips -  
Decompression Retreats

**Why I Love it:** Not everyone comes to Sedona looking for a large luxury estate. Sometimes all you need is a comfortable home, a great view, and easy access to the places you came to explore. This property offers exactly that. With sweeping red rock views, a private hot tub, and a location close to both town and trailheads, it makes a great basecamp for a restorative Sedona stay.

**Good to Know:** The home is smaller than many of the properties featured in this guide, which is part of its appeal. It's easy to settle into, easy to enjoy, and ideal for travelers who plan to spend their days hiking, exploring, writing, working remotely, or simply taking a break from everyday life.

**My take:** This feels like the kind of place you book when you need a reset. Mornings with coffee overlooking the red rocks, afternoons on the trails, evenings in the hot tub under the stars. It's not trying to impress you with size. It wins through simplicity, comfort, and a setting that makes it easy to reconnect with yourself.

**Atmosphere:**

Independent - Restorative - Scenic - Grounded



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## BEST VIEWS OF SEDONA

# Cliffside Retreat

*One of Sedona's most memorable view properties*

**Location:** Chapel Area

**Sleeps:** 12 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 4

**Best For:** Couples Traveling Together - Family Gatherings - Wellness Retreats - Scenic Getaways - Special Celebrations

**Why I Love it:** Of all the homes I've toured, this one has one of my favorite layouts. Nearly every major living space is oriented toward the landscape, creating a constant connection to Sedona's red rock scenery. The expansive deck, outdoor hot tub, and wide-open gathering areas make the home feel both luxurious and welcoming at the same time.

**Good to Know:** This property works remarkably well for different types of travelers. Couples can enjoy private corners and sunset views, while families and groups still have plenty of room to gather, cook, relax, and spend time together. The layout flows naturally between indoor and outdoor spaces.

**My take:** Some homes have beautiful views but don't necessarily feel comfortable to live in. This one delivers both. The design feels thoughtful, the setting is exceptional, and the overall atmosphere encourages people to slow down and stay present. If I were planning a special trip with family or friends and wanted a home that felt distinctly Sedona, this would be high on my list.

**Atmosphere:**

Scenic - Elevated - Welcoming - Memorable



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## WHERE TO STAY

# Most Unique Sedona Stays

*Where the Stay Becomes the Story*



Some properties are memorable because of the views.

**Others stand out because they're unlike anything else you've experienced.**

Whether it's distinctive architecture, an extraordinary setting, or a personality all its own, these are the homes that tend to leave a lasting impression. If you're looking for something beyond the typical Sedona vacation rental, start here.



## MOST UNIQUE SEDONA STAYS

# The Sedona Cliff House

*An architectural landmark carved into the red rocks*

**Location:** West Sedona

**Sleeps:** 14 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 5

**Best For:** Architecture Lovers - Luxury Retreats  
- Multi-Family Gatherings - Design Enthusiasts -  
Special Celebrations

**Why I Love it:** There are beautiful homes in Sedona, and then there are homes that feel like part of the landscape itself. Built directly into the red rock cliffs, this award-winning architectural masterpiece creates an experience unlike anywhere else in town. The home feels dramatic, secluded, and deeply connected to its surroundings, with breathtaking views in every direction.

**Good to Know:** This property was featured on the Sedona Art and Architecture Tour and is widely recognized as one of the most distinctive homes in the area. The setting offers exceptional privacy, dark skies for stargazing, and a sense of immersion that is difficult to find elsewhere.

**My take:** If you're looking for a stay that people will talk about long after the trip is over, this is one of the strongest contenders in Sedona. The architecture alone is worth experiencing, but it's the combination of design, solitude, and the surrounding red rock landscape that makes it unforgettable. Few properties capture the feeling of Sedona as completely as this one.

**Atmosphere:**

Iconic - Architectural - Dramatic - Unforgettable



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## MOST UNIQUE SEDONA STAYS

# Sierra Roja Estate

*Sedona's private resort experience*

**Location:** Village of Oak Creek

**Sleeps:** 18 Guests

**Bedrooms:** 6

**Best For:** Luxury Group Getaways - Wellness Retreats - Family Reunions - Celebrations - Corporate Retreats

**Why I Love it:** Few homes in Sedona offer this level of amenities in one place. Sierra Roja feels less like a vacation rental and more like a private boutique resort. The resort-style courtyard creates the heart of the property, surrounded by a heated pool, spa, fire pit, wellness spaces, and multiple gathering areas designed for both connection and relaxation.

