The Hacienda at the Canyon sits in the foothills at the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The spot has a storied history. In 1926, Marguerite Morrow homesteaded there on 160 acres, building a hacienda she called La Morada Allegri. In 1945, Morrow sold to The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to use the hacienda as a novitiate and build a chapel for their quickly growing order. In 2015, The Sisters sold surrounding parcels to us and our long-held dreams began to take shape.

The Hacienda promotes spiritual richness, physical vitality, mindful engagement and social concord. A generous portion of communal spaces – dining venues, courtyards, verandas, outdoor living rooms, large sun porches – invite opportunities for lively community engagement. Private residences are comfortable, tranquil retreats. Throughout, design responds to the unique setting, capturing mountains views and lit by desert light.
Residences for Active Living

INDEPENDENT LIVING • 163 interconnected residences cascade up a contoured terrace served by six elevators

SPACE
The community design incorporates playful details and strong fidelity to The Hacienda’s singular desert foothills setting and celebrates the architectural traditions of the area.

The abundance of indoor and outdoor areas promote an active lifestyle that is inclusive of nature.

We aim to minimize and reduce sources of indoor and outdoor air pollution by emphasizing use of green materials.

Private and common spaces are kept bright and well-lit by adhering to national illumination guidelines.

FOOD
Menus are inspired by the idea that healthful eating is a happy and healthy way of life.

Chefs use seasonally sourced, fresh ingredients daily.

The Hacienda offers varied dining venues that welcome family and friends for a wonderful dining experience. Hands-on workshops and intimate culinary demos with our own and visiting chefs inspire residents to eat well, be creative and have fun.

ENGAGEMENT
Specialized classes and seminars are carefully designed with partners of integrative health to promote health, well-being and longevity.

Equine therapeutic programming that is offered both on- and off-site helps residents center and quiet their mind allowing them to re-energize, leaving them feeling refreshed and joyful.

Scheduled transportation to entertainment, dining, shopping and cultural outings is available in addition to transportation to our sister community, The Hacienda at the River.

Engagement and exploration is encouraged through Watermark University classes which are wide-ranging in arts, culture, science and society topics. They are led by both residents and outside experts, including members of the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance.

Residents hold exclusive membership privileges with select Tucson resorts, golf courses, clubs and restaurants.

HEALTH & WELLNESS
The Hacienda at the Canyon provides a community that encompasses whole health and wellness, touching on a variety of techniques to strengthen the body and mind.

We offer on-site clinics, classes and seminars on integrative care presented by Tucson health care pioneers, including University of Arizona partners.

Curated spa services and treatments are available for optimal relaxation and rejuvenation and are specially tailored to meet every individual’s wellness need.

Residents have access to on-site private practice medical care and receive preferred access to The Springs at The Hacienda at the River, which offers Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing.

At The Hacienda, Independent Living residences are a place where the rich and beguiling character of this high desert spot meet the individual comforts of home.

Balconies and patios afford relaxing places from which to take in panoramic views of beautifully landscaped courtyards, the Santa Catalina Mountains or Tucson’s city lights. Generously proportioned spaces and large windows absorb the desert light. Community outdoor living spaces are close at hand, as are the amenities of The Clubhouse.

Floor plans range from one-bedroom to two-bedroom residences. Interior design options and amenities include open floor plans, gourmet kitchens and upgraded finishes. On The Club level, select residences will open directly onto The Clubhouse.
A Community for Longevity

LIVE IN BALANCE • Integrated programming that promotes resident enrollment in their own good health and well-being

- HEALTH & WELLNESS
  Daily group fitness opportunities happen on-site in addition to private sessions.
  Curated spa services are available by appointment.
  We offer on-site clinics, classes and seminars on integrative care presented by Tucson health care pioneers, including University of Arizona partners.
  Assisted Living and Memory Care services are available on-site.
  The Medical Clinic offers primary care and urgent care through private practice clinicians including Geriatrician and Geriatric Nurse Practitioner.
- ENGAGEMENT
  Engagement and exploration is encouraged through Watermark University classes which are wide-ranging in arts, culture, science and society topics. They are led by both residents and outside experts, including members of Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance.
  We promote a strong culture of community through wide support for casual clubs and ad hoc gatherings of residents sharing interests and passions with organizational assistance from Community Life Directors and concierge.
- SPACE
  Floor plan options range from one-bedroom (755+ square feet) to two-bedroom (nearly 1,500 square feet).
  All Independent Living residences, include full kitchens, baths and balconies or patios overlooking courtyards or desert and mountain vistas.
  Thoughtfully designed for comfort, privacy, convenience and revitalization, residences also include open floor plans, high ceilings and generous windows.
  Community spaces include five restaurants, a covered pool, fitness center, movement studio, beauty salon and barber shop, outdoor living rooms, bocce ball court, 900-square-foot art studio, golf simulator room and movie theater.
  The Event Plaza is a spacious courtyard offering many small alcoves, fountains, fireplaces and plentiful landscape plantings.
  Interior design is keyed toward the traditions of Spanish Mediterranean with rich earth tones, bright accents, comfortable textures and fluid indoor and outdoor living spaces.
- FOOD
  Menus are based on the recipes of Rebecca Katz, nationally recognized culinary translator and expert on the role of food and flavor in supporting good health.
  Chefs concentrate on incorporating fresh, nourishing and flavorful ingredients into every meal.
  Five distinct dining venues including indoor and outdoor options offer both casual and formal dining experiences.

