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# WELCOME

Gates Pass, Tucson



Welcome to Arizona!

Millions of people visit us every year, and for good reason. Whether you're seeking adventure or relaxation, Arizona offers something for everyone. From the iconic Grand

Canyon to world-class resorts, amazing outdoor recreation, diverse culture, dynamic nightlife, a fantastic food scene—we've got it all.

We're proud to be one of the top destinations for visitors from around the world. Whether it's your first time here or you're a regular, there's always something new to discover.

In Arizona, you'll meet some of the friendliest people anywhere. You'll experience some of the greatest resorts, parks, restaurants, attractions and communities out there. And our travel sector is united to put your health and wellness first.

You'll like Arizona so much you might find yourself wanting to stay: More than 70 percent of adult residents of Arizona were born somewhere else. It's a testament to our amazing quality of life that so many people choose Arizona as their home.

Arizona is open, safe and ready to welcome you with open arms. We've led the nation in our vaccine rollout, and millions of Arizonans have rolled up their sleeves to keep our communities healthy. So come join us, and experience the Grand Canyon State for yourself.

From all of us here in Arizona, we can't wait to see you!

**DOUG DUCEY**

Governor, State of Arizona



Destinations across Arizona often create a lasting impression. But what makes Arizona truly unique is its ability to inspire an adventurous spirit in visitors and residents alike. This ability to inspire served as a guiding principle for this year's Arizona Official State Travel Guide, and we're excited to share it with you.

We're glad you're visiting, whether it's your first trip or you visit us every year. Here are just a few highlights to kick off your exploration.

Millions have experienced the awe of the Grand Canyon, with millions more anticipating their first trip. The family-friendly Bright Angel Trail, with its beautiful views and convenient amenities, is a great place to start. Already mastered Bright Angel? Seasoned visitors may prefer the challenges of the South Kaibab Trail, which offers glimpses of the Colorado River and three turnaround points for day hikes. **Explore The Grand Canyon: Been There? Do This** starting on page 6.

Country music artist Mitchell Tenpenny chose Arizona as the site to film the video for his hit song "Bucket List," which features some of our state's can't-miss places. We invite you to explore the state like Mitchell with **Well Lived: Bucket List Adventures of a Lifetime** starting on page 12. You'll find some famous places that are probably already on your must-do list, and you'll learn about many more that surely should be added.

Perhaps the best part of discovering and rediscovering Arizona is our amazing arts, crafts and culinary scenes. Arizona's master crafters, builders and makers continuously channel their creativity into unique, only-in-Arizona experiences and products. It's a great time to **Meet the Makers** starting on page 28.

Whether having a long-awaited reunion with friends and family or a much-needed romantic getaway—Arizona's ability to surprise and delight awaits every visitor. I invite you to enjoy the diversity and splendor of the Grand Canyon State!

**DEBBIE JOHNSON**

Director, Arizona Office of Tourism



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Little Colorado River  
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# WELCOME TO ARIZONA

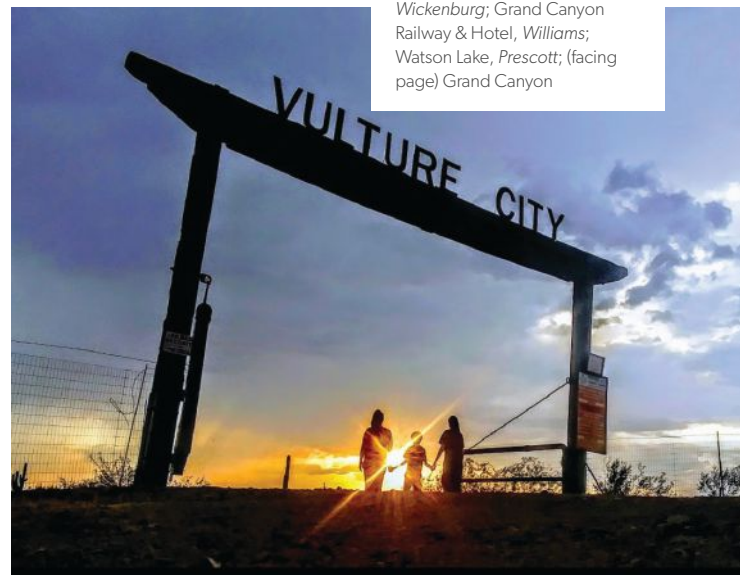
THE GRAND CANYON STATE

Arizona may be known as the Grand Canyon State, but spectacular viewpoints and awe-inspiring moments are all around. Hike through shaded stands of Ponderosa pine forests where cool creeks ripple through the valley, or explore sun-drenched deserts in search of dramatic sandstone formations, from soaring arches to undulating waves. This is the place where archeological treasures and Old West haunts connect us to the past and where innovative museums and culinary creations look to the future. Here, you could easily unwind in a natural hot spring or melt away your stress in a luxurious spa. And there are unforgettable moments all along the way, whether riding a locomotive to the Grand Canyon, kayaking your way to a Tuscan-style winery or uncovering old-school kitsch along Route 66. Rediscover your sense of awe and adventure. It's all here.





**Photos:** (this page, clockwise from top left) Lake Powell, Page; Vulture City Ghost Town, Wickenburg; Grand Canyon Railway & Hotel, Williams; Watson Lake, Prescott; (facing page) Grand Canyon





# EXPERIENCE THE GRAND CANYON

The Grand Canyon has been amazing humans for as long as humans have been around to lay eyes on it. The Hopi revere the Grand Canyon as the place of their emergence. Explorer John Wesley Powell declared that its beauty could not be adequately represented by speech or art. The astronaut Harrison Schmitt, trying to describe what it was like to set foot on the moon, compared the feeling to three things: falling in love for the first time, the birth of his first child and “standing on the rim of the Grand Canyon.” At 277 miles long, as much as 18 miles wide and a full mile deep, the Grand Canyon is the second-largest canyon on the planet, and its colorful walls contain rock layers—the oldest of those layers being 1.8 billion years old—that reveal a timeline of Earth’s history. In 1919, the Grand Canyon was designated a national park, and since then, the National Park Service has been preserving the culture, history and natural beauty of this immortal destination, as well as welcoming generations of visitors to experience its wonder.



North Rim, Grand Canyon



# Been There? Do This.

FIRST  
TIME

NEXT  
TIME

## HIKING

Regarded as the safest trail in Grand Canyon National Park, the family-friendly **Bright Angel Trail** offers beautiful views and convenient amenities such as potable water stations, restrooms and covered shelters along the way. The first switchback is an ideal spot for turning around if you have small children in tow, and the 1.5-Mile Resthouse is a popular stop for first-time canyon hikers and late starters.

Boasting stunning canyon views the entire way, as well as glimpses of the Colorado River farther down, the steep and strenuous **South Kaibab Trail** offers three turnaround points for day-hikes: Ooh-Aah Point (1.8 mi. RT), Cedar Ridge (3 mi. RT) and Skeleton Point (6 mi. RT). Just remember, the hike back up takes approximately twice as long as the hike down, so plan accordingly.

## SCENIC VIEWPOINT

Go for a scenic drive along the 22-mile **Desert View Drive** and pull over at the many overlooks along the way, such as Grandview Point, Moran Point, Tusayan Pueblo, Lipan Point, Navajo Point and Desert View, where you'll find the Mary Colter-designed Desert View Watchtower, built in 1932 in the style of Ancestral Puebloan towers, with historic murals by famous Hopi artist Fred Kabotie.

Climb aboard the free shuttle bus to follow the 7-mile **Hermit Road** (open to private vehicles December–February) to explore the west end of the Grand Canyon Village. Nine overlooks dot the way, and some of the most popular stops include Hopi Point, Mohave Point and Hermits Rest. Whether you come for sunrise or sunset, it's sure to be spectacular.

## SIGHTSEEING

Stroll the mostly paved **Rim Trail** to explore local history: the **Yavapai Museum of Geology**, with its educational exhibits; **Verkamp's Visitor Center**, one of the oldest buildings in the Village; **Hopi House**, a 1905 Mary Colter-designed Hopi pueblo-style structure; **Mary Colter's Lookout Studio**, a gift shop with books on the Grand Canyon; and **Kolb Studio**, showcasing art and history exhibits.

Perk up to the welcoming aroma of freshly brewed coffee as you walk through the doors of **Bright Angel Bicycles & Café** at Mather Point, where you can start your morning with a latte and a bike ride. Rent a cruiser and pedal approximately 7 miles round trip along the paved Greenway Trail and a traffic-restricted road (shuttle buses only) to the panoramic **Yaki Point**.

## GUIDED TOUR

Hop in a custom Hummer with **Buck Wild Hummer Tours** for a two-hour open-air adventure led by a knowledgeable tour guide who will stop at some of the Grand Canyon's most popular overlooks. Or ride in a bright pink, safari-style Jeep with **Pink Adventure Tours**, which pairs a guided tour of three Grand Canyon viewpoints with tickets to the IMAX film *Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets*.

Get a bird's-eye view of the deepest and widest part of the South Rim on the 30-minute North Canyon helicopter tour by **Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters**. Depart near the Grand Canyon Village and soar over the Kaibab National Forest, the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon's North Rim, taking in sky-high views of spectacular rock formations, cliffs and canyon depths along the way.



Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters, Grand Canyon



Buck Wild Hummer Tours, Grand Canyon

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Scan with your mobile device to download the new National Park Service app for interactive maps, helpful planning tools and up-to-date information.





# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## Practical Planning Tips



South Rim, Grand Canyon

### PEAK SEASON

May → October

### BEST TIME TO VISIT

January → February

With the kids out of school, summertime is undoubtedly the busiest time of year, as visitors from all over the world come to the Grand Canyon to enjoy camping, outdoor adventures and family vacations. If you're staying during this time, be sure to book your lodging early, as reservations start filling up nine months to a year in advance. For cooler weather, lighter crowds and better lodging availability, plan your trip during winter months.



Hermit Road Route, Grand Canyon

### GETTING AROUND

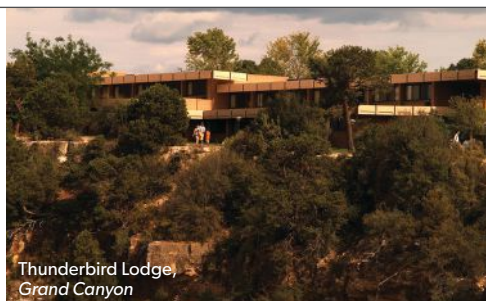
Take advantage of the Grand Canyon National Park's free shuttle buses that operate on set routes\* throughout the park, including the new **Visitor Center Plaza to Hermit Road Express Bus; Kaibab Rim (Orange) Eastbound Route**, connecting the visitor center to three scenic stops; the **Hermit Road (Red) Route**, connecting Grand Canyon Village and Hermits Rest, with scenic overlook stops along the way; and the early-morning **Hikers' Express**, which transports hikers to the South Kaibab Trailhead from the Backcountry Information Center.

For a \$90 fee (one way), the **Trans-Canyon Shuttle** takes visitors between the North and South Rims.

*\*Be sure to check routes before arriving, as schedules and routes are subject to change.*

**WHERE TO STAY** Bring your tent or RV to enjoy the great outdoors at one of the many campsites in the park. Two of the three National Park Service campgrounds accept reservations: **Mather Campground** on the South Rim and **North Rim Campground**. On the South Rim, **Desert View Campground** is first-come, first-serve, and **Trailer Village RV Park** is a concessioner-run RV park with full hook-ups.

If roughing it isn't quite your style, choose from numerous hotels, both inside and outside the park. Located at the top of Bright Angel Trailhead, the historic **Bright Angel Lodge & Cabins** provides rustic accommodations close to outdoor adventure. Take your pick from budget-friendly lodge rooms with shared bathrooms, standard lodge rooms with private bathrooms or private cabins (one of which was home to one of President Roosevelt's "Rough Riders"). **Thunderbird Lodge** and **Kachina Lodge** are popular choices for families, due to their convenient location within walking distance to many of the park's attractions, while the newly opened **Maswick Lodge** is a freshly remodeled historic lodging option nearby. Perched on the edge of the South Rim, the European chalet-style **El Tovar Hotel**, which opened in 1905, offers spectacular views, one-of-a-kind rooms



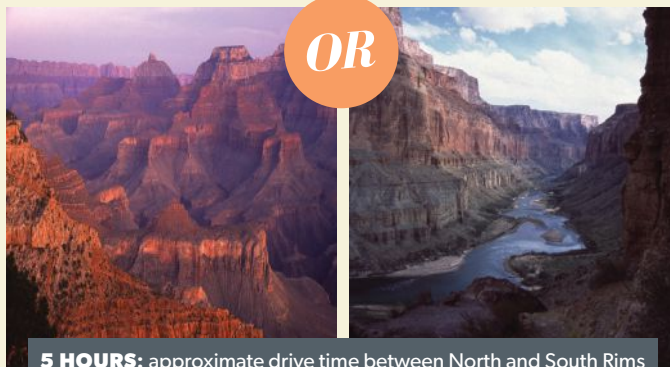
Thunderbird Lodge, Grand Canyon

and suites, and fine dining in the famous El Tovar Dining Room. Just a mile from the entrance of the park in nearby Tusayan, **The Grand Hotel at The Grand Canyon** is the area's only AAA Three Diamond hotel. The rustic chalet-style hotel offers an indoor swimming pool, plus a steakhouse and saloon.

On the North Rim (open mid-May to mid-October, weather dependent), book one of the cozy cabins at the historic **Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim** to stay amid towering pine trees and just steps away from the Bright Angel Point Trail. This landmark lodge boasts cliffside views and an on-site restaurant serving up hearty, regionally inspired dishes.

### SOUTH RIM

Most easily accessible from Phoenix, Sedona or Flagstaff, the South Rim welcomes more visitors than the North Rim and offers the most amenities and attractions in terms of lodging, dining, tours, transportation, viewpoints and family-friendly experiences. It is also open year-round. As this area tends to be much busier—particularly during peak season—be sure to book reservations well in advance.



**5 HOURS:** approximate drive time between North and South Rims

### NORTH RIM

Quieter, more remote and offering fewer services, this rugged portion of Grand Canyon National Park receives fewer visitors and offers a more outdoor-minded experience. Due to its higher elevation, the North Rim is also cooler in temperature and experiences heavy snowfall in winter, resulting in a shorter season. (It's open from mid-May through mid-October.)







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# BASECAMP

## A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO CAMPING IN ARIZONA

BY ELIZABETH EXLINE



Patagonia Lake State Park, Nogales

# 1

**PICK UP SKILLS** Discover your inner adventurer with an Arizona Family Campout. Facilitated by Arizona State Parks and Trails, this one-night adventure for beginners demystifies the experience. Learn skills like how to pitch a tent and manage your water while hiking, plus fishing and geocaching at some of the state's most iconic destinations including Catalina and Patagonia Lake State Parks. Be sure to book early, as spots fill up quickly. See upcoming dates at [azstateparks.com/family-camp](http://azstateparks.com/family-camp).



Lyman Lake State Park, St. Johns

# 2

**SELECT YOUR SITE** Arizona State Parks and Trails has taken the guesswork out of deciding where to camp. Its website offers details like the number of campsites and available amenities at parks across the state. Browse parks by interest (horse trails, hiking, swimming), explore what makes each park unique and reserve a cabin or campsite at [azstateparks.com/reserve](http://azstateparks.com/reserve) or 1-877-MY-PARKS.

# 3

**PACK & PREPARE** In addition to the basics (think shelter, layered clothing, food and water, sunscreen, toiletries and bug repellent), you'll need to bring essentials like a headlamp or flashlight, map/GPS system, first-aid supplies, fire starters, a towel and soap, toilet paper and cookware.



Rim to Rim hike, Grand Canyon

# 4

**GET YOUR GEAR** Not ready to invest in a tent just yet? No problem. This and other camping essentials are available for rent at places like Peace Surplus in Flagstaff, Arizona Hiking Shack in Phoenix and LowerGear Outdoors in Tempe.

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS (3 PHOTOS); SIERA WHITTEN

## Sites to Suit Your Style

The focal point of any camping trip is the scenery. And whether you prefer the splendor of the desert, the tranquility of the woods or the mystery of the water, Arizona offers up plenty of options for your perfect backdrop.

Lost Dutchman State Park, Apache Junction



### NATURE NEWBIE

#### BY THE WATER

**LAKE HAVASU STATE PARK, Lake Havasu City** If the London Bridge of Lake Havasu City isn't reason enough to visit, the beachfront campsites, boating and nature trails are. Fishing, boating and swimming are all available along with 450 miles of shoreline.

#### DESERT WONDERS

**LOST DUTCHMAN STATE PARK CAMPGROUND, Apache Junction** Located just 40 miles east of Phoenix, this park offers the seclusion of the Sonoran Desert and the convenience of nearby civilization. Go in the spring to see a bounty of wildflowers, or go anytime to explore the park's trails and geocaching treasures.

#### IN THE WOODS

**PINE GROVE CAMPGROUND, Flagstaff** Nestled in the Coconino National Forest just south of Flagstaff, this campground is shaded by pine trees and offers access to the Arizona Trail, a border-to-border trail from Utah to Mexico. Look for elk, mule deer and, in winter, bald eagles.



# 5

**STAY SAFE** The great outdoors are better when you're prepared. Before leaving, check weather conditions, leave a trip plan with a trusted contact and bring a map or download trail information on your phone. (Bonus for bringing a solar charger or extra battery.) While you're out, always stay on trails and steer clear of wildlife.



Rim to Rim hike, Grand Canyon

Do you know the Leave No Trace principles? Scan with your phone to see how you can protect Arizona's natural features.



Patagonia Lake State Park, Nogales

# 6

**APPRECIATE AZ** While camping, protect Arizona's natural splendor by following the seven Leave No Trace principles: Plan Ahead and Prepare, Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces, Dispose of Waste Properly, Leave What You Find, Minimize Campfire Impacts, Respect Wildlife and Be Considerate of Other Visitors. Learn more at [appreciateaz.com](http://appreciateaz.com).

# 7

**SHARE A SELFIE** Sometimes your outdoor adventure is too good to keep to yourself. Share a spectacular sunset snap or a victorious selfie from atop a summit and tag #VisitArizona and #AZStateParks. And follow both accounts to stay inspired by Arizona's flora, fauna, history and people. After all, someone else's post may just be your next camping trip.



Rim to Rim hike, Grand Canyon



## COMPETENT CAMPER

**MANZANITA CAMPGROUND, Sedona** As part of the Coconino National Forest, this campground offers access to Sedona's famed Oak Creek for swimming and fishing. (Or venture to nearby Grasshopper Point Swimming & Picnic Area.) Reserve your campsite early; this is a popular destination.

**HOMOLOVI STATE PARK, Winslow** Named for the Hopi word for "Place of the Small Hills," this 4,000-acre state park attracts history buffs for its rich Hopi heritage. Explore ancient ruins and archeological sites set amid the sun-bleached desert.

**BONITA CANYON CAMPGROUND AT CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT, Willcox** Enjoy spacious campsites shaded by trees, and then venture to numerous hiking trails to see dramatic hoodoos and sweeping overlooks. At night, this International Dark-Sky-certified area is a prime place for stargazing.



## BACKCOUNTRY BUFF

**PATAGONIA LAKE STATE PARK, Nogales** Stretching across 260 acres, Patagonia Lake is a show-piece within southeastern Arizona. Reserve one of the 12 boat-in campsites to explore the region's fishing and birdwatching. The Lakeside Market offers rentals and supplies.

**ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT, Ajo** Home to extraordinary Sonoran Desert flora (including 31 species of cactus), this is a designated International Biosphere Reserve. Nine backcountry camping zones include roadless, waterless and trail-less terrain for a truly off-the-beaten-path experience.

**HORTON CREEK TRAIL, Payson** With waterfalls, wildflowers and wild berries, this trail affords much more than forest views. And intrepid campers can experience it up close when they take advantage of the dispersed camping at clearings and campsites available along the trail.



# WELL-LIVED

## BUCKET LIST ADVENTURES OF A LIFETIME

Whether you're a nature lover, a foodie, a weekend warrior, a parent, a spiritual seeker or all of the above, Arizona has epic and unforgettable experiences waiting to be crossed off your dream list.

BY KERIDWEN CORNELIUS

### WILD WANDERERS

The ultimate life-changing wilderness experience is rafting the **Grand Canyon**, and there are numerous ways to choose your own adventure, from three-day motorized outings to 18-day oar odysseys. In addition, look for specialty trips: Multisport fans can mix whitewater kayaking with hiking the Canyon's peaceful **North Rim**. And lovers of craftsmanship can paddle the Colorado River in an elegant, handmade dory. If you prefer hiking poles to paddles, head to the Canyon's western side and trek to **Havasu Falls\***—a paradise of cascading water and teal-hued travertine pools.

Shutterbugs can go on quests to the state's most stunning photo-ops, such as **Coyote Buttes\*** and **The Wave\***—a mesmerizing swirl of striped sandstone. On the other side of the Vermilion Cliffs is photogenic **Antelope Canyon\***. Photographers make

pilgrimages to this slot canyon to capture shafts of sunlight piercing through walls weathered into corkscrew shapes. In Sedona, you can hike to **Huckaby Trail**, which follows along Oak Creek and rewards with panoramic views of red rock buttes and peaks. When the sun goes down, Arizona is still spectacular. Designated an International Dark-Sky Park, **Petrified Forest National Park** is a celebrated stargazing spot. Backcountry campers can marvel at this lunar wilderness beneath the light of the Milky Way while tapping into humanity's timeless connection with the cosmos.

### FUN FAMILIES

Bucket list experiences are typically once-in-a-lifetime, but families who visit **Sprucedale Guest Ranch** in Alpine often return year after year. Adults are drawn to dawn horseback rides, when mist rises from the meadows and antelope and elk scamper into the forests. Kids enjoy going

free-range, riding in the children's rodeo, crafting fishing poles to catch crawdads, milking cows and laughing with newfound friends on hayrides.

For extra good old-fashioned bonding time, ride in a 1923 Pullman car on the **Grand Canyon Railway**. Open the windows and let the pine-scented air blow through your hair as the train chugs from Williams to the South Rim. Combine your journey with a stay at the plush Grand Canyon Railway Hotel, designed to resemble the 1908 hotel that's now part of the Williams train depot.

If unique transportation is your thing, rent a houseboat at Lake Powell's **Wahweap Marina** and cruise a watery wonderland between cliffs the colors of rust and ivory. Rev up a powerboat and waterski in sheltered canyons, or clamber among arches and caves. Then anchor on a

**Photos:** (clockwise from top left) Lake Powell, Page; Grand Canyon Railway & Hotel, Williams; The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale; Sprucedale Guest Ranch, Alpine

### \*BACKCOUNTRY PERMITS

To preserve some of Arizona's more popular—and fragile—wilderness destinations, visitation is limited via a permitting system.

To visit Havasu Falls, make a reservation well in advance ([havasupaireservations.com](http://havasupaireservations.com)). In the Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, Coyote Buttes North (The Wave) and Coyote Buttes South require a day-use permit, granted through a lottery system ([recreation.gov/permits/274309](http://recreation.gov/permits/274309)).

Permits are also required to visit Upper and Lower Antelope Canyon, which are issued by licensed guides and tour operators ([discovernavajo.com](http://discovernavajo.com)).







sandstone beach, fish for large-mouth bass, and watch the sun set as you roast s'mores in a campfire.

**Westin Kierland Resort & Spa** in Scottsdale offers more wet and wild fun—plus urban amenities. At the resort's Adventure Water Park, kids can simulate surfing on a flow-board, tube on a lazy river and rocket down a 110-foot water slide.

