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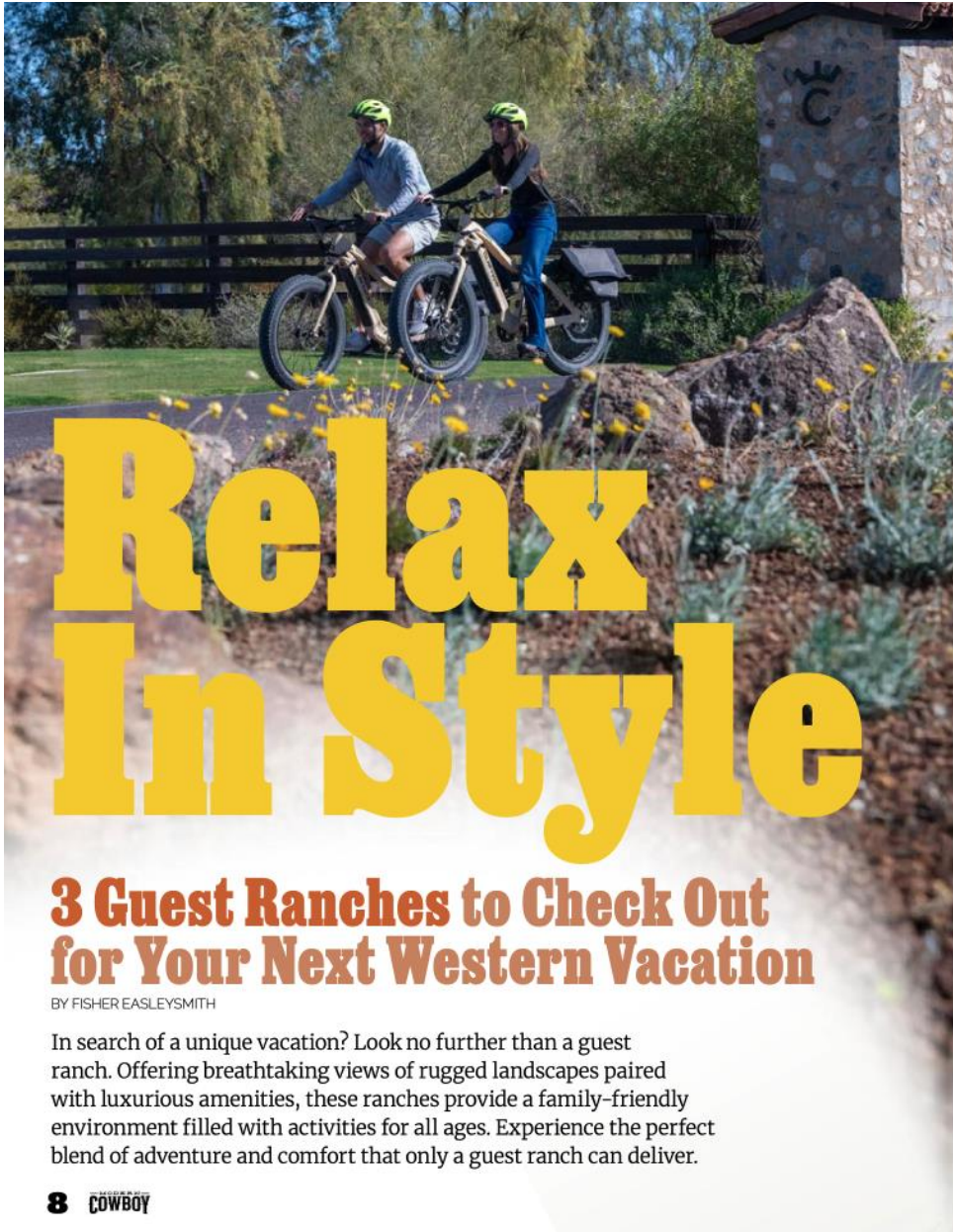
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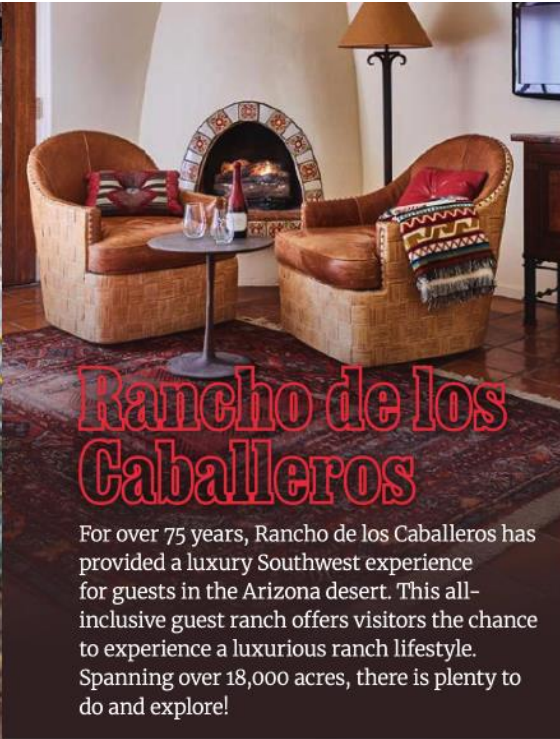


