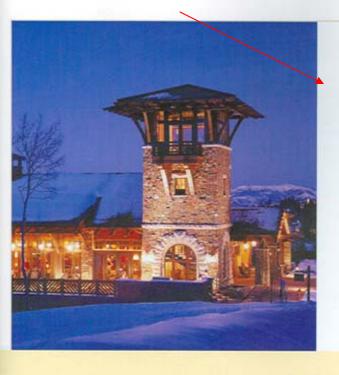


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If there's one thing we know, it's developments. Over the years, we've toured more than our fair share, and we've seen it all—from so-so to stunning. But you won't find any of the former in this feature, only the best of the best. Within the next 24 pages, we present our 50 favorite communities from across the West, Western Canada and Mexico. So go ahead, turn the page and live it up.



« Tuhaye

PARK CITY, UTAH Tuhaye residents know what it's like to have beaucoup amenities at their doorsteps. From the mountain and lake views to the signature golf course to the Wildstar Cabin (where kids gather for activities such as guided hikes) to the gondola (which whisks residents to Deer Valley Resort), this community has it all and then some. Further crowd pleasers, the residential offerings include fairway cottages, custom homes and homesites ranging from one to five acres, with prices starting at \$450,000. And then there's all the area has to offer—some of the best skiling in the world, hiking and biking trails that meander for miles, Park City's quirky Main Street and the list goes on. 435.333.9210, www.taliskerclub.com.

ELEVATION: 6,800 to 7,300 feet. SIZE: 2,800 acres. GOLF: 18-hole course designed by Mark O'Meara; an 18-hole Tom Fazio creation is also in the works. SPA: The Talisker Spa offers a full range of services. FITNESS FACILITIES: 1,600-sq.-ft. fitness center.

ON-SITE DINING: Tuhaye Table Café serves Tuscan-style cuisine. MEDICAL FACILITIES: Heber Valley Medical Center is less than 30 minutes away. WHAT'S NEARBY: Skiing at several resorts; the shops and restaurants of Park City's Main Street.

Mirabel »

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA "The Mirabel Club has established a level of service that all the other clubs in the [area] are trying to emulate," says Bob Lomax, director of sales at Mirabel Properties. With 350 lots set on 750 acres, the community also offers golf villas from \$1.5 million and custom homes starting at \$2.5 million. Mirabel's reputation is so prestigious it has even attracted LPGA player Cristie Kerr, who is a member of the esteemed club. 866.647.2235, www.mirabel.com.

ELEVATION: 3,000 feet. SIZE: 713 acres, GOLF: 18-hole championship course designed by Tom Fazio. SPA: Full-service spa and salon. FITNESS FACILITIES: Fitness center with exercise equipment and movement studio. ON-SITE DINING: Multiple dining locations in the main clubhouse. MEDICAL FACILITIES: Scottsdale Healthcare Thompson Peak is 15 minutes away. WHAT'S NEARBY: Tonto National Forest: Scottsdale's shops and restaurants.



« Montesoro

BORREGO SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA This community, located 85 miles northeast of San Diego, is nestled within the 650,000-acre Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, the largest protected state park in the continental United States. This fact alone would be reason enough to want to call Montesoro home; however, the Old World oasis also boasts its own private Air Ranch (complete with a landing strip and a hangar to house private aircraft) and the kid-focused Camp Cahuilla. In addition, Montesoro's future plans call for a Resort Core facility, which will bring a sumptuous spa and fitness pavilion to the community. Prices range from the \$200,000's to just over \$1 million. 866.503.7418, www.montesoro.com.

ELEVATION: 1,000 feet. SIZE: 3,140 acres. GOLF: 18-hole Tom Fazio Signature course.

SPA: The Resort Core will feature a full-service spa. FITNESS FACILITIES: Six tennis courts; several pools; the Resort Core will include a fitness pavilion. ON-SITE DINING: Fine and casual dining located at the clubhouse. MEDICAL FACILITIES: The Borrego Medical Center is located at the entrance to the property. WHAT'S NEARBY: Historic downtown Julian.