#### SOUL SEARCHERS

Arizona is renowned for resorts and wellness centers dedicated to helping people live healthier and more fulfilling lives. In Tucson's Catalina Mountains, you'll find a unique experience at **Miraval Arizona Resort & Spa**, where the therapists have four legs. Horses are highly attuned to human emotions and can serve as windows into the soul. So during Miraval's equine therapy sessions, guests can learn to overcome trauma and anxiety, communicate more authentically, uncover false

beliefs and become more present in the moment.

The folks at **Civana Wellness Resort & Spa** in Carefree know that being in nature soothes inflammation, settles stress hormones and strengthens the ability to focus. That's why they cultivate a sense of calm through an array of alfresco activities. Civana hosts yoga on the lawn, meditation in the rose garden, outdoor labyrinth walking, sunset sound healing and forest bathing in the saguaro forests.

Arizona's spiritual center is Sedona, where swirling fields of energy called vortexes are said to suffuse people with inspiration and healing. **Aumbase Sedona** hosts outdoor yoga in a vortex, where you can clear your chakras while marveling at views of vermilion-colored mountains.

Or peer into the endless night sky beneath countless stars when





Civana Wellness Resort & Spa, Carefree



Miraval Arizona, Tucson



Clear Sky Resorts, Williams

you stay at the newly opened **Clear Sky Resorts**, located approximately 30 minutes from the Grand Canyon National Park's South Rim. You'll stay in your very own geodesic dome complete with panoramic windows, a skylight and a telescope—perfect for late-night stargazing.

### FOODIES

Do you long to break out of your walled-in world and enter an open-air food fantasy in nature? **Cloth & Flame** can bring those imaginings to life. This couple-run company choreographs unforgettable farm-to-table dinners on fairy-lit, flower-festooned tables set in wild places. They've hosted ticketed events in the Superstition Mountains, Sedona's red rocks, Flagstaff's aspen forests and the edge of the Grand Canyon.

The great outdoors always makes food and drink taste better—and never more so than when you've earned them. With **Sedona Adventure Tours**, you'll launch a kayak near Cottonwood and paddle the tree-canopied Verde River. Then decant at Alcantara Vineyards to taste wines in a Tuscan-inspired farmhouse and watch bald eagles soar over the grapevines.

Farm-to-table fare doesn't get any fresher than when you can point to the fields, trees and garden that produced your dinner. At **Quiessence** in Phoenix, diners feast in the backyard of the farmhouse at the Farm at South Mountain. Chef Dustin Christofolo follows a slow food philosophy, so you can linger over the layered flavors of heirloom, artisanal ingredients as you sit under romantic stringed lights.

In nearby Cornville, you can experience a quintessential summer treat: picking fruits, then eating them fresh from the tree. At **Folded Hills Orchard**, gather juicy peaches, crisp apples, tart plums and sweet blackberries from mid-June to September.

### ATHLETIC ASPIRERS

Fitness events barely get more bucket list-y than the **Bisbee 1000**, the only outdoor stair climb in the country. Every October,



Ragnar Trail Arizona, Phoenix

participants run or walk 4.5 miles on steps that wind through Bisbee's colorful streets. Don a quirky costume and peek at quaint houses and gardens as you jog on paths where mules once trotted to copper mines.

If your goal is to complete a full or half-marathon, the party atmosphere at the **Rock 'n' Roll Marathon** will keep you motivated. Live bands stationed throughout the course pump up the 30,000-odd runners who race along Tempe Town Lake, past Papago Park's red rocks and through the greenbelts of Scottsdale. Looking for a team-oriented adventure? Gather a group of eight and tackle the **Ragnar Trail Arizona** relay race through McDowell Mountain Regional Park near Scottsdale. Teams run day and night on saguaro-dotted peaks, covering a total of 120 miles—about 15 miles per person.

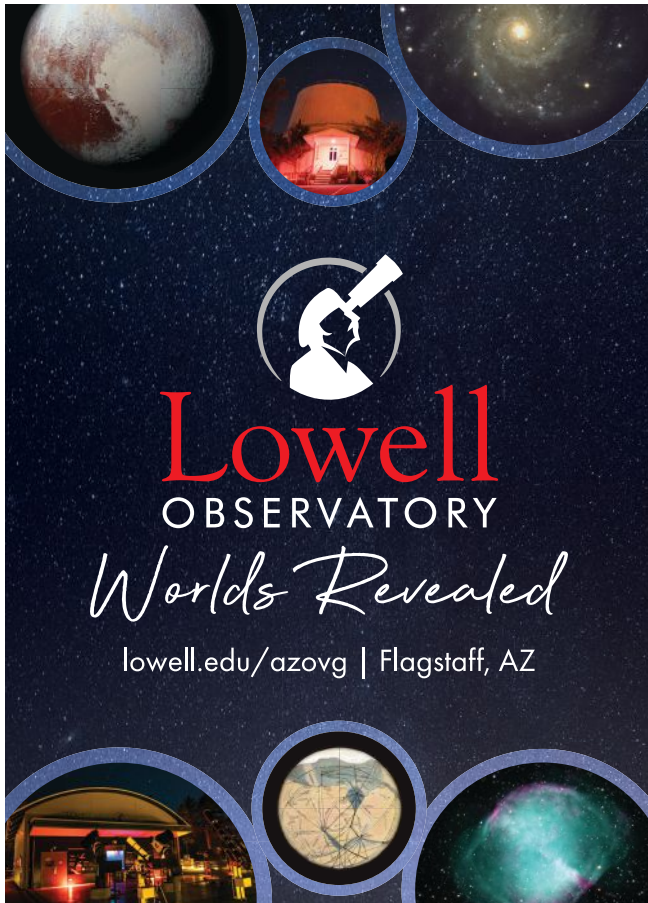
For cyclists, the **El Tour de Tucson** is the classic charity-supporting ride. Tucson is a designated gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community, so two-wheelers from across the country beeline here to pedal 1 to 100 miles through brightly colored barrios and Sonoran Desert scenery.



See the iconic Arizona spots where musician Mitchell Tenpenny filmed his "Bucket List" music video.

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# RANCH RETREAT

In Arizona, wide-open spaces are left just like they're meant to be—well, wide and open. Cowboys still ride the range and coyotes serenade the rising moon. Here, the West still lives and breathes. All you need to join in is a hat and a horse. Both are waiting for you. Escape to the Arizona backcountry with a stay at one of the state's many guest ranches, where the creak of your saddle and the crackle of your campfire nod to a slower pace of life and simpler pleasures.

Hidden away on 590 acres in Sasabe—and surrounded by 120,000 acres of the Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge—it's easy to imagine what life was like hundreds of years ago when you stay at historic **Rancho de la Osa**. Throughout the centuries, these secluded grounds have been home to the Tohono O'odham people, Spanish missionaries, Mexican revolutionaries and cattle ranchers. Fill your days with horseback riding, sport shooting, mountain biking, hiking, birdwatching or simply taking in the sweeping views of mountains and lush desert grasslands.

Want even more of a Wild West escape? Built to resemble a Western town, **Tombstone Monument Ranch** sits just outside the most famous Western town of all: Tombstone. Get a good night's sleep in turn-of-the-century rooms. You'll want to be well rested for all the riding options and other activities offered, like cattle penning, archery and UTV tours. You can even saddle up and ride to the famous O.K. Corral. When the sun goes down, push through the swinging doors of the saloon to enjoy the evening's entertainment.

At **Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch** in Yucca, focus on honing your Wild West skill set, such as barrel racing, target shooting, archery and billiards. Located in northwestern Arizona, this all-inclusive ranch features a variety of riding options, including lope and trotting through desert washes. Oversized rooms are filled with Western décor, and there's also the Pioneer Wagon for families that yearn to sleep under the stars—though quite comfortably.

For a part guest ranch, part resort where casual luxury is the norm, **Rancho de los Caballeros** translates loosely to "Ranch of the Gentlemen on Horseback," and that tells you what to expect at this getaway in Wickenburg. Rooms are scattered about the grounds in lovely casitas. Sumptuous meals are served in the festive dining room. The ranch features daily horseback rides, a full-service spa, trap and skeet range, tennis courts, swimming pool and an 18-hole golf course considered one of the best in the state. In Arizona, that's high praise indeed.

**Tanque Verde Ranch** in Tucson also offers a luxury-meets-adventure experience, where your day could just as easily include yoga and tennis or fishing and archery. Start your day with a Breakfast Ride—a horseback ride through rolling hillsides and towering cacti, ending with a blueberry pancake breakfast cooked for you in the scenic outdoors. After a day of excursions, unwind with a massage or body treatment at La Sonora Spa and a prickly pear margarita at the saloon.



Tanque Verde Ranch, Tucson

Just want a quick Wild West trip? Even if you're not booking an overnight getaway, experienced outfitters can still put you in the saddle. Less than an hour east of Phoenix, venture into the Sonoran Desert with an experienced guide at **O.K. Corral Stables** in Apache Junction. Beginners (and travelers short on time) can ride through the foothills on an easy half-hour ride, while more adventurous riders can opt for an all-day ride through the Goldfield Mountains or the Superstition Mountain Wilderness. No matter which adventure you choose, the views are spectacular.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: RANCHO DE LA OSA; SCOTTSDALE'S MUSEUM OF THE WEST; STAGECOACH TRAILS GUEST RANCH; TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH







Rancho de la Osa, Sasabe



Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch, Yucca



## WESTERN ART GALLERIES

### Desert Caballeros Western Museum, Wickenburg

From sculptures to paintings to historic artifacts, this Smithsonian-affiliated museum embodies the culture and spirit of ranch life through its permanent and rotating exhibits, including the evocative pieces in *Bill Anton Paints the West*, on view December 18, 2021–February 27, 2022.

### Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West, Scottsdale

Another Smithsonian affiliate, this art museum showcases a variety of perspectives on the beauty and culture of the West. See a striking collection of early 20th century photographs of American Indians at *Light and Legacy: The Art of Edward Curtis*, open October 19, 2021.

### Big Horn Galleries, Tubac

Representing some of the most talented modern-day artists specializing in Western art, this fine art gallery features an array of life-like landscape paintings, portraiture and depictions of ranch life.

### The Legacy Gallery, Scottsdale

Representing 100-plus artists in a range of media from watercolor to bronze sculpture and beyond, this fine art gallery showcases representational and impressionistic pieces.

### Phippen Museum, Prescott

From rodeo culture and the Arizona Rancher & Cowboy Hall of Fame to desert landscapes and a working chuck wagon, this Western art museum preserves the legacy of pioneers, cowboys and ranchers.



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# STORIES OF THE ANCIENTS

To truly understand Arizona means walking ancient paths. Take time to learn about the first peoples that populated the land as you explore prehistoric dwellings, the weathered remains of entire villages, artwork etched into rocks, relics and artifacts that are all part of the archeological legacy left behind by different cultures. These are the stories that shaped Arizona.

BY ROGER NAYLOR

No one forgets their first sighting of the ancient high-rise of **Montezuma Castle National Monument**.

Tucked in an alcove in a limestone wall, the imposing five-story cliff dwelling perches above the Beaver Creek floodplain at the edge of Camp Verde. Early settlers believed it belonged to Aztec emperor Montezuma, and the name stuck. A paved trail meanders beneath the shade of graceful sycamore trees and leads to scenic viewpoints of the towering cliff house built by the Sinagua people more than 800 years ago.

Rock walls crown a hilltop above the Verde River in Cottonwood and spill down the ridgeline. **Tuzigoot National Monument** protects the remnants of this ancient Sinagua pueblo built between AD 1125 and 1400. Walk the loop trail to savor the wraparound views of the lush Verde Valley framed by rising mountains. The National Park Service has restored a two-story room at Tuzigoot (Apache for “crooked water”) so visitors can admire the

building techniques and materials used by these resourceful people.

On the quiet prairie north of Flagstaff, the pueblos of **Wupatki National Monument** rise like red-boned ghosts above swaying grasses. The dwellings were the work of Ancient Puebloans through the centuries, including the Hohokam, Cohonina, Kayenta and Sinagua cultures. They were constructed from thin blocks of Moenkopi sandstone, giving them their distinctive red color. Most were built more than 900 years ago. A paved trail curves past Wupatki Pueblo—at three stories and nearly 100 rooms, the largest structure in the park.

**Walnut Canyon National Monument** is an upside down Wupatki. Instead of large multi-room pueblos skylined above open prairie, the smaller dwellings of Walnut Canyon are secreted away in this forested gorge east of Flagstaff. The Sinagua people utilized the natural contours of the



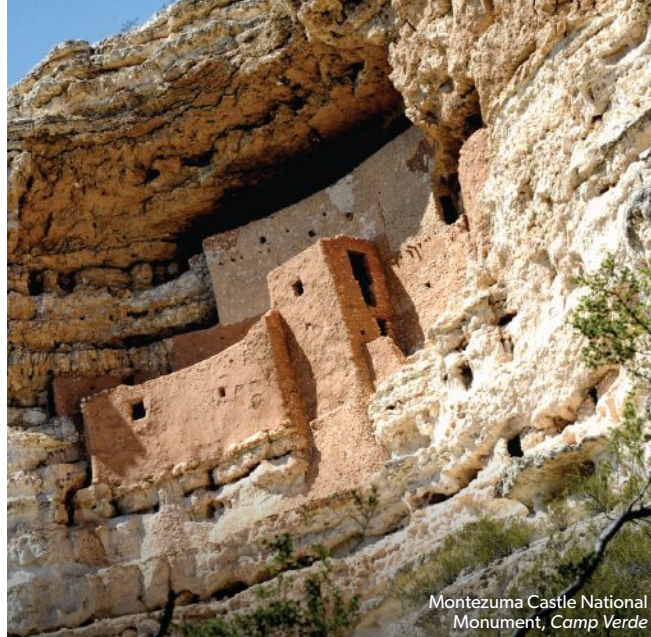


Wupatki National Monument,  
Flagstaff

canyon, building rock shelters in shallow alcoves below the rim. Their cliff dwellings are well preserved, and some can be entered. They survived by farming pockets of soil atop the canyon rim. Why the Sinagua abandoned their homes remains unclear, but it is believed they were eventually assimilated into Hopi culture.

Overlooking Roosevelt Lake, **Tonto National Monument** showcases two distinctive Salado cliff dwellings. Built in natural caves on the flanks of the Superstition Mountains, the structures date back more than 700 years. The Salado people were known for their artistic flair, producing exquisite pottery and intricate textiles. Artifacts from the site are on display in the visitor center. The Lower Cliff Dwelling is open year-round. The larger Upper Cliff Dwelling is accessible only by guided tours November through April.

Operated by the Bureau of Land Management, **Painted Rock**



Montezuma Castle National  
Monument, Camp Verde



Painted Rock Petroglyph Site,  
Dateland

**Petroglyph Site and Campground** sits amid a lonely stretch of desert, northwest of Gila Bend. Some 800 petroglyphs are carved into a cluster of basalt boulders stacked atop a granite outcropping. The art is thought to be remnants of the Hohokam culture that existed in the area from about AD 350 to 1400. Look for human figures, animals, sun symbols, concentric circles, spirals and mazes. Signs provide historic and cultural information. Campers will enjoy desert quiet and star-laden skies.

**Navajo National Monument** protects remarkably preserved Ancestral Puebloan dwellings dating back centuries. Built in a cavernous alcove in the canyon wall, Betatakin was occupied in the late 13th century. Advance reservations are required to make the 17-mile round-trip hike to Keet

Seel, the largest cliff dwelling in Arizona. Sheltered by a massive rock overhang, Keet Seel is considered to be the most intact large site in the Southwest, looking very much like inhabitants left it 700 years ago. Granaries, pottery, petroglyphs, timbers and corncobs give archeologists a glimpse into the distant past.

Tucked away amid the colorful badlands of the **Petrified Forest National Park**, Newspaper Rock displays headlines from centuries ago. More than 650 petroglyphs, some dating back 2,000 years, are spread across several rock faces. Such a high concentration of rock art marks this as a special place. One look at the rolling grasslands punctuated by petrified logs seamed with color and desert hills painted in sunset hues and you know they were right.



## TRIBAL MUSEUMS

### Amerind Museum, *Dragoon*

Surrounded by the dazzling rock formations of Texas Canyon, the Amerind Museum seeks to promote understanding of America's first peoples through exhibits and artifacts. An impressive art gallery displays works of all Western genres. The beautiful grounds include walking paths and picnic tables set amid the boulder fields.

### Heard Museum, *Phoenix*

Internationally known for its collection of American Indian artifacts and artwork, the Heard gives a contemporary voice to Native cultures. Spacious exhibit galleries and outdoor courtyards feature an array of art in a range of genres and styles, and visitors flock to the Heard for educational programs and vibrant festivals.

### Museum of Northern Arizona, *Flagstaff*

This museum tells the story of the Colorado Plateau. It is a land gnawed by erosion, exposing geologic and scenic wonders ranging from Grand Canyon to Monument Valley to Rainbow Bridge to Canyons of the Ancients. Exhibits encompass the biology, geology, anthropology and art of the region.

### Explore Navajo Interactive Museum, *Tuba City*

Set inside a large dome meant to recall a traditional Navajo Hogan, this 7,000-square-foot facility is one of the best places to discover Diné culture. Visitors will learn about creation stories, ceremonial life, family systems and language.



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# Old West Ghost Towns

Time travel may be the stuff of science fiction, but Arizona's ghost towns come close to turning fantasy into reality. From hauntingly restored (and sometimes haunted) buildings, to action-packed gunslinger shootouts, here's how you can return to the past.

BY ELIZABETH EXLINE



O.K. Corral, Tombstone



Gold King Mine and Ghost Town, Jerome

**Oatman**, Arizona became a boomtown when gold was discovered in the early 20th century. Flush with wealth and visitors, the city soon gave rise to the Durlin Hotel, a two-story adobe building best known for having welcomed Clark Gable and Carole Lombard during their honeymoon.

Today, the Durlin Hotel goes by a different name, **Oatman Hotel**, and its only overnight visitors are the paranormal kind. Several ghosts are rumored to haunt the building, which now functions as a bar and restaurant downstairs and a museum upstairs.

For those who prefer performers with a pulse, the **Ghost Rider Gunfighters** duke it out with the Red Ridge Marauders every day in the middle of Route 66 next to the Oatman Hotel.

**Jerome** may be considered the state's most haunted city, but the only ghosts you'll find at **Gold King Mine and Ghost Town** are automotive. This former gold mining camp is now home to more than 180 vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles.

The eerily named **Vulture City**, meanwhile, is a ghost town near Wickenburg that consists of around 12 restored buildings including Henry Wickenburg's home. If you go, check

out the Hanging Tree where 18 men met the long arm of justice.

**Goldfield Ghost Town**, meanwhile, offers an Old West experience just outside of Phoenix. In addition to mine tours, panning for gold, gunfights, a shooting gallery and shops selling everything from pottery to soap, this popular destination now also features a zipline.

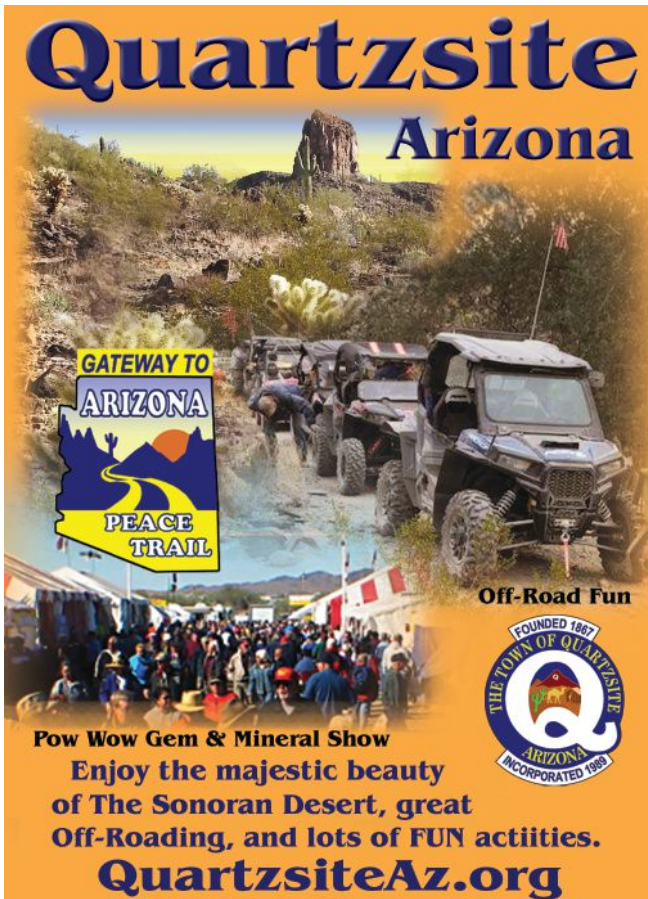
As possibly the state's most famous historic destination, **O.K. Corral** in **Tombstone** captures the rough-and-tumble spirit of frontier days. This town center offers impressively preserved buildings as well as three daily reenactments of the gunfight that made Wyatt Earp a household name.

**The Kentucky Camp**, located in the Coronado National Forest, takes a quieter approach to history. This abandoned mining camp features two restored buildings—one for day use and one for overnight stays—with basic accommodations. (Don't expect heat or plumbing!)

Farther south, the **Queen Mine Tour** in **Bisbee** pulls back the curtain on the inner workings of a turn-of-the-century mine. Pack a sweater—the underground mines are notoriously chilly—and get ready to learn something new from the retired-miners-turned-tour-guides.



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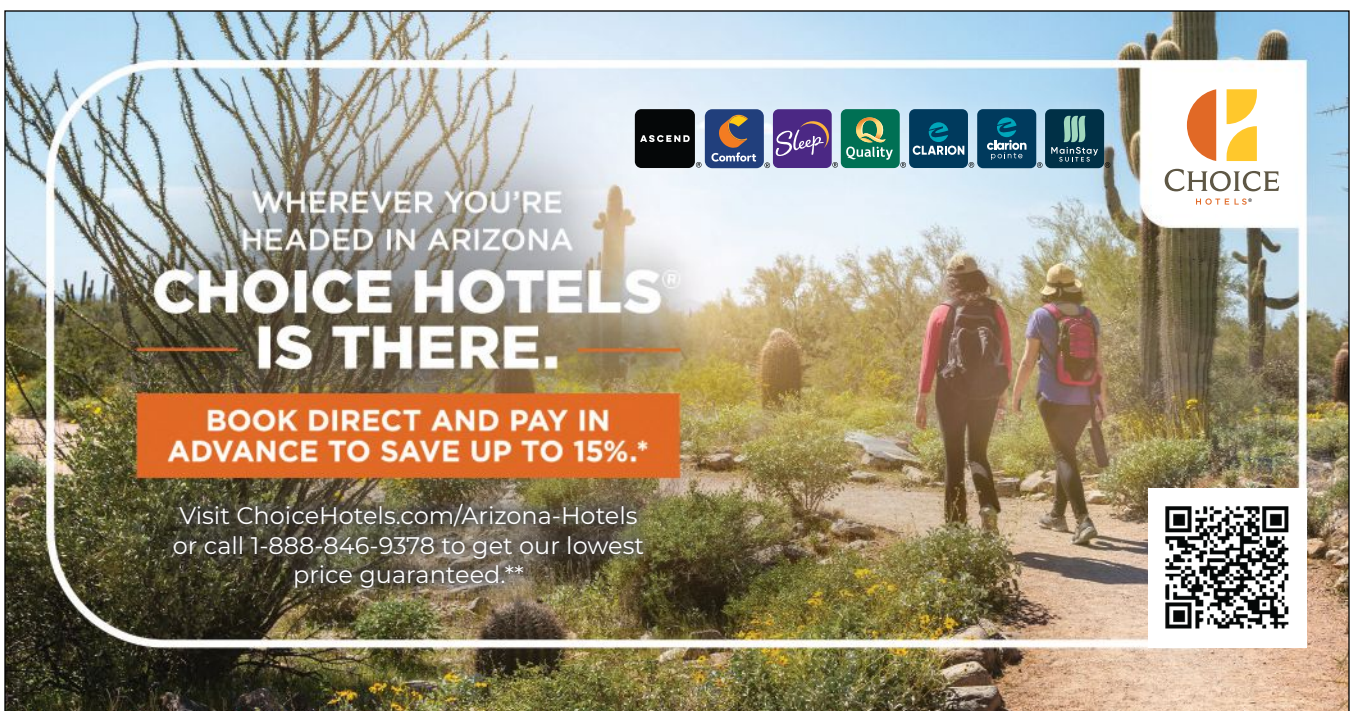
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# MINDFUL MOMENTS

BY IVY MORRIS

A lot can be said about the experiences you can have in Arizona—just try to sum up the incredible heat of a salsa you tasted near the Mexican border or the colors of a sunset over Sedona's red rocks.

