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**HACIENDA DEL SOL GUEST RANCH RESORT UNVEILS 32 NEW ROOMS AS PART OF  
A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION**

**Tucson, Ariz. (October 08, 2015)** - Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort, a beloved Tucson landmark frequented by visitors and locals, has more than doubled its room count ahead of the prime visitor season. This luxury boutique resort, also known for its award-winning restaurant The Grill, will complete construction of 32 additional guestrooms by the end of the month. The rooms are located on the north side of the property's 34 acres, bringing the total guest room count to 60. The new rooms are identified as the Catalina rooms because of their stunning views of the Santa Catalina Mountains. They will be available for occupancy in mid-October.

Hacienda Del Sol's local owners collaborated with Tucson's Eglin + Bresler Architects and W.E. O'Neil on the property's \$13 million expansion which began 12 months ago. The new luxury guest rooms and suites were designed and built to reflect the same Santa Fe style construction of the existing historic structures. The six new and unique buildings that house the rooms were built in a village-like setting with landscaped walking paths that lead guests to the Terraza Garden Patio, historic courtyard and negative edge swimming pool. Each building houses a different number of rooms and is adorned with hand-painted Mexican-tile murals, custom patio and walkway lighting and over 4,000 tons of Coronado brown stone.

The new Catalina rooms and suites rival the beauty and uniqueness of the existing historic rooms. Each room has a hand-painted border around the ceiling, Talavera tile, and custom made furniture with wood from Oregon that is handcrafted in Mexico. Light fixtures, headboards, wrought iron drapery rods along with wood floors and fabrics embody the spirit of the southwest. Walls are painted in rich earth tones with hints of desert sage, sunset melon and periwinkle to complement the Tucson sky. Every room has a patio with a spectacular view of the mountains or cityscape; most have both views and six have private, outdoor showers. The two Catalina suites are double the room size and include a conference size dining table with conferencing abilities for smaller board meetings or for those guests who wish to have a parlor.

The previously completed phases of Hacienda Del Sol's expansion include a new circle drive, expanded Terraza Garden Patio and Lounge, paved parking lots and a 5,000-square-foot operations and administration building. A 2,900-square-foot ballroom with pre-function space and patio will be completed in early 2016.

To celebrate the unveiling of the Hacienda's new Catalina rooms, guests who book a Catalina room for three nights or more will receive an additional night on that same stay, with travel before December 16, 2015 at no extra charge. Call the resort at (800)728-6514 or (520)299-1501 or visit [HaciendaDelSol.com](http://HaciendaDelSol.com).

**History of Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort**

In 1929, John and Helen Murphey created Hacienda del Sol, a desert retreat and "home away from home" ranch school for girls. The prestigious school's roster boasted some of the country's most elite families: Vanderbilt, Pillsbury and Westinghouse, to name a few. In 1948, Hacienda del Sol was converted into a guest ranch that immediately attracted the Silver Screen's most notable stars, among them John Wayne and Clark Gable. Legend has it that Hacienda's Casita Grande was the favorite hideaway of Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. Professional baseball players Lou Boudreau, Hank Greenberg and well known golfers, Sam Snead, Horton Smith, John Bulla and Don January enjoyed the ranch in the 1940's. In 1995, Hacienda del Sol was purchased by a group of local investors and became the Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort.

Today, the story continues, with simple pleasures, subtle beauty and charming hospitality at this classic Arizona resort – lovingly renovated to preserve its historic roots and expanded to meet the needs of local customers and world travelers who long for a genuine and luxurious Tucson experience.

"We want people to enjoy the sense of place here," said Tom Firth, managing partner. "My partners and I want nothing more than to make every guest who visits to feel they are pampered and welcomed – just as if they have come to our home."

**About Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort**

The Hacienda is a qualified member of Historic Hotels of America, the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation® which recognizes and celebrates our country's finest Historic Hotels. The prestigious group includes 260 hotels who have "faithfully maintained their authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity in the United States of America."

This historic property established itself as one of Arizona's top resort destinations by earning numerous awards and features from National Geographic, Zagat Survey, Sunset Magazine, American Historic Inns, Travel & Leisure Magazine and several top local awards including "Best Place for Out-of-Town Visitors" and "Top Five Restaurants," just to name a few.

The Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort is a member of the *Lifestyle Collection* of Preferred Hotels and Resorts that represents the finest and most diverse global portfolio of independent hotels and independent hotel experiences. The Lifestyle Collection is made up exclusively of resorts and hotels that qualify as authentic, intelligent, and approachable and presents a premium level of service, superior accommodations, and diverse, cultural dining options. Guests are encouraged to join iPrefer, the

preferred loyalty program at more than 550 hotels in over 85 countries. Members earn points with every stay and enjoy complimentary internet access, early check-in, and late check out privileges.

The Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort is committed to providing guests with an authentic southwestern experience in the beautiful foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains of Tucson. Travelers from around the world choose to stay at the Hacienda because of its rich history, unique ambiance, lovely botanical gardens, natural landscape and central location. The friendliness of the staff and their genuine desire to engage and please each guests is the reason so many return. For the past 20 years, the owners of the Hacienda have worked tirelessly to restore the 86-year-old property to its original splendor and have succeeded in creating a guest ranch resort that is warm, charming and luxurious.



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