**Good to Know:** The entire estate is laid out on a single level, making it easy for larger groups to gather while still having plenty of room to spread out. The dedicated wellness amenities, including a sauna, cold plunge, fitness studio, and stargazing geodome, set this property apart from almost anything else in Sedona.

**My take:** This is one of the most fully equipped homes I've come across. Every detail feels designed around creating memorable experiences, whether that's morning workouts, afternoons by the pool, evenings around the fire pit, or stargazing under Sedona's dark skies. For groups that want luxury, entertainment, wellness, and comfort all in one property, it's difficult to find a stronger option.

**Atmosphere:**

Resort-Like - Elevated - Social - Exceptional



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## HOW TO STAY WELL

# How to Stay Well

*Creating Space for Recovery*



**Most people arrive in Sedona looking for something.**

**A break from routine.**

**Time with people they love.**

**A chance to reset, reconnect,  
or simply catch their breath.**

The challenge is that many vacations become just as busy as everyday life. More plans, more driving, more places to be.

This section is about slowing down. These are the practices, places, and simple choices that help transform a trip from something you do into something you genuinely experience. Because the most restorative trips are rarely about doing more. They're about creating enough space to actually enjoy where you are.

## HOW TO STAY WELL

# The Art of a Restorative Stay

**People often assume restoration comes from luxury.**

In my experience, it comes from spaciousness.

The most restorative stays aren't necessarily the most expensive ones. They're the trips where you stop checking the time.

The mornings that begin slowly.

The afternoons that aren't scheduled down to the hour.

The evenings spent outside watching the colors change across the red rocks.

After years of working with visitors in Sedona, I've noticed that the people who leave feeling the most refreshed usually do a few things differently.



They choose fewer activities.

They leave room for spontaneity.

They spend more time outside.

They allow themselves to linger.

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Instead of trying to see everything Sedona has to offer, they allow themselves to experience a few things deeply.

Sometimes restoration looks like a long hike followed by an afternoon nap.  
Sometimes it's coffee on a patio with a view. Sometimes it's a massage, a slow dinner, and an early night.

**The common thread isn't what people do. It's how they do it.**

The nervous system responds to spaciousness.

To beauty.

To nature.

To meaningful connection.

To moments where nothing is urgently demanding your attention.

Sedona has a way of providing those moments naturally, but only if you leave enough room to notice them.

If there's one suggestion I would offer, it's this:

**Don't try to maximize your trip.  
Let yourself enjoy it.**

The memories people talk about years later are rarely the packed itineraries. They're the unexpected conversations, the quiet mornings, the sunset they almost missed, and the feeling of finally having enough space to breathe.

## HOW TO STAY WELL

# A Slower Way to Experience Sedona

*Simple ways to experience more of Sedona by doing less*



## Morning Practices

### **Watch One Sunrise**

You don't need to chase every sunrise in Sedona. One is enough.

Choose a beautiful viewpoint, bring a warm drink, and give yourself permission to sit still for a while. The changing colors, the quiet, and the feeling of the day slowly beginning often become more memorable than the photos themselves.

### **Drink Your Coffee Outside**

Even ten minutes can change the tone of your day.

Whether it's a patio, balcony, deck, or quiet corner overlooking the red rocks, take your coffee outside and allow yourself to wake up a little more slowly than usual.



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### Take a Quiet Morning Walk

Leave your headphones behind.

Walk without an agenda. Notice the light, the trees, the birds, and the landscape around you. Sedona has a way of rewarding attention when you're willing to slow down enough to notice it.

## Midday Practices

### Leave an Afternoon Unplanned

Many visitors schedule every hour of their trip.

Instead, leave one afternoon completely open. Take a nap, sit by the pool, wander through town, read a book, or simply enjoy your surroundings. Some of the best travel moments happen when there's nowhere you need to be.

### Build in a Recovery Day

Not every day needs to be an adventure day.

After hiking, exploring, shopping, and sightseeing, consider dedicating a day to rest. A massage, a slow lunch, time at your vacation rental, or an afternoon spent doing very little can often become the most restorative part of a trip.

### Stay Somewhere You Enjoy Being

One of the easiest ways to improve a vacation is choosing a place you genuinely enjoy spending time in.

A comfortable patio, a beautiful view, a hot tub under the stars, or a quiet place to read can create just as many memories as another activity on the itinerary.

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# Evening Practices

### Watch Sunset From Home

Not every sunset needs a destination.