But some of the most impactful moments you can have in the Grand Canyon State are the ones that cause words to fail. Places where you're moved to stillness, your surroundings bring you inward and where just a few seconds can stay with you for a lifetime.

Step into a pigmented work of art at the **Painted Desert**. Here, stratified layers of clay and sandstone form a canvas of color—from brick red to light lavender, as well as ochre and coral—created by millions of years of volcanic eruptions, floods, sunlight and earthquakes.

A large portion of the Painted Desert is located on Navajo Nation, which is also home to **Canyon de Chelly National Monument** in Chinle. Spanning more than 80,000 acres, Canyon de Chelly National Monument is best known for its White House Ruin cliff dwellings and Spider Rock, an 800-foot sandstone spire that juts out from the

landscape. Learn about the history of the Navajo people on a scenic drive along the South or North Rims—each more than 30 miles long. Or lace up your shoes for a 600-foot round-trip, self-guided hike to the White House Overlook on the South Rim. Navajo-led tours are also available from guides registered with the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department.

In Sedona, take a short walk beneath colorful prayer flags to **Amitabha Stupa & Peace Park**, an outdoor gathering space for reflection, meditation and spiritual seekers of all beliefs. Two Buddhist stupas—the 36-foot Amitabha Stupa and the smaller Tara Stupa—represent one of the oldest forms of sacred architecture on earth and are a rarity in the West. In addition to the stupas, find an American Indian medicine wheel, a wooden statue of Shakyamuni Buddha and several quiet spots for contemplation among piñon and juniper pines.

Nearby, the **Courthouse Butte Loop Trail** in Sedona is a 3.9-mile, moderate hike that circles Courthouse Butte and Bell Rock—some of the most famous rock formations among Sedona's red rocks. Bell Rock is also famous for being the location of one of Sedona's four energy vortexes: places with positive intensity and



Away Spa at the W Scottsdale, Scottsdale

**DESERT-INSPIRED SPA TREATMENTS** Take a walk through an Arizona desert landscape and you'll find yourself surrounded by healing botanicals for hair, skin and self. Statewide spas make the most of the region's bounty with spa treatments that use area-grown ingredients, like the **A'ut Thoachta (Healing Agave Wrap)** at **Aji Spa** at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass on the Gila River Indian Community near Chandler, which nourishes skin with raw agave nectar and includes a lavender-infused, soothing aloe vera gel. The **Havasupai Falls Rejuvenation** at **Well & Being Spa** at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess uses a body scrub made from essential oil-infused desert salts and a facial mask made from warm red clay from Sedona for a head-to-toe Southwestern experience. An anti-inflammatory native prickly pear sugar scrub and citrus scent are used to re-energize skin and spirit during the **Sonoran Desert Rehydration** at **Lakeside Spa** at Loews Ventana Canyon in Tucson.





**Photos:** (clockwise from top)  
Desert Botanical Garden,  
Phoenix; Oracle State Park,  
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Regional Park, Fort McDowell

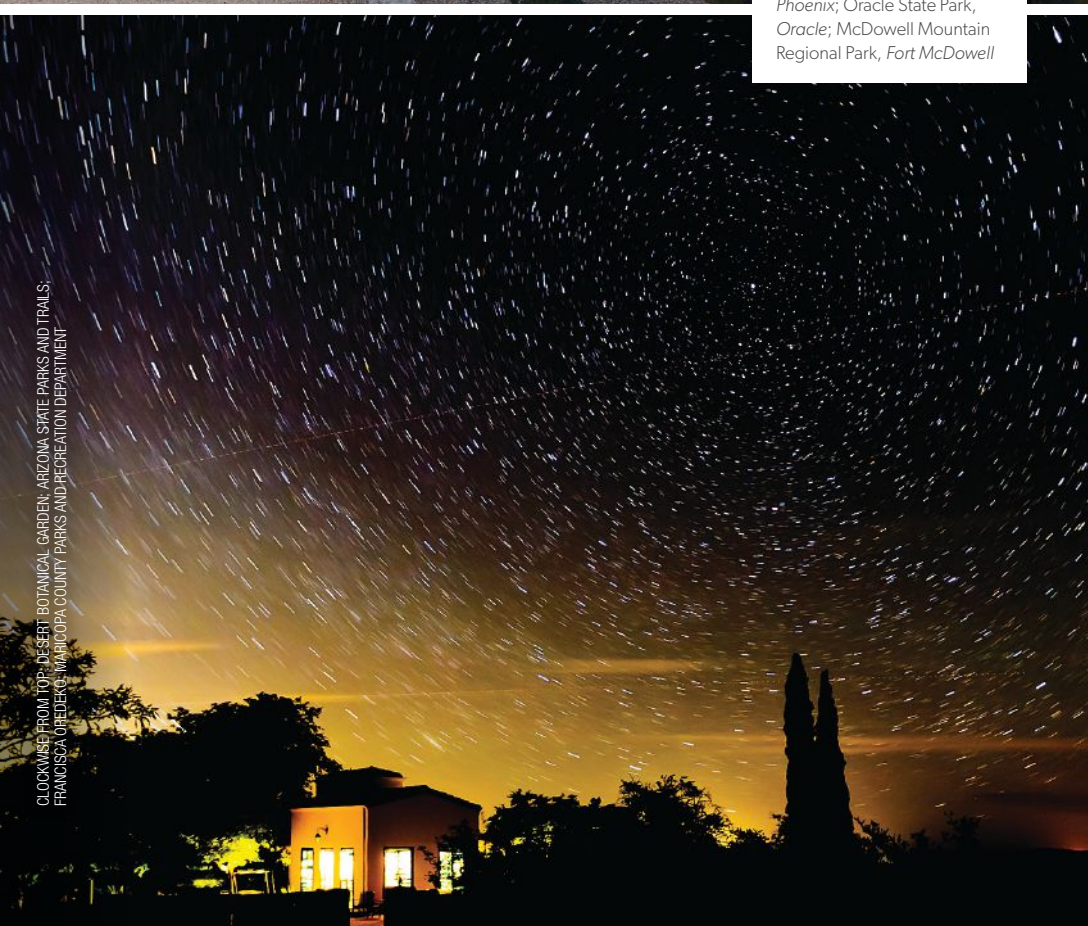
healing qualities. It's been said that a visit to a vortex strengthens a person's inner being and can cause amazing, uplifting transformation. The Courthouse Butte Loop Trail brings you close to the energy, but to get closer, hike the 1.1-mile Bell Rock trail (which connects to the Courthouse Butte Loop Trail), where views from above are worth the scramble.

More than 21,000 acres are yours to explore at **McDowell Mountain Regional Park** in Fort McDowell, where the desert and lower Verde River basin becomes a playground for hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders. Keep your eyes open; the park offers views of the Four Peaks and the distinct Weavers Needle spire, and you may see javelina, coyotes and deer.

Ponder the vastness of the universe at **Oracle State Park**, an International Dark-Sky Park in the northern foothills of the Catalina Mountains, where the unobstructed sky views and supreme darkness create perfect conditions for seeing the Milky Way and other celestial bodies. After park hours, access the American Avenue Parking Area for nighttime stargazing.

The best place to be earlier in the day? **Yavapai Point**, within the Grand Canyon Village. Take in sunset views: below a changing sky of magenta, burning orange, indigo and violet, spot the river and Isis Temple to the north, and peaks all the way to the Desert View viewpoint to the east. Yavapai Point is the northernmost point of the South Rim of the Grand Canyon and the closest to the Colorado River.

The Fine Family Contemplation Garden is situated at the heart of the **Desert Botanical Garden** in Phoenix and was created as a place to center the self. Within the Kittell Family Heritage Garden, on the 0.3-mile Desert Discovery Loop Trail, the multisensory space connects past and present. Photos from the 1940s show the area planted with small cactus, which stand tall today, surrounding a swirling, circular labyrinth made of high-contrast terrazzo. Shallow water features multiply the surrounding flora and fauna in their reflections and serve as resting spots for birds.





# ARIZONA UNPLUGGED

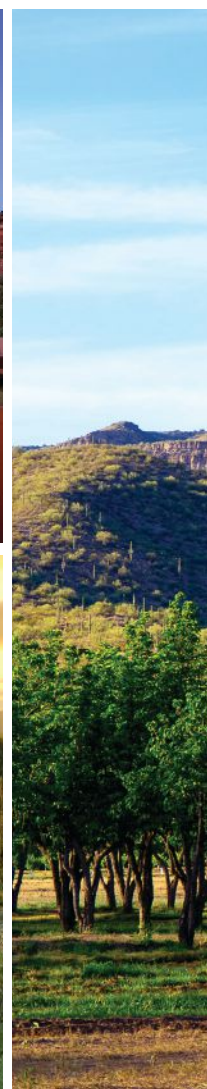
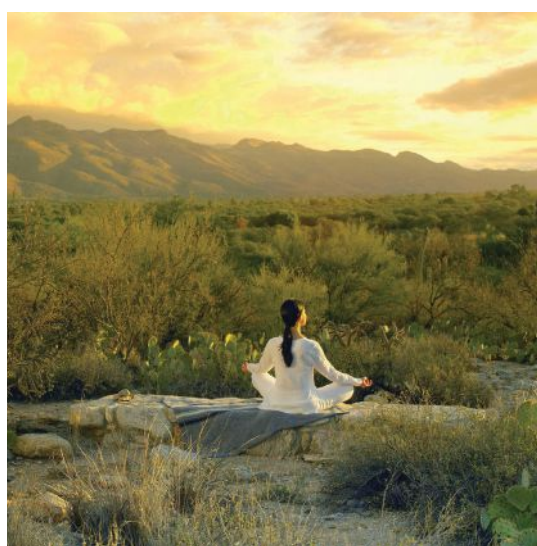
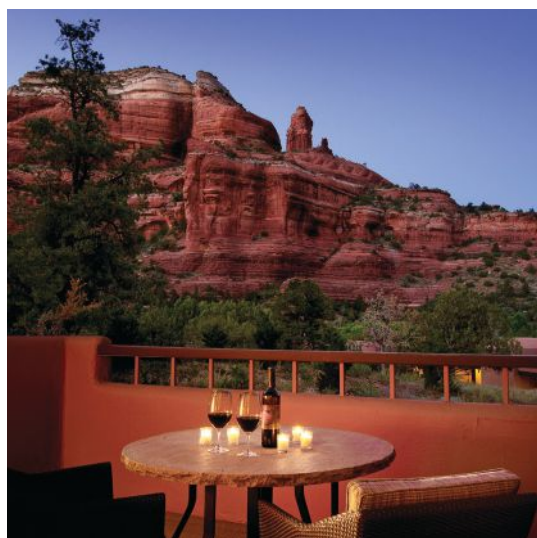
## RESTFUL RETREATS FOR A DIGITAL DETOX

Think back to your last vacation. Perhaps there was a beach or a spa or snow-skiing. Most certainly, there was a smartphone involved. (For a few overworked souls, there may have even been a laptop.) Yet for all the pervasiveness of digital devices, the pendulum is beginning to swing the other way. Tech-free retreats are the new “it” vacations, and it sounds like it’s just in time—we all could use a digital detox. Disconnect for awhile and recharge your mind at these quiet escapes throughout Arizona’s remote landscapes, where the scenery is far superior to the cell reception.

Escape to a Southwestern paradise with your own private casita at the base of Boynton Canyon when you stay at Sedona’s **Enchantment Resort**, where blazing red rock, aquamarine swimming pools and vibrant green tennis courts set the scene for visual splendor. You won’t

even notice the limited cell phone signal, as you’ll find plenty of ways to stay occupied: hiking Boynton Canyon Trail through an energy vortex, marveling at the soaring Fay Canyon Arch, mountain biking through miles of desert trails, teeing off at the exclusive 18-hole, Tom Weiskopf-designed course at **Seven Canyons Golf Club** and taking part in mind-body experiences such as Qi Gong and Vinyasa yoga. At the end of your day, use all your senses at Che Ah Chi restaurant, featuring American Indian-influenced cuisine, an award-winning wine list and awe-inspiring views of red rock canyon walls.

Also in the area is **Junipine Resort**, a quiet escape with private condo-style accommodations amid the forests of Oak Creek Canyon, about 8 miles from the artisan shops and gourmet eateries of downtown Sedona. Bask in the sounds of





nature from your wrap-around deck, cozy up next to your wood-burning fireplace and stroll the hiking trails latticing throughout the 12-acre estate. Nearby West Fork Trail in the Secret Mountain Wilderness offers even more natural beauty.

Synonymous with renewal of the mind, body and spirit for more than four decades, **Canyon Ranch** in Tucson is the ultimate escape for a reset. Turn off your phone for a few days and make the most of this all-inclusive experience, where you'll spend your time exploring the sprawling spa complex, enjoying outdoor adventures from archery to hiking, moving your body with yoga or tennis, and honing your mind with meditation and sound healing. Bonus: the breathtaking scenery of the surrounding Santa Catalina Mountains provides the ultimate stress-free environment.

Another luxury option is **The Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain** in Marana, boasting the dramatic beauty of the Tortolita Mountains paired with plush accommodations. Leave your phone in your room as you sunbathe at the hotel's three swimming pools, when you unwind with a gemstone-inspired treatment at the spa or when you're focusing on your golf game on the three Jack Nicklaus-designed courses. When you're ready to venture off-property, follow the 6.8-mile Wild Burro Loop to be surrounded by desert flora of all kinds, from mesquite and ironwood trees to saguaro and barrel cacti.

For a more casual getaway immersed in natural beauty, **Aravaipa Farms Orchard and Inn** in Winkelman is the spot. Surrounded by fruit trees and the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness, the inn offers a garden and orchard, spotty Wi-Fi and no televisions. Guests have plenty

of time for hiking, bird watching and eating the farm-to-table dinners offered nightly. "It's funny how many people get out here and say, 'It was so nice not to have my phone dinging all the time,'" says co-owner Jill Madden. "I think people want that more than they admit."

Located an hour north of Phoenix, **Castle Hot Springs** requires visitors to traverse just over 7 miles of unpaved roads before they arrive, but the remote locale in the Bradshaw Mountains makes the journey worth it. Guests can soak in thermal pools, tour the 3-acre farm and, since Castle Hot Springs is a refuge from light pollution, soak up views of a dazzling night sky. While the Wi-Fi is strong, cell service is not, so be ready to hang up and follow the resort's motto: "disconnect to reconnect."

At the safari-style **Under Canvas Grand Canyon**, guests enjoy

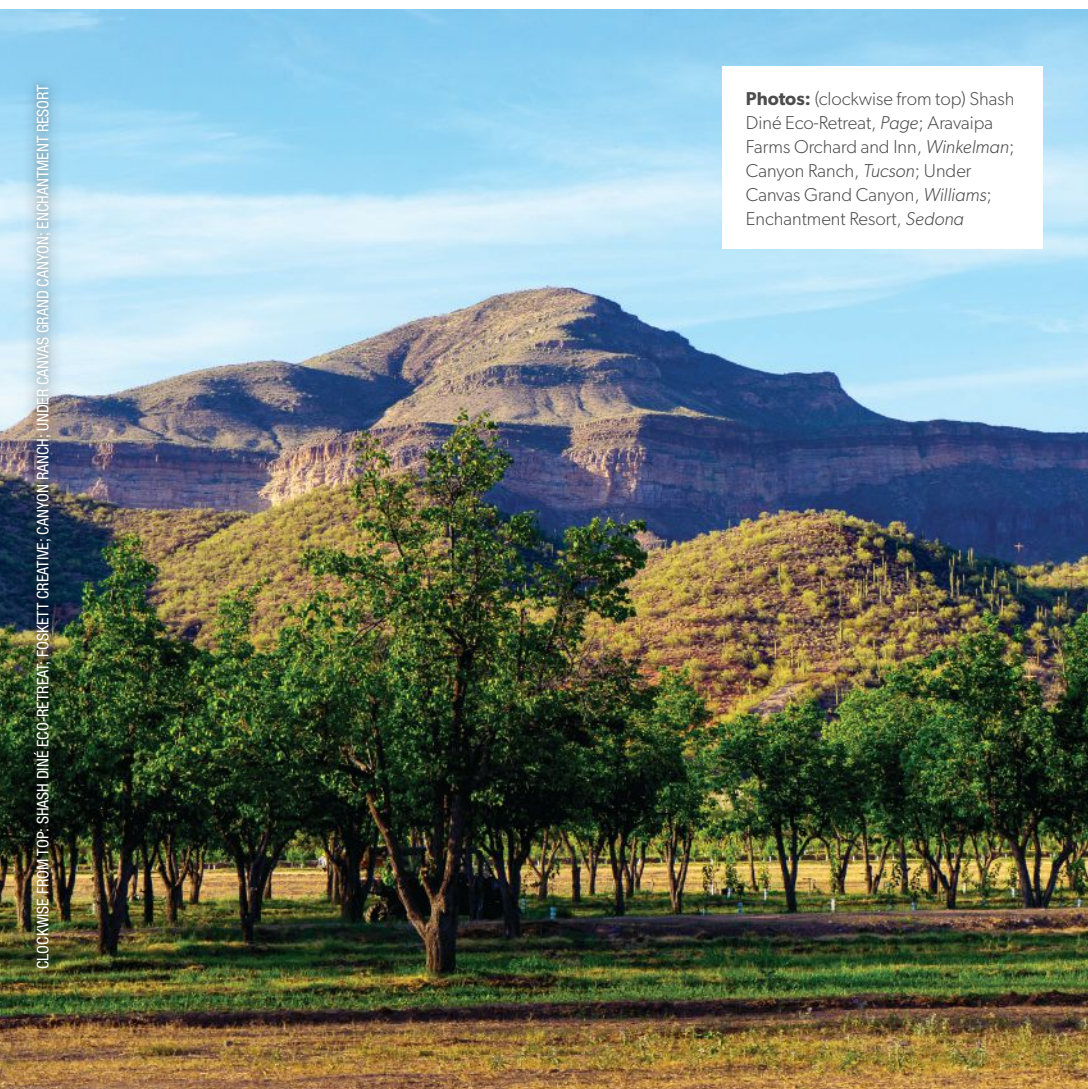


the best of the natural world (160 acres of forest near Grand Canyon National Park's South Rim) with just enough amenities to keep city slickers happy. Cozy up in a spacious tent outfitted with rustic-chic West Elm furniture, a real bed and a private bathroom. During the day, indulge in outdoor fun like driving tours and guided hiking. As for your devices, leave them in the car. The intentional lack of Wi-Fi is meant to inspire a connection with the great outdoors.

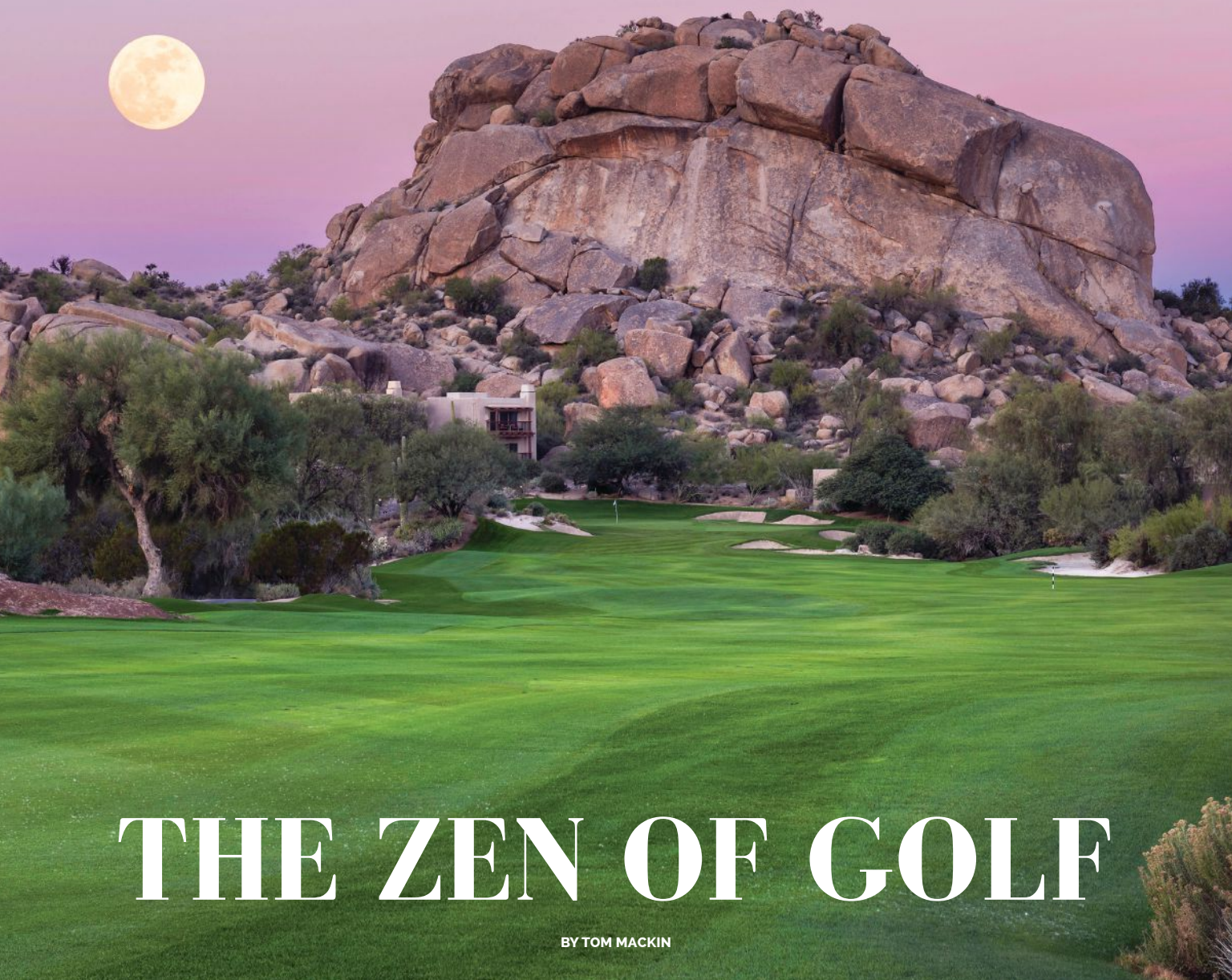
If completely off-grid is your goal, **Shash Diné Eco-Retreat** outside Page is a natural choice. Located on tribal lands and steeped in Navajo traditions, this rustic (think: no running water or electricity) bed-and-breakfast offers an authentic Navajo Experience, which includes a three-night stay in a traditional earth-and-log hogan, mutton and vegetable dinner, Navajo storytelling and sweeping vistas of desert lands. Other accommodation options include glamping tents, an Old West-style covered wagon and an ultra-modern metal "cabin" called the Kyōōb. At night, gather around a campfire and take in the dazzling night sky filled with countless glittering stars.