Inspired by the traditions of this unique location that has supported cultural, spiritual and educational communities, The Hacienda is a place where a rich fabric of services and amenities is woven together with program offerings that encourage personal growth and community engagement.

In addition to residences, The Hacienda is home to gathering spaces for relaxation, recreation, education and spa and wellness treatments.
Cuisine

FLAVORFUL MENUS THAT NURTURE HAPPIER, HEALTHIER LIVES • A dining venue for any occasion • Special diets

THE MORROW ROOM
The Hacienda’s main, warm and comfortable all-day dining venue serves an expansive and versatile menu that showcases our chef’s fresh, delectable creations. Wine and cocktails are offered. Seating is available inside as well as on our covered balcony with expansive views of Tucson. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in The Morrow Room each day.

NAPA ROOM
This cozy informal dining venue, anchored by a wine-country theme, features a glass enclosed wine room. Nightly cuisine features locally-sourced farm-to-table contemporary fare including healthy, sumptuous soups, salads, starters and entrées. Enjoy intimate table dining or join your friends at a community table. All-season outdoor dining is also available.

TABOON CAFÉ
A bright, colorful social space that is centered on an open hearth oven, serving fresh brasserie fare that includes soups, salads, starters, sandwiches, and light lunch and dinner entrées, much of it cooked in the oven. Wine, beer and cocktails are available as well. Outdoor dining is always available.

GALLERY BAR
An intimate gathering spot inspired by classic hotel lounges, this is the perfect place to meet friends, watch the big game or enjoy the courtyard views from the covered porch. Our bartender serves not only cocktails, wine and beer but also traditional American fare (like fish and chips and hamburgers). The Gallery features works by local artists, giving this room a unique and ever-changing atmosphere.

THE CANYON CLUB CAFÉ
Located in The Clubhouse, The Canyon Club Café features outdoor open air dining. With our kitchen/grill, this venue features periodic barbecues and even occasional culinary workshops. The patio overlooks The Hacienda’s mesquite bosque and is a great starting and finishing point for hikes up the Stations of the Cross trail or around The Hacienda’s extensive grounds.

CULINARY PROGRAMMING
The menus were created by Rebecca Katz. She is an expert on the role of food and flavor in supporting good health and is a nationally recognized culinary translator.

We offer menus that support an anti-inflammatory diet to boost physical and mental health, which provide a steady supply of energy and reduce the risk of age-related diseases.

Special classes instruct how to prepare The Hacienda’s delicious dishes, with tips on sourcing special ingredients.

Periodic trips are offered to local farmers markets. Join a hands-on workshop with the owners of some of southern Arizona’s family-run working ranches and farms or take a ranch tour.

As at any fine resort, at The Hacienda at the Canyon food is at the center of it all. From that memorable dining experience on a special occasion to a tasty snack at the end of a bocce ball game, The Hacienda is a place where cuisine is both refined and casual, with fresh local ingredients woven into artisan menus that change with the seasons.

Dining venues range from an outdoor café, a bar, a bistro grill with an open hearth oven and a spacious signature dining room, as well as patio dining at The Clubhouse. Each venue serves a specialized menu that draws friends, family and colleagues to share a meal. Catering is available for special occasions.
Sample Menu for The Grill

SOUPS
Nana’s Chicken Soup with Zucchini Noodles
Organic chicken, carrots, celery, lemon, parsley and zucchini noodles

Cozy Lentil Soup with Squash
Green lentils, squash, kale, carrots, onion, celery, extra-virgin olive oil, curry, cumin, turmeric, coriander, cinnamon

SALADS
Canyon House Salad
A mixed green salad of fresh lettuces and finely cut carrot, red onion and grape tomatoes

Fruit and Melon
A mixture of cut seasonal fresh fruit and melon, garnished with berries

DAILY SELECTIONS
Grass-Fed Flank Steak
With Herb Sauce

Mediterranean Roasted Chicken
Seasoned with lemon, paprika, turmeric, coriander, cumin, cinnamon, red pepper, fresh ginger, garlic and cinnamon

Pan-Seared Scallops
With Citrus Drizzle

WEEKLY FEATURES
Burger of the Week
Grass-Fed Bison Burger with a rotating topping selection

Grilled Salmon on Roasted Beet Salad
Delicately grilled salmon fillet on a salad of organic roasted beets, baby arugula and shaved parmesan with an apple cider vinaigrette

