

Tucson Resort Pools

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It's no secret that Arizona is hot is the summer. With temps hovering in the triple digits, many families are looking for a fun way to cool off. And with staycations more popular than getaways, residents and resorts are benefiting from the local hospitality. Phoenix's bustling city to the south, Tucson, is just the place to skip town for a little resort lounging, poolside.



The Westin La Paloma



Surrounded by panoramic views that encompass the Catalina Mountains and Tucson city lights, the award-winning Westin La Paloma has been a year-round retreat for many Valley dwellers. Featuring 487 guestrooms and 25 suites, this AAA Four-Diamond resort offers a plethora of accommodations including a 27-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course and five refreshing pools. With families looking to escape the heat, kids can enjoy the dive-in entertain of three pools and a water slide while two adult pools to provide optimal r-and-r. 800.937.8461, www.westinlapalomaresort.com.

JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort and Spa



Since opening in 2005, The JW Marriott Starr Pass has been a tranquil retreat for guests looking to reconnect with themselves and each other. This quiet landscape backs the Tucson Mountain Park—a preserve the resort has donated 330 acres to. Each of the resort's 575 spacious guestrooms and 35 suites overlook the area's breathtaking views. When not catching up on lost z's, take in some the sun at the resort's coolest water feature. Float down the Starr Canyon River, slide down the monsoon falls water slide, lay by the reflection pools or play in the dancing springs. 520.792.3500, www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com.

The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain

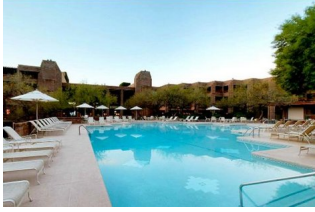


Make a splash at the recently unveiled Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain. Tucked within the picturesque Tortilla Mountains, Tucson's newest luxury resort has 209 elegantly decorated guestrooms and 22 well-appointed casitas. In between rounds of golf and eating at CORE Kitchen and Wine bar, break from the heat by taking a dip in one of three resort pools. The most relaxing part of any vacay is doing nothing at all. 520.572.3000, www.ritzcarlton.com.

Lowes Ventana Canyon

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Welcomed by a dramatic waterfall, this newly renovated resort is a Tucson staple. Guests can enjoy a bevy of outdoor activities including tennis, croquet, ping pong and swimming. The resort's two pools, each with a Jacuzzi, provide midday fun. And while the Jacuzzis may be a tad warm for the daytime, they make the ideal after-dinner refuge. 520.299.2020, www.loewshotels.com.