Whether you're camping in Arizona's vast desert or tucked into a sumptuous suite at a five-star hotel, the important part of disconnecting isn't the surroundings—it's reconnecting with what matters most: Your loved ones, yourself and the ever-fleeting bliss of being in the present moment.

**Photos:** (clockwise from top) Shash Diné Eco-Retreat, Page; Aravaipa Farms Orchard and Inn, Winkelman; Canyon Ranch, Tucson; Under Canvas Grand Canyon, Williams; Enchantment Resort, Sedona







# THE ZEN OF GOLF

BY TOM MACKIN

Birds chirping, a mild breeze blowing, the gentle whir of golf carts off in the distance—the natural soundtrack of golfing lends itself to being in the “here and now,” to immersing yourself in the present moment—ideal, since the mental challenge of the game requires maintained focus. Escape from your everyday life, if only for a few hours, with these luxurious golf resorts that pair mind-body experiences, spectacular scenery and world-class courses.

Quieting the mind is not always easy to do, but it's very possible at **The Boulders Resort & Spa** in Scottsdale. Strolling around a meditation labyrinth helps spa and resort guests clear away stress and provide a level of mental clarity useful to playing well. That

elevated consciousness is sure to help on the peaceful North and South Courses, both of which are dotted with massive, ancient examples of the resort's namesake.

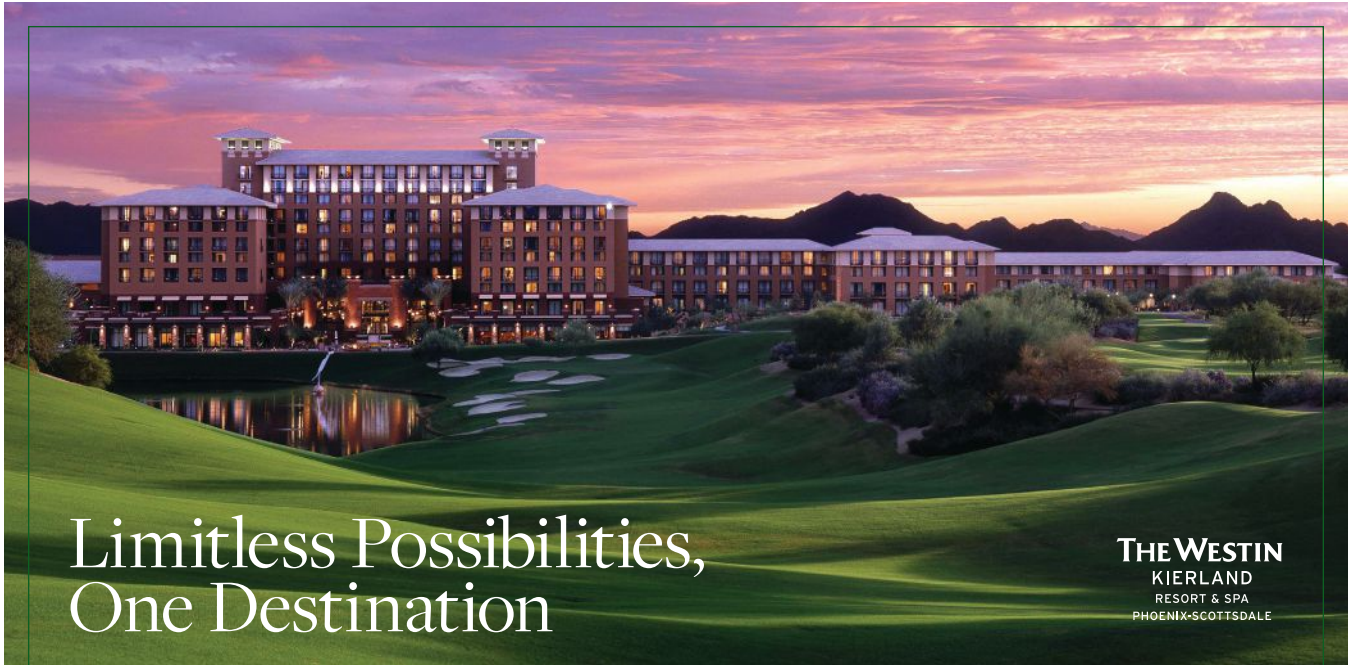
The Mitakuye Oyasin Morning Ritual at the **JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa** is a centuries-old method of starting each day in a positive manner. Held at the resort's Salud Terrace, the traditional American Indian ceremony includes the burning of sage and an eagle feather blessing, helping guests connect with nature and find a focused mindset. Use the latter to your advantage out on the resort's 18-hole layout (formerly the Rattler and Roadrunner nines) or try your luck on the walker-friendly Coyote nine-hole course.

Just south of downtown Sedona sits **Hilton Sedona Resort at Bell Rock**. Natural beauty and awe-inspiring views set the meditative vibe here. Get your head in the game with a Signature Sedona Energy treatment at the onsite Eforea Spa, where soothing massage techniques are interwoven with energy work such as Reiki, sound healing and chakra balancing. Then, tee it up at the adjacent Sedona Golf Resort, featuring a 6,646-yard, par-71 course surrounded by dramatic buttes and the dome of Bell Rock.



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# MEET THE MAKERS

There's a certain feeling you get from a handcrafted item, of holding something carefully created by skillful hands—an item made by one person for another. Crafters, builders, makers—their work tells stories about a place as much as the place influences their work. Consider how the unique mix of Arizona's climate and soil creates the perfect environment for small-batch wine and varieties of lavender. Or the way many native animals and plants (like Arizona's iconic saguaro) inspire and adorn a number of products and art. Get a glimpse into some of the state's many talented makers, craftsmen and culinary artisans, and be sure to shop their wares to take a piece of Arizona home with you.



Iva Honyestewa of Iskasokpu Gallery, Second Mesa

## ◀ IVA (HONWYNUM) HONYESTEWA OF ISKASOKPU GALLERY

In a small room that connects Iskasokpu Gallery to the home of Iva—Hopi name Honwynum, which means “Female Bear Walking”—Honyestewa, floor-to-ceiling shelves line the walls, and a window looks out over an Arizona canyon striated in color. She weaves two traditional Hopi baskets, the coil (*poota*) and the sifter (*tutsaya*) using yucca gathered from Hopi tribal lands. “The preparation takes a couple weeks to gather your yucca,” says Honyestewa, “to clean it, to split it, to dye it.” She uses natural

plant-based dyes to create the bold, bright colors for which she is known. For Honyestewa, basketweaving is both a spiritual endeavor and a communal activity. When she weaves alone, it's meditation. When she weaves with others, it's a time to talk and laugh. Her creation, the *pootsaya*, emerged in 2014, during her artist residency at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, and it's the first of its kind in the world. Now, Honyestewa and her niece Reba Ann Lomayestewa, whom Honyestewa taught how to weave the *pootsaya*, are the only basketweavers making it.

## ATSUO SAKURAI OF ARIZONA SAKE

Yokohama native Atsuo Sakurai settled in Holbrook and began making his native country's most well-known beverage—sake, or Japanese rice wine—out of a garage. Not only has he seen huge success (chefs, restaurateurs and distributors snatch up Sakurai's sake as fast as he can bottle it), but he's received some of the highest honors in the Japanese sake world. His product, Arizona Sake, was awarded the title “World's Best Sake Made Outside Japan” at Tokyo's Sake Competition. Sakurai

makes his *junmai ginjo sake* in small batches using traditional ingredients of rice, yeast, water—specifically, Arizona water—and a (good) fungus called *koji*. He attributes the flavor of his sake to the fact it's unfiltered and unpasteurized, giving it a pure taste, and the region's cold, dry temperatures help with the fermentation process. In the garage, the tanks are filled with fermenting sake, giving off a fruity aroma reminiscent of apples and bananas. After three weeks of fermenting and filtration, the sake is bottled, labeled and ready to savor. ➤



Atsuo Sakurai at Arizona Sake, Holbrook





Stephen Paul at Hamilton Distillers, Tucson

## ◀ **STEPHEN PAUL OF HAMILTON DISTILLERS**

One evening in 2006, Stephen Paul and his wife Elaine were barbecuing over mesquite wood scraps from the couples' custom furniture company, Arroyo Design, and drinking their beverage of choice—Scotch. Then Elaine asked a question: "What if you could malt barley over a mesquite fire instead of a peat fire like they do in Scotland?" Stephen Paul got to thinking. What if you could? Little did they know, this single question laid the foundation for what would become Hamilton Distillers, a boutique whiskey distillery in Tucson named one of the best whiskey distilleries in America by *Esquire* magazine. Today, Hamilton Distillers is beloved for its three regional whiskeys—Dorado, Clear and Classic—each under the label Whiskey Del Bac. Drinkers can expect to taste notes of caramel, vanilla and occasionally butterscotch in the mesquite-smoked varieties and black cherry in the aged whiskeys. Sample all three on a 1.5-hour tour of the distillery, followed by a guided tasting experience.

## **DON GUERRA OF BARRIO BREAD**

On any given day, devoted locals fill the tiny space of Barrio Bread, eager to buy fresh artisanal loaves known for their signature, multi-textured feel and taste: crispy on the outside and chewy and airy on the inside. To create his beloved bread, owner and Arizona native Don Guerra employs a French-style technique that relies on the starter *levain*, or French sourdough, as the foundation of the bread. Guerra also sources organic, mostly locally grown heritage grains in all of the 3,700 loaves he makes weekly. And his oven, like the grains in the bread, is rooted in artisanal tradition—a gigantic Italian deck oven imported from Verona, Italy. On the Barrio menu, you'll see a loaf called Desert Durum—nutty in flavor, crunchy in texture. And stenciled on the top of the dough? The signature saguaro—an image now synonymous with not only the Barrio brand but Arizona itself. Buy a loaf of your own at Barrio Bread's storefront in Tucson at Broadway Village.



Don Guerra at Barrio Bread, Tucson





Terry Vesci at Pine Creek Lavender Farm, Pine

## ◀ TERRY VESCI OF PINE CREEK LAVENDER FARM

Nestled in the mountains of north-central Arizona sits Pine Creek Canyon Lavender Farm in Pine. It's here that owner Terry Vesci, a lawyer turned farmer, and her husband Rick, hand-harvest 5,000 lavender plants on a homestead settled by pioneers in the late 1800s. The aromatic Grosso variety shows up in Terry's artisanal products, such as soaps and lotions, and she uses Royal Velvet and Provence varieties in her culinary goodies like tea, cocoa, lavender salt and lavender-lemon pepper. Step inside the hand-hewn log shed that doubles as the farm's gift shop to browse the shelves stocked with all-natural products made from the bounty of Terry's and Rick's lavender fields. While you're there, don't forget to stop and smell the flowers.

## WENDELL CROW OF CROW'S DAIRY ▶

High school sweethearts Wendell and Rhonda Crow were cattle dairy farmers in Tolleson, Arizona. But about 10 years ago, they "converted" to goats and never looked back. Their 5-acre Grade A farmstead in Buckeye is home to 300 Anglo-Nubian goats whose milk produces enough artisan cheese to service 110 restaurants and a handful of retail outlets, including dozens of farmers' markets, around Arizona. Find Crow's Dairy products at area farmers' markets such as Uptown Farmers Market in Central Phoenix, Momma's Organic Market in Peoria and Tempe Farmers Market, as well as on the menus of Arizona eateries such as FNB in Scottsdale and Lon's at the Hermosa Inn in Paradise Valley.



Wendell Crow at Crow's Dairy, Buckeye



Eric Watson at Watson's Hat Shop, Cave Creek

## ▶ ERIC WATSON OF WATSON'S HAT SHOP

In Arizona, we know about cowboy culture, and no piece completes the look more than the iconic cowboy hat. Many in search of that perfect accessory find their way to Watson's Hat Shop in Cave Creek, where master hatter Eric Watson crafts wearable works of art. As a

young craftsman, Watson reveled in the details and the history of the craft, so much so that he purchased antique machinery (some dating from the 1800s) on which to make and restore hats. A 1900s-era crown iron machine purrs and clicks as it molds beaver felt onto a hat block. The 1926 blocking table hisses as steam shapes hat brims. Shelves

### FARM TOUR

Learn how extra virgin olive oil is made on the Olive Oil 101 Educational Tour at Queen Creek Olive Mill. This 45-minute guided experience includes cooking ideas and tasting tips, as well as a visit to the on-site gourmet marketplace.



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# SHOP SMALL



El Be Goods, Tucson

## FRANCES

From locally made cocktail mixers to Arizona-inspired t-shirts to cheeky greeting cards, this shop in Phoenix features the wares of independent artists, crafters and businesses.

## PHOENIX GENERAL

Whether you're looking for design-forward home goods, eco-friendly skincare products or hand-harvested botanicals to transform your shower into a spa-like experience, this hot shop has got the goods.

## EL BE GOODS

Sustainable, ethically made clothing—plus on-trend jewelry, stylish sunglasses, desert-inspired bath products, handwoven sandals and cheeky greeting cards—can be found at this boutique in Tucson.

## FLAGSTAFF GENERAL STORE

You never know what you'll find at this funky shop, which sells local art, handmade jewelry, vintage décor and refurbished furniture. From antique skis to soy candles to chalk paint, it's all fair game.

## CLEAR CREEK TRADING COMPANY

Authentic American Indian crafted artifacts are the draw at this Sedona shop, featuring the works from more than 30 tribes. Peruse everything from baskets to beadwork and leathers to feathers.

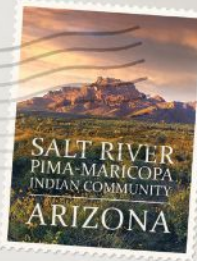


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# In Good Taste

It might be hard to imagine that the arid desert could possibly deliver such a bounty of distinct foods and flavors, yet they come in abundance: fruity prickly pear cactus, densely sweet dates, mesquite-tinged honey, sweet and hot chiles, you-name-it. Savor these Southwestern sensations with gourmet food products crafted by local artisans.

**1 Cutino Sauce Co., Phoenix:** Liven up your dishes with these small-batch, handmade hot sauces that range from the smoky Chipotle to the zingy Habanero. (Tip: don't miss the limited-edition Ghost hot sauce, released every fall during the peak of ghost pepper season.)

**2 Sphinx Date Co. Palm & Pantry, Scottsdale:** Local flavors are the draw at this farm and gourmet food shop filled with Arizona-made wines, gifts and treats. Try the sweet-and-tangy Medjool Date Salsa made with dates, tomatoes and chiles.

**3 Rango Honey, Tempe:** Add a touch of sweetness to your dishes with pure, raw honey straight from the Sonoran Desert, touting distinct flavors that come from wild sage, mesquite wood, Southwestern wildflowers and bright citrus groves.

**4 Queen Creek Olive Mill, Queen Creek:** This family-owned olive farm is known for its flavorful lineup of extra virgin olive oils, specialty vinegars and pickled snacks—think Meyer Lemon Olive Oil, Tequila Cask Balsamic Vinegar and Mesquite Smoked Almond Stuffed Olives.

**5 Timbo's Spice, Gilbert:** Spice things up with one of these handcrafted seasonings and rubs, such as the Adobo Spice, a chile-forward blend made in collaboration with local Chef Andres Jimenez.

**6 Arizona Cactus Ranch, Green Valley:** Surrounded by wild Engelmann prickly pear cactus, this century-old cattle ranch hand-harvests the fruit buds in late summer to make all-natural prickly pear nectar with no added sugar or preservatives.

**7 Iconic Cocktail Co., Phoenix:** Elevate your at-home cocktail experience with specialty tonics, syrups, flavorings and mixers. The Prickly Pear Sour mix pairs perfectly with your choice of spirit for a pleasantly pink—and quintessentially Arizonan—drink.

**8 Hayden Flour Mills, Queen Creek:** Stock up on stone-milled flour, artisan pastas and heritage grains from this flour mill, where you'll find options like White Sonora Wheat Pizza Flour and Yellow Corn Polenta made from locally grown ingredients.





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# AWESOME, ORIGINAL (and Occasionally Odd) EATS

## UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCES ACROSS ARIZONA

Variety is the spice of Arizona's most unforgettable culinary destinations. The food might spotlight Southwestern flavors like prickly pear and buffalo, or downhome fare like cowboy chili and farm-fresh date shakes. And the standout settings are just as diverse: Here, you can dine in a cave, on a steamboat, beside a burbling creek or amidst the ghosts of gunslingers.

BY KERIDWEN CORNELIUS



La Posada, Winslow

◀ A completely kind of different Route 66 experience awaits in Winslow at La Posada—an antique-adorned 1929 hacienda designed by Mary Colter for the Santa Fe Railway Company. The hotel's highly acclaimed **Turquoise Room** restaurant celebrates Southwestern ingredients including tepary beans, prickly pear, bison and Navajo churro lamb. Stop in for a meal, and be sure to stroll through this architectural masterpiece, which has hosted such guests as Albert Einstein, Amelia Earhart and John Wayne.

▶ You wouldn't expect to find the world's largest floating restaurant in the middle of a landlocked desert, but Arizona is full of unexpected encounters. **Jádi To'ho Restaurant** near Page floats at Antelope Point Marina on Lake Powell, so diners can cruise up to the eatery in a car or in a boat. Snag a seat on the patio and sip a prickly pear margarita while watching waves lap up to sienna sandstone formations.



Jádi To'ho Restaurant, Page

▶ With its turquoise and pink facade, checkerboard floor and automobile memorabilia, **Mr. D's Route 66 Diner** near Kingman takes kitsch into overdrive. And that's exactly what travelers seek along the Mother Road. Play some 1950s tunes on the jukebox, slide into a booth, wash down a bacon cheeseburger with a homemade root beer and bask in the nostalgia.



Mr. D's Route 66 Diner, Kingman

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: JOHN WEATHERBY; BEN CHRISTENSEN; KINGMAN OFFICE OF TOURISM

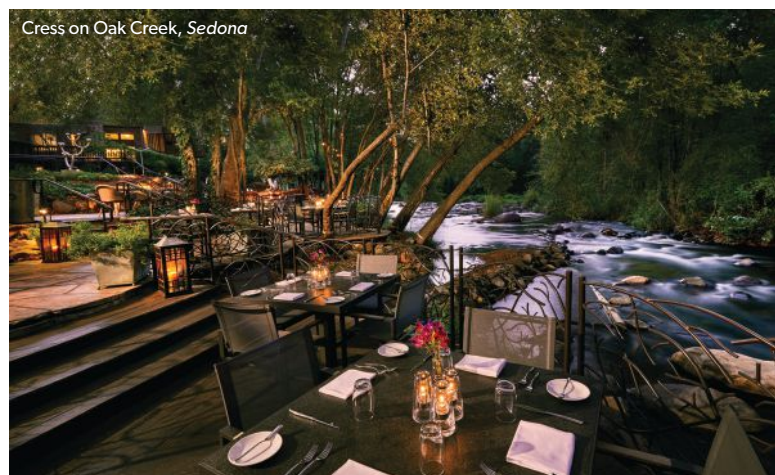




Different Pointe of View,  
Phoenix

Picture the most romantic dining experience imaginable and you may conjure something like **Cress on Oak Creek** at L'Auberge de Sedona. Linen-draped tables are set on the banks of a serene, herbal-scented stream. Candles and lanterns set the sycamores aglow. Executive Chef Franck Desplechin invokes intoxicating flavors like lobster with chorizo oil or smoked chocolate soufflé. The setting is so sublime you may be inspired to start the next morning on the sun-dappled patio with a breakfast banana split.

Few restaurants boast walls that are 345 million years old. Then again, few eateries are tucked away in a network of caves 210 feet underground. That's what makes **The Grotto at Grand Canyon Caverns** near Peach Springs one of the most remarkable culinary experiences on the planet. Diners descend 21 stories in an elevator, tour the caverns, then sit at one of four tables to enjoy comfort food surrounded by craggy, otherworldly geology.



Cress on Oak Creek, Sedona

Perched atop North Mountain in Phoenix, **Different Pointe of View** commands jaw-dropping views of the surrounding peaks and sunsets that give way to glowing city lights. But this beloved gem isn't just about patio panoramas and floor-to-ceiling windows. Thanks to exceptional service and Mediterranean-meets-Southwestern fare (think: guajillo-seared pork with roasted green chile-cilantro hummus), it's the Valley's longest consecutively awarded AAA Four-Diamond restaurant.

Drive the scenic Apache Trail east of Phoenix, past the cerulean waters and golden cliffs of Canyon Lake, and you'll find yourself in Tortilla Flat, a tiny Old West town with a population of six. Road trippers and bikers beeline here for burgers, spicy chili and prickly pear gelato at the **Superstition Restaurant & Saloon**, famous for its saddle barstools and 350,000 signed dollar bills papering the walls.



Superstition Restaurant &  
Saloon, Tortilla Flat



Grand Canyon Lodge Dining  
Room, Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon's North Rim is the more serene and sylvan sister of the popular South Rim, and its 1928 lodge melds seamlessly with the setting, thanks to native wood beams and Kaibab limestone walls. In the **Grand Canyon Lodge Dining Room**, it's worth the wait for a window seat, where you can drink in forest-fringed canyon views while digging into trout or buffalo tenderloin.

When you're in Sedona, it's impossible to take your eyes off the paprika-and-chile-colored rocks. Fortunately, at **Mariposa**, you don't have to. The expansive patio sits atop a bluff overlooking miles of majestic mountains against an ever-changing sky. The scenery is as sensuous as beloved Chef Lisa Dahl's South American-inspired dishes, like wood-fired chorizo or beef empanadas with chimichurri.

Architect Mary Colter designed the Grand Canyon's Desert View Watchtower, a monument inspired by the Ancestral Puebloan people who lived on the Colorado Plateau around 800 years ago. After exploring the tower, pop into **Desert View Trading Post & Ice Cream** to peruse handmade American Indian jewelry, baskets, wood carvings and rugs. Then grab an ice cream cone or homemade fudge and stroll along the South Rim, savoring sweet views of the canyon.







Big Nose Kate's Saloon,  
Tombstone

**From the Farm** in Yuma is the place to visit if you're hankering for a taco, a date shake and an antique lamp. This quirky stop combines a farm stand offering local produce and honey, a charming tearoom, a vintage emporium and an outdoor grill shaded by a corrugated metal roof. With its shabby chic decor and vast mountain views, it's easy to see why it's also a popular wedding venue.

Tortilla Flat is the launching point for **The Dolly Steamboat** dinner cruises, a Huckleberry Finn-esque voyage in the desert. As the old-fashioned sternwheeler plies Canyon Lake, keep an eye out for bald eagles and bighorn sheep balancing on the cliffs. Or choose an astronomy dinner cruise and gaze at constellations and planets with astronomer Steve "Dr. Sky" Kates.



The Dolly Steamboat,  
Tortilla Flat



At **Big Nose Kate's Saloon** in Tombstone, history buffs can belly up to the bar where the Earps and Doc Holliday knocked back whiskeys. That long wooden bar is one of the only things left from the original building, the sumptuous Grand Hotel, which hosted many of this Wild West town's most famous gunfighters before it burned down in 1882. The current saloon—named after the brothel madame who was Holliday's longtime companion—keeps that cowboy spirit alive.