Some of my favorite Sedona sunsets have happened from a vacation rental patio with a beverage, good company, and nowhere else to be. Sometimes the best seat in town is the one you've already rented.

### Create a Device-Free Evening

For one evening, put the phones away.

Share a meal, sit around a fire pit, play cards, have a long conversation, or simply enjoy the quiet. These moments are becoming increasingly rare, which is exactly what makes them memorable.

### Stargaze Before Bed

Sedona's dark skies are one of its greatest gifts.

Step outside for a few minutes before turning in for the night. Look up. Slow your breathing. Let the scale of the landscape and sky remind you how good it feels to have nowhere else to be.

## HOW TO STAY WELL

# Why In-Home Wellness Feels Different

*Luxury means not leaving the house*



**One of the things visitors are often surprised by is how different an in-home wellness experience feels compared to visiting a traditional spa.**

When you visit a spa, you're still moving through a schedule. You drive there, arrive, check in, navigate unfamiliar spaces, and eventually make your way back to where you're staying.

**With in-home wellness, that transition disappears.**

The experience happens where you're already comfortable. There's no rushing afterward.

No traffic.

No parking lot.

No need to immediately re-enter the world.

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Instead, you can step outside onto the patio.

Watch the sunset.

Take a nap.

Sit in the hot tub.

Share a meal with friends.

The experience becomes part of the day rather than an event squeezed into it.

I've also found that groups tend to enjoy wellness differently when it's brought directly to them.

Friends can relax together.

Couples can stay connected throughout the experience.

Retreat groups don't have to coordinate transportation or schedules across town.

The result is often less about convenience and more about continuity.

Your vacation rental becomes part of the wellness experience itself.

In a place like Sedona, where so much of the landscape encourages slowing down, staying where you are can sometimes be the most restorative choice of all.

## HOW TO STAY WELL

# Wellness Worth Booking

*Experiences that help you leave feeling better than you arrived*



**The recommendations below were selected because they prioritize attentiveness, professionalism, atmosphere, and genuine care.**

Sedona offers countless wellness experiences, but over the years I've found myself returning to a small handful of practitioners and services that consistently create meaningful experiences for visitors.

Whether you're looking to recover after a hike, reconnect with yourself, or simply create more space to slow down, these are the experiences I recommend most often.

## WELLNESS WORTH BOOKING

# Sparrow Massage Sedona

*Luxury wellness delivered directly to your vacation rental.*

**Best For:** Groups - Couples - Vacation Rentals - Recovery Days - Retreats

**Why I Love it:** One of the things that makes Sparrow different is that the experience comes to you. Instead of coordinating transportation, waiting rooms, or spa schedules, your therapists arrive directly at your vacation rental and transform your space into a private wellness experience. Whether you're booking a single massage or coordinating treatments for a group, the process feels effortless from start to finish.

**Good to Know:** Services include massage, private yin yoga, sound healing, and group wellness experiences throughout Sedona and the Verde Valley.

**My take:** After years of working with visitors, I've seen how much easier wellness becomes when it happens where people are already staying. The experience feels more relaxed, more personal, and often becomes one of the most memorable parts of the trip.

**Atmosphere:**

Convenient - Restorative - Social - Elevated



[Book Here](#)



## WELLNESS WORTH BOOKING

# Trail Lovers Sedona

*One of the best ways to experience Sedona's landscape*

**Best For:** First-Time Visitors - Adventure Travelers - Solo Travelers - Small Groups

**Why I Love it:** Many visitors only experience Sedona from overlooks and parking lots. A knowledgeable guide can completely change the experience, helping you discover quieter trails, understand the landscape, and move through the area at a slower pace.

**Good to Know:** Guided hikes are available for all fitness levels and can often be customized based on interests, distance, and pace.

**My take:** If it's your first time in Sedona and you're only booking one outdoor experience, this would be high on my list. The landscape becomes much more meaningful when someone helps you understand what you're seeing.

**Atmosphere:**

Active - Scenic - Grounded - Memorable



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## EAT WELL IN SEDONA

# Eat Well in Sedona

*Places to gather, slow down, and enjoy the people you're with.*

**Great food matters. Great hospitality matters even more.**

After years of working with visitors in Sedona, I've spent a lot of time recommending restaurants, making reservations, and hearing firsthand which meals become part of the story people tell when they get home.

The places in this section weren't chosen simply because they're popular. Many were selected because I've eaten there myself, know the owners, have worked alongside them for years, or consistently trust them to take great care of guests.

