

# **REVIEW: The Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain**



The Dove Mountain Ritz-Carlton is a pretty awesome place to visit. The resort is a large property set in the side of Dove Mountain with lots of cool nooks and crannies to explore. The

feel is that of a modern hunting lodge, with high ceilings, large rooms with expansive views, and a rustic quality and vibe.

The Ritz here spent a lot of time and energy developing local activities such as sunset hikes, a traditional Native-American ceremony on certain days, and even outdoor games and a tangerine orchard.



A hunting lodge you ask? Ritz-Carlton has their interpretation of it here at Dove Mountain

My personal favorite area of the hotel, though, is the pool.

There's multiple decks, amazing views of the landscape around the hotel, and even a waterslide – if you feel so inclined.



Check out that waterslide!

Everything about this Ritz is a bit more special, and it reminds me a lot of a Ritz-Carlton Reserve. The service is a slight notch above the other properties, and the build quality of the hotel itself is higher. If you love the desert, I highly recommend visiting this property for a nice weekend getaway!

#### **PROS:**

- It's one of the nicer Ritz-Carltons in the chain – similar in feel to a Reserve
- It has lots to offer on the grounds and a wilderness center where you can book hikes and enjoy some really awesome desert activities

#### **CONS:**

- It's quite a far drive from anything in the Tucson area

#### **SECRETS:**

- Check the events calendar or call before you book.

There's usually lots planned and it's a smart move to book your stay around special events to take advantage of them

- The sushi is also really good here, trust me on this

#### **OTHER THINGS TO DO:**

- Biosphere 2 is a really cool biosphere habitat that is basically one of two in the world (as the name suggests). If you're in the area you should definitely check it out!