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**ROYAL PALMS RESORT AND SPA EMBRACES ELEGANT
SPANISH COLONIAL STYLE THROUGH ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN**

PHOENIX – Warm, residential in character, and graceful, the Royal Palms Resort and Spa, managed by Destination Hotels & Resorts, sets the standard for privileged elegance. The Mediterranean-style architectural design, intimate courtyards and lush landscaping all serve to create a sense of serenity and privacy. The rich color scheme, antiques and plush furniture remind one of a refined private residence, rather than a commercial hotel.

Re-opening in 1997 after a 12-month, multi-million-dollar renovation, the resort is a mixture of architectural styles, blended together to carry forward the history and character of the original estate built by financier Delos Cooke in 1929. With 119 villas, casitas and guest rooms, and 20,000+ square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space, the Royal Palms incorporates state-of-the-art materials and numerous architectural details to remain true to its Spanish Colonial design.

Architect Don Ziebell, president of Oz Architects in Phoenix, conceived the overall vision and look for the resort. Designer Joszi Meskan, Joszi Meskan Associates of San Francisco, designed many of the casitas, all guestrooms, T. Cook's restaurant and lounge, the Cigar Room, and was joined in the design by 20 American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) firms. The landscaping team was comprised of Greg Trutza, ASLA, of New Directions in Landscape Architecture and Peter Cure, ASLA, of Arterra in Phoenix.

UNIQUE FEATURES:

- A row of palm trees at the entry of the resort, planted by original owner Delos Cooke
- A 250-year-old stone water fountain at the entry, imported from Guanajuato, Mexico, made from yellow canterra stone which is no longer quarried
- Stone entry surface made of laja negra or "black stone" from an old hacienda in Querataro, Mexico. The stones date back to 1692. Some of the stones are more than six inches thick and required three people to install each one.

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UNIQUE FEATURES—Continued

- Walkways and courtyards incorporate new and original fireplaces, antique fountains and other artifacts.
- Reflecting Fountain in the courtyard features tiles hand-painted in Portugal
- Ceramic tile “Lady of Spain” mural in the courtyard is from the original mansion
- Stone in the courtyard made of *laja rosa* or “red stone,” a red granite cut by hand and hauled by donkey cart.
- T. Cook’s restaurant, built around three existing palm trees which extend through the roof
- Benches made of antique doors from Mexico
- Antique, ornate iron gates
- Trestle beams in the meeting salons and Presidential Suite, from an old railroad bridge buried for more than 100 years in a dried-up Great Salt Lake riverbed
- Antique mahogany doors
- Exterior finish of “Italian lime wash,” providing an aged patina
- Roof tiles manufactured in Mexico
- *Cantera blanco*, or “white stone,” and *cantera santa lucia* flat pavers, hand-chiseled on the casita patios and reflecting pool deck, quarried near Guadalajara, Mexico
- Red brick for walkways and decorative trim from the original walls and pre-1900 Chicago buildings

LANDSCAPING:

- Situated on 8.9 acres, the Royal Palms reflects a Spanish coastal theme
- Great care was given to preserve the 50-year-old orange grove, plants, trees and shrubs during the restoration.
- Plants include Jacarunda trees, orchid trees, pear trees, jasmine varieties, flowering plants and sub-tropical plants, bougainvillea, hibiscus and Cape honeysuckle.

PALM TREES:

- At one time, the Delos Cooke estate was believed to have 900 palm trees.
- Many of the original palms remain on the property, including the stately row that greets visitors as they enter the resort.
- A variety of palms can be found on the property, including Mexican Fan, California Fan, Mediterranean Fan, Pindo, Sago, Canary Island Date, Sabal, Windmill Fan and Pigmy Date.

SELECT AREAS:

Cooke Mansion Reception Lobby and Entry

- The covered breezeway in the entry was updated with new tile flooring and a *trompe l’oeil* Oriental rug, also done in tiles.
- Venetian plaster walls done in new cream and terra cotta color scheme
- French doors
- Antique velvet sofa
- Hand-carved stone fireplace

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Estrella Salon

- A spacious, distinctive room featuring 100-year-old trestle beams from a Great Salt Lake riverbed

Cervantes Room

- Yellow-colored walls trimmed in deep blue tiles
- Antique artifacts and mirrors
- French doors lead to a private patio with an outdoor fireplace
- Adjoins the Cervantes Library, furnished with handsome wood bar, hand-carved fireplace mantel and overstuffed leather chairs

