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Vibrant in Vegas

Flowers and butterflies provide a cheerful botanical motif at **Encore**, Steve Wynn's flirty follow-up to Wynn Las Vegas. Located next door and linked by the boutique-lined Esplanade, this new eating-shopping-gaming-pampering emporium wows with striking interior design—bold red and white in the lobby and casino, warm golds in the gilded Spa at Encore—and a Saint-Tropez-inspired pool with adjoining XS nightclub. Decor in the 2,034 suites is midcentury modern in tones of beige, black and red, with floor-to-ceiling windows delivering 24/7 views of the Strip and the desert. After absorbing all of this eye candy, a soaking tub and divine bed let you focus solely on one another (doubles from \$179; encorelasvegas.com). —Donna Heiderstadt

Desert Blooms

Four new resorts have sprung to life amid the **dramatic vistas** of the Southwest



SOOTHING IN SCOTTSDALE

For a stay that transports you to two different worlds, check into the **InterContinental Montelucia Resort and Spa** in Scottsdale, AZ. While the 293-room property has an Andalusian theme—there's a palm-lined walkway reminiscent of Spain's Alhambra Palace—the Joya Spa is a journey into exotic Morocco, complete with Arizona's only hammam. Luxury spa suites in sexy gold and orange look like a sultan's lair: The Grand Palace Suite even has a king-sized bed for postmassage relaxation. Afterward, tempt your taste buds at alfresco Kasbah or chic Prado restaurants (doubles from \$195; icmontelucia.com). —D.H.

POSH IN PALM SPRINGS

The pool scene at the newly revitalized **Riviera Resort & Spa** in Palm Springs, CA—think music, cushy double chaises and private cabanas with cooling misters—is one way to enjoy the outdoors. For another, hike the nearby Indian Canyons, filled with hummingbirds and waterfalls. Afterward, unwind with a couples massage at the resort's Spa Terre. The 406 rooms and suites (our faves: Riviera Starlite Suites with private hot tubs and fire pits) fan out in futuristic pod fashion from the pool hub. Glitzy decor and chandeliers sparkle throughout. Dine on lobster and scallops at Circa 59, a nod to the era when Marilyn Monroe and the Rat Pack frequented this once-again dazzling desert star (doubles from \$149; psriviera.com). —Leslie A. Westbrook

Enchanted in Santa Fe

If your idea of romantic bliss is a sky full of stars and absolute silence—broken only by the crackle of logs burning in a fireplace—then **Encantado, An Auberge Resort**, is the honeymoon hideaway for you. Located about a 10-minute drive from Santa Fe, NM, it features 65 modern casitas scattered throughout 57 acres, many with views of the dramatic Sangre de Cristo Mountains. At its center is the inviting Spa at Encantado, with a Southwest-inspired menu and cozy coed “warming room” for post-treatment relaxation. While Santa Fe has a great dining scene, devote one night to dinner at Encantado's eatery, Terra, for fresh regional cuisine with fab sides such as truffled frites and macaroni and mushrooms (doubles from \$275; encantadoresort.com). —D.H.

