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BEST PLACES TO LIVE

FOR A RELATIVELY SMALL CITY, TUCSON OFFERS AN EVER-EXPANDING RAINBOW OF HOUSING OPTIONS. WHETHER YOUR TASTE LEANS TOWARD URBAN CONTEMPORARY OR RUSTIC MEDITERRANEAN, YOU'LL BE FACED WITH A VARIETY OF CHOICES COME HOME-BUYING TIME. TO SIMPLIFY YOUR SEARCH, WE PRESENT OUR PICKS FOR T-TOWN'S MOST APPEALING ABODES.



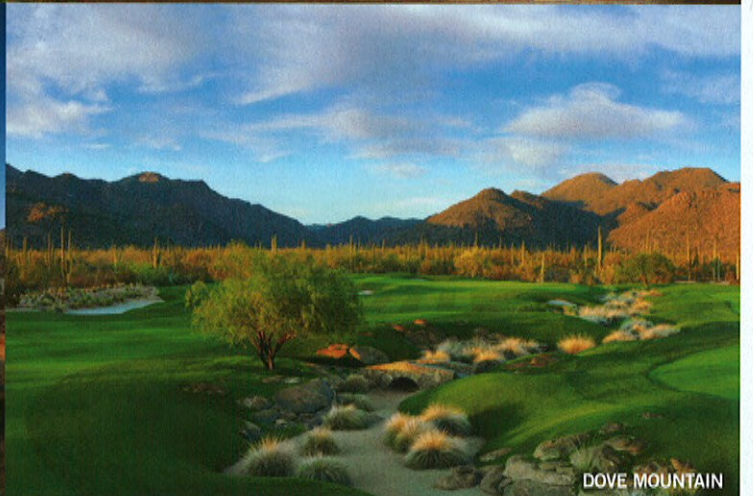
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SPLENDIDO AT RANCHO VISTOSO



SAGUARO RANCH



DOVE MOUNTAIN

SENIOR CENTERED Splendido at Rancho Vistoso

A relaxing spa treatment, a refreshing cafe lunch, an invigorating workout and a quick visit to the 18-hole putting course may sound like an afternoon at your favorite world-class resort, but it's actually just another day for a resident of Splendido. The retirement community in Oro Valley, which opened last October, offers its residents (adults 55 and older) high-end living, wide-ranging wellness programs and unsurpassed amenities. Under the direction of Mather LifeWays, a nonprofit organization advocating wellness in aging, a dedication to health and happiness permeates every aspect of the Splendido lifestyle. This commitment is evidenced by nutrition-conscious meals, personalized fitness programs and the comprehensive Sonora Health Care Center, opening in early 2008.

Both apartment-style and freestanding housing options are available and range from 846 to 2,931 square feet in size. Many feature expansive picture windows framing gorgeous views of the Santa Catalina and Tortolita Mountains. And while the luxurious amenities and comfortable housing may be enough of a draw for potential residents, it's the convenience and security that seal the deal for many. With Splendido's full spectrum of continuing health care, residents need not worry that they'll be forced to move because of unforeseen health issues.

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