The Palace Restaurant  
and Saloon, Prescott

◀ A bar with a curiously similar history is **The Palace Restaurant and Saloon** in Prescott—Arizona's oldest frontier saloon. The Earp brothers and Doc Holliday also drank at this Whiskey Row watering hole. This 1877 saloon was also destroyed in a fire. And the wooden bar was also salvaged from the burning building, when patrons carried it across the street. People do say that in a fire you save the thing most dear to you, and it's a good thing they did.



# A WEEKEND IN WINE COUNTRY

Burgundy, Mendoza, Napa Valley—Arizona? While the state's wine regions might not yet have achieved an international level of fame, they're well worth a weekend trip. Explore what to sip and see, and where to stay, with these mini itineraries.

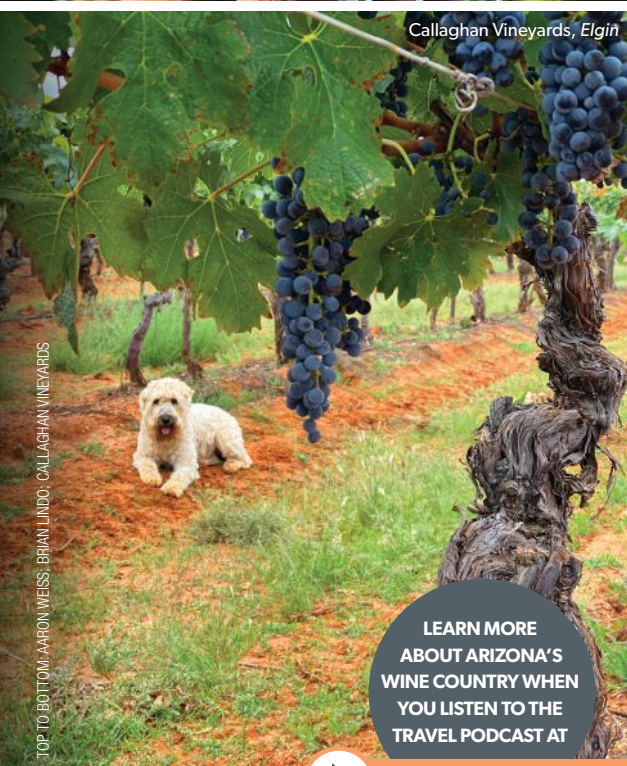
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Caduceus Cellars, Jerome



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## SONOITA-ELGIN

**Sip:** The Sonoita AVA (American Viticultural Area) was the first in the state, established in 1984. The southeastern Arizona region is known for its Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Syrah and Viognier grapes. Wines here taste best among the company of the joyful winemakers who are excited to share their craft. Try **Callaghan Vineyards** and **Wilhelm Family Vineyards** in Elgin and **Rune Wines** in Sonoita.

**See:** Blink and you might miss the tiny community of Patagonia, just 15 minutes southwest of Sonoita. Blink and you also might miss the tiny, fluttering visitors that love the **Paton Center for Hummingbirds**, a birding haven. A dozen hummingbird species have been spotted here—a handful of the hundreds of bird species that have checked out the center's lush grounds.

**Stay:** Stay at the **Xanadu Ranch GetAway** in Sonoita and take a shuttle to nearby wineries. Communal spaces include a porch with a koi pond, where you can take in Sonoita-Elgin's rolling, grass-covered hills during morning coffee or happy hour sunsets. Choose how you stay overnight—accommodations include several casitas (some have kitchens), RV hookups and even a stable for your horse.

## VERDE VALLEY

**Sip:** Above Phoenix's heat and below Northern Arizona's chill, the Verde Valley wine region was named a 10Best pick in *USA TODAY's* Readers' Choice Awards. Standouts among the more than 20 winery tasting rooms include **Arizona Stronghold Vineyards** and **Provisioner Wines & General Store** in Cottonwood, **D.A. Ranch** and **Oak Creek Vineyards & Winery** in Cornville and **Caduceus Cellars** in Jerome.

**See:** Hop aboard a renovated vintage train and enjoy a 20-mile journey through colorful Verde Canyon. Take in the view on the **Verde Canyon Railroad** in Clarkdale as narration takes you back in time—audio points out interesting sights among the red rocks and explores more than a century of history over four hours. Open-air viewing cars put you closer to the action.

**Stay:** Located on the Verde Valley Wine Trail, a stay at **The Vineyards Bed & Breakfast** in Cornville puts you within walking distance of four of the six Page Springs/Cornville wineries. Hop in the B&B's Wine Trail Wagon (the owner's minivan) and catch a ride to wineries and tasting rooms—or there's always the on-property tiki bar.

## WILLCOX

**Sip:** Explore the vineyards, wineries and tasting rooms of the Willcox wine region of southeast Arizona, which grows 74% of Arizona's wine grapes and was granted AVA status. You could sip at every winery and tasting room in a weekend, but be sure to visit **Coronado Vineyards**, **Keeling-Schaefer Vineyards** and **Zarpara Vineyard**.

**See:** Explore decades of historical conflict at **Fort Bowie National Historic Site**, a former United States military post that was built after the Battle of Apache Pass in July 1862. It became the headquarters for the U.S. Army's fight against the Chiricahua Apaches. A 1.5-mile trail leads you to the visitor center and old Fort ruins.

**Stay:** At the base of Chiricahua National Monument, **Dos Cabezas Retreat** in Willcox is a quiet property with stories to tell. Guest rooms are in historic adobe buildings, built in the 1870s and formerly owned by the president of the retired gold-, silver- and copper-producing Mascot Mine.



# ADVENTURES FOR ALL

## ACCESSIBLE AND ADAPTIVE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Arizona is a place of wild beauty, from sun-baked cactus forests to snow-drenched mountaintops. Thankfully, many of its outdoor destinations are accommodating to a range of ability levels, providing even more access to adventure, recreation and unforgettable experiences. See [VisitArizona.com/plan/accessibility](http://VisitArizona.com/plan/accessibility) for more ideas.

### WHEELCHAIR- ACCESSIBLE TRAILS

From state parks to national monuments, Arizona offers numerous outdoor destinations with wheelchair accessible trails.

Near the town of Camp Verde, **Montezuma Castle National Monument** attracts visitors eager to witness the impressive Sinagua cliff dwellings, viewable via the half-mile, paved Rimrock Trail. As an added bonus, your entrance fee to Montezuma Castle includes admission (valid for seven days) to **Tuzigoot National Monument**. There, both the visitor center and the Tavasci Marsh Overlook trail are fully accessible for wheelchairs.

In Sedona, **Crescent Moon Ranch** features two paved loops, totaling 1 mile, along Oak Creek where the iconic Cathedral Rock can be seen reflected in the water. The historic ranch house that gives the site its name is a popular photo op.

About 30 minutes west of Sedona, 1.5 miles of accessible trails circle three lagoons at **Dead Horse Ranch State Park**. Keen on spotting wildlife? The 0.25-mile Canopy Trail, which starts and ends at the River Day Use Area, is thick with birds and fauna.

In the Pinetop-Lakeside area, **Woodland Lake Park Trail** is a paved 1-mile trail that rounds Woodland Reservoir. Although water levels can be low at times,

the trail is popular, especially with local birdwatchers. Expect to see walkers, cyclists and even those on horseback enjoying the trail.

**Boyce Thompson Arboretum** in Superior is the oldest botanical garden in the state, featuring a mix of paved and compressed earth trails, including 1.5 miles of walking trails, and loops through the Wallace Desert Garden. Enjoy a well-designed cactus garden, in addition to a riparian area, an Australian forest, and herb and rose gardens. Guided trail tours are available for a nominal fee with advance registration.

Several trails cut through Phoenix's **Papago Park**, which is home to the Phoenix Zoo and Desert Botanical Garden. While the Crosscut Canal Path and Galvin Bikeway Trail both run north-south nearly 1.5 miles, the much shorter Nature Trail travels a half-mile through the heart of the park. Expand your options by considering the trails in the zoo or botanical garden. The Elliot Ramada Loop Trail, located across the street from Papago Park in **Papago West Park**, is a paved and dirt trail that loops 2.7 miles around red rock formations and buttes. Pause to appreciate the views of downtown Phoenix or to catch the sun setting over the city in the early evening.

Part of Scottsdale's **McDowell Sonoran Preserve**, the Jane Rau

Interpretive Trail at Brown's Ranch navigates nearly half a mile through the area and serves as a great introduction to the flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert. (Do note: The trail has higher than average sections of grading for an accessible trail as it was built to 2013 U.S. Forest Service trail accessibility standards.)

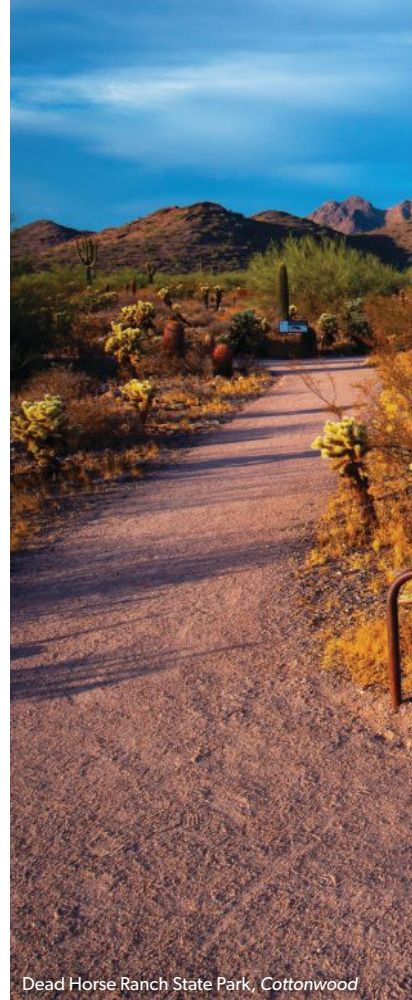
### BRAILLE TRAIL

At the **Elsie McCartney Sensory Garden** in Glendale, people with visual impairments can experience the splendor of the outdoors strolling along the flat pathways, hearing water features and smelling the fragrant blooms of roses, lilies and lavender. A tactile map at the entry allows for an understanding of the garden's layout, and signage in Braille provides more information.

### ADAPTIVE SNOWSPORTS

Arizona might be known for its desert landscapes, but come winter, the higher elevation areas transform into snowy wonderlands beckoning for outdoor recreation.

**Arizona Snowbowl**, just north of Flagstaff, invites people of all ages and abilities to experience the thrill of zooming down its powdery runs with its on-site Ski and Snowboard School, which offers an adaptive ski/snowboard program featuring specialized equipment and professionally trained instructors, allowing even more people to enjoy wintertime adventures.



Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood



Arizona Snowbowl, Flagstaff





## FOLLOW THE LEADER

With its rugged terrain and variable conditions, the outdoors can be intimidating. Thankfully, adventure guide companies can help bridge that gap, bringing everyone from nature newcomers to those with varying ability levels into the pristine beauty and serene solitude of the wilderness—all while providing a safer and more enjoyable experience.

Working as an adventure guide for more than 14 years, Josh Kloepping—now in business development for REI Co-Op—has led people from all walks of life, ages and experience levels into Arizona’s rugged landscapes for unforgettable adventures. Perhaps his most memorable, however, have been the Operation Canyon Rising excursions, leading wounded veterans, many with one or even two amputations, and Gold Star widows on five-day hikes into the Grand Canyon on the anniversary of 9/11.

“To get up and out of the canyon is no easy feat,” says Kloepping. “You just have to take it in small steps. You’ve got to set a goal and work toward achieving that goal. Once you do that, you build this confidence, and you learn to overcome your limitations.”

Those hikes begin on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, continue 14 miles down into the canyon to Phantom Ranch, and then up and out to the South Rim, with family and supporters cheering on hikers at the end point.

For those not quite ready to commit to multiday expeditions, Kloepping emphasizes the importance of just being outdoors, even closer to home. “Nature reminds you to just slow down and notice the small things, the little details,” he says. “It grounds us—it gets us connected to what’s truly important: Being in the now.”



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: JOEL HAZELTON FOR EXPERIENCE SCOTTSDALE; AOT; ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS; ARIZONA SNOWBOVIL







## January

### Arizona Indian Festival

Scottsdale

[arizonaindiantourism.org](http://arizonaindiantourism.org)

### Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction

Scottsdale

[barrett-jackson.com](http://barrett-jackson.com)

### PlayStation Fiesta Bowl

Phoenix

[fiestabowl.org](http://fiestabowl.org)

### Pow Wow Gem & Mineral Show

Quartzsite

[qiaarizona.org](http://qiaarizona.org)

### Rock 'n' Roll Marathon & 1/2

Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe

[runrocknroll.com/arizona](http://runrocknroll.com/arizona)

### Waste Management Phoenix Open

Scottsdale

[wmphoenixopen.com](http://wmphoenixopen.com)

### Wings Over Willcox

Willcox

[wingsoverwillcox.com](http://wingsoverwillcox.com)

### Yuma Territorial Marathon & 1/2 Marathon

Yuma

[yumamarathon.com](http://yumamarathon.com)

## February

### 500 NASCAR Weekend

Avondale

[phoenixraceway.com](http://phoenixraceway.com)

### Arizona Renaissance Festival

Gold Canyon

[arizona.renfestinfo.com](http://arizona.renfestinfo.com)

### Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering

Sierra Vista

[cowboypoets.com](http://cowboypoets.com)

### Gold Rush Days

Wickenburg

[outwickenburgway.com](http://outwickenburgway.com)

### I Heart Pluto Festival

Flagstaff

[lowell.edu/i-heart-pluto-festival](http://lowell.edu/i-heart-pluto-festival)

### Tucson Gem & Mineral Show

Tucson

[tgms.org](http://tgms.org)

### Tubac Festival of the Arts

Tubac

[tubacaz.com](http://tubacaz.com)

### La Fiesta de los Vaqueros

Tucson

[tucsonrodeo.com](http://tucsonrodeo.com)

### Lost Dutchman Days

Apache Junction

[lostdutchmandays.org](http://lostdutchmandays.org)

### Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show

Scottsdale

[scottsdaleshow.com](http://scottsdaleshow.com)

### Sedona International Film Festival

Sedona

[sedonafilmfestival.org](http://sedonafilmfestival.org)

### World Championship Hoop Dance Contest

Phoenix

[heard.org](http://heard.org)

## March

### Bluegrass at the Beach Music Festival

Lake Havasu City

[lakehavasubuegrass.com](http://lakehavasubuegrass.com)

### Cactus Fly-In

Casa Grande

[cactusflyin.org](http://cactusflyin.org)

### Cactus League Spring Training

Greater Phoenix Area

[cactusleague.com](http://cactusleague.com)

### Chandler Ostrich Festival

Chandler

[ostrichfestival.com](http://ostrichfestival.com)

### Cowgirl Up!

Wickenburg

[westernmuseum.org](http://westernmuseum.org)

### Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market

Phoenix

[heard.org](http://heard.org)

### Tres Rios Nature Festival

Avondale

[tresriosnaturefestival.com](http://tresriosnaturefestival.com)

## April

### Agave Heritage Festival

Tucson

[agaveheritagefestival.com](http://agaveheritagefestival.com)

### Blessing of Sonoita Vineyards

Elgin

[sonoitavineyards.com](http://sonoitavineyards.com)

### El Tour de Mesa

Mesa

[eltourdemesa.org](http://eltourdemesa.org)

### London Bridge Renaissance Faire

Lake Havasu City

[londonbridgerenaissancefaire.com](http://londonbridgerenaissancefaire.com)

### Mariachi Festival and Wine Tasting

Nogales

[facebook.com/events/1042788176058606](http://facebook.com/events/1042788176058606)

### Pow Wow at ASU

Tempe

[powwow.asu.edu](http://powwow.asu.edu)

### Tucson International Mariachi Conference

Tucson

[tucsonmariachi.org](http://tucsonmariachi.org)

### Willcox West Fest: Ranch Rodeo & Chuck Wagon Cook-off

Willcox

[facebook.com/willcoxranchrodeo](http://facebook.com/willcoxranchrodeo)

### Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival

Cottonwood

[verderiver.org/birding-festival](http://verderiver.org/birding-festival)

## May

### Jerome Home & Building Tour

Jerome

[jeromehometour.com](http://jeromehometour.com)

### Phippen Museum Western Art Show & Sale

Prescott

[phippenartmuseum.org](http://phippenartmuseum.org)



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**Seligman to Topock**  
[historic66az.com](http://historic66az.com)

**Verde Valley Wine Festival**  
**Clarkdale**  
[verdevalleywinefestival.com](http://verdevalleywinefestival.com)

**Wine, Beer and Spirits Festival**  
**Sierra Vista**  
[visitsierravista.com](http://visitsierravista.com)

## June

**Arizona Cowpuncher Reunion Rodeo**  
**William**  
[azcowpunchers.com](http://azcowpunchers.com)

**Flagstaff Blues and Brews Festival**  
**Flagstaff**  
[flagstaffblues.com](http://flagstaffblues.com)

**Grand Canyon Star Party**  
**Grand Canyon South Rim**  
[nps.gov/grca](http://nps.gov/grca)

**Parker Tube Float**  
**Parker**  
[parkeraz.org](http://parkeraz.org)

**White Mountains Balloon Festival**  
**Pinetop-Lakeside**  
[wmbfaz.com](http://wmbfaz.com)

## July

**Heritage Festival Celebrating Zuni, Hopi and Navajo**  
**Flagstaff**  
[musnaz.org](http://musnaz.org)

**Prescott Frontier Days and World's Oldest Rodeo**  
**Prescott**  
[worldsoldestrodeo.com](http://worldsoldestrodeo.com)

**Sidewalk Egg Frying Challenge**  
**Oatman**  
[oatmangoldroad.org](http://oatmangoldroad.org)

**Snowflake Pioneer Days Celebration**  
**Snowflake**  
[snowflaketaylorchamber.org](http://snowflaketaylorchamber.org)

## August

**Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering**  
**Prescott**  
[azcowboypoets.org](http://azcowboypoets.org)

**Southwest Wings Birding & Nature Festival**  
**Sierra Vista**  
[swwings.org](http://swwings.org)

**World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo**  
**Payson**  
[paysonprorodeo.com](http://paysonprorodeo.com)

## September

**Andy Devine Days PRCA Rodeo**  
**Kingman**  
[andydevinedaysfestival.com](http://andydevinedaysfestival.com)

**Arizona Restaurant Week**  
**Statewide**  
[arizonarestaurantweek.com](http://arizonarestaurantweek.com)

**Fall Festival**  
**Pinetop-Lakeside**  
[pinetoplakeside.com](http://pinetoplakeside.com)

**Oktoberfest**  
**Sierra Vista**  
[visitsierravista.com](http://visitsierravista.com)

**Old Time Fiddlers Contest and Acoustic Celebration**  
**Payson**  
[paysonrimcountry.com](http://paysonrimcountry.com)

**Pedal the Petrified**  
**Holbrook**  
[npcfriendsfamily.org/events](http://npcfriendsfamily.org/events)

**Prescott Indian Art Market**  
**Prescott**  
[sharlothallmuseum.org](http://sharlothallmuseum.org)

**SalsaFest**  
**Safford**  
[salsatrail.com](http://salsatrail.com)

**Sedona Wine Festival**  
**Sedona**  
[sedonawinefest.com](http://sedonawinefest.com)

**Standin' on the Corner Festival**  
**Winslow**  
[standinonthe-corner.org/the-festival](http://standinonthe-corner.org/the-festival)

**Verde River Day**  
**Cottonwood**  
[verderiverday.com](http://verderiverday.com)

**White Mountain Apache Tribal Fair & Rodeo**  
**Whiteriver**  
[wmatfair.com](http://wmatfair.com)

## October

**Apache Jii Day**  
**Globe-Miami**  
[globemiamichamber.com](http://globemiamichamber.com)

**Arizona Taco Festival**  
**Scottsdale**  
[aztacofestival.com](http://aztacofestival.com)

**Bisbee 1000 The Great Stair Climb**  
**Bisbee**  
[bisbee1000.org](http://bisbee1000.org)

**Butterfield Rodeo**  
**Benson**  
[benisonvisitorcenter.com](http://benisonvisitorcenter.com)

**Celebraciones de la Gente**  
**Flagstaff**  
[musnaz.org](http://musnaz.org)

**Country Thunder**  
**Florence**  
[countrythunder.com/az](http://countrythunder.com/az)

**Day of the Dead and Mural Project**  
**Sedona**  
[tlaq.com](http://tlaq.com)

**Fort Verde Days**  
**Camp Verde**  
[visitcampverde.com](http://visitcampverde.com)

**Hellorado Days**  
**Tombstone**  
[tombstonechamber.com](http://tombstonechamber.com)

**Monster Storm Poker Run on the Lake**  
**Lake Havasu City**  
[golakehasvu.com](http://golakehasvu.com)

**Patagonia Fall Festival**  
**Patagonia**  
[patagoniafallfestival.org](http://patagoniafallfestival.org)



**Pumpkin and Chili Party**  
**Queen Creek**  
[schneppfarms.com](http://schneppfarms.com)

**Relics & Rods Run to the Sun**  
**Lake Havasu City**  
[golakehasvu.com](http://golakehasvu.com)

## November

**All Soul's Procession Weekend**  
**Tucson**  
[allsoulsprocession.org](http://allsoulsprocession.org)

**El Tour de Tucson**  
**Tucson**  
[perimeterbicycling.com](http://perimeterbicycling.com)

**Ironman Arizona**  
**Tempe**  
[ironmanarizona.com](http://ironmanarizona.com)

**NASCAR Championship weekend**  
**Avondale**  
[phoenixraceway.com](http://phoenixraceway.com)

## December

**Arizona's Christmas City's Parade & Courthouse Lighting**  
**Prescott**  
[visit-prescott.com](http://visit-prescott.com)

**Boat Parade of Lights**  
**Lake Havasu City**  
[golakehasvu.com](http://golakehasvu.com)

**Desert Financial Fiesta Bowl Parade**  
**Phoenix**  
[fiestabowl.org](http://fiestabowl.org)

**Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts**  
**Tempe**  
[tempefestivalofthearts.com](http://tempefestivalofthearts.com)

**Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair**  
**Tucson**  
[fourthavenue.org](http://fourthavenue.org)

**The Great Pinecone Drop**  
**Flagstaff**  
[weatherfordhotel.com](http://weatherfordhotel.com)

**Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary Indian Market**  
**Phoenix**  
[pueblogrande.org](http://pueblogrande.org)



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# REGIONS

From bustling cities to rural farmlands to remote desert locales, Arizona is as diverse as it is spectacular. Explore each of its distinct regions to discover an experience all its own, uncovering historic treasures, foodie favorites, family fun and outdoor adventures all along the way.

- 44** Phoenix & Central Arizona
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Boyce Thompson Arboretum,  
Superior



# PHOENIX & CENTRAL ARIZONA

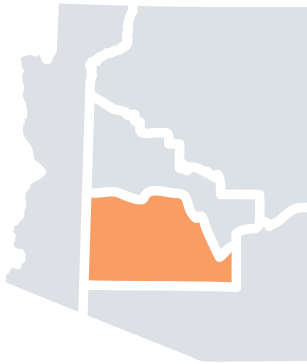
With big-city excitement and outdoor adventures just minutes away, the greater Phoenix area offers the best of both worlds. Explore the lively downtown and quiet neighborhoods, luxury shopping down the road from quirky boutiques, James Beard award-winning restaurants alongside local dive bars, and world-renowned museums that share the same zip code as independent art galleries and artisan studios.





