

Grand Hyatt Insider Tips from Michele & Erin

NIA EVP/CEO Michele Jones and Senior Director of Meetings and Education Erin Penberthy had the chance to experience the newly renovated Grand Hyatt Scottsdale Resort on the convention planning visit in January, and they are sharing their top tips!

- **Enjoy Newly Renovated Sleeping Accommodations**—You will love the clean, crisp style of the new rooms. Most rooms feature a large walk-in shower, REALLY soft towels, two comfy robes, a small refrigerator, comfort-height toilets, a big flat screen TV, balconies, and plenty of light.
- **Book an Appointment at Spa Avania**—This facility is full service! It includes a hair salon, nail salon, professional makeup artists, dry saunas, steam rooms, private men/women hot and cold plunge pools, indoor and outdoor showers, 19 treatment rooms (including a salt room and a “wave” room), a separate outdoor mineral pool, and a special spa food and bar menu. This is one of the nicest spas we have been to in the last few years, and we highly recommend it! The spa has a variety of unique treatments, and NIA members receive a 10% discount. Call the spa directly at 480-483-5558, and use our booking code "NIA" so the receptionists know you are part of our group. More information can be found on [NIA's website](#).
- **Golf on the Property**—The Gainey Ranch Golf Club is a private, members-only club. There are very limited tee times available for Hyatt Resort guests. To ensure yourself a tee time, sign up for NIA's Golf Tournament. We have moved the tournament to Monday, April 28, at 1:00 p.m. You will not want to miss playing on this beautiful course!
- **Sip a Craft Cocktail (or Two)**—The resort features a variety of unique bars on the property, all with extensive menus and unique cocktails. Our favorite bar was the Grand Vista Lounge in the lobby, which features indoor and outdoor seating. Our favorite cocktails were the Elder One, the Smoked Old Fashioned, and the Gainey Club (if you want something a little sweeter)!
- **Take Advantage of the Resort Shuttle**—A convenient shuttle is included as part of your resort fee. You can take the shuttle to Kierland Commons shopping area, Scottsdale Fashion Square, Old Town Scottsdale, the botanical gardens/zoo/Papago Park, and a variety of local hiking trails. Make sure to ask for a shuttle service schedule at the concierge desk when you arrive.
- **Look for Birds of Prey**—Keep an eye out for Joe, who works for Liberty Wildlife! You can find him throughout the resort, showcasing a new bird each day. He has a wealth of knowledge about these amazing animals. We saw Maggie (a Great Horned Owl) and Salsa (a Harris's Hawk) during our visit.
- **Plunge into a Pool for Every Occasion**—There is something for everyone at the newly renovated pool deck! Whether you are looking for an adults-only pool or prefer a waterslide for the kids, you will find plenty of chairs and spaces to enjoy the sun! This area also features two restaurants and newly renovated cabanas available for rental. Bring your sunglasses and sunscreen!

- **Visit Canyon Market**—This shop features a coffee bar, grab-and-go food options, and retail for hiking gear. It is your ultimate stop before exploring Scottsdale. The shop opens early, so be sure to stop by during your stay.
- **Take a Hike**—The McDowell Sonoran Preserve has a variety of hiking trails close to the property. The shuttle departs for this area each morning and will take you back to the resort. The hike the resort recommends is considered moderate and typically takes 2 hours. Take some time to enjoy this beautiful area.
- **Relax at Z Bar**—This bar is a hidden gem located at the entrance of La Zozzona restaurant, which features Italian American cuisine and is led by celebrated Chef Richard Blais. Grab a drink before your reservation in this cozy space.
- **Team Up Together**—Enjoy the perfect weather and get your game on. Whether you are more the pickleball type (eight courts) or the tennis type (two courts), there is something for everyone right on property.