Just as importantly, these are places with atmosphere. The kind of restaurants where people linger a little longer, order another round, share a dessert, and lose track of time in conversation.

Because some of the best moments of a trip happen around a table. Whether you're celebrating something special, reconnecting with friends, gathering with family, or simply enjoying a quiet dinner after a day of exploring, these are the places I find myself recommending again and again.

## EAT WELL IN SEDONA

# West Sedona

### Local Juicery

**Best for:** Breakfast - Healthy Lunch - Grab-and-Go Trail Fuel

**My Favorites:** Peanut Butter and Jelly and Advocado Toast

#### **Healthy & Wellness-Focused Options**

One of my favorite wellness-focused spots in Sedona.

Local Juicery emphasizes organic ingredients, fresh juices, smoothies, and nourishing meals that leave you feeling energized instead of weighed down. It's an easy stop before a hike, after a workout, or anytime you want something fresh and genuinely good for you.

### Tamaliza

**Best for:** Authentic Local Flavor - Casual Lunch - Gluten-Free Options

**My Favorites:** Chile Relleno and Hand-made Horchata

#### **Favorite Patio & Casual Dining**

A small local favorite serving handmade tamales and authentic Mexican food. The atmosphere is colorful, welcoming, and distinctly Sedona. It's one of those places that feels personal rather than commercial. Great outside patio that's perfect for lunch after a hike.

### Mariposa

**Best for:** Sunset Dinner - Celebrations - First-Time Sedona Visitors

**My Favorites:** Veggie Nirvana

#### **Favorite Patio & Fine Dining**

Few restaurants in Sedona capture the drama of the landscape quite like Mariposa. Placed above the red rocks with sweeping panoramic views, it's the kind of place people love for dinner and talking about many days after. While the food is excellent, the setting is what makes it special. If you're celebrating something, watching the sunset, or simply want one unforgettable Sedona dinner, this is often where I send people.

## EAT WELL IN SEDONA

## Uptown

### Sedona Organic Taco Company

**Best for:** Casual Lunch - Fresh Ingredients - Patio Dining

**My Favorites:** Cauliflower Tacos and The Magic School Bus

**Favorite Patio & Casual Dining**

A relaxed Uptown favorite serving fresh tacos, creative bowls, and vibrant flavors. It's the kind of place that works equally well after a hike or as a casual evening meal with friends.

### Elote Café

**Best for:** Destination Dining - Date Night - Southwestern Cuisine

**My Favorites:** Goat Cheese Balls and Green Tamale

**Favorite Fine Dining**

One of Sedona's most beloved restaurants for good reason. Chef-driven Southwestern cuisine, bold flavors, and a menu that feels distinctly rooted in the region. If you're planning a special dinner during your visit, this is often one of the hardest reservations to secure.

### Wildcraft Kitchen

**Best for:** Healthy Lunch - Modern Atmosphere - Elevated Casual Dining

**My Favorites:** Keto Cookie Dough and Vegetarian Breakfast Burrito

**Best Coffee & Slow Morning**

Thoughtfully prepared food, fresh ingredients, and a beautiful atmosphere make Wildcraft one of my favorite recommendations in Uptown. It strikes a balance between wellness-focused dining and a memorable night out.

## EAT WELL IN SEDONA

## Village of Oak Creek

### Dellepiane

**Best for:** Italian Dinner - Date Night - Homemade Pasta

**My Favorites:** House-made empanadas and tiramisu

**Casual Dining Favorite**

A warm neighborhood favorite serving authentic Italian cuisine, house-made pasta, and thoughtfully prepared dishes. The atmosphere is intimate and welcoming, making it a wonderful choice for a slower evening and a memorable meal.

### Pisa Lisa

**Best for:** Casual Gatherings - Families - Pizza Night

**My Favorites:** Gluten-free Margherita and Killer Kale Salad

**Favorite Patio & Casual Dining**

Wood-fired pizzas, fresh salads, and a comfortable atmosphere make Pisa Lisa an easy recommendation for groups, families, and anyone looking for a relaxed dinner after a day outdoors.

### Tara Thai

**Best for:** Comfort Food - Takeout - Easy Dinner

**My Favorites:** Tom Kha, Eggrolls and Thai Tea

**Casual Dining Favorite**

A longtime local favorite known for fresh ingredients, generous portions, and reliable Thai dishes. Whether you're dining in or bringing dinner back to your vacation rental, it's one of the Village's most dependable options.