## IN THIS REGION

Fort McDowell, Gilbert, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Superior, Tempe



# Area Highlights

**PAPAGO PARK, PHOENIX** With dramatic sandstone buttes, miles of easy hiking trails, public golf courses and numerous attractions such as Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix Zoo and AZ Heritage Center, this 1,500-acre park is loaded with activities for the whole family.

**AGRITOPIA, GILBERT** Local flavors intertwine with local makers at this farm-community hybrid. Tour the orchards at Agritopia Farm and pick up gourmet food items, from artisanal flour to small-batch honey, at The Farm Store. Then, stroll through maker studios and shops inside Barnone before lingering on a patio with glass of wine from Garage-East or a craft beer from 12 West Brewing Co.

**TEMPE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, TEMPE** This cultural center on Tempe Town Lake is home to Tempe Symphony Orchestra, Arizona Wind Symphony, Desert Dance Theater, Stray Cat Theatre and other resident artist groups, and is comprised of numerous performing arts spaces and an art gallery with rotating exhibits.

**THE CHURCHILL, PHOENIX** Ten small businesses housed in repurposed shipping containers come together under one roof at this food hall-meets-shopping mall in the Roosevelt Row Arts District. Sit in the open-air courtyard and nosh on everything from street tacos to fried chicken sandwiches, and then browse the boutiques for one-of-a-kind gifts.

## HEARD MUSEUM, PHOENIX

With an impressive collection of more than 40,000 objects, this comprehensive museum includes intricate Navajo textiles, Zuni jewelry, Hopi katsina dolls, prehistoric ceramics and contemporary fine art to interweave a diverse perspective on Native arts and cultures from the Southwest and around the world.

## BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM, SUPERIOR

Arizona's oldest and largest botanical garden is home to nearly 4,000 different plant species from around the world. Take a guided tour with a volunteer through the new 13-acre Wallace Garden, and see plants and birds on the nature walk along Sonoran Desert trails.

## MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE, SCOTTSDALE

Explore this 30,580-acre nature preserve sprawled across the McDowell Mountains, home to lush cactus forests, colorful flowers and all kinds of wildlife. Take off from one of the 11 major trailheads that connect with more than 225 miles of hiking, biking, running and horseback riding trails.

## TALIESIN WEST, SCOTTSDALE

Tour the former winter home of architect Frank Lloyd Wright in the foothills of the McDowell Mountains. Considered to be the architect's desert laboratory for design, today Taliesin West is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Bring a pair of headphones and download the Smartify mobile app to listen to the new self-guided audio tour. Recent upgrades have also increased accessibility, with the addition of ramps, handrails, resurfaced paths and accessible restrooms.

## WE-KO-PA GOLF CLUB, FORT MCDOWELL

Play on two award-winning golf courses set in the scenic Sonoran Desert on Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Enjoy the awe-inspiring views of the McDowell Mountains, Red Mountain, Four Peaks and the Superstition Mountains as you sink your putt. A world-class practice facility is also on-site.

## PHOENIX & CENTRAL ARIZONA



Agritopia Farm, Gilbert



Taliesin West, Scottsdale



Heard Museum, Phoenix



We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, Fort McDowell





Outrider Rooftop Lounge at Canopy by Hilton, Phoenix



Upstairs at Flint, Phoenix



Quiessence, Phoenix

# OPEN-AIR DINING

Enjoy the sunshine and dine al fresco at one of these popular Phoenix restaurants.

BY TERESA BITLER

## THE FARM AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN

Originally a pecan farm with more than 100 trees, the property today features three restaurants, one for each meal. In the morning, dine outdoors on Morning Glory Café's fresh baked goods and Southwestern breakfasts. Or, come for lunch when The Farm Kitchen serves seasonal salads and sandwiches you can enjoy at picnic tables under pecan trees. For dinner, reserve a patio table at Quiessence, a favorite with locals for true farm-to-table cuisine.



The Farm at South Mountain, Phoenix

## OUTRIDER ROOFTOP LOUNGE AT CANOPY BY HILTON

This popular rooftop dining space in Old Town Scottsdale delivers 180-degree views of Camelback Mountain and the city's arts district along with a sophisticated menu of shareable plates, sandwiches, salads and craft cocktails. Munch on chili-rubbed chicken wings or pulled pork tacos while sipping libations like the Peach Patio Punch, featuring house-made peach lemonade and pineapple rum.

**THE COFFEE SHOP** Coffee drinks and baked goods aren't the only items on the menu at this neighborhood Gilbert spot. The Coffee Shop makes fresh burritos, egg dishes and waffles in the morning and unhinge-your-mouth sandwiches for lunch and dinner. Indulge in the tasty dishes on the large, brick patio out back or at a picnic table nearby, but be sure to save room for dessert. The cupcakes here garnered national attention when part owner Jessica Cuff won Food Network's *Cupcake Wars*.

**BOARD & BATTEN** Open Tuesday through Saturday for lunch and dinner, this Mesa restaurant has an expansive patio with charming string lights, lush trees and a firepit surrounded by lounge seating. Kick off your meal with shareable plates like charcuterie, then savor seasonal entrées featuring New York strip steak, chicken, Duroc pork, scallops, duck breast and lamb. Barrel-aged cocktails, premium wines, local beers and craft cider complement your meal.

**UPSTAIRS AT FLINT** This open-air rooftop cocktail lounge with plush chairs and chandeliers overlooks Biltmore Fashion Park. Arrive early for a table on the perimeter and start with a creative cocktail or glass of premium wine. You can order small plates like the woodfire-grilled octopus to complement your drinks or a Mediterranean-influenced entrée from Flint by Baltaire downstairs. A section of the main restaurant also has a retractable roof for additional outdoor dining.

## MATCH MARKET AND BAR

Located on the first floor of boutique art hotel FOUND:RE, this café is open for gourmet breakfasts and coffee in the morning, and pizza, burgers, bowls and salads the rest of the day. You also can pick up locally made gifts and essentials like eggs from the market or order a cocktail, wine or beer from the bar. Score a table on the patio to watch the daily bustle of the Downtown Phoenix Arts District.



The Coffee Shop, Gilbert

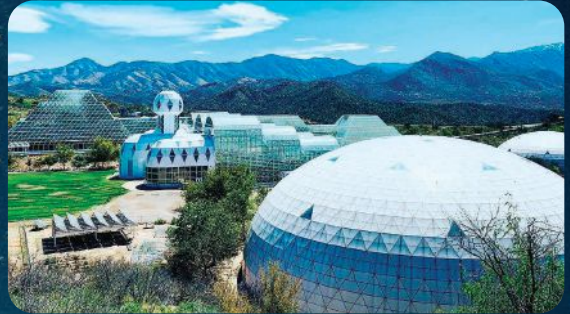


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# POWER SHOPPING

RETAIL DISTRICTS & MEGA-MALLS



Westgate Entertainment District, Glendale

From renowned retailers to affordable outlets, Phoenix has some of the best shopping you'll find anywhere in the Southwest.

## SCOTTSDALE FASHION SQUARE

This luxurious indoor mall caters to discerning shoppers and diners with restaurants such as NOBU and Ocean 44; brands such as Jimmy Choo, Gucci and Cartier; and concierge amenities such as luggage storage and valet parking.

## BILTMORE FASHION PARK

High-end retailers including Saks Fifth Avenue and Tumi line the walkways of this open-air mall in Phoenix, where you'll also find restaurants including Zinburger, True Food Kitchen and The Capital Grille.

## DESERT RIDGE MARKETPLACE

Twinkling lights and palm trees set the scene at this outdoor retail center in Phoenix with nearly 50 shops, from H&M to Target, as well as dozens of eateries.



## ARIZONA MILLS

This sprawling complex in Tempe is Arizona's only indoor outlet mall and features more than 185 stores with plenty of deals and discounts. Kids and teens will find plenty to keep themselves busy at attractions like SEA LIFE Arizona Aquarium and LEGOLAND Discovery Center.

## WESTGATE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Anchored by Gila River Arena and State Farm Stadium, this entertainment district in Glendale features great restaurants, specialty shops and a free shuttle to the next-door Tanger Outlets.



At the Phoenix Zoo, we are scaly things and furry things. We are fast things and slow things, tall things and short things. We are thousands of living, breathing mammals, reptiles, birds, insects, fish and amphibians that you absolutely have to see. Phoenix Zoo. That's zoo we are.

For tickets, hours and many more things, visit [phoenixzoo.org](http://phoenixzoo.org).

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# Virtual Exhibits & Online Experiences

BY KERIDWEN CORNELIUS

Experience Arizona's cultural institutions from home with animal encounters, art exhibits and more.

The **Phoenix Art Museum** brings the contemplative qualities of art into people's homes through talks on subjects like Ansel Adams' photography and enhancing creativity through meditation, plus free Zoom mindfulness sessions.

The **Musical Instrument Museum** entertains munchkins up to age 5 with Online MIMkids Mini Music Makers sessions, which mix singing, dancing and instrument-playing. The Online Musical Adventures introduce older kids to instrument-building and music from around the world.

Bring a menagerie of critters home with the **Phoenix Zoo's** virtual experiences, including live animal encounters, behind-the-scenes tours, Q&A

sessions with a zoo educator, scientific investigations, crafts and fun quizzes.

During **OdySea Aquarium's** virtual critter meet-and-greets, you can watch caretakers feed and cuddle playful South African penguins or super-chill sloths and learn about the animals' habits.

**Arizona Science Center** inspires budding biologists, neuroscientists and engineers with online lesson plans and videos investigating everything from snake brains to electric cars to the chemistry of cleaning up oil spills.

Featuring the work of dozens of Arizona artists, **Herberger Theater Art Gallery's** virtual curated exhibits give art lovers the opportunity to peruse and purchase watercolors, photographs, oil paintings and mixed media works.



Musical Instrument Museum, Phoenix



Phoenix Zoo, Phoenix

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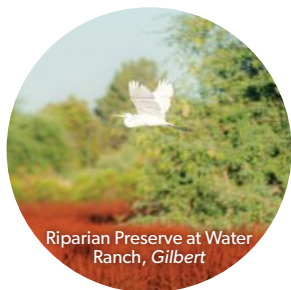


Lost Dutchman State Park,  
Apache Junction

# QUICK ESCAPES

## FROM PHOENIX TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS

BY ROGER NAYLOR



Riparian Preserve at Water  
Ranch, Gilbert

When you're visiting Phoenix, you don't have to go far to revel in the serenity and beauty of nature. Experience the great outdoors with these quick escapes.

The **Japanese Friendship Garden** of Phoenix is where you go to exhale, to relax. Experience a sense of quiet serenity away from traffic and stress in this soothing sanctuary surrounded by city. Curving paths cross the grounds that are adorned with plants and boulders, stone bridges and lanterns. A 12-foot waterfall adds a splashy musical note to the garden

as it feeds a koi pond and gently flowing streams. Stroll amid the lush greenery, sit by the water, feed the brightly-colored koi—then remind yourself that you're just minutes from downtown Phoenix.

Anchoring the far western edge of the Phoenix Valley is **White Tank Mountain Regional Park**. The 30,000-acre park spreads across desert lowlands and sharp-rising peaks. Beautiful during the day, White Tank proves equally spectacular once the sun goes down. This is where stargazers come for celestial exploration. Dark skies far from city lights offer a portal into the cosmos. This dreamy desert nightscape gives everyone a chance to admire the glittering canopy above. Here the heavens drop into your lap.

No one appreciates a day spent on the water like a desert dweller.

**Go Paddle AZ** provides the tools for quick and memorable escapes. They rent kayaks and stand-up paddleboards at Pleasant Harbor Marina on Lake Pleasant. Tucked away amid rolling hills north of Peoria, Lake Pleasant is a 10,000-acre reservoir with miles of coastline and a vast expanse of open water to explore. Go Paddle AZ also offers sunset and full moon kayak tours.

Water in the desert attracts wildlife as well as people. The **Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch** creates a lush oasis in the heart of Gilbert, providing a welcome habitat for mammals, reptiles and nearly 300 species of birds. The appearance of so many winged visitors prompted the National Audubon Society to designate the seven aquifer re-charge basins as an Important Bird Area. Birders, hikers and bikers will enjoy miles of meandering trails.

Or stop for a picnic and bask in the serenade of birdsong echoing among the branches.

**Lost Dutchman State Park** laps at the base of the Superstition Mountains, a sudden wall of dark stone rising from the desert floor. Here civilization ends and wilderness begins. Named for a fabled gold mine said to lay hidden deep in the volcanic fortress of the mountains, the park is crisscrossed with hiking trails. Yet despite fierce terrain, springtime brings out a softer side to Lost Dutchman. Following wet winters, the sloping foothills blaze with wildflowers, most prominently poppies and brittlebush. Witness those rugged cliffs floating above a sea of yellow blossoms and you begin to understand the witchery of the desert, a land of drama and poetry.



# Spend the Day: Talking Stick Entertainment District

BY TERESA BITLER

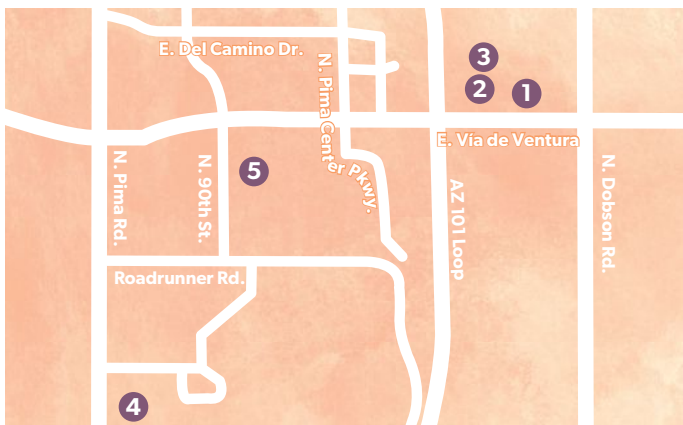
OdySea Aquarium, Scottsdale

You'll find a full day of fun when you visit the Talking Stick Entertainment District in Scottsdale.

**Morning:** Start the morning at **Arizona Boardwalk**, where you'll find numerous attractions such as **1 Butterfly Wonderland**, the nation's largest indoor rainforest conservatory, home to more than 3,000 butterflies. Then, head next door to **2 OdySea Aquarium**. Its 2 million-gallon tanks showcase sharks, stingrays, sea turtles and other marine animals—as well as the world's only rotating aquarium exhibit. Or, spend a couple hours exploring **3 Pangaea Land of the Dinosaurs**, featuring more than 50 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs.

**Afternoon:** That afternoon, make a splash at **4 Great Wolf Lodge Waterpark**. Admission to the 85,000-square-foot indoor waterpark is free for hotel guests, but you can purchase day passes for the slides, water fort tree house, lazy river, wave pool and activity pool in the waterpark if you're staying elsewhere. Great Wolf Lodge also has plenty of dry activities, including a multi-level ropes course, indoor mini-golf and an arcade.

**Evening:** Step back to the 11th century at **5 Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament**. You'll eat like royalty—with your fingers—while feasting on roast chicken, buttered corn and potatoes. (Vegetarian options are available.) As you eat, cheer for one of six knights competing for the Queen's favor in a two-hour tournament featuring jousting and hand-to-hand combat with real swords, lances, alabarda and mace.



LEFT TO RIGHT: ODYSEA AQUARIUM; MEDIEVAL TIMES



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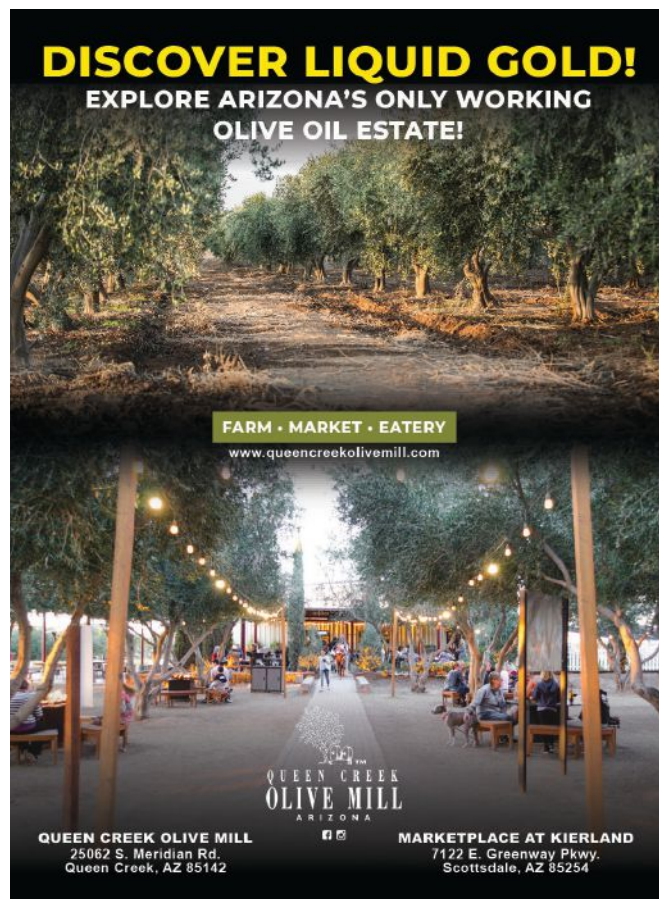


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# TUCSON

## & SOUTHERN ARIZONA

This region has everything from urban attractions to remote solitude—with a whole lot in between.

From centuries-old stands of towering saguaro cacti to rolling hillsides in lush wine country to authentic Old West towns that once bustled with prospectors and pioneers, this corner of Arizona is full of surprises. Set aside plenty of time to explore the character-rich college town of Tucson, where art galleries, historic museums, trendsetting eateries and urban adventures beckon.

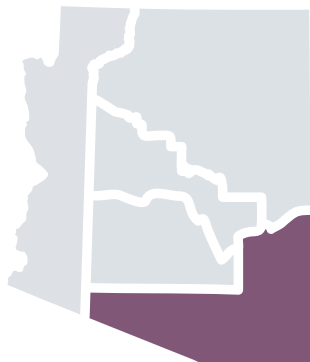


Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson



## IN THIS REGION

Benson, Bisbee, Elgin, Sierra Vista,  
Tombstone, Tubac, Tucson, Willcox



# Area Highlights

## TUCSON DESERT ART MUSEUM, TUCSON

History and art come together at this multifaceted museum focused on the Southwest. Explore Navajo textiles, 19th-century landscape paintings by master artists and vintage maps. Pick up unique gifts at Four Corners Gallery & Gift Shop, selling jewelry, pottery, artwork and Zuni fetish carvings.

**MOUNT LEMMON** Located in the Santa Catalina Range and surrounded by the Coronado National Forest, Mount Lemmon is an adventurer's paradise. During summer, go hiking, camping and fishing, and in winter, ski and snowboard at Ski Valley. Once night falls, marvel at the heavens at Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter observatory, offering stargazing programs and public-dedicated telescopes.

**MERCADO SAN AGUSTIN, TUCSON** A collection of indie boutiques and eateries housed in a Spanish Colonial-style building with an open-air courtyard, the Mercado San Agustin packs Instagram-worthy charm. Don't miss the modern-style MSA Annex, where you'll find 13 additional small businesses in repurposed shipping containers.

**BISBEE MINING & HISTORICAL MUSEUM, BISBEE** Explore "The Queen of the Copper Camps" at this Smithsonian-affiliated museum, where you'll enter a state-of-the-art mining exhibit rife with crystals, minerals and the history of this historic

town, when miners blasted their way through thousands of miles of tunnels in search of precious metals.

## SAN XAVIER DEL BAC MISSION, TUCSON

A vision of white against vast blue skies and stark desert, this Catholic church known as the "White Dove of the Desert" was completed in 1797 when southern Arizona was part of New Spain. Today, this National Historic Landmark on Tohono O'odham tribal lands is regarded as one of the finest examples of Spanish Colonial architecture in the country.

## AMERIND MUSEUM, DRAGON

From ancient artifacts to contemporary artistic explorations of modern-day issues, this museum and art gallery nestled among the natural beauty of Texas Canyon is dedicated to American Indian and Western art, history, culture and archeology. Be sure to stop by the Amerind Museum Store to shop authentic, museum-quality handicrafts.

## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM, TUCSON

This multi-faceted museum offers an array of experiences. Stroll the botanical gardens filled with Sonoran Desert plant life, see wildlife up-close at the on-site zoo, marvel at rocks and minerals at the natural history museum, spot underwater creatures at the aquarium and view artwork in the galleries.

## O.K. CORRAL, TOMBSTONE

Transport yourself to the rough-and-tumble Wild West when you stand in the very place where the infamous gun fight occurred in 1881. Watch a daily reenactment, walk through the 1880s stables and blacksmith shop, and see historic photographs of Tombstone life as it was "back then."

## PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM, TUCSON

Boasting six indoor exhibit hangars (three dedicated to World War II), this 80-acre aviation museum features approximately 400 historic aircraft—including sea planes, bombers, helicopters and hot air balloons—as well as historic military artifacts, uniforms, photographs and films.

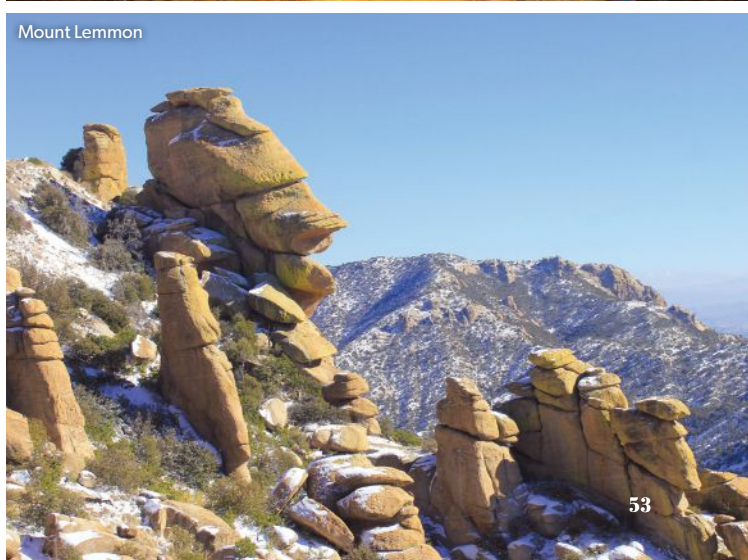
## TUCSON & SOUTHERN ARIZONA



O.K. Corral, Tombstone



San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson



Mount Lemmon



# MAGICAL MOMENTS IN NATURE

If you really want to get in touch with the spirit of the American West, head out into nature. Arizona offers spectacular outdoor adventures, from stunning scenic drives to awesome Sonoran Desert hikes. Go ahead, enjoy a magical moment.

Start with a drive along picturesque **Catalina Highway Scenic Drive** and pull over at the many overlooks along the way, such as Windy Point Vista. Stroll the pedestrian walkway and seek out one of the panoramic viewing areas, where you'll be treated to sweeping valley views of Tucson and the Pusch Ridge Wilderness below.

Just outside Tucson, **Saguaro National Park** is an iconic desert escape that is home to 25 cactus species. Trek among towering saguaro, spiky cholla and globe-like barrel cacti, and keep an eye out for all manner of wildlife, such as roadrunners, kangaroo rats and even Gila monsters.

For a tamer—but no less spectacular—nature trip, **Tucson Botanical Gardens** features expertly cultivated plant life in its 17 diverse gardens showcasing everything from pollinator-friendly plants to traditional American Indian crops. October through May, surround yourself with fluttering tropical butterflies at its Cox Butterfly & Orchid Pavilion.

In Ajo, take off on a wilderness hike through **Organ Pipe Cactus**

**National Monument**. Miles of trails fan out into the Sonoran Desert, where you'll encounter canyons teeming with plants and wildlife (including tortoises and javelinas). During the winter months, park rangers host fun educational programs.