Relax In Style

3 Guest Ranches to Check Out for Your Next Western Vacation

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In search of a unique vacation? Look no further than a guest ranch. Offering breathtaking views of rugged landscapes paired with luxurious amenities, these ranches provide a family-friendly environment filled with activities for all ages. Experience the perfect blend of adventure and comfort that only a guest ranch can deliver.



Rancho de los Caballeros

For over 75 years, Rancho de los Caballeros has provided a luxury Southwest experience for guests in the Arizona desert. This all-inclusive guest ranch offers visitors the chance to experience a luxurious ranch lifestyle. Spanning over 18,000 acres, there is plenty to do and explore!

ADVENTURES

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a roper or a barrel racer? Rancho de los Caballeros offers the chance to learn in a relaxed and safe environment. They provide lessons for all ages to become comfortable working with one of their roughly 80 horses on the property. You can enjoy trail rides, and corral rides, or even learn to run the cloverleaf pattern like famous barrel racers. You can also practice your roping skills or learn something new with their team penning competition.

Everyone will find something to do with a championship golf course, tennis and pickleball courts, trap and skeet shooting, archery, and many other activities available. If you are looking for a structured schedule, Rancho de los Caballeros offers daily activity guides for all guests to enjoy. Here, everyone can stay busy or relax from sunup to sundown.

If you're aiming to relax, why not treat yourself at the spa? You can enjoy a rejuvenating facial, a soothing massage, and so much more!

LODGING

Nestled at the intersection of comfort and luxury, the Santa Fe-style private casitas at Rancho de los Caballeros offer an inviting retreat. Ideal for groups or small families, the Maricopa suites provide spacious living rooms and private patios, ensuring ample space for relaxation. Alternatively, the Hermosa rooms come with connecting options for added convenience. Both casita types provide flexibility in bedding arrangements, allowing for twin beds to accommodate varying guest needs.

Couples and groups of friends looking for a getaway may find the Ranch Rooms or Bradshaw Mountain Rooms to be ideal accommodations. The Ranch Rooms are equipped with jetted tubs, providing a relaxing retreat, while the Bradshaw Mountain Rooms present stunning views of the Wickenburg mountains. Larger groups should consider the Sunset Rooms, which allow for the booking of an entire block of adjacent rooms, ensuring convenience and togetherness during your stay.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Rancho de los Caballeros, located in Wickenburg, Arizona, showcases sprawling acres that offer a unique and vibrant backdrop for unforgettable memories. This guest ranch exemplifies the perfect blend of tradition and luxury. Visitors can immerse themselves in the unmatched beauty of the Sonoran Desert mountains, which provides stunning vistas year-round, regardless of the season.

If you want to ensure everyone has a blast, check out Rancho de los Caballeros's Kids Club. The daily interactive club offers child programs for children 5 to 12. The action-packed schedule allows children to learn traditional ranch duties while making lifelong friends. Kids can learn how to ride horses, rope, go on hikes, play games and do some arts and crafts. Babysitters are also available for children under 5.

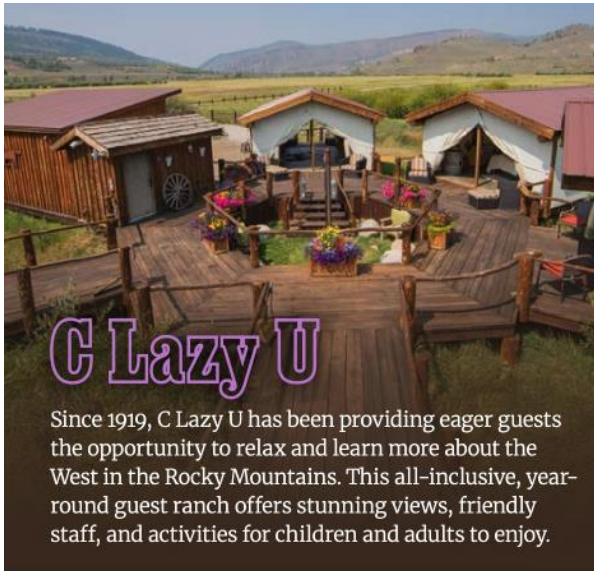
After a long day of fun, refuel at the delicious dining options available on the property. The Main Dining Room offers guests the chance to enjoy an upscale ranch-style menu and decor. If you're looking for a fine dining experience for date night, 19 at Rancho de los Caballeros is the perfect spot. Located inside the golf club, 19 features a fun menu, refreshing cocktails, an incredible view, and a 2,000-bottle wine cellar. Those seeking a more unique dining experience should check out the desert cookouts. These weekend-only events present a fantastic opportunity to dine like a cowboy under the stars.