Leek, Lemon, and Feta
Leeks, extra-virgin olive oil, half-and-half, eggs, Feta cheese, zest of lemon, kosher salt, black pepper, all baked in a tender and flaky puff pastry

Simply Roasted Chicken
Grilled all-natural chicken breast

ACCOMPANIMENTS
Asparagus • Baked Potato • Garlic Cauliflower
Red Skin Smashed Potatoes • Braised Lentils
Roasted Root Vegetables

DESSERTS
Chocolate Butter Brickle Torte • Key Lime Pie
Ice Cream • Melon • Sorbet

BEVERAGES
Coffee • Hot Tea • Iced Tea • Wine • Beer

Healing Kitchens is committed to teaching people how to translate nutritional and culinary science to the everyday plate to help them live happier, healthier lives.
Near Sabino Creek and Rillito River, the land on which The Hacienda sits is part of the 80-square-mile area that the federal government claimed for a military reservation in 1873, when Fort Lowell moved from downtown to the area. The Fort Lowell Reservation was dissolved at the end of the century and, with Congress passing acts to secure homesteads to settlers on public domain lands, people made claims to large tracts of land in the area.

In 1927, the widowed Marguerite Morrow moved to Tucson with her high-school-aged son. She came at the invitation of the President of the University of Arizona, Cloyd H. Marvin, to teach drama at the university. She bought 60-plus acres at Sabino Canyon Road. In her journal, Morrow describes the Spanish design of the homestead that she built. Originally three bedrooms and two baths, it was expanded to include another four bedrooms, four baths and a studio. It was built hacienda style around a patio with a fountain. Over the years, Morrow held teas, dinners on the roof and dancing parties in the garden.

In 1945, Morrow sold 100 acres to The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart who were overcrowded at Immaculate Heart Academy downtown. The ranch was readily transformed to its new use as a novitiate. St. Anne’s Convent was opened in 1950, with Bishop Daniel Gercke of Tucson having dedicated its chapel on March 20, 1949. In 1954, Immaculate Heart Lodge was added to the community. The chapel is open to the public.

In 2015, Watermark Retirement Communities took option on 60-plus acres to build The Hacienda at the Canyon.

A Special Place

The Hacienda at the Canyon is inspired by the traditions of this unique location. Over the last 150 years the land has supported the soldiers of Fort Lowell, one of Tucson’s cultural forebearers and a spiritual and educational community.

Marguerite Morrow in her hacienda, and the novitiate Stations of the Cross hill today
From the beginning, an animating idea behind The Hacienda is that people are adept at discovering the paths to their own well-being and, given the chance, they naturally cultivate this individualized sense of good health and wellness. This idea informed every design choice, operational decision and programming selection.

The next steps in this vision of a community where growth, creativity and curiosity are standard operating principles belong with the community as a whole. Each member explores options for well-being, is drawn to those best suited to them and helps create new connections, in concert with other community members.

Hacienda amenities encompass those things that offer a full spectrum of benefit, enjoyment and engagement. They include a wellness center offering integrative mind-body therapies; a spa providing life-enhancing services offered by experts; workshops, classes and lectures; a covered pool and veranda for casual social gathering with neighbors, family and friends; easy access to local trails, including St. Anne’s adored Stations of the Cross.

The Hacienda at the Canyon enjoys relationships with some of Tucson’s pioneers in health and wellness, including the University of Arizona’s Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute, Arizona Center on Aging and College of Nursing’s Integrative Nursing Faculty Fellowship. Dr. Steven Wool, a long-established Tucson physician, will have a private practice medical clinic that will offer private care, urgent care and integrative whole-person wellness therapies.
Assisted Living & Memory Care

Working with the community’s nurses, therapists, programming and dietary professionals, special caregivers called Nayas are the anchor of the day-to-day structured rhythms of Hacienda Assisted Living and Memory Care neighborhoods. The Hacienda will have 68 Assisted Living residences in the main building and 40 Memory Care residences in a separate secure villa.

In traditional care models in senior living settings, care of a resident is parsed out among several associates, from dishwasher to charge nurse, who interact with a resident only within their particular and limited task set. This care model leaves residents experiencing a lack of daily continuity, and caregivers with significant risk of failing to put together the whole picture regarding a resident’s welfare. For instance, it could easily go unremarked if a resident is on a new medication and does not eat dinner with his or her usual gusto.

In contrast, Nayas are integrators. Nayas are responsible for the overall well-being of each resident, performing nearly all of the tasks generally associated with a quality care environment. They know the resident’s whole story, understanding the complexity of the whole person. They guide and support each resident and their family with the vital and interconnected life functions of nourishment, sleep, movement, engagement and relationships. Residents benefit from whole-person, person-centered care.

This transformational care model creates small communities where residents, their families and Nayas engage in meaningful relationships built on respect, true alignment and empowerment, supporting optimal well-being in all its aspects.