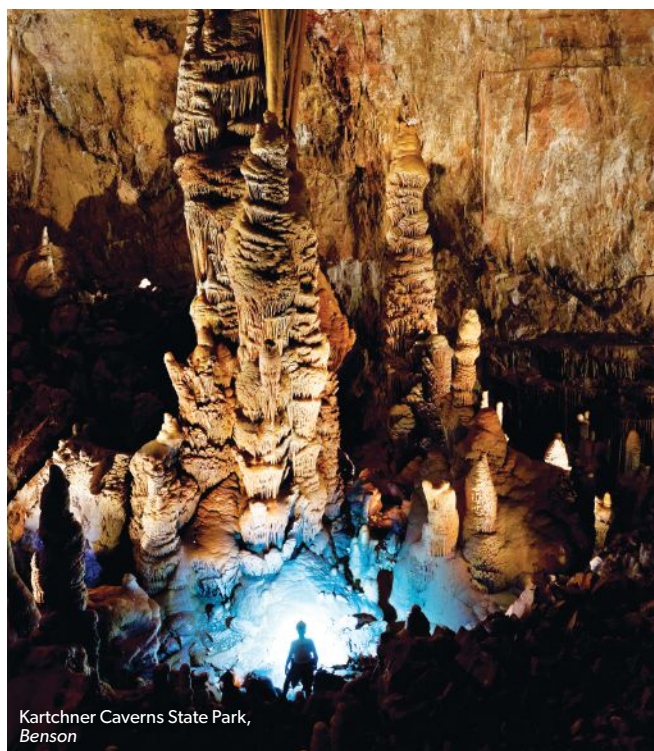
At **Chiricahua National Monument** in Willcox, take the 8-mile paved scenic drive or hike 17 miles of day-use trails to get a full sense of this rare geographical showcase of massive columns, slender spires and impossibly balanced rocks—the result of a large-scale volcanic eruption 27 million years ago.

Or, take your adventures to a new level—underground, that is—at **Colossal Cave Mountain Park** in Vail, where the guided Classic Cave Tour will take you six stories deep. Learn about the cave's history and see ancient formations like stalactites and stalagmites. Back on land, saddle up for a horseback ride to explore the idyllic La Posta Quemada Ranch in the cactus-studded Sonoran Desert.

Another subterranean treasure, **Kartchner Caverns State Park** in Benson features delicate soda straw stalactites, colossal columns and the world's most extensive formation of brushite moonmilk. Go on a guided tour to learn about the history, geology and wildlife within the caverns, and see educational exhibits at the Discovery Center.



Tucson Botanical Gardens,  
Tucson



Kartchner Caverns State Park,  
Benson

Chiricahua National  
Monument, Willcox





# DINING WITH A VIEW

BY NORA BURBA TRULSSON



Epazote Kitchen, Tucson



The Grill at Hacienda del Sol, Tucson

In Southern Arizona, dining out often comes with views of mountains, desert and golf courses.

Against a backdrop of craggy Pusch Ridge, **Epazote Kitchen** at El Conquistador Tucson Hilton serves up locally inspired dishes like duck confit quesadillas and chipotle calabacita pasta. Get a table on the patio to hear Larry Redhouse play Native flute music at dusk.

Nearby, **The Grill at Hacienda del Sol** provides ringside seats for views of desert, golf course and the Catalina Mountains, not to mention fine dining and a *Wine Spectator*-lauded wine list. Try the gnocchi, zhuzhed-up Southwest style, with guajillo chile sauce.

Set in a 49-acre botanical garden, Tucson's **Tohono Chul Garden Bistro** is surrounded by wildflowers

and palo verde trees—plus views of the Catalina Mountains. Peruse their daily brunch menu for choices like prickly pear margaritas, avocado toast and pancakes with a “charcuterie” of topping choices.

Just north of Tucson, **Noble Hops** in Oro Valley also has va-va-voom views of the Catalina Mountains from its ample patio. The gastropub tours the world with its ever-changing selection of craft beers and offers comfort food like burgers, wings and gravy-smothered fries.

South of Tucson, **Stables Ranch Grille** at Tubac Golf Resort is a historic setting surrounded by views of golf greens, towering cottonwoods and the Santa Rita Mountains from its spacious patio. In between gazing, dig into brown rice penne pasta with chicken and vegetables or the signature pork schnitzel.

## ARTIST'S ESCAPE A DAY TRIP TO TUBAC

BY NORA BURBA TRULSSON

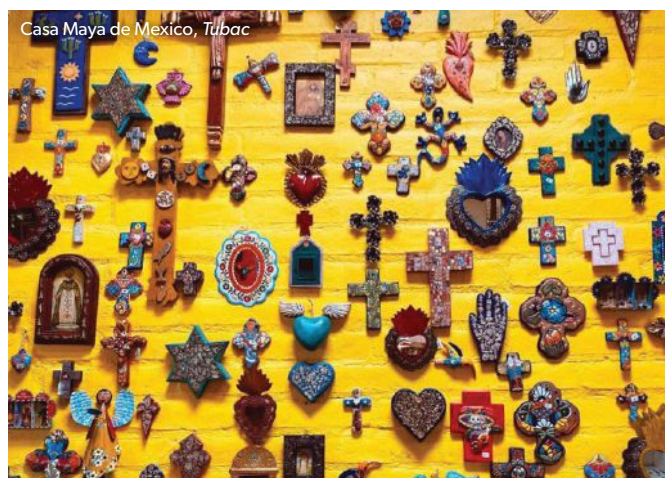
Framed by the Santa Rita Mountains and enormous cottonwoods along the Santa Cruz River, Tubac has long attracted artists who come for the scenery as well the many historic adobe buildings. Less than an hour's drive from downtown Tucson, the charming town makes for an easy day trip.

**Morning:** Tubac is Arizona's oldest European settlement, with a Spanish garrison established near the river in 1752. Meander through **1 Tubac Presidio State Historic Park**, which preserves the garrison's ramparts. The museum offers a Tubac timeline, while a gravel path leads to other buildings featuring art exhibits and more history.

**Lunch:** Sit on the patio at **2 Soto's Pk Outpost** and order Mexican specialties such as fajitas, chile relleno, chimichangas and tacos, and maybe even a mango margarita or two.

**Afternoon:** Take time to browse Tubac's many galleries and artful shops. Established in 1961, **3 Tubac Center of the Arts** is the epicenter of the community's art scene, with exhibits, a shop, live performances, workshops, speakers and more. Just off Tubac's central plaza, **4 Casa Maya de Mexico**'s colorful interior is stocked with handmade crafts from south of the border, while nearby **Old Presidio Traders** is filled to the rafters with American Indian jewelry and arts. A short walk away, **5 La Entrada de Tubac** offers a mix of shops, restaurants and galleries, including **Feminine Mystique Art Gallery**, which champions the work of women.

**Dinner:** Founded in 1927 in Nogales, Mexico, **6 Elvira's Restaurant** in Tubac is dark, sexy and modern, providing a sophisticated spot to sample chicken mole poblano or salsa-topped grilled shrimp. Toast your Tubac trip with a tamarind margarita.



Casa Maya de Mexico, Tubac





# NORTHERN ARIZONA

With its otherworldly geology, dramatic tribal lands and concentration of national parks and monuments, Northern Arizona is a playground for road-trippers and outdoor adventurers alike. Ski through powdery snow. Hike up, up, up to Arizona's highest peak or down, down, down into the world's grandest canyon. Time travel to prehistoric civilizations or peer into the vast universe in hopes of making a new astral discovery. Past, present, future—the possibilities are endless in this diverse region.

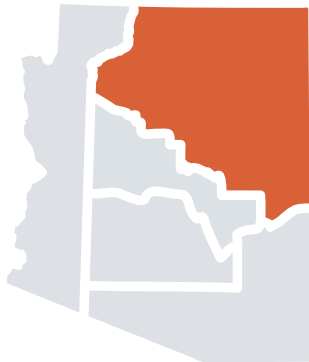
The Arboretum at Flagstaff, *Flagstaff*





## IN THIS REGION

Flagstaff, Tuba City, Williams,  
Window Rock, Winslow



## NORTHERN ARIZONA

# Area Highlights

**RIORDAN MANSION STATE HISTORIC PARK, FLAGSTAFF** At this state park, take a guided tour of an architectural treasure: the 1904 duplex-style Riordan Mansion, one of the best examples of American Arts and Crafts architecture open to the public today. The 40-room mansion is outfitted in original Craftsman furnishings by Edison, Stickley, Ellis and Steinway.

**FORT HUBBELL TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, GANADO** Dating back to 1878, this is the oldest operating trading post on the Navajo Nation. Tour the original 160-acre homestead—which includes the family home of owner Sam Hubbell, outbuildings and a visitor center with history exhibits—and shop handmade Navajo blankets, jewelry, baskets and pottery.

**STANDIN' ON THE CORNER PARK, WINSLOW** Nodding to the Eagles song "Take it Easy," which references standing on a corner in Winslow, Arizona, this public park is a popular photo-op for road trippers traveling Route 66. Don't miss the town's annual Standin' on a Corner Festival in September, featuring Eagles tribute bands.

**MONUMENT VALLEY TRIBAL PARK, OJATO-MONUMENT VALLEY** Instantly recognizable as an icon of the American Southwest, this dramatic landscape is punctuated by monoliths, mesas and spires. Trek 4 miles on the self-guided Wildcat Trail loop to see some of the park's most famous rock buttes.

**GRAND CANYON** Experience nature at its most awesome with a visit to Grand Canyon National Park. Get your camera ready for breathtaking views from the many scenic overlooks that dot the 277-mile-long canyon carved by the Colorado River. For a truly thrilling adventure, take a multiday whitewater rafting trip through the canyon.

**THE ARBORETUM AT FLAGSTAFF, FLAGSTAFF** Discover more than 750 species of plants showcased in greenhouses, gardens and natural habitats across 200 acres nestled deep within the Coconino National Forest. Listen to live music under the pines during the Summer Concert Series.

**HERITAGE SQUARE, FLAGSTAFF** This popular gathering spot in the heart of historic downtown Flagstaff is surrounded by local shops and restaurants with welcoming patios. Stop by Heritage Square anytime throughout the year and you'll find special events like Downtown Friday Nights, live music and performances, children's activities and family-friendly movie screenings.

**EXPLORE NAVAJO INTERACTIVE MUSEUM, TUBA CITY** Explore the culture, history and ceremonial traditions of the Navajo people through this fascinating museum that features an authentic hogan (Navajo home). A Navajo interpreter is on hand to explain the exhibits that reflect the Navajo journey through life



Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, Flagstaff



Heritage Square, Flagstaff



Monument Valley Tribal Park, Oljato-Monument Valley



# Picture-Perfect Plates

From showstopping burgers to creative breakfast concoctions, Flagstaff's culinary scene is the stuff of foodie dreams—and with one scroll through Instagram, it's easy to see why. Satisfy your own cravings with these must-taste picks around town. And don't forget to post a picture or two while you're at it.



**1** Snap a picture before you bite into **Diablo Burger's** Señor Smoke: a grass-fed beef burger piled with ancho grilled onions, grilled avocado, thick-sliced bacon, cilantro and sriracha mayonnaise. **2** The daily fish special at **Brix Restaurant & Wine Bar** bursts with seasonal ingredients—in this case, sunchokes, Spanish chorizo and roasted tomatoes in a tomato-fennel broth, topped with Calabrian chile and an herb salad. **3** Homey and hearty, the Ratatouille at **Tinderbox Kitchen** touts smoked eggplant, carrots and zucchini on a bed of ancient grains pilaf, sprinkled with Parmesan cheese, walnuts and basil chips. **4** Bring your appetite to **Josephine's Modern American Bistro**, where the charred flatiron steak comes with a generous scoop of guacamole and a Caesar salad with cheese crisps instead of croutons. **5** At the **Toasted Owl**, kick off your day with a decadent order of Big Fat French Toast: Texas toast dipped in cinnamon-vanilla egg mix, served with a side of sausage, bacon or potatoes. **6** The Little Gem Caesar at **Shift Kitchen + Bar** comes loaded with flavor—not surprising, considering it's tossed with pine nuts, crostini, boquerones (mild white anchovy fillets) and lemon. **7** On **Pizzicletta's** wood-fired Amore Oi Mari, creamy mascarpone and salty pecorino cheeses come together with luscious San Daniele prosciutto, tart arugula and lemon olive oil for a bright, light pizza pie. **8** At **MartAnne's Breakfast Palace**, the wow-worthy Green Chile Omelette is loaded with green chile pork and cheese, smothered in green chile sauce and served alongside rice, beans, hash browns and a flour tortilla. **9** Light and fluffy on the inside and delicately ridged and dusted in cinnamon-sugar on the outside, the Churro Donut at **Tourist Home All Day Cafe** is a French cruller-meets-churro, offering the best of both worlds in one delightful delicacy.



# WINTER WONDERS

Arizona Snowbowl, Flagstaff

With its lush forests and higher elevation areas, Northern Arizona is a snow lover's winter wonderland. Take your pick from outdoor snow adventures, whether you're an absolute beginner or a seasoned snow bunny.

Less than 15 miles from Flagstaff, **Arizona Snowbowl** boasts an average of 260 inches of snowfall and the largest beginner terrain in the Southwest. Ski or snowboard down your choice of 55 runs or try

something new with a ski-bike ride, ideal for an array of ability levels.

At nearby **Arizona Nordic Village**, revel in a serene retreat of sugar-hued vistas and some 30 miles of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails.

On White Mountain Apache Tribal Lands, you can ski, snowboard and ski-bike at **Sunrise Park Resort**, where coasting downhill includes magnificent views of the surrounding pines and open sky.

Arizona Nordic Village, Flagstaff

LEFT TO RIGHT: ARIZONA NORDIC VILLAGE, ARIZONA SNOWBOWL

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Lyman Lake State Park, St. Johns

# 4 WATER ADVENTURES

Warm water, spectacular scenery and nearly 2,000 miles of shoreline draw sun-seekers to Lake Powell, which stretches from northern Arizona into southern Utah. Head to **Wahweap Marina** to rent personal watercrafts, paddleboards, kayaks—even houseboats—or to spend the night at Lake Powell Resort.

With its towering canyon walls, thrilling whitewater rapids and star-filled nights, rafting the Grand Canyon is truly a bucket list adventure. Choose your level of thrill—from a 13-day oar trip through the entire canyon to a three-day motor trip paired with Western-style fun—with **Arizona River Runners**, in business for more than 50 years.

Comprising 1.25 million acres, **Glen Canyon National Recreation Area** boasts plentiful water features, from the Instagram-famous Horseshoe Bend to sprawling Lake Powell. Raft, stand-up paddleboard, canoe or kayak along the Colorado River through this scenic area with **Kayak Horseshoe Bend**, offering convenient up-river backhaul service directly from fishing hot spot Lees Ferry.

Bring all your water toys—jet skis, speedboats and water skis—to **Lyman Lake State Park**, where you'll find a 1,500-acre reservoir with no size restrictions on watercraft. The west end of the lake, however, is buoyed off as a no-wake zone, making it ideal for anglers looking to snag walleye, catfish and largemouth bass from the snowmelt waters.



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# INCREDIBLE Landscapes

Some of the Southwest's most unique landscapes can be found in Northern Arizona.

## VERMILION CLIFFS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Undulating swirls of red and yellow sandstone, dramatic red cliffs and uncommon wildlife such as endangered California condors are just some of the draws to this 280,000-acre monument. Most roads require four-wheel drive—and the most notable sights require a permit—but the rewards are worth the effort.

## METEOR CRATER NATURAL LANDMARK, WINSLOW

Approximately 50,000 years ago, a meteor slammed into the earth with the force of more than 20 million tons of TNT, creating a crater a mile across and more than 500 feet deep. Go on the 45-minute guided rim tour to learn about this epic event.

## SUNSET CRATER VOLCANO NATIONAL MONUMENT

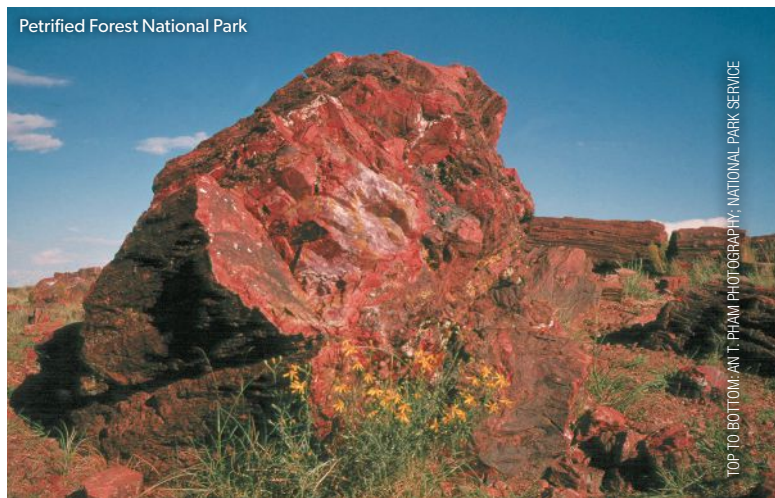
This spot looks so out of this world that parts of it doubled for the moon when astronauts needed a place to train for lunar landings. Explore this lava-altered landscape for yourself on a hike through loose cinder at the flow's edge.

## PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Not a forest in the traditional sense, this national park amazes with views of colorful mesas, buttes and badlands—not to mention the fossilized wood the park is named for, as well as petroglyphs, hoodoos and a stretch of historic Route 66.



Vermilion Cliffs  
National Monument



Petrified Forest National Park

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# ARIZONA'S WEST COAST

Be sure to pack your swimsuit when you visit Western Arizona, where the Colorado River and glittering waters of lakes and reservoirs combine to create the perfect climate for fun in the sun. As you trace the Colorado River's path from the Glen Canyon Dam to Mexico, you'll fall in love with close-knit communities filled with museums and attractions, natural wonders and wildlife habitats—and, of course, countless places to enjoy boating, swimming and water sports of all types.

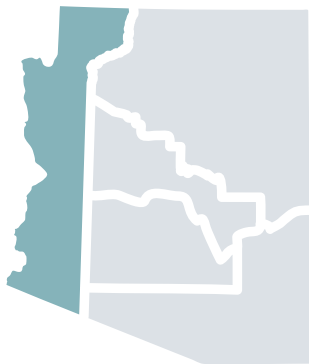
Arizona Bay on the  
Colorado River





## IN THIS REGION

Fredonia, Kingman, Lake Havasu City,  
Parker, Yuma



# Area Highlights

**POWERHOUSE VISITOR CENTER, KINGMAN** Originally the Desert Power & Water Co. Electric Power Plant in 1907, today this center is a hub for the history and culture of the Mother Road, housing the Arizona Route 66 Museum, Route 66 Electric Vehicle Museum and the Carlos Elmer Gallery, which displays scenic highway photography.

**LAKE HAVASU** White sandy beaches, brilliant red mountains, teal waters—this reservoir is a colorful oasis in the desert. Pitch a tent or bring your RV to enjoy waterfront camping, rent a boat or personal watercraft to zoom along the lake's surface, or just kick back at one of the waterfront bars and restaurants.

**COLORADO RIVER** Winding along the borders of Arizona, California and Nevada, this iconic waterway is ideal for a guided whitewater rafting trip, cruising along in a jetboat or just paddling through the canyons in a kayak. Rent a boat at one of the marinas or bring your own to dock at one of the lively riverfront bars and eateries.

**SKYWALK AT EAGLE POINT, GRAND CANYON WEST** Feel your heart pound with exhilaration as you walk along the horseshoe-shaped glass bridge that curves over the edge of a 4,000-foot cliff and into the expanse of the Grand Canyon. Then, explore Hualapai, Navajo, Plains, Hopi and Havasupai structures.

## YUMA TERRITORIAL PRISON STATE HISTORIC PARK, YUMA

Once housing an array of law breakers—including notorious stagecoach robber Pearl Hart—this historic prison dates back to the Gold Rush era. See the original cell blocks, guard tower and entrance gate, and be sure to view the video presentation and authentic artifacts at the museum.

## MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ARTS, KINGMAN

Immerse yourself in the past at this diverse museum, where you'll delve into Mohave County's mining history and ghost towns, peruse portraits of United States Presidents and First Ladies, and learn about the area's first inhabitants, from numerous tribes of American Indians to railroaders and ranchers.

**PIPE SPRING NATIONAL MONUMENT, FREDONIA** With life-sustaining water, Pipe Spring has provided refuge for wildlife, the Kaibab Paiute Indians and West-bound pioneers. Explore the exhibits at the Pipe Spring National Monument – Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians Visitor Center and Museum, and take a guided tour of Winsor Castle, a fortified ranch house built by Mormon ranchers in the 1870s.

**COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES (CRIT) MUSEUM, PARKER** Glimpse into the lives, history and culture of local tribes—including Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo—through exhibits, cultural artifacts and historic photographs housed at this museum.

**BUCKSKIN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, PARKER** Nestled in a crook of the Colorado River where the border of Arizona meets California, this lush park is surrounded by jagged mountains. Gather friends or family for waterfront camping and boating, or to explore a network of hiking trails offering picturesque views.

## ARIZONA'S WEST COAST



Powerhouse Visitor Center, Kingman



Skywalk at Eagle Point, Grand Canyon West



Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park, Yuma



# Animal Kingdom



Kofa National Wildlife Refuge,  
Yuma

Want to take a walk on Arizona's wild side? Grab your binoculars and delight in Mother Nature at numerous designated wilderness preserves: **Havasu National Wildlife Refuge** in Topock, **Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge** in Lake Havasu City, **Cibola National Wildlife Refuge** in Cibola, and **Imperial National Wildlife Refuge** and **Kofa National Wildlife Refuge** in Yuma. You'll find everything from endangered razorback sucker fish and Yuma clapper rail to Sonoran pronghorn and dozens of species of butterflies. Each refuge's unique ecosystem welcomes resident and migratory creatures of all kinds, offering opportunities for wildlife spotting, bird watching, hiking, boating and even hunting, which can help prevent overpopulation in the refuges. Escape the city life for awhile and experience the beauty of this region's wildest places.

TOP TO BOTTOM: ELISABETH BRENTANO; KINGMAN OFFICE OF TOURISM

## WET YOUR WHISTLE Craft Beverages

From small-batch spirits to craft beers, the West Coast region has a beverage to suit your style.

Yuma, the sunniest city in the country, is home to **Prison Hill Brewing Co.**, which takes its name from the nearby historic territorial prison and serves up wittily named selections that include Jailbait Blonde and Allegation Amber. In Lake Havasu City, pull up a chair at **Barley Bros. Restaurant & Brewery**, where you can enjoy an ale, lager or stout to wash down wood-fired calzones or pizzas. Also here is **Hangar 24 Craft Brewing**, serving up burgers, sandwiches and pints of Chocolate Bomber chocolate porter, Orange Wheat brewed with local oranges,

and a roster of unique limited releases. Just a few minutes from famed Route 66 is **Stetson Winery**, the high-desert winery in Kingman, where a lineup of both red and white wines are available for tasting. Also in Kingman, you'll find desert-inspired agave rum, whiskey and vodka at **Desert Diamond Distillery** inside the Airport Industrial Complex. Tours and tastings are offered, so stop by to get a behind-the-scenes peek at the production process and a sampling of their spirits.

Desert Diamond Distillery, Kingman





# FAMILY MATTERS



Hualapai Mountain Park, Kingman



The Zip Line at Grand Canyon West, Grand Canyon West

When it comes to family fun, western Arizona offers up everything from zip lining to nature walks.