HISTORY

Rancho de los Caballeros was established in 1948 by three families: Dallas Gant, Sr., C.L. Maguire, and Belford Howard. Over the past 70 years, these families have instilled a deep-rooted tradition within the Sun C brand. This commitment to tradition persists even after the ownership transition to a new set of families in 2021.

The new owners have committed to upholding the legacy of the Sun C brand and the esteemed traditions of Rancho de los Caballeros. Through this pledge, new ownership has upgraded the facilities over the past year and is in the midst of further renovations and expansion set to debut in late 2025 to ensure their guests' comfort.

Learn more about booking a stay with the Rancho de los Caballeros at ranchodeloscaballeros.com or call (928) 684-5484.



Since 1919, C Lazy U has been providing eager guests the opportunity to relax and learn more about the West in the Rocky Mountains. This all-inclusive, year-round guest ranch offers stunning views, friendly staff, and activities for children and adults to enjoy.

ADVENTURES

C Lazy U offers stunning views and a catalog of activities that ensure everyone will have fun, too! These include fly fishing, archery, trap shooting, a ropes course, a zipline, and the daily jingle. Plus, there is so much more unique to every season!

With over 8,500 acres to explore while hiking, mountain biking, on guided ranger tours, or on horseback, you can take in the views any way you like. Horses play a prominent role at C Lazy U, and with 200 horses on the property, you are sure to find your right fit.

If you want a more relaxed experience, check out The Lazy You Spa and the adults-only Lazy You Hideaway. From massages to facials and copper tub soaks that overlook the mountains, you will undoubtedly leave feeling refreshed.

LODGING

No matter the size of your group, you will find a cabin that fits your needs. For example, if you are a small family or a group of friends, consider checking out any one of the historic cabins. Each has two to four bedrooms, and some have features like a stone fireplace and jetted tub.

If you are a couple looking for a getaway, the Aspen cabin offers the perfect escape. The cozy stand-alone cabin, located near the main lodge, provides an intimate experience with a private deck and a romantic fireplace.

If you want to book a cabin for a large group or a special occasion, the Midnight Trail Lodge or Ranch House may be the perfect fit. While each showcases different things, the Midnight Trail Lodge and the Ranch House allow you to house everyone in one area. The Midnight Trail Lodge is a private rental villa with four bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, and a full two-car garage. Midnight Trail Lodge has additional luxuries like a kitchen, bar, and private hot tub. The Ranch House offers three separate units in one central area, ideal for large groups or reunions. The Ranch House's proximity to the Lodge and Patio House make it extremely popular!

WHAT TO EXPECT

Once you set foot at C Lazy U, you will be greeted by the refreshing Colorado mountain air and stunning landscapes. The ranch highlights the rich history of the West and the rugged elegance of the Western way of life.

However, no trip is complete without an outstanding dining experience. C Lazy U brings an elevated twist to a guest ranch's traditional Western dining experience by providing

exceptional chef-curated meals. The food is seasonal and farm-inspired and can be paired with any world-class wine by the in-house Sommelier.

In addition to the fantastic list of activities, C Lazy U offers a tailored children's program. In the summer, kids and teens ages 3-17 can enjoy activities that will keep them busy all day! Kids can expect to spend time fishing, in the pool, playing lawn games, out on a horse or donkey, and making lifelong friends, all while being supervised by experienced counselors. Parents can expect to be child-free while maximizing time with them in the evenings, ensuring everyone has a fun and relaxing stay.

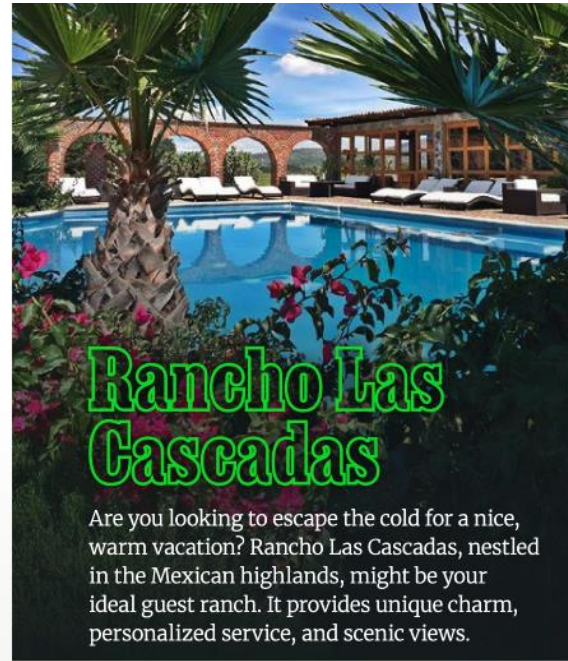
HISTORY

Family is at the heart of C Lazy U. This historic ranch has remained family-owned and operated for 106 years. Once known as F Slash Ranch, C Lazy U has been operating since 1917, but it wasn't until 1925 that the owners, Jack and Gertrude Smillie, began developing it into a working guest ranch. In 1945, the Smillies sold it to another family to continue the ranch's long legacy of family ownership. In 1946, Dick and Katie Schoenberger purchased the ranch and changed the name to the C Lazy U Ranch after the shape of Willow Creek, which runs through the ranch.

