

Hi Joe:

While my kids are at Disney World, I have time for some peace and quiet on the course. I've already played Grand Cypress, a great pick. What's next?

—Luis M. Rivera, via e-mail

I don't blame you for resisting the siren call of the Mouse—there's plenty of golf to play. I agree with Tiger, who once called the greens at the **Ritz-Carlton Golf Club Orlando, Grande Lakes** (\$60-\$180; 407-393-4900, grandelakes.com) some of the best he's ever putted. Although this Greg Norman design is runway wide and flat, it's also truly tranquil, offering just the serenity you're seeking. You might also consider Rees Jones's **Waldorf Astoria Golf Club** (\$50-\$170; 407-597-3780, waldorfastoriaorlando.com). Hewn from pristine woodlands, it's only about three miles from Disney and offers strategic resort golf at its best. Right at the park, consider Disney's **Magnolia Course** (\$104-\$165; 407-939-4653, disneyworldgolf.com). Don't let the hokey, mouse-ear-shaped bunker fool you—for 40 years, this track was tough enough to be a PGA Tour stop. At 7,500 yards, it's hardly child's play.



Don't miss the subtle desert shades of Sedona.

EVAN SCHILLER

Dear Joe:

I'm planning a trip to Scottsdale this November, but lots of courses will be overseeding. Any way around that?

—Scott Gentry, Tulsa, Okla.

If they're overseeding, head north over the hills to Sedona. The town has quaint charms that dear old Scottsdale can't match, and at 4,500 feet of elevation,

there's no need to overseed; the courses have cool-season grasses. Both **Sedona Golf Resort** (\$69-\$99; 928-284-9355, sedonagolfresort.com) and **Oakcreek** (\$79-\$99; 928-284-1660, oakcreekcountryclub.com) will dazzle you with red-rock landscapes. **Seven Canyons** (\$100-\$150; 928-203-2000, sevencanyons.com) is beautiful, too, but it's only open to guests of Enchantment Resort.

DEAL OF THE MONTH

The Resort at Pelican Hill

Newport Coast, California



For a Fazio feast, put Pelican Hill on your agenda.

COURTESY RESORT AT PELICAN HILL

For most of my stay here, I simply couldn't stop smiling. Why? Let me count the ways. The ocean views are spectacular. The service is superb. If you like celebrity-spotting, simply settle in beside the retro-cool pool. The Pelican Grill is one of the great 19th holes, and the spa is an excellent place to recover after your round. As for golf, there are two Tom Fazio layouts along the Pacific Ocean, and a Top 100 Teacher, Glenn Deck. (Thanks for the putting tip, Glenn—it's still working!) Come checkout time, the cost will wipe the smile off your face. Perfection is pricey. But there are ways to trim the tab. If you have a lot of rounds in mind, consider the Fazio Unlimited Package, which covers Bungalow or Villa lodging and all-you-can-play access to three courses. (There's another Fazio at nearby Oak Creek.) Carts, club rental, forecaddies and valet parking are also part of the package. Rates start at \$835 per night, with a two-night minimum stay. **888-802-1777, pelicanhill.com.**