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POINTE HILTON TAPATIO CLIFFS Phoenix, Arizona

The **Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs** is a full-service resort splendidly perched astride a steep mountainside overlooking Phoenix. The suite visiting **Cognoscenti Magazine** editors occupied (one of 585 on the property) is both spacious and quiet. In the living room, a real (not gas-fed!) fireplace takes center stage. There, massive couches, tall plants, original artwork, and wall-to-wall carpeting complete the luxurious effect. The decorative mix feels right for this rugged landscape; missing is the sort of “Dallas” glitz- that’s sometimes mistaken for true *Arizona* style.

You’re determined to get at least a little business conducted at this lush resort setting? Suites feature large work desks and two-line telephones with data ports. High-speed Internet access is optionally available in many suites; when we tried logging on and needed a replacement connector box brought up to our room—at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning—one was swiftly delivered and capably installed.

Hungry? There are several fine dining establishments to choose from right on premises, and a fleet of vans standing by to ferry you from your room to the restaurant of your choice along one of the resort’s steeply inclining roads. Among these is the resort’s signature restaurant, **Different Pointe of View**. (See our separate review of this restaurant.)

Even by Arizona’s pool-pampered standards, the property’s Falls Water Village is one of nicest water parks around. There are two huge pools surrounded by comfortable chaises, rushing rock waterfalls, fountains gushing yet more water, and a 140-foot

waterslides. Guests in rooms facing the pool area—as ours did—will appreciate the added pleasure of listening to the rush and gurgle of cascading water while lounging on their balconies.



Spacious, quiet rooms at the Hilton Tapatio Cliffs

We had a drink poolside at the shaded Cascades Café, where we chatted with one vacationing couple from L.A. who (between the Margaritas and the Jacuzzi!) were obviously having one heck of a time at the Hilton Tapatio Cliffs. So did we.

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