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Round up your family and head out West for a family vacation that will channel everyone's inner cowboy. Dude ranches across America cater to families who want to escape the hustle and bustle of city living and experience an authentic Western adventure. At Tanque Verde Ranch in Tucson, Arizona, families can experience that and much more. With 60,000 acres to explore, it's the largest guest ranch with resort amenities and has been in business for almost 150 years. A popular feature at Tanque Verde Ranch is their breakfast horse ride. After a leisurely ride in the cool morning hours, families can enjoy fresh blueberry pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and other down-home-on-the-range favorites. Kids have their own daily schedule, with activities like trail rides, desert adventures, cowboy crafts, buckaroo tennis, picnic lunches, hayrides and more. Adults can have an equally enjoyable time at the ranch. Besides the typical horseback riding, guests can try

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team penning, where a few people try to maneuver unruly cattle around an obstacle course. After treks in the desert and herding cattle, Tanque Verde's La Sonora Spa offers a relaxing oasis for moms and dads who need a little rejuvenation. Here, parents can have a healing massage or enjoy a wine wrap (think cabernet creams and chardonnay scrubs) followed by a dip in the indoor pool, where expansive windows overlook the mountainous landscape. When the evening cowbell rings, families gather to dine on food fit more for kings and queens than cowboys and girls. At the end of the day, families can share in movie night, featuring numerous American Western options among others. At Tanque Verde, John Wayne and Roy Rogers won't be the only ones riding off into the sunset. [wFm](#)