

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

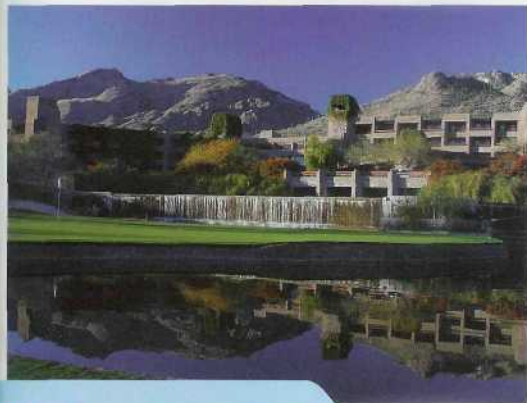
TUCSON, ARIZONA

398 rooms; \$250 – \$795
800-23-LOEWS, loewshotels.com

The spectacular setting of the Catalina Mountain foothills and Ventana Canyon are reasons enough to visit this luxury resort outside of Tucson. The fact that it is a Loews Hotel means that pets benefit from the well-conceived "Loews Loves Pets" program. Highlights include a dedicated pet concierge who can suggest pet-friendly restaurants and shops, along with scenic hikes into the canyon. If you've left something at home, no worries, the hotel provides a "Did You Forget?" closet filled with pet goodies and necessities. Finally, while you dine at the award-winning Ventana

Room, your pet can enjoy special menu items and room service. Bone appetit!

The rejuvenating dry heat of the desert is sure to appeal to those from colder climates. Loews also provides a variety of tennis or golf venues as well as the option of just relaxing at the spa or alongside the pool. Your dog will enjoy exploring the resort's 100 acres, searching for the scampering rock squirrels, or listening for the distant sounds of the evening coyote. Whatever your pleasure, Loews is sure to offer the right mix of amenities and terrific pet programs to appeal to every member of your family.



*A little fresh air and
a lot of room service.*

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10 STEPS TO A DOG-TASTIC GETAWAY

Before you pack your suitcase and choose the perfect carrier, be sure you and your dog are prepared for the trip. Tammy McCarley of Blue Sky Dogs (blueskydogsny.com), the ultimate dog-travel agency, provides a checklist you shouldn't leave home without.

1. Determine your dog's physical condition:

Visit the vet to determine if the dog is too old or ill. If so, arrange for a caretaker.

2. Research accommodations:

Peruse travel resources to find lodging that welcomes dogs. Ask about availability and policies.

3. Prepare your dog:

Ensure vaccinations are current and carry records. Attach ID tags to your dog's collar. Note microchip numbers. Carry a photo.

4. Pack thoughtfully:

Pack food, medication, bowls, bed, crate, toys, waste bags,

and other dog care items. Don't rely on finding a pet store locally.

5. Bring a Pet First-Aid kit:

Educate yourself on emergency procedures. Find local veterinarians. Keep a photo and health records in your kit.

6. Travel by car:

Acclimate your dog to being in the car. Restrain them for safety and provide ventilation. Bring water. Don't feed just before to driving. Stop frequently.

7. Travel by plane:

Contact airlines for tickets and pet regulations. Acclimate your dog

to the carrier. Practice in-cabin behavior or preparedness for dogs traveling in cargo.

8. Be a conscientious owner:

If you leave your dog briefly, notify staff, leave water and your cell number.

9. Research local dog-friendly things to do:

Find activities, restaurants and shops that welcome dogs at your destination.

10. Consider the season:

Summer and winter merit extra care. Avoid warm environments. In winter, pack coats and boots and limit time outdoors.