

TRAVEL & RECREATION

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THE SOCIAL RESORT SCENE IS SIZZLING. WHETHER YOU ARE DESTINED FOR THE DESERT, JETTING OFF TO THE (HIP AGAIN) CATALINA ISLAND OR DISCOVERING A LAST COASTAL GEM, WE PRESENT THE RESORTS THAT DESERVE SERIOUS ATTENTION. THE BEST PART? THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

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ROYAL COURT

Talk about a match point. For the finale of its \$30 million remodel, **Rancho Valencia** clearly left the best part for last, at least for tennis vacationers. Owner and fitness fanatic Jeff Jacobs takes no challenge lightly, serving up gnarly cycling and yoga programs alongside intense tennis camps. Bring your A-game as the tennis concierge doubles as a serious matchmaker.

The new clubhouse and world-class courts come after the unveiling of the resort's signature restaurant, Veladora (there's a priceless Damien Hirst as the centerpiece), along with a VIP vaulted wine room and a top-notch tequila program at the handsome bar. And this year marks the resort's 25th anniversary; look for festive offerings like the Silver Pony cocktail. *From \$420 per night, ranchovalencia.com*