## EAT WELL IN SEDONA

# Picnic Spots Worth Packing Lunch For

*Some meals are better with a view*



### **For the adventurous foodie couple.**

One of my favorite ways to experience Sedona is to pack a simple lunch, carry a little extra water, and enjoy a meal somewhere memorable.

Whether it's a challenging hike with a rewarding summit, a quiet overlook, or a hidden spot away from the crowds, these are the places I find myself returning to again and again.



## BEST PICNIC SPOTS

### SEDONA CULTURAL PARK

**Best For:** Easy Picnics - Families - Sunset Views - Low-Effort Beauty

Not every great picnic spot requires a hike. Sedona Cultural Park offers expansive views, wide-open space, and some of the best sunset scenery in West Sedona with almost no effort required. Bring a blanket, a takeout lunch, or your favorite local snacks and enjoy a slower afternoon surrounded by red rocks. It's one of my favorite places to unwind when I want beautiful scenery without committing to a trail.

### THUNDER MOUNTAIN SUMMIT

**Best for:** Adventurers - Big Views - Accomplishment

This is by far the most challenging picnic spot on my list, but the payoff is extraordinary. The climb requires effort, good footwear, and a reasonable fitness level, but the summit offers panoramic views across Sedona that few visitors ever experience. If you're looking for a picnic you'll remember for years, this is it.

### BROKEN ARROW AREA

**Best for:** Classic Sedona Views - Flexible Adventures - Sunset Picnics

The Broken Arrow area offers countless opportunities to find your own perfect picnic spot. Whether you're exploring the trail system, finding a quiet rock outcropping, or watching the late afternoon light move across the landscape, it's one of my favorite places to slow down and enjoy the scenery.

## HAND-PICKED ITINERARIES

# Curated Itineraries

*Choose Your Own Version of Sedona*



**Most visitors arrive in Sedona with a long list of things they want to do.**

My recommendation is to do a little less than you think you need to. The itineraries below are designed around different travel styles, whether you're looking for adventure, deep rest, quality time with friends, or a quiet weekend to reconnect with yourself.

Use them as inspiration, mix and match what speaks to you, and leave enough space for the unexpected moments that often become the most memorable part of a trip.

## HAND-PICKED ITINTERARIES

# The 48-Hour Restorative Weekend

*For the traveler who needs less stimulation and more space to exhale*

**Best For:** Burnout - Stress Recovery - Couples - Solo Travelers

**Length:** 2 Nights

**Stay:** Quiet & Restorative Homes

**Pace:** Slow

**Don't Miss:**

Sunset at home and an in-home massage

### Friday

- > Arrive in Sedona
- > Grocery stop or [Local Juicery](#)
- > Check into your rental
- > Watch sunset from the property
- > Device-free evening

### Saturday

- > Coffee outside
- > Easy morning hike
- > Lunch
- > [Sparrow Massage Sedona](#)
- > Pool, hot tub, or nap
- > Dinner at [Dellepiane](#) or [Mariposa](#)
- > Stargazing before bed

### Sunday

- > Slow breakfast
- > Picnic at Cultural Park
- > Departure

### Danielle's Upgrade:

Book your massage on the second day, not the last. Your body settles into vacation differently when recovery happens early.



## HAND-PICKED ITINTERARIES

# The Adventure + Recovery Weekend

*The best adventures leave room for recovery*

**Best For:** Active Travelers - Hikers - Couples - Friend Groups

**Length:** 3 Days

**Stay:** Homes with Views

**Pace:** Active with Recovery Built In

**Don't Miss:** Thunder Mountain followed by a recovery massage

### Friday

- > Arrive + unpack
- > Sunset walk near your property
- > Keep dinner simple and get to bed early

### Saturday

- > Begin with sunrise coffee
- > Adventurous morning hike
- > Lunch
- > [Sparrow Massage Sedona](#)
- > Pool, hot tub, or nap
- > Dinner at [Pisa Lisa](#) or [Tara Thai](#)
- > Stargazing before bed

### Sunday

- > Pack a picnic
- > Explore [Broken Arrow](#) or [Margs Draw Trail](#)
- > Picnic Lunch
- > Departure feeling refreshed



### Danielle's Upgrade:

Most people schedule back-to-back hikes. I recommend building one afternoon entirely around recovery.

