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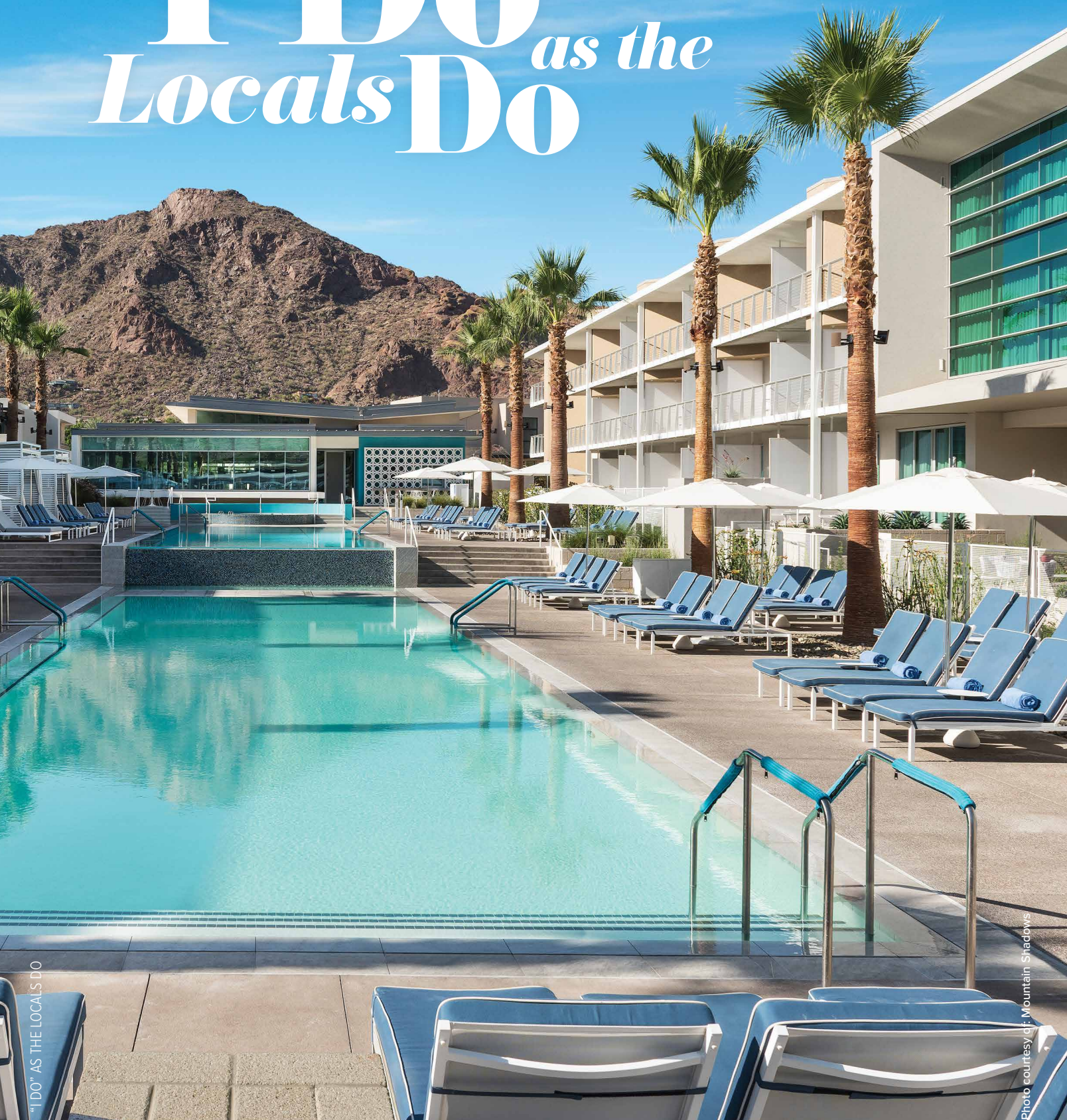
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# “I Do” *as the* *Locals* Do

Mountain Shadows



“I DO” AS THE LOCALS DO

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A major piece of advice we give destination wedding couples is to make the most of resources and experts who are local to the destination you have chosen. After all, they're living in that special place, why wouldn't you want their expertise?

We don't feature a destination or property in Destination I Do that someone from our team hasn't visited firsthand. So, we decided to take it one step further and have some of our team share their local insight on how to "I Do" as the Locals Do" in Scottsdale, Austin and Annapolis. Visit [destinationido.com/do-as-the-locals-do](http://destinationido.com/do-as-the-locals-do) for all their recommendations.

# Scottsdale *Reimagined*

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If you're considering a destination wedding and are after sunny skies, miles of golf course options, temperate weather (at least in the fall-spring months), hiking, spa and really amazing food, Scottsdale, Arizona should top your list. Sure, it lacks an ocean, but it more than makes up for it with beautiful sunsets and a bevy of gorgeous resorts.

One famed landmark is Camelback Mountain; known for its hiking and interesting shape (it does look like a camel from almost any vantage point). For the destination wedding couple, the abundance of great resorts flanking the mountain allows for a picturesque and unforgettable event. One such property is Mountain Shadows, which sits on the north side of Camelback Mountain.

The property has a rich history and underwent a \$100-million rebuild in 2018 and a full revamp of the state's only 18-hole, par-3 golf course locals are known to frequent. The new accommodations are modern, sleek and airy. Every corner of the resort is softened by the beautiful light pouring through the floor-to-ceiling windows and the stark white walls are brightened by the stunning artwork and interesting furnishings.

Their signature restaurant, Hearth '61, offers spectacular food morning, noon and night. Led by Chef Charles Wiley, the

menu offers seasonal, simple plates with a fresh, interesting take on ingredients.

Another newly re-imagined property is The Scott Resort & Spa. Located just down the road from "Old Town" (the "it" place to dine, shop and play in Scottsdale), The Scott feels like a throwback to simpler times. Modeled after Spanish Revival-style architecture with a nod to 1960s Havana, the open spaces feel at one with the outdoors. Every nook and cranny of the resort is thoughtfully designed, encouraging guest engagement and relaxation. From tucked away enclaves to private dining areas, you can get away from it all right in the heart of Scottsdale.

The entire resort (from guest rooms to common areas) has been remodeled, but with touches of the traditional elements that harken to the property's 50 years of history.

Enjoy a meal at The Canal Club, offering a blended menu of American classics and Caribbean flare. Most evenings they'll be showing a classic film outside where you can pull up a chair and enjoy the romantic ambiance.

No matter where you choose in Scottsdale — great food, beautiful landscapes and ideal weather combine to create a space as special as the love you're celebrating.



The Scott



The Scott

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