

**Travel Classics West Pre-FAM:  
Scottsdale**

(Maximum of 6 participants)

Monday, Nov. 13 – Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017



**SPACE IS THE NEW LUXURY**

Forget designer goods, or even spare time—although we admit, that still comes at a premium. This year, Scottsdale is taking a moment to appreciate space.

It's not just the nearly 200 miles of trails in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve or the City's commitment to a public art collection that's grown larger than 90 permanent installations that span the breadth of the map.

It's also the figurative space that visitors feel – in their mind, in their lungs and even in their hearts – when they spend time exploring Scottsdale and the Sonoran Desert.

So, whether it's a tiny artists' enclave tucked into the heart of the city, a meandering trail or an intimate spa retreat, come find the space that is *your* space before you head south for the big conference weekend.

MONDAY, NOV. 13

**Day 1: Arrive (Compress and Release)**

**Morning**

**Arrivals**

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**Check in at Mountain Shadows – Expansive Views of Camelback Mountain**

Mountain Shadows – the newest property in town – is a boutique resort in Paradise Valley, Arizona, adjacent to Scottsdale. Perfectly nestled below Camelback Mountain and Mummy Mountain, the resort originally opened in 1959 and earned its namesake from the shadows cast by the iconic silhouettes each afternoon. The upscale locale was an instant success, catering to the likes of international travelers, visiting families and Hollywood stars – including John Wayne and Elizabeth Taylor. It even served as the primary backdrop for “The Brothers Brannagan,” a 1960s detective drama. Traces of its iconic past can still be found around the property today, which features desert modern design, 183 guest rooms, a luxury wing with 42 resort condominiums and suites, a restaurant with an exhibition kitchen, two pools, a high-tech fitness facility, a fully revamped 18-hole short course with a golf grill and lounge, and 37,500 square feet of indoor and outdoor event space. Mountain Shadows is part of the Preferred Hotels & Resorts LVX Collection.



**Early afternoon**

**Downtown Scottsdale Public Art: Compact Urban Experience in the Middle of the Desert**

While often thought of for its shopping, dining and nightlife, the Scottsdale Public Art Program has made Downtown Scottsdale a place to engage with local art, without ever stepping foot in a museum, by incorporating art and design into everyday spaces (although we have great museums, too). The Soleri Bridge – the first of famed Paolo Soleri’s more than 60 bridge designs to be built – not only offers a pedestrian walkway, but also makes use of the construction of raw materials and natural light, to paint the path with the sun’s rays as it shifts throughout the day. Walk along to uncover public art’s contribution to Scottsdale’s unique landscape, character, and identity.

**Evening**

**Cloth & Flame – Hot Air Balloon Ride to a Pop-Up Dinner in the Desert**

Cloth & Flame – the ultimate balloon ride and dinner with a view experience – brings the dinner table to the heart of the desert. After taking in 360 views of the Sonoran Desert mid-air, you’ll enjoy an exquisite menu and handcrafted cocktails in the middle of this raw and beautiful landscape. Patio dining doesn’t hold a candle to this adventurous dining event, available less than 30 minutes from the resort.



TUESDAY, NOV. 14

## Day 2: Explore Wright's Canvas

### Morning

Choose your own adventure to explore the beauty of the Sonoran Desert before an evening in an architectural masterpiece inspired by the same space.



### **McDowell Sonoran Preserve – hiking or biking with Arizona Outback Adventures**

The McDowell Sonoran Preserve is a 30,200-acre protected area of land consisting of Scottsdale's McDowell Mountains and Sonoran Desert located a mere 15-20 minutes outside of the main City arteries. It provides a place for adventurers to connect with Scottsdale's desert attractions like Saguaro cacti and roadrunners, and it is a space so special to the City, that its residents voted to personally fund its progress. When complete, the Preserve will total more than 36,000 acres of permanently protected land, making it one third of the City's total acreage.

### **Kayak the Salt River with Arizona Outback Adventures**

Scottsdale is not all about dry heat and dry land. Pick up your paddles for a relaxing float down the Lower Salt River, surrounded by unobstructed views of four different mountain ranges. Flowing from the mountains in Northern Arizona, the Salt River is captured by four dams and released for use by Phoenicians and farmers. Abundant wildlife calls this scenic river home, making it commonplace for kayakers to enjoy close encounters with everything from wild horses to great blue herons and bald eagles.

Evening

**Celebrate Frank Lloyd Wright's 150<sup>th</sup>: An Insider's Look at Taliesin West**

**Tour the shelters built by student architects and see the space the way the rich and famous once saw it, with a cocktail in hand, under a glowing moon.** Created out of the desert by gathering rocks from the desert floor and sand from the washes, the site balances design with the surrounding environment, evidenced by its dramatic terraces, and walkways overlooking the rugged desert landscape. You'll uncover the intricacies of Wright's personal home, studio and architectural laboratory with day and night tours, and an evening highlighted by special guests' insights and anecdotes about this essential Scottsdale landmark.



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

**Day 3: Reinventing Life in the Desert with Paolo Soleri (and Spa Time)**

Morning

**Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art's Repositioning Paolo Soleri:  
*The City is Nature***

Meet the curators at SMOCA and tour the retrospective exhibit of the artist and architect who called Scottsdale home. *The City is Nature* spans the breadth of Soleri's ideas and practice, bringing together elements from his built and unbuilt residences, bridges, dams, cities and transportation systems. The exhibition surveys the artist's earliest ceramic and bronze artisan crafts, as well as fabric designs and silkscreens. The exhibition also investigates Soleri's personal engagement with the art and architecture of his time; his relationship with Frank Lloyd Wright; and his influence on the American counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s.



**Late Morning**

**Tour Cosanti, the gallery and home of Paolo Soleri**

Meet members of the current Board of Directors of the Cosanti Foundation who lived and worked closely with the artist and architect.

**Afternoon**

**Unwind and find your heart space.** Spend the second half of the day with quiet time preparing for the conference at one of Scottsdale's top spas.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 16**

**Depart for Tucson**