## HAND-PICKED ITINTERARIES

# The Girls Reset Weekend

*Less rushing around town, more time together*

**Best For:** Girls Trips - Reunions - Bachelorettes Without the Chaos

**Length:** 3 Days

**Stay:** Homes Made for Gathering

**Pace:** Relaxed & Social

**Don't Miss:** Sound + Yin Yoga + Group Massage

### Friday

- > Arrive + unpack
- > Share a charcuterie board
- > Enjoy sunset from the property

### Saturday

- > Begin with sunrise coffee
- > Start the morning with private yoga + sound
- > Lunch
- > Spend the afternoon poolside
- > Enjoy group massage sessions
- > Gather for dinner together with a private chef or reservations at Elote

### Sunday

- > Enjoy sunrise coffee
- > Short morning hike
- > Relaxed Brunch
- > One final morning before departure

### Danielle's Upgrade:

The memories usually happen at the house. Don't over-schedule the weekend.



## HAND-PICKED ITINERARIES

# The Luxury Wellness Weekend

*A weekend built around feeling exceptional, not staying busy*

**Best For:** Celebrations - Executives - Wellness Lovers

**Length:** 3 Days

**Stay:** Luxury Homes

**Pace:** Effortless

**Don't Miss:** A Tidal by Danielle session

### Friday

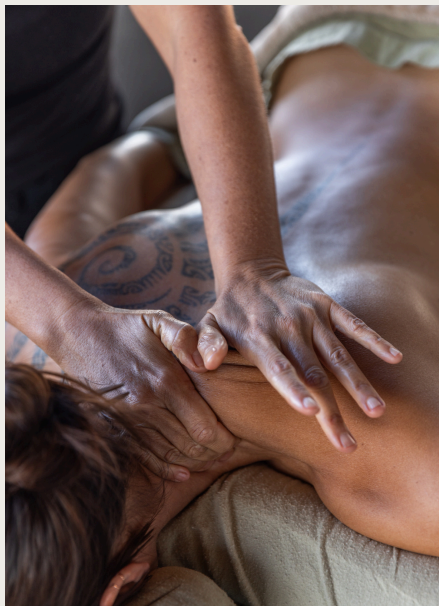
- > Check in + settle in
- > Book a private chef or dinner at Mariposa

### Saturday

- > Begin with coffee and leisurely breakfast at Local Juicery or at home
- > Spend time at home in the hot tub before your wellness experience
- > Private Massages with Sparrow
- > End the evening with sunset views and dinner at home

### Sunday

- > Take a scenic walk
- > Spend the morning outdoors
- > Head home restored



### Danielle's Upgrade:

Choose the home with the best view, not necessarily the biggest home.



## HAND-PICKED ITINTERARIES

# The Couples Escape

*A weekend designed around connection, not activities.*

**Best For:** Anniversaries - Romantic Getaways - Reconnection

**Length:** 2-3 Days

**Stay:** Couples Retreat Homes

**Pace:** Slow & Intentional

**Don't Miss:** A sunrise coffee and sunset dinner

### Day One

- > Arrive + settle in
- > Book a private chef or dinner together and Flamenco dancing

### Day Two

- > Start the day slowly with coffee outdoors
- > Pack a Picnic Lunch
- > Explore an easy trail
- > Spend the afternoon with a couples massage
- > End the day stargazing from the hot tub

### Day Three

- > Sleep in
- > Enjoy breakfast with a view
- > Leave without feeling hurried



### Danielle's Upgrade:

Leave one meal completely unplanned and follow your curiosity.

## HAND-PICKED ITINTERARIES

# The Solo Soul Revival

*For seasons of reflection, transition, and starting fresh*

**Best For:** Life Transitions - Fatigue - Creative Resets

**Length:** 3-5 Days

**Stay:** Smaller Homes with Views

**Pace:** Unstructured

**Don't Miss:** One full afternoon with no plans

### Day One

- > Arrive + unpack
- > Stock up on groceries
- > Watch sunset from your home

### Day Two

- > Enjoy coffee outside
- > Spend time journaling
- > Explore a trail
- > Book a restorative massage
- > End the day stargazing from the hot tub

### Day Three

- > Pack a picnic
- > Take a scenic drive
- > Spend the evening under the sky

**Additional Days:** Repeat whatever made you feel most like yourself.

### Danielle's Upgrade:

Protect your mornings. Some of the most meaningful moments happen before 9 a.m.



