

# The Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain Golf

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**Imagine a place where adventure and a gracious spirit of hospitality come together in the heart of the Arizona desert. Welcome to The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain located northwest of Tucson, in the scenic town of Marana.**



This exceptional luxury resort is nestled against the backdrop of the Tortolita Mountains and boasts the area's first new Jack Nicklaus Signature [golf](#) course in 25 years. Annually the golf club hosts the top 64 golf professionals in the world during the prestigious WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship, where Tiger Woods made his much-anticipated post-surgery return to competition in 2009.

This world-class golf venue is challenging and engaging with a seamless blend of the distinct characteristics that reflect the High Sonoran Desert's mountainside terrain. Nicklaus has integrated solid strategy, variety and fair shot values that harmonize with the high desert elevation of 2,300 to 3,000 feet. The three nines offer unique challenges and distinctive characteristics, blended naturally among noble saguaros that line the surrounding Tortolita Mountain Range.



With five sets of tees accommodating all levels of golfers, the course design has expansive landing areas, undulating greens and distinctive bunkering. The Tortolita Course winds along the base of its namesake mountain range and through a secluded canyon, while the Saguaro Course incorporates negotiable carries over desert washes. The Wild Burro Course—Nicklaus' personal favorite of the trio—completes the experience with visually arresting panoramas of the surrounding mountains.

Scattered among the three layouts are numerous holes that are just plain fun. The par-4 sixth hole on the Tortolita course, for example, presents a possible “double-carry” over two natural areas—first from the tee and then where a wash crosses the fairway, 120 yards from the green—but only tee shots of 260 yards or better need apply. On the Wild Burro course, the par-4 third hole features a desert-style “island green” surrounded by a wide, sandy wash; while it's a spectacular visual, it can turn into “disaster island” in a heartbeat.



Golfers will enjoy making the same shots that require the imagination and creativity of the world's best professionals on an elite venue intended to be enjoyed by golfing legends and friends alike.

Guests can embrace their inner adventurer amidst a blend of history, culture and the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert, while enjoying [The Ritz-Carlton's](#) unparalleled sophistication and personalized service. This property is an exquisite desert oasis, an invigorating playground that reaches out through a majestic, centuries-old Saguaro cacti forest. With more than 350 days of sunshine annually, The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain has 250 guest rooms and an adjacent cluster of secluded multibedroom casitas that are ideally suited for families and friends. A sumptuous spa, extensive pools and relaxation areas, and a foursome of restaurants await guests.

Bordering the resort is the Tortolita Mountain Park, offering 3,000 undisturbed acres and some of the most eye-pleasing desert landscape in the Southwest. An exclusive getaway for the traveler desiring something unique, [The Ritz-Carlton](#), Dove Mountain is a destination to be remembered for a lifetime. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

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