



Red rocks and amethyst skies in Sedona

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### Sedona

Red rocks, inspiring hikes, and spas abound.

"God created the Grand Canyon, but he lives in Sedona," claim the locals. No argument here. Just two hours by car from Phoenix, the town's newest getaway, Andalusia-inspired **Sedona Rouge Hotel & Spa** ([WWW.SEDONAROUGE.COM](http://WWW.SEDONAROUGE.COM), 866-312-4111), opened in June and quickly struck a balance between serenity and style—even offering a little San Francisco culinary flash in the form of Reds, the hotel's restaurant. Serving new interpretations of classics such as house-baked ham with roasted jalapeño, Reds was designed by the team responsible for Lulu and Rose Pistoia. Many of the 77 rooms include a fireplace and private patio or balcony. Unusual feature here: spa rooms with living areas—you can have your soaking tub and CNN, too. Daytime, hike the red rocks skirting Coconino National Forest, explore back roads, golf in the desert, or indulge in concentrated spa-hopping.