Vernadero Boardroom

- High redwood beam and board ceiling
- Large pietra stone fireplace
- Oversized French doors and windows with custom designed damask draperies
- Original chandeliers
- Large antique mahogany conference table and hand-carved chairs

Alegria Garden

- A private garden surrounded by flowers and citrus trees and enclosed by four stone walls
- Contains an elevated stone dais with columns and arched back wall

Plaza Rooms and Suites

- Overlook the swimming pool, tennis court and large patio courtyard
- Taupe-colored walls with hand-stenciled designs
- Tall upholstered headboards, a forged iron and stone bedside table, a Peruvian chest with iron lamp and an iron wall lamp arm
- Plaza Suites provide separate living and bedroom areas.

Casitas

- Located in the secluded citrus garden with views of Camelback Mountain
- French doors leading to patios
- Custom-designed furniture, hand-wrought iron canopy beds and fireplaces
- Bathrooms feature colorful tile, a dressing area with custom-made, hand-painted wood vanities.

Deluxe Casitas

- Individually designed by different ASID design teams
- French doors leading to a private patio
- Custom-designed furniture, hand-wrought iron canopy beds
- Fireplace
- Amenities in the bathrooms include a walk-in shower with a skylight, tiled bench, marble tiles, a white pedestal sink and a tiled amenity shelf.

Honeymoon Villa

- 900-square-feet of romantic ambiance
- Light apricot “pearlescent” walls and light gray carpet
- Canopy bed with a hand-carved frame, white satin curtains and white silk throw pillows, sham and bedspread
- Malachite-colored armoire
- A leather-covered tea table inscribed with a Spanish phrase that translates to “Give me your hand, Paloma, for this night you will sleep with me”
- A patio that spans the living room and bedroom and features a double chaise lounge and fireplace

Camelback Villa

- 900-square-foot suite featuring auburn and sage hues and hardwood floors
- An intricately carved armchair, oversized sofa, Mexican trunks, and wall unit fill the living room.
- The bedroom features a fireplace, desk, walk-in closet, and large wood-paneled bed.
- A glass-enclosed *indoor-outdoor* shower, white porcelain bathtub with stainless steel claw feet, and slate stone floors in the bathroom.
- Patio with fireplace

Presidential Villa

- 2,300-square-foot, two-bedroom suite
- Designed with the Old World colors of gold, deep olive green, black and cream; medium wood tones; and a variety of fabric textures
- Grand-in-scale furniture
- Exquisite claw-foot bathtub
- Living room, dining room, master bedroom and master bath
- Three private patios
- Three fireplaces
- Glass-enclosed *indoor-outdoor* shower

T. Cook’s Restaurant

- Suspended from the vaulted wood-beamed ceiling over each table is a dramatic round wrought iron chandelier.
- Iron floor lamps enhance the intimate atmosphere with soft lighting.
- Floor to ceiling windows offer a stunning view of Camelback Mountain.

The Bar at T. Cook’s

- 30-foot cherrywood bar with seating for 13
- 1930s style bamboo sofas and leather overstuffed chairs
- French terra cotta tiles on the floor
- Hand-painted Italian frescos in epic-like maps on the walls
- Black baby grand piano

The Cigar Room

- Seats approximately 12 in plush sofas and chairs
- Red leather floor
- Old iron floorstand ashtrays, antique lamps and a large wooden corner cabinet

The Delos Room

- A private dining room seating 12 guests
- Antique sideboards with Italian and French pottery and artifacts from around the world
- Large wicker chandelier which serves as a perch for a whimsical wicker monkey

A member of Historic Hotels of America, Royal Palms Resort and Spa is a AAA Four Diamond resort located at the foot of majestic Camelback Mountain. Combining the graciousness and sophistication of a Mediterranean villa with the intimacy and privacy of a secluded retreat, Royal Palms offers: 117 custom-appointed guest rooms and intimate clusters of casitas and villas; regal Spanish Colonial architecture; over 20,000 square feet of estate-like meeting space; Tuscan-style gardens; exquisite tapestries, antiques and stone fireplaces throughout. Designed around the original historic private mansion, Royal Palms is home to the award-winning T. Cook's restaurant, Alvadora Spa, a swimming pool with private cabanas, and croquet lawn. Just minutes from Scottsdale's shopping, galleries, golf, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and the Camelback financial corridor, Royal Palms is an ideal retreat for business, pleasure and special occasions, offering luxury, privacy and convenience.

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