

# Loews Ventana Canyon- Window to the Sonoran Soul

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Loews Ventana Canyon in Tucson provides guests with a comfortable, luxurious stay and an inside look into Arizona's finest elements. They aren't called "the window to the Sonoran soul" for nothing. Comfortably nestled into the majestic foothills of the Catalina Mountains, Loews strives to embrace the relaxing desert it is located in. Check out some aspects of Loews, unique to Southern Arizona, that you can enjoy during your stay.



## Stargazing

Every Wednesday and Saturday night at 8:30 p.m., Loews hires an astronomy professional to guide guests in a stargazing adventure. Located on the north side of the pool deck, guests can meet with the astronomer and enjoy an hour of watching the stars using the resort's own telescope. With the natural location just in front of the Catalina Mountains and away from the busy city, the stars beautifully contrast against the night sky, making them visible and perfect for stargazing.

## Local Foods

The resort's main restaurant, Flying V Bar & Grill, focuses on using only the best local ingredients to give guests a true taste of the desert. Herbs from the resort's personal herb garden are used to add a fresh, delicious flavor to each dish. For fruits, vegetables, and other pertinent ingredients, Chef Josh Willett strives to choose only the best ingredients that are locally cultivated by the Tohono O'odham Community Action, a nonprofit farm. Be sure to try the famous Tableside Guacamole that beautifully showcases Arizona's finest fruits and vegetables. Local ingredients are also used at the resort's Canyon Café and its Blues, Brews and Barbecue Sunday brunch.

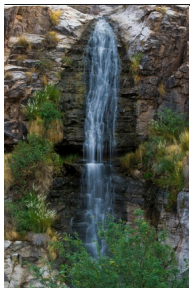


## Nature Hike

The resort features a Window Walk Nature Trail, right in its backyard. This ½ mile scenic trail points out over 200 animals and plants native to Southern Arizona's environment. The trail was created in partnership with the Tucson Botanical Gardens and the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum.

## Natural Materials

The resort, designed by architect John Hill, is built using the dirt surveyed from the land, making the building blend in with its surroundings. From an aerial view, onlookers would hardly notice the resort as it matches the color and natural feel of the surrounding mountains and land. The natural elements speak to the aesthetics of Frank Lloyd Wright, a firm believer in nature-inspired architecture.



## View

From the moment guests arrive on the Loews Ventana Canyon grounds, they are immediately awe-stricken by the majestic views of the Catalina Mountains that are located directly behind the resort. Guests can choose rooms with a mountain view, or rooms with a city view. Mountain view rooms will give guests an intimate look at Arizona's nature, including a natural waterfall that flows down the mountain. Loews' is located at a slightly higher elevation than the city, giving city view rooms a breathtaking look at the city lights.

## Lakeside Spa Desert Rain Pedicure

Many guests who travel to Southern Arizona wish they could take home with them the scent of the desert after it rains. Loews' Lakeside Spa

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has purchased specially blended product from Sweet P's, to create the Desert Rain Pedicure. The pedicure focuses on the sweet smell of the desert after it rains, which is caused by the native creosote plant. Guests of the resort and Tucson locals are encouraged to experience the relaxing, nature-inspired pedicure for a true feel of Southern Arizona's beautiful desert.

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