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JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass  
Resort & Spa • Tucson, AZ  
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### WHAT TO DO IN TUCSON

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In Tucson, there are several family-friendly activities close to the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa. Here are a few options along with the distance from the resort:

- 1. Reid Park Zoo** - [https://reidparkzoo.org/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_campaign=GMB](https://reidparkzoo.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=GMB)  
Description: A 24-acre zoo featuring a variety of animals from around the world, including elephants, lions, giraffes, and more. Visitors can enjoy educational exhibits, interactive experiences, and special events.  
Address: 3400 E Zoo Ct, Tucson, AZ 85716  
Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 7 miles
- 2. Children's Museum Tucson** - <https://childrensmuseumtucson.org/>  
Description: A hands-on museum designed for children ages 0-10, offering interactive exhibits and educational programs focused on science, art, and culture. Kids can explore, create, and learn through play.  
Address: 200 S 6th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701 Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 6 miles
- 3. Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum** - <https://www.desertmuseum.org/>  
Description: A renowned museum and zoo dedicated to showcasing the diverse flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert region. Visitors can see desert animals, native plants, and geological formations while learning about desert ecology and conservation.  
Address: 2021 N Kinney Rd, Tucson, AZ 85743 Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 8 miles
- 4. Old Tucson** - <https://oldtucson.com/>  
Description: A historic western film studio and theme park where visitors can step back in time to the days of the Old West. The park features live entertainment, stunt shows, historic buildings, and rides inspired by classic western films.  
Address: 201 S Kinney Rd, Tucson, AZ 85735 Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 7 miles
- 5. Pima Air & Space Museum** - <https://pimaair.org/>  
Description: One of the largest aviation museums in the world, featuring over 350 historic aircraft and spacecraft. Visitors can explore exhibits on aviation history, view iconic planes, and even take tram tours of the museum's vast outdoor aircraft collection.  
Address: 6000 E Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ 85756 Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 14 miles
- 6. Trail Dust Town** - <https://www.traildusttown.com/>  
Description: A western-themed shopping and entertainment complex featuring shops, restaurants, and attractions for the whole family. Highlights include a vintage carousel, stunt shows, and the Museum of the Horse Soldier.  
Address: 6541 E Tanque Verde Rd, Tucson, AZ 85715 Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 10 miles
- 7. Flandrau Science Center & Planetarium** - <https://flandrau.org/>  
Description: A science museum and planetarium located on the University of Arizona campus. Visitors can explore hands-on exhibits on topics such as astronomy, physics, and natural history, and enjoy immersive planetarium shows.  
Address: 1601 E University Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85719 Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 8 miles
- 8. Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures** - <https://theminitimemachine.org/>  
Description: A unique museum showcasing an extensive collection of miniature art and dioramas. Visitors can marvel at intricately detailed miniatures depicting scenes from various time periods and cultures.  
Address: 4455 E Camp Lowell Dr, Tucson, AZ 85712 Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 13 miles



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9. **Kartchner Caverns State Park** - <https://azstateparks.com/kartchner/>  
Description: Home to stunning limestone caves featuring unique formations such as stalactites, stalagmites, and helictites. Visitors can take guided cave tours to explore the underground wonders and learn about the geology and ecology of the caves.  
Address: 2980 AZ-90, Benson, AZ 85602 Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 65 miles (about 1 hour's drive)
10. **Tucson Botanical Gardens** - <https://tucsonbotanical.org/>  
Description: A tranquil oasis showcasing a diverse collection of desert plants, exotic flowers, and themed gardens. Visitors can stroll through paths lined with colorful blooms, relax in shaded areas, and enjoy special events and workshops throughout the year.  
Address: 2150 N Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712 Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 10 miles

**These hiking trails offer a range of options for outdoor enthusiasts, from easy walks to challenging hikes, all within a short distance of the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa.**

1. **Tumamoc Hill Trail** - <https://tumamoc.arizona.edu/tumamoc-hill/walk-hill>  
Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 4 miles Description: Tumamoc Hill is a popular hiking spot known for its steep incline and panoramic views of Tucson and the surrounding mountains. The trail is paved and accessible to hikers of all levels.
2. **Starr Pass Trailhead** - <https://www.visittucson.org/listing/starr-pass-trail-tucson-mountains/22716/>  
Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: 1.3 miles  
Description: The Starr Pass Trailhead offers access to a network of trails in the Tucson Mountains, including the Yetman Trail and the Bowen Trail. Hikers can enjoy scenic desert landscapes and views of the city.
3. **Sweetwater Preserve** - <https://www.pima.gov/1292/Sweetwater-Preserve>  
Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 5 miles  
Description: Sweetwater Preserve features a network of trails that wind through desert terrain, offering opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. The trails are well-marked and range in difficulty.
4. **Saguaro National Park - Tucson Mountain District** - <https://www.nps.gov/sagu/index.htm>  
Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 10 miles Description: Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District offers several hiking trails showcasing the iconic saguaro cactus and Sonoran Desert landscape. Popular trails include the Valley View Overlook Trail and the Signal Hill Trail.
5. **Gates Pass Trailhead** - <https://www.nps.gov/places/gates-pass-trailhead.htm>  
Distance from JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa: Approximately 9 miles Description: Gates Pass Trailhead provides access to trails in the Tucson Mountains, including the Hugh Norris Trail and the Golden Gate Mountain Trail. Hikers can enjoy scenic views and diverse desert vegetation.

**For more information and Things to Do in Tucson visit: <https://www.visittucson.org/things-to-do/>**