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### **The Camelback Inn Undergoing Major Renovations**

[The Camelback Inn](#) dates back to 1936, when it was a favorite with Hollywood legends like Jimmy Stewart. It was at the forefront of the development of Scottsdale into a spa mecca in 1989, when it built the largest and most comprehensive resort in the Southwest at that time. And in November of 2003 it reopened a



totally renovated -- and much larger -- spa called The Spa at Camelback Inn. At 32,000 square feet, including features like the private sunbathing terraces for men and women. (See photo.) Now other parts of the resort, which is owned by JW Marriott, are getting a \$35 million facelift starting May 2007. It is scheduled to take place over the next ten months.

The renovation will include a complete reinvention of the entrance to the resort, a new ballroom, and a soothing experiential courtyard with water and fire elements for guests to enjoy. Two new restaurants will have outdoor seating among gardens and fireplaces. Local newspaper accounts say the renovation is designed to turn the low-key resort into something that appeals more to younger travelers.

I hope I'll still like it as much!