

The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain: Romantic Respite

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Sunsets and side-by-side massages. The new Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain in Marana is a not-too-far retreat for lovers seeking a little R&R.



The Great Outdoors

If you and your beloved are of the outdoorsy type, there is plenty to see and do at the four-month-old resort. Just outside of the resort are 3,000 acres of undisturbed Southwestern beauty, home to nearly every cactus and critter that you can think of, as well as 20 miles of charted trails. Each morning, a guide takes resort guests on a sunset hike, though a private hike can be arranged for a more personal experience. Other swoon-worthy alfresco activities include stargazing and romantic horseback rides. (Hikes can be arranged for all levels of expertise—or lack thereof.)

The nightly Sunset Celebration is another way to enjoy the outdoor space and cuddle with your sweetheart. At night, the resort welcomes the sunset outside of Ignite Lounge and Bar Terrace. The evening event honors the ancient Hohokam tribe that once inhabited Dove Mountain from 300 B.C. until 1450 A.D. and concludes with a lovely acoustical experience by a local Native-American flautist. As you listen to the music, you're welcome to get cozy by the fire and order a nice glass a wine from Ignite. Cheers!

Easy Does It

Doesn't a massage make enjoying each other's even more delightful? The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Dove Mountain offers a Just for Us package for couples who seek a blissful breather. The 80-minute treatment features a side-by-side massage, along with a rose-petal bath. And because this is a romantic retreat, after all, each couple gets to indulge in Champagne and strawberries.

The Massage Mentoring for Two treatment is another option for those looking for some take-home technique. With this service, couples are taught how to massage one another with the help of a Ritz massage guide. Plus, each couple receives an aromatherapy kit to practice with at home.

Make Yourself at Home

Perhaps the most important ingredient for a romantic getaway are gorgeous, comfortable accommodations to enjoy. Each room exudes a modern Southwestern style and stellar views of Wild Burro Canyon and the Tortolita Mountains. The outdoor patios provide a lovely space to enjoy coffee in the morning and the large marble bathtub is the ideal place to unwind at the end of the day.

For more information on the romantic offerings at The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain, visit www.ritzcarlton.com/dovemountain.com.