Desert Bloom
SCENIC ARIZONA DRIVE IS BOOKENDED BY SPA RESORTS THAT DEFINE SERENITY II BY DREW LIMSKY

WHEN YOU GO
BEST LODGINGS
Sanctuary Camelback (sanctu- anyoncamelback.com) commands a view of Paradise Valley. The casitas of Enchantment (enchantment-resort.com) are dispersed among magnificent red rock spires. ZEN DINING
The cuisine at both resorts is excellent, but top off-your property picks include Scottsdale’s The House (thehousebraser- seria.com) for its black kale Caesar, and The Hudson in New York for its bluefish paté, Atlantic lobster. BEST SCENIC
You know you’re nearing Sedona when striated red rock formations emerge against a crisp blue sky.

WHY GO
Because I tend to get distracted by stunning scenery, I’m grateful for the Safety Alert Seat’s cushion pulses that keep me in line. The physical elevation of the Escalade allows me a clear view of the red rock formations outside Sedona, and I give in to the temptation of driving on red gravel roads, since the Magnetic Ride Control suspension assesses the road up to 1,000 times a second, making small adjustments to keep the ride smooth.

Boynton Pass is a secluded road set within Sedona’s far reaches, but with the Escalade taking it on readily, I pull into Enchantment, its low-slung adobe buildings befitting the fact that this is one the country’s most coveted getaways. The Mii amo spa pool, with its direct view of the canyon’s red rock panorama, is one of my favorite places. After a spa lunch of crusted wild salmon and hazelnut tomatillos from Mii amo’s own organic garden, I wander inside to the circular meditation room. The sun streams through a skylight but it’s cozier than Scottsdale up here, I think about lighting a fire in my room.

Tomorrow I’ll take a morning hike among the red spires that surround the resort, followed by the Native American-inspired Hozhojo spa treatment—I’ll be slathered with turquoise mineral-rich clay. It’s not something I’d do in New York, but here you have a need to feel the earth, engage with the elements, be mindful of everything that composes this special place. For now, I’m content in the round room, with the motes drifting in the content in the round room, with the motes drifting in the

FROM LEFT: THE POOL INVITES AT ENCHANTMENT RESORT; SPECTACULAR DINING AND GROUNDS AT SANCTUARY. OPPOSITE: WHITE ELEPHANT VILLAGE ON NANTUCKET.

EDGE OF SUMMER
A DRIVE TO NANTUCKET IN THE ATS COUPE INAUGURATES THE BEST OF ALL SEASONS II BY DREW LIMSKY

WHEN YOU GO
BEST LODGINGS
White Elephant Village (whiteele- phantvillage.com) has the benefit of location, location, location (right in the center of town), plus fresh-baked cookies and country-modern décor. The Wauwinet’s (wauwinet.com) rolling lawn down to the beach offers perfect Nantucket sunsets.

BEST DINING
At Toppers at the Wauwinet, start your day with a bagel smeared with smoked bluefish paste, while dinner brings poached North Atlantic lobster. Save room for the hazelnut affogato, for dessert.

BEST SCENIC
The island is blessed with two beaches, one steep dunes for beach accessible sailboats, and a more secluded beach accessible through numerous trails—loading over the high dunes, steep dunes for which New England beaches are famous.

1. Full functionality requires compatible Bluetooth® and smartphone. Some devices require USB connectivity.

For the next few days, we weave our way through the tall dune grass to wander improbably wide beaches, still blue and empty early this early in the season. Then it’s back in the ATS and off to The Wauwinet, the White Elephant’s sister hotel on the eastern edge of Nantucket. I realize how I’ve missed the sophistication of the cut-and-sewn leather seating surfaces amid the admirably charming cottage-style local furnishings. Everything is about balance. Waiting for dusk while seated on the lawn of The Wauwinet in one of its wicker lounge chairs is one of those indelible and quintessential Nantucket experiences. I’ve been to both, loved both, but this time I enlist my friend David for an early jaunt to Nantucket in the ATS Coupe. It’s only around 90 minutes to the ferry in Hyannis, and we take the ATS and off to The Wauwinet, the White Elephant’s sister hotel on the eastern edge of Nantucket. I realize how I’ve missed the sophistication of the cut-and-sewn leather seating surfaces amid the admirably charming cottage-style local furnishings. Everything is about balance.

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