

Safari Drive Offers Scottsdale Waterfront Living

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Featuring award-winning architecture in a one-of-a-kind setting, for a lifestyle that's easygoing or fast-paced, Safari Drive offers the opportunity to own and live in a legend: the mid-rise waterfront neighborhood at Scottsdale Road & Camelback, across from Fashion Square and a dog walk from urban boutiques and cafés.



Nothing else in Phoenix or Scottsdale looks like Safari Drive. Its innovative concrete-and-steel construction won national awards for the Seattle architectural firm that designed this unique mixed-use urban neighborhood. Live/work lofts and ground floor retail spaces are mixed among the residential units, contributing a shared energy to the public spaces.

With only 89 units, the community offers a refreshingly intimate flavor. Residents can gather with neighbors at either of two luxurious pool areas, share workout tips in the fitness center, invite friends to a barbecue by one of the fire pits, or relax in total privacy with views of the city and mountains from floor-to-ceiling windows at home.



According to Babbi Gabel, Director of Sales at Geoffrey H. Edmunds Realty, Safari Drive has been selling a new residence approximately every ten days. But in 2012, the sales rate jumped to every three days. "Half the residents are full-time, and half part-time," she says, "and people from their 20s to 70s are moving here from all over the U.S."

It's easy to see what draws people to this 4.86-acre sanctuary. The experience of walking from home to shopping and beyond is enriched by native landscaping. The Scottsdale Trolley boards right across the street, providing the option of an entertaining evening with no need to drive anywhere.



Nearly a hundred restaurants are located within 10-15 minutes of home, and there are 30 golf courses within half an hour. Right outside, the Waterfront Canal offers 25 miles for jogging or biking. Freeway access is close at hand, along with an abundance of shopping and even medical facilities -- several physicians have chosen Safari Drive as their home.

The boutique live/work lofts, single-level flats and urban townhomes feature interior amenities that live up to the distinctive setting. Open floor plans, ranging from 1,160 to over 2,000 square feet and priced from \$388,000, include top-of-the-line Italian cabinetry by Scavolini, Cambria quartz slab countertops, Kohler and Waterworks fixtures, Maytag washers, and stainless steel Sub-Zero refrigerators.

[Safari Drive Scottsdale Condos](#) are located at 4747 N. Scottsdale Road, and the sales center is open daily at 480.421.2000.