

Aloft Tempe - Review and Recommendations:

Aloft Tempe is convenient, fun and comfy. You'll be surprised at how compact it is. The pool is adequate and the fitness room is rather large compared to other hotels.

The common areas remind me of the how old lodges brought together guests and families in the evening to play games and talk in front of the fireplace. Add in a pool table, large flat-screen TV's, a state of the art bar and you have the modern version of the old hotel gathering place. This is one of the reason the rooms are small. While you have everything you need, including a very comfortable bed, you'll want to go to the lobby to entertain friends, spend the evening with your family or meet new friends.

Aloft Tempe is in a fantastic location. Just minutes from PHX, and adjacent to Tempe Town Lake, it's a great place to gather when you are in town visiting ASU (just across the bridge). The lake is a scenic place for your morning walk. When I was down there, I saw people taking rowing lessons, a guy fishing, boats for rent and enjoyed the herons fishing from the dock.

Looking for a place to eat? Inn & Out Burger is across the street, the hotel has healthy meals and snacks to take out, and you can drive across the bridge to Tempe's Mill Avenue, or one exit up the freeway to Tempe Market Place.

This was my first exposure to the Aloft style and found that the chain also has hotels in central Phoenix with more being planned for the area.

If you are in Tempe, stop by and take a look at this new hotel, have a drink at the bar and experience the fun that Aloft is generating.