## HAND-PICKED ITINTERARIES

# The Car-Free Weekend

*A slower way to experience Sedona without spending your trip behind the wheel.*

**Best For:** Travelers Without a Vehicle

**Length:** 2-3 Days

**Stay:** Walkable areas near Uptown

**Pace:** Easy and Flexible

**Don't Miss:**

The freedom of not having to drive anywhere

### Day One

- > Check into your lodging
- > Unpack
- > Walk to dinner

### Day Two

- > Enjoy coffee outside
- > Pack your bag and catch the [Trail Shuttle](#)
- > Schedule a wellness session before sunset
- > End the day stargazing from the hot tub

### Day Three

- > Grab brunch
- > Take a final stroll before heading home

**Additional Days:** Repeat whatever made you feel most alive

### Danielle's Upgrade:

A car-free trip naturally slows the pace. Lean into it rather than trying to fit everything in.



## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

# Local Knowledge

*The things I wish someone had told me before my first trip to Sedona*



**After years of living, working, and exploring here, I've learned that some of the best Sedona advice never makes it into travel brochures.**

It's the small things that help a trip feel easier, smoother, and more enjoyable.

Think of this section as the notes I'd share with a friend before they arrived.

A few practical tips, a little local perspective, and a handful of things that can make the difference between a good trip and a great one.

## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

# Things Most Visitors Don't Know

### **Sunrise is often just as good as sunset**

Everyone rushes to sunset viewpoints. Sunrise is quieter, cooler, and often just as beautiful.

### **Parking fills earlier than you think**

If you're hiking a popular trail, arrive early. Some trailheads fill before 8 a.m., especially during spring and fall.

### **Sedona is bigger than it looks on a map**

Driving between neighborhoods can take longer than visitors expect. Plan fewer destinations and spend more time enjoying each one.

### **The best memories rarely come from the busiest days**

Most people remember the conversation on the patio, the unexpected picnic, or the sunset they almost missed more than the packed itinerary.

### **Oak Creek is worth seeking out**

When temperatures rise, spending time near the water can completely change your experience of Sedona.

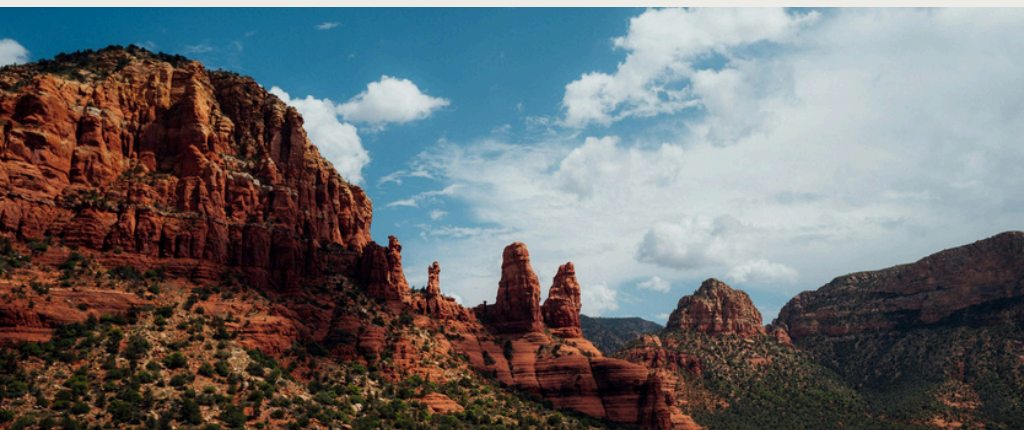
### **The stars are part of the attraction**

Sedona's dark skies are some of the best in Arizona. Step outside for a few minutes before bed and look up.

## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

# Hikes You Might Not Hear About

*Where you can actually hear the wind, the birds, and your own thoughts*



**Most visitors focus on Sedona's famous trails, and for good reason. But some of my favorite experiences here happen on the quieter paths.** Keep in mind seasonality, as flash floods are a very real thing in monsoon season.

## Cultural Park Trail

Wide-open red rock views, with many trails weaving the hillside, gentle terrain, and far fewer crowds than many of Sedona's iconic hikes. A great choice for sunrise, sunset, or a peaceful morning walk.

## Schuerman Mountain Trailhead

One of Sedona's most underrated viewpoints. The hike feels more expansive and remote than many of the popular trails, with incredible panoramic views and a true sense of solitude.



## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

### **Pyramid Peak**

A quieter adventure with rewarding views and a feeling of discovery. Perfect for hikers who want something a little less obvious than Sedona's headline trails. Striking views from the top, and also a southeast facing mountain, so mostly shaded in the afternoon which makes it unlike many of the trails in Sedona.