Each family in C Lazy U's lengthy history works to uphold the ranch's legacy while providing new spaces, programs, and life to the ranch. Current owners, Don Bailey, Leslie Stanford, Adrienne, and Dean Singleton, have pushed to maintain and preserve the land while providing a superior experience for guests, members, and wildlife.

Unfortunately, shortly after celebrating the ranch's centennial in 2020, the East Troublesome Fire broke out, claiming five historic buildings. However, the community came together to help C Lazy U and the team members who lost their homes due to the fire. Though the ranch was closed for six months, C Lazy U owners ensured every team member was cared for. Since the fire, C Lazy U has worked with the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, One Canopy and Ecoculture, and Land Life to plant trees, prevent soil erosion, and create a barrier for downed trees to keep C Lazy U, Colorado's premier guest ranch.

Learn more about booking a stay with the C Lazy U at clazyu.com or by calling (970) 887-3344.



Rancho Las Cascadas

Are you looking to escape the cold for a nice, warm vacation? Rancho Las Cascadas, nestled in the Mexican highlands, might be your ideal guest ranch. It provides unique charm, personalized service, and scenic views.

ACTIVITIES

Rancho Las Cascadas centers around horses, with over 30 guided trails available. The options are endless for any kind of ride you may want, from all-day rides to short jaunts. Everyone will experience the beauty of equestrian life with an experienced team of wranglers and well-trained horses. Other nature activities include mountain biking and hiking the beautiful trails with the opportunity to see some stunning waterfalls on the property.

The unique location of Rancho Las Cascadas offers guests the opportunity to take excursions to historical sites such as Teotihuacán, Tepotzotlán, or Villa De Carbon. Excursions provide guests the opportunity to take part in the local culture or view ancient wonders like the ancient Mayan city of Teotihuacán. Whether you learn something new or come home with a new pair of boots, you will not forget your time on these excursions.

If staying close to the resort is something you're looking for, you may enjoy partaking in her mixology or cooking classes, where you can learn more about Mexican cuisine and new recipes to take home. You could also spend some time in the sauna, infinity pool, hot tub or getting pampered in the spa.

LODGING

After a long day of fun, settle into one of the beautiful Spanish-style houses with sprawling cactus gardens and lovely patios. Every room is uniquely designed with beautiful tiles and vibrant colors. Rancho Las Cascadas offers single rooms for couples or people traveling in it together with a friend. They also offer deluxe rooms for families or a group of friends.

Or, if you're interested in an individual private bungalow, two beautiful casitas overlook the cactus gardens, with the bonus of a private terrace. Located near the main house, you can experience privacy without a long walk to breakfast.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Horses are the focal point of Rancho Las Cascadas. Horseback rides offer guests the opportunity to explore the sprawling vistas. Imagine going for a long trail ride, returning to a world-class meal featuring Mexican cuisine, and ending the night soaking in the hot tub under a starry sky.

During certain times of the year, guests may have the opportunity to see the Monarch migration. The butterflies, which make their way through the Mexican countryside, color the scenery in beautiful orange as they make their way to the US and Canada. In the Fall, guests can experience all-day rides surrounded by wildflowers as far as the eye can see.

If you would rather experience Mexico's rich culture, check out Rancho Las Cascadas's Day of the Dead celebration, which takes place in November. During this celebration, families honor their loved ones who have passed away by creating ofrendas or altars. These ofrendas are decorated with marigolds, candles, pictures of loved ones, and other offerings.

HISTORY

Rancho Las Cascadas was started by one woman with the dream of owning a ranch where she could spend her days riding horses. Owner Uschi Wiprachtinger Schreyer found her oasis in the quiet hills of central Mexico in 2003.

However, after a visit to a nearby town of San Miguel de Allende, she developed the idea of sharing her passion with guests. She then opened Rancho Las Cascadas as a guest ranch in 2004. Since she has gradually expanded the property to the resort it is today. Uschi believes that there is "no limit to what you could do and no age barrier to when to start it!"

Learn more about booking a stay with the Rancho Las Cascadas at rancholascascadas.com or by calling +52 (55) 1070-2080.

