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New guest ranch, new solar-heated pool and a new hotel
Cochise County accommodations upgrade and expand

COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZ. (July 30, 2010) – Guests staying in Cochise County are drawn to the lore of the Old West. With a new guest ranch in Tombstone, upgrades to Sun glow Ranch and a new hotel in Douglas, guests have inviting new choices to stay and play.

New guest ranch to open in Tombstone in October 2010

Tombstone, iconic for its cowboys, will add a little more Apache spirit to its accommodations mix this fall. The Apache Spirit Ranch will open Oct. 2 just east of Tombstone on Schieffelin Monument Road, the site of a former working ranch. With lush desert views, 17 well-appointed guest quarters a banquet facility, as well as a stable and horses on 270 acres will be available for guests in the ranch's initial phase. German owner, Peter Stenger, who has been a frequent Arizona visitor, will expand the ranch in the future.

Website: <http://www.apache-spirit-ranch.com/en/>

Sun glow Ranch opens pool, hot tub and fitness rooms

Sitting at the pool, looking at the pond and mountains is now part of the Sun glow experience. A new pool, a hot tub and a fitness room opened at Sun glow Ranch. Guests can take a dip in the 40' x 18' pool and soak in the adjacent, in-ground circulating hot tub. Both the pool and hot tub are solar heated with panels located on the fitness room. Fitness facilities include a treadmill, elliptical trainer, free weights, and a separate quiet room for massage therapy.

Website: <http://www.sunglowranch.com/>

Part of Tombstone's old high school will be renovated into Victorian-style hotel

Tombstone's old high school was purchased recently and will be converted into a mixed-use property that will include a Victorian style hotel. A local architect will assist in the planning with an opening date estimated to be 2013.

Info: Tombstone Chamber of Commerce, www.tombstonechamber.com, 1-888-457-3929

Best Western Douglas Inn & Suites now open

Visitors have a new modern option in Douglas. The newly built Best Western in Douglas opened to guests in November 2009 with 67 rooms.

Info: 199 East 7th Street, Douglas, 520-364-5000

Other Cochise County Lodging Notes

The Old Bisbee Bed & Breakfast inn has changed its name to the Tombstone Canyon Inn (<http://www.tombstonecanyoninn.com/>). The Holiday Inn Express, 630 South Village Loop, just off I-10 at on Highway 90 in Benson, is now the Desert Rose Inn (<http://www.desertroseinnaz.com/>).

Located in southeastern Arizona, Cochise County is one of the most culturally, historically and geographically diverse areas in the American Southwest. Its legendary communities—Benson, Bisbee, Douglas, Tombstone, Sierra Vista and Willcox—were strategically located less than a day's journey by stagecoach and are now just a short drive from one another. For more information about Cochise County, contact the Cochise County Tourism Council at 1-800-862-5273 or visit their website at www.explorecochise.com.

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