



VIEW FROM THE TOP

Villa Esperero, designed by renowned Tucson architect Ron Robinette, is a home buyer's dream.

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Situated 3,800 feet up in the exclusive Rattlesnake Canyon Estates, Villa Esperero offers sweeping vistas of the Tucson desert and cityscape, privacy and luxury. "It's a remarkable house. There's nothing like it," says Judy Smedes, associate broker with Long Realty Company.

The gated estate located in between Ventana and Sabino canyons features three separate lots for a total of 133 acres—an acreage so high that many would be hard-pressed to find a larger property in close proximity to many of Tucson's restaurants, shops and Canyon Ranch. Designed by noted Tucson architect Ron Robinette (robinettearchitect.com) and built in 2000, Villa Esperero's three-story, 9,000-square-foot main house was designed to blend international influences with the natural beauty of the desert. The Southwestern touches are undeniable: Stucco walls and mesquite wood floors are all throughout the house.

Interior highlights include the great room, which sports 25-foot high-beam

ceilings, large windows featuring desert views, and a stone fireplace—ideal for hosting gatherings. The five-bedroom home also has two master suites—The Esperero and Rattlesnake—and include free-standing tubs and double vanities. The backyard features a wraparound covered patio that includes an infinity-edge pool and outdoor kitchen and dining area.

Also designed by Robinette and in close proximity to Villa Esperero, the nearly 4,000-square-foot sports complex includes a 60-foot indoor lap pool, full-size batting cage, exercise area and locker room. Located steps from the sports complex is the foundation for a two-story, 5,800-square-foot guesthouse. The third undeveloped lot is nearly 48 acres and provides stunning views and seclusion—traits that make the entire property one of a kind.

"You just feel isolated from the world," says Smedes. "You just want to park yourself on the patio and not go anywhere." Listed at \$10 million, 6799 N. Rattlesnake Canyon Road, 520.360.6600, villa-esperero.com; longrealty.com



Clockwise from left: The backyard of Villa Esperero's main house features a flagstone patio overlooking the surrounding mountains and has an outdoor kitchen, fireplace, dining area, pool and spa; The Rattlesnake master suite bathroom features a claw-foot tub and custom cabinets; the foyer features doors from a Spanish mission church, mesquite wood flooring, a soaring ceiling and a bridge that connects the upper floors. A wall of paneled glass faces Esperero Canyon and French doors open to an outdoor patio.

