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Consider all view opportunities and create full alignments that celebrate them. If the solar orientation and function does require a fully covered space, offer a sense of intimacy to the space with a partial trellis covering.



Outdoor Spaces and Places

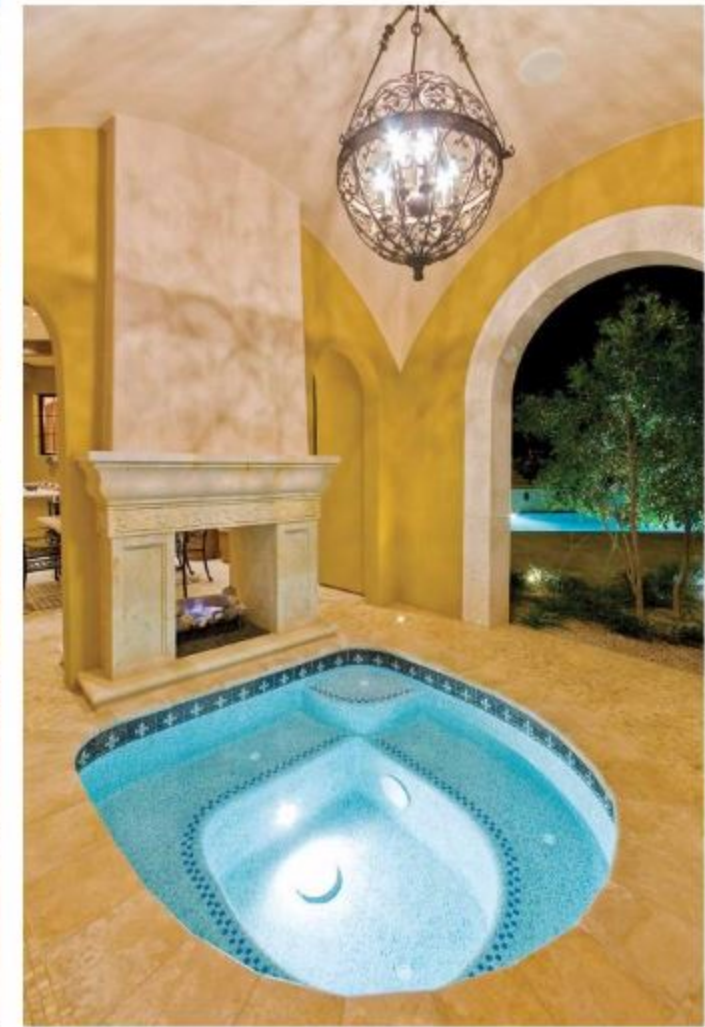
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The goal in designing great outdoor spaces is to create a seamless transition and strong visual connectivity from indoors to outdoors. When you realize that the square footage available outside can be in some cases as much or more than your interior square footage, it can be a tremendous loss of opportunity if that area is poorly planned. Very often we find in homes we are asked to remodel that the outdoor living and recreation areas are a series of miscellaneous arranged set of components that were not designed to integrate or complement one another. While all the requisite functions may be there, i.e. pool, spa, terrace areas, bbq, firepits, fountains, lawns, etc., all those parts often do not add up to a greater whole. When there is a well-conceived design of Indoor and Outdoor spaces, those spaces extend the interior living, maximize the usability of both, and enhance your daily living experience. ■

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ABOVE: Bring the water elements right up to the Outdoor Living for a dramatic interplay of the water with the Architecture.



LEFT: Think beyond the basic idea of placing the Spa directly adjacent to your pool and consider placing it in its own special outdoor room, complete with a chandelier and fireplace to greatly enhance the Spa experience.



RIGHT: The same principals of open floor planning can apply to outdoor entertainment areas, where the Dining areas can be directly adjacent to the Outdoor Living areas.

RIGHT: When possible connect a visual linkage between one space and another, like this framed view of the unique structure beyond.