### **Marg's Draw**

A local favorite that often gets overlooked. Beautiful rock formations, excellent morning light, and a peaceful atmosphere make this one of the best alternatives to Sedona's busier routes. Can see the famous "Snoopy Rock" from all angles. Can be exposed to sun, best for sunset or early morning.

### **Thunder Mountain Trail**

Not a casual stroll; for those looking for a little more adventure. The scenery is dramatic, the trail feels wild, and it offers a completely different experience from the heavily trafficked red rock corridors. This trail requires preparation and is not safe for rainy or windy days. The view from the top and the journey up is one of challenge and accomplishment. Bring tagging tape as the switchbacks with the elevation changes make it challenging to find the route back down.

### **Hiline Trail**

This trail also requires preparation and is not for everyone, but unforgettable for those comfortable with exposure and more technical terrain. The views are spectacular, and the experience feels uniquely Sedona. Grab a view of Cathedral Rock that usually only the most technical can get to.

## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

# Seasonal Sedona

### Spring

Wildflowers, cool mornings, and some of the year's best hiking weather. Expect larger crowds during peak season (March, April, May).

### Summer

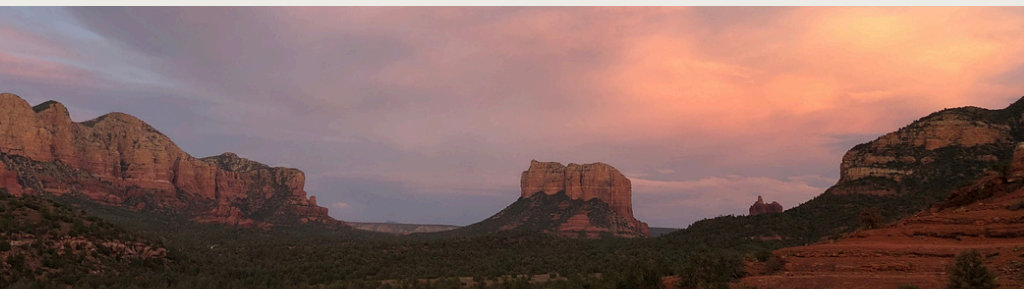
Early mornings and evenings are your friend. Plan outdoor activities before the heat arrives and spend afternoons resting, swimming, or enjoying indoor activities. Secretly summer is one of our favorite times because of the afternoon monsoon rains in July and August.

### Fall

Comfortable temperatures, beautiful light, and ideal conditions for hiking and outdoor dining. Our second wave peak season is October and November. Watch out for crowds and traffic, but the fall colors up highway 89 in Oak Creek Canyon are spectacular.

### Winter

Quieter, slower, and often underrated. Snow occasionally dusts the red rocks, creating some of Sedona's most beautiful scenery. Outside of holidays, winter boasts low crowds and empty trails.



## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

# Stay Well Checklist

*The goal isn't to check every box; just to leave feeling different than you arrived.*

Before you leave Sedona, see how many of these you've experienced:

- ☒ Watch one sunrise
- ☒ Watch one sunset
- ☒ Drink your coffee outside
- ☒ Eat a meal outdoors
- ☒ Take a walk without your phone
- ☒ Spend time near Oak Creek
- ☒ Look at the stars
- ☒ Leave one afternoon unplanned
- ☒ Enjoy a massage or wellness experience
- ☒ Have a conversation that lasts longer than expected
- ☒ Take a photo you'll actually want to revisit
- ☒ Spend a little less time rushing and a little more time noticing



# Thank you for letting me share my Sedona with you.

I hope this guide helps you discover beautiful places,  
meaningful experiences, and moments that stay with  
you long after the trip is over.

Travel well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Fink". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Sparrow Massage Sedona™

# Want Us To Design Your Entire Stay?

Some travelers don't want another list of things to do. They want someone who already knows Sedona to help them create a stay that feels restorative, effortless, and thoughtfully designed from start to finish.

After helping hundreds of visitors plan wellness-focused stays in Sedona through Sparrow Massage Sedona, we began receiving the same question:

"Can you help us plan the rest of our trip?"

Whether you're planning a restorative solo trip, romantic getaway, girls' weekend, wellness retreat or family gathering, we'll help you create a personalized itinerary based on what matters most to you.

## Sparrow Trip Planning

### **What's included:**

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