## FLYING HIGH

Experience an hour of pure adrenaline at **The Zip Line at Grand Canyon West**. Here, several zip lines above a canyon translate to the thrill of flying at nearly 40 miles per hour. (Guests must weigh 90 to 275 pounds.)

## BACK TO NATURE

Bring the family to **Hualapai Mountain Park** in Kingman to choose from 10 miles of trails for mountain biking and hiking, or play a game

of disc golf on the 18-hole championship-style course.

## PLAY ALL DAY

Let your little ones loose at the castle-like **Stewart Vincent Wolfe Creative Playground** at West Wetlands Park in Yuma, where imaginative structures, a zip line with two bays, and a climbing area will keep kids busy for hours.

## GAME DAY

Challenge the family to a game of bowling at **Cocopah's Wild River Family Entertainment Center** in Somerton, or explore the laser tag arena, arcade, lounge and restaurants.

## TAKE THE Plunge

From whitewater rafting to swim-up bars, western Arizona knows how to make a splash.

**Water Play** With an 850-foot lazy river, a zippy mat racer and massive water slides, **Waylon's Water World** in Yuma issues a siren song to the young (and young at heart).

**Make Waves** Get a new perspective on the Grand Canyon and Colorado River when you experience miles of whitewater rafting with the **Hualapai River Runners** in Peach Springs.

**On the Water** Hop aboard a canoe or kayak with **Desert River Outfitters** in Bullhead City for a guided tour along the lower Colorado River, and savor Instagram-worthy views of the canyon.

**Life's a Beach** In Lake Havasu City, lounge on white sand beaches at **Lake Havasu State Park**, take a dip along the shore in the designated swimming area, enjoy a feast al fresco in the picnic area or launch a boat from one of the three boat ramps.

**Pool Party** Cool off at the **Topock66 Restaurant, Bar & Riverstore** in Topock, which offers a swim-up bar and live entertainment on the weekends. A marina, restaurant and retail shop round out the experience.



Hualapai River Runners, Peach Springs



Lake Havasu State Park, Lake Havasu City



# NORTH CENTRAL ARIZONA

One of the most beautiful cities in the world is located in North Central Arizona. But that's just part of the region's appeal. Beyond the red-rock resplendency of Sedona you'll find historic sites in Prescott and Fort Apache, family-friendly activities like the Verde Canyon Railroad, and some of the state's best restaurants and wineries.

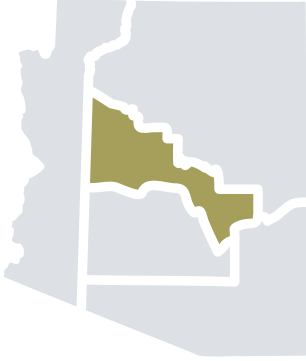
Salt River Canyon Scenic Drive





## IN THIS REGION

Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Fort Apache, Globe, Jerome, Prescott, Sedona



# Area Highlights

**MUSEUM OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, PRESCOTT** Formerly the Smoki Museum, this interactive spot prides itself on its educational exhibits and ongoing programs on the Southwest's indigenous cultures. Explore American Indian artifacts, attend an enlightening class or lecture, learn how to make prehistoric pottery, and buy authentic Navajo rugs and artwork at two annual auctions.

**DEAD HORSE RANCH STATE PARK, COTTONWOOD** Escape to the verdant Verde River Valley at this scenic park where you can picnic beneath a shaded canopy of cottonwood and willow trees, go fishing at three lagoons, sleep beneath the stars at one of the high desert campsites; or bike, hike or horseback ride along the shared-use Dead Horse Trail System.

**SALT RIVER CANYON SCENIC DRIVE** Follow the winding curves along U.S. Highway 60 through the Salt River Canyon Wilderness Area and pull over at the overlooks along the way for dramatic views of brilliant red cliffs, canyon walls and the rushing Salt River below, known for its premier Class IV whitewater rafting.

**PICKLE BARREL TRADING POST, GLOBE** In the midst of a rugged mining town, discover a century-old post-and-beam-built shop filled with Southwest-inspired treasures: Minnetonka moccasins, Pendleton blankets, glittering minerals and rocks, Apache beadwork,

cowboy hats, one-of-a-kind antiques, rustic yard art and an array of fun gifts for kids.

**RED ROCK STATE PARK, SEDONA** Brilliant red plateaus, green meadows dappled with colorful wildflowers and the cool waters of Oak Creek meandering through stands of trees are just a few of the highlights at this 286-acre state park. Bring the whole family along the 5-mile trail network for panoramic views of this area's natural beauty.

**HISTORIC WHISKEY ROW, PRESCOTT** Forty saloons once lined Whiskey Row, attracting the likes of Wyatt and Virgil Earp, Doc Holliday and countless other settlers, prospectors, cowboys and gamblers during the Gold Rush days. Today, you can still order a drink here and browse the numerous art galleries and souvenir shops.

**WATSON LAKE AND THE GRANITE DELLS, PRESCOTT** Dramatic rock formations—known as the Granite Dells, an assemblage of large granite boulders with a strikingly rippled appearance—surround Watson Lake, making it one of the most ruggedly beautiful spots in the region. Explore the waters by canoe, kayak or stand-up paddleboard—or bike, hike, fish and climb.

**TLAQUEPAQUE ARTS & SHOPPING VILLAGE, SEDONA** With its cobblestone walkways, twinkling lights, water fountain and dramatic archways draped in vines, this retail and entertainment area is a picturesque retreat. Stroll more than 50 specialty shops and art galleries, which showcase an array of media, from sculptures and pottery to silks and weavings.

**FORT APACHE HISTORIC PARK/NOHWIKE' BĀGOWA (HOUSE OF OUR FOOTPRINTS) MUSEUM, FORT APACHE** One of the best examples of an existing Apache Wars-era military post, Fort Apache Historic Park displays more than 20 structures in its historic district. You can also tour the Nohwike' Bāgowa, dedicated to Apache heritage and arts, and visit the nearby Kinishba Ruins National Historic Landmark.

## NORTH CENTRAL ARIZONA



Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood



Red Rock State Park, Sedona



Historic Whiskey Row, Prescott



# A Day Trip to Jerome

BY NORA BURBA TRULSSON

Asylum Restaurant, Jerome



Jerome has been a copper mining boomtown, ghost town, hippie enclave and artist colony. Today, the hillside town above the Verde Valley retains its historic roots and boho vibe, perfect for a delightful detour.

**Morning:** Past is present at **1 Gold King Mine and Ghost Town**, a spot where gold—not copper—was struck in 1890. Old buildings, antique artifacts and vintage vehicles dot the grounds. Gold panning and a petting zoo keep kids in awe.

**Lunch:** Located in an 1899 building, **2 The Clinkscale** is Jerome's newest restaurant (and hotel), offering everything from cauliflower steak burgers to scallops with cilantro lime couscous—plus craft cocktails, naturally. Experience the terroir of the Verde Valley wine region by strolling up the street to the tasting room of **3 Caduceus Cellars** and **Merkin Vineyards**, Arizona wineries founded by alternative rock icon Maynard James Keenan.

**Afternoon:** Walk off lunch and wine with retail browsing. Located in a 1917 building, **4 Jerome Artists Cooperative Gallery** showcases work by dozens of local artists, and nearby **5 Pura Vida Gallery** focuses on handicrafts such as home decor and glassware. Meanwhile, **6 Nellie Bly** is said to be the largest kaleidoscope shop on the planet, filled with handcrafted eye candy plus marbles and dichroic jewelry.

**Dinner:** Toast your Jerome journey with a glass of Arizona wine from the view-grabbing patios of **7 Asylum Restaurant**, perched atop the hill, where signature dishes include roasted butternut squash soup and grilled achiote pork tenderloin.

## 3 Places to Time Travel

From a frontier governor's mansion and a 19th-century military base to a heritage railroad, North Central Arizona offers a trove of historic attractions.

BY NORA BURBA TRULSSON

**1** Those with a penchant for the past will enjoy a few of North Central Arizona's historic highlights. In Prescott, **Sharlot Hall Museum** is a shady, 4-acre site dotted with 11 buildings, including the two-story, territorial-era governor's mansion, circa 1864; and the 1877 Bashford House, a fanciful Victorian. The main exhibit building tells the tale of Arizona's pre-history, Prescott's timeline and the story of museum founder Hall, a poet and historian.

**2** **Fort Verde State Historic Park** in nearby Camp Verde was built as an Army outpost during the Central Arizona Indian Wars, active from

1871 until 1891. Buffalo Soldiers also served at the fort, starting in 1885. Wander the square to see four remaining examples of 19th-century military architecture, including living quarters and the administration building.

**3** Finally, do some literal time traveling with a trek on the scenic **Verde Canyon Railroad**, which has 1950s-era FP7 locomotives pulling restored vintage passenger cars from the Clarkdale depot through high desert, past dramatic cliffs and along a river on tracks originally built for hauling copper from nearby mines. Keep your eyes peeled for eagles and cliff dwellings.



Fort Verde State Historic Park, Camp Verde



Verde Canyon Railroad, Clarkdale



# PERFECT PICNICS

BY TERESA BITLER

Arizona boasts some of the most scenic landscapes in the Southwest. Make the most of your time here by grabbing a lunch to go and having a picnic at these state parks and national forests.

## GRAB

**Fargo's Steakhouse** is a popular Payson steakhouse that serves gourmet sandwiches, wraps, burgers and salads to-go for lunch. Choose from traditional options like the hot pastrami or creative ones like the coconut-crusted salmon sandwich.

## GO

At **Tonto Natural Bridge State Park**, you'll find shaded picnic tables a short walk from the world's largest travertine bridge and near the trailheads leading down to its base. Be prepared for a steep descent and minor bouldering.



Routinely voted the best in Sedona, the massive sandwiches at **Sedona Memories Bakery Café** are made with your choice of fresh homemade bread and piled with premium meats and veggies. Order over the phone, and your takeout comes with a free cookie.

As one of the most photographed landscapes in Sedona, **Crescent Moon Picnic Site** offers views of Cathedral Rock reflected in the waters of Oak Creek. Go early in the morning or on a weekday to secure a spot.



**Fresca Café** is a New York-style deli and eatery that imports its meats and cheeses from Italy and pairs them with local ingredients for paninis, salads and pizza. Get yours to go with a scoop of homemade gelato or sorbetto.

Savor your lunch at **Lynx Lake North Shore Picnic Site**, perched on the shores of Lynx Lake, a 55-acre, man-made lake. After you eat, fish for trout, hike the 2.3-mile loop trail or watch for wildlife from a fixed viewing scope.



Tonto Natural Bridge State Park, Payson

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# Resource Guide

## PHOENIX & CENTRAL ARIZONA

### AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

#### Ak-Chin Indian Community

##### Maricopa

520-568-1000, ak-chin.nsn.us

With a name meaning "Place Where the Wash Loses itself in the Ground," the Ak-Chin Indian Community is nestled into the Santa Cruz Valley, 35 miles south of Phoenix. The community has a variety of enterprises, including Ak-Chin Farms, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club and the Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center. When you visit, don't skip the Ak-Chin Him-Dak EcoMuseum and Archives, Historic BIA Agent House and the great lunch menu including a fresh salad or frybread from Vekol Market.

#### Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

##### Scottsdale/Fountain Hills

480-789-4957,

wekopacasinoresort.com

Located in beautiful Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, Fort McDowell is just 20 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, surrounded by breathtaking 360-degree Sonoran Desert and mountain views. Attractions include We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort, We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, Fort McDowell Adventures, and Eagle View RV Resort (Asah Gweh Oou-o).

#### Gila River Indian Community

##### Sacaton

520-796-5389, wildhorsepass.com

The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority (WHPDA) is the Gila River Indian Community's entity responsible for developing the Wild Horse Pass Development Area, a 3,300-acre master planned commercial development zone and the Community's premier tourist destination. The Wild Horse Pass Destination includes: Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, Gila River Hotels & Casinos-Wild Horse Pass, Whirlwind Golf Club, Aji Spa, Rawhide Western Town & Event Center, Phoenix Premium Outlets, KOLI Equestrian Center, Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park, Radford Racing School and Huhugam Heritage Center.

#### Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC)

##### Near Scottsdale

480-362-2700, discoversalriver.com

The Salt River Indian Community is home to two tribes: the Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, more commonly known as Pima and Maricopa. Located east of Phoenix and minutes from Downtown Scottsdale, the Salt River Indian Community invites you discover tourism in Indian Country in a new way. The Community's Talking Stick Entertainment District is Arizona's playground, with properties such as Talking Stick Resort, Talking Stick Golf Club, Butterfly Wonderland, OdySea Aquarium, Octane Raceway, TopGolf and Medieval Times. Come play with us!

### ARIZONA OFFICIAL VISITOR CENTERS

#### Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce

##### Apache Junction

480-982-3141, ajchamber.com

#### Arizona Heritage Center

##### Tempe

480-929-0292, arizonahistoricalociety.org/museum/arizona-heritage-center

#### Coolidge Visitor Center

Coolidge

520-723-3009,

coolidgechamber.org

#### Discover Salt River

##### Scottsdale

480-362-2700, discoversalriver.com

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#### Experience Scottsdale

##### Scottsdale

800-782-1117,

experiencescottsdale.com

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#### Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

##### Casa Grande

520-836-2125,

casagrandechamber.org

#### Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce

##### Goodyear

623-932-2260,

southwestvalleychamber.org

Virtual Services Offered

#### Sunland Visitor Center

##### Eloy

520-466-3007,

sunlandvisitorcenter.org

#### Wickenburg Visitor Center

##### Wickenburg

928-684-5479,

wickenburgchamber.com

### ATTRACTIONS

#### Boat Rentals of America - Pleasant Harbor

##### Peoria

855-690-0794 x 5, boats4rent.com

#### Boat Rentals of America - Tempe Town Lake

##### Tempe

855-690-0794 x 4, boats4rent.com

#### Goodyear Ballpark

##### Goodyear

623-882-3120, goodyearbp.com

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#### Surprise Stadium

##### Surprise

623-222-2222, surprisestadium.com

#1 spring training facility in the Cactus League by USA Today. Home to the KC Royals and TX Rangers.

### DESTINATION INFORMATION

#### City of Peoria, AZ

##### Peoria

623-773-7000, peoriaaz.gov

Peoria is the place for bright horizons,

new adventures and lasting memories

in the Sonoran Desert.

#### Experience Fountain Hills

##### Fountain Hills

480-816-5100,

experiencefountainhills.org

The famous fountain is the backdrop for unique art, festivals, dining, spas and outdoor activities.

#### Explore Surprise

##### Surprise

623-222-2222, exploresurprise.com

Come find your Surprise and explore all

of the different ways to adventure, dine,

play and relax.

#### Glendale Conventions & Visitors Bureau

##### Glendale

877-800-2601, visitglendale.com

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#### Pinal County

##### Florence

520-866-6227, pinalcountyz.gov/

visitors/pages/home.aspx

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#### Visit Phoenix

##### Phoenix

602-452-6236, visitphoenix.com

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#### Visit Mesa

##### Mesa

800-283-6372, visitmesa.com

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#### Wild Horse Pass

##### Chandler

520-796-5389, wildhorsepass.com

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### DINING

#### elements at Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa

##### Paradise Valley

844-265-7455, sanctuaryaz.com

Savor farm-fresh American cuisine

by Food Network star Chef Beau

MacMillan, with spectacular views.

#### Lincoln Steakhouse and Bar

##### Scottsdale

480-905-7979,

lincolnrestaurantpv.com

American cuisine, butcher-cut steaks,

cheesecake and sides. Enjoy indoor or

outdoor dining.

#### Litchfield's

##### Litchfield Park

855-699-1856,

wigwamarizona.com

Savor your favorite seasonal farm-to-

table dishes at The Wigwam's signature

restaurant, Litchfield's.

#### Orange Sky at Talking Stick Resort

##### Scottsdale

480-850-8606, talkingstickresort.com

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A signature fine dining restaurant with

sunset views and an award-winning

wine list.

#### Red's Bar & Grill

##### Litchfield Park

855-699-1856, wigwamarizona.com

Visit Red's Bar & Grill to enjoy famous

burgers, rotating beer taps and endless

golf course views.

#### T. Cook's

##### Phoenix

602-283-1234, royalpalmsotel.com

Mediterranean-style menus with eclectic

tapas, local and fresh ingredients, and

impeccable entrees.

#### Tash at Talking Stick Resort

##### Scottsdale

480-291-5618, talkingstickresort.com

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A spacious restaurant and bar offering

bold Mediterranean flavors, cocktails

and scenic patio views.

#### Top of the Rock

##### Phoenix

602-431-2370, marriott.com/hotel-

restaurants/phxmt-marriott-phoenix-

resort-tempe-at-the-buttles/top-of-

the-rock-restaurant

Savor world-class views and innovative

farm-to-table cuisine infused with local

Arizona culture.

### NATIONAL FORESTS

#### Tonto National Forest

##### Phoenix

602-225-5200, fs.usda.gov/tonto

### NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

For more information, visit fws.gov

#### Arizona State Land Department

##### Phoenix

602-542-4631, land.az.gov

#### Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

##### Coolidge

520-723-3172, nps.gov/cagr

#### Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department

##### Morristown

602-506-2930, maricopa.gov/parks

#### Pinal County Parks and Recreation

##### Florence

520-509-3555,

pinalcountyz.gov/visitors

#### Sonoran Desert National Monument

##### Phoenix

623-580-5500, blm.gov/az

### SHOPPING

#### Biltmore Fashion Park

##### Phoenix

602-955-8401, shopbiltmore.com

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#### Chandler Fashion Center

##### Chandler

480-812-0152,

shopchandlerfashioncenter.com

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#### Kierland Commons

##### Scottsdale

480-348-1577, kierlandcommons.com

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#### Scottsdale Fashion Square

##### Scottsdale

480-945-5495, fashionsquare.com

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### SPA

#### Narande Spa

##### Phoenix

602-431-2357, marriott.com/

hotels/hotel-information/fitness-spa-

services/phxmt-marriott-phoenix-

resort-tempe-at-the-buttles/

A full service, tranquil and serene retreat

located in the Marriott Phoenix Resort

Tempe at the Buttes.

#### Revive Spa

##### Phoenix

480-293-3700, jwrevivespa.com

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and elevate your well-being.

#### Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa

##### Paradise Valley

866-931-1701, sanctuaryaz.com

Embark on an Asian-inspired journey

of rejuvenation in 12 indoor/outdoor

treatment rooms.

#### The Spa at Camelback Inn

##### Scottsdale

480-596-7040, camelbackspa.com

With its mountainside location, The Spa

at Camelback Inn possesses an air of

quiet seclusion.

#### Spa Avania at Hyatt Regency

##### Scottsdale Resort & Spa

##### Scottsdale

480-483-5558, spaavania.com

### STATE PARKS, FISH & GAME

#### Arizona Game and Fish Department

##### Phoenix

602-942-3000, azgfd.gov

#### Arizona State Parks

##### Phoenix

602-542-4174, azstateparks.com

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#### Lost Dutchman State Park

##### Apache Junction

480-982-4485,

azstateparks.com/lost-dutchman

#### McFarland State Historic Park and Florence Visitor Center

##### Florence

520-868-5216,

azstateparks.com/mcfarland

#### Oracle State Park

##### Oracle

520-896-2425,

azstateparks.com/oracle

#### Picacho Peak State Park

##### Picacho



## AZ Ghost Tours Phoenix

480-473-0303, azparks.com/tours

## Rainbow Ryders Hot Air Balloon

Ride Co. Phoenix

480-299-0154,

rainbowryders.com 📍

## Rei Co-op Adventure Center

Scottsdale

480-945-2881,

destinations.rei.com/arizona

Experience the Arizona desert with a guided tour or gear rentals from REI.

Choose from hike, bike, paddle or climb tours.

## Stellar Adventures Scottsdale

602-402-0584, stellaradventures.com

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## TRANSPORTATION

### Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport

Mesa

480-988-7600, gatewayairport.com

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Gateway Airport makes travel just plane easy with nonstop service to more than 45 destinations. 📍

## TUCSON & SOUTHERN ARIZONA

## AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

### Pascua Yaqui Tribe Tucson

520-883-5000, pascuayaqui-nsn.gov

The sovereign nation of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe traces its existence to C.E. 552 and are original inhabitants of the Rio Yaqui Valley and Sonoran region of present-day Mexico and the Southwestern United States. Visit the Casino Del Sol and the 4,400-seat Anselmo Valencia Tori Amphitheater (AVA).

### Tohono O'odham Nation Sells

520-383-2028, tonation-nsn.gov

Located in the Sonoran Desert of Southern Arizona, the 2.8-million-acre combined lands of the Tohono O'odham comprise the second-largest tribal land base in the United States and boast a cultural center and museum, four Desert Diamond casinos, Kitt Peak National Observatory and the historic Mission San Xavier del Bac.

## ARIZONA OFFICIAL

### VISITOR CENTERS

#### Arizona History Museum Tucson

520-628-5774,

arizonahistoricalsociety.org/museum/

arizona-history-museum 📍

#### Benson Visitor Center Benson

520-586-4293,

bensonvisitorcenter.com

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#### Bisbee Visitor Center Bisbee

520-432-4232, discoverbisbee.com

Virtual Services Available 📍

#### Clifton Visitor Center Clifton

928-865-3313,

cliftonaz.com/visitors-center 📍

#### Marana Visitor Center Marana

520-682-4314,

maranachamber.com 📍

#### Sierra Vista Visitor Center

Sierra Vista

800-288-3861, visitsierravista.com

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#### Southern Arizona Heritage &

Visitor Center Tucson

800-638-8350,

visitsouthernarizona.com 📍

#### Tubac Presidio State Historic Park -

Visitor Center Tubac

520-398-2252, tubacpresidio.org 📍

## ATTRACTIONS

### Amerind Museum Dagoon

520-586-3666, amerind.org

### Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Tucson

520-883-2702, desertmuseum.org 📍

### Arizona Zipline Adventures Oracle

520-308-9350, ziparizona.com 📍

### Pima Air & Space Museum Tucson

520-574-0462, pimaair.org

Explore aerospace history like never before with 400 aircraft, 6 hangars and 80 acres. 📍

### Titan Missile Museum

Green Valley

520-625-7736,

titanmissilemuseum.org

Go underground and back in time to the once top-secret Cold War relic, a Titan II missile silo.

### Tucson Botanical Gardens Tucson

520-326-9686, tucsonbotanical.org

Tucson Botanical Gardens: oasis in Tucson, with Edna's Eatery café. 📍

## DESTINATION INFORMATION

### Cochise County Tourism and

Economic Council Sierra Vista

520-439-2209, explorecochise.com

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### Nogales-Santa Cruz County

Chamber of Commerce Nogales

520-287-3685,

thenogaleschamber.org

Nogales-Santa Cruz County is a destination for wine connoisseurs to thrill-seekers, and more! 📍

### Visit Tucson Tucson

800-638-8350, visittucson.org

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## NATIONAL FORESTS

### Coronado National Forest Tucson

520-388-8300,

fs.usda.gov/coronado

## NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

For more information, visit fws.gov

### Buenos Aires National Wildlife

Refuge Sasabe

520-823-4251

### Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife

Refuge Ajo

520-387-6483

### Leslie Canyon National Wildlife

Refuge Douglas

520-364-2104

### San Bernardino National Wildlife

Refuge Douglas

520-364-2104

## PUBLIC LANDS

For public lands usage information, visit blm.gov/arizona.

### Arizona State Land Department

Phoenix

602-542-4631, land.az.gov

### Chiricahua National Monument

Willcox

520-824-3560, nps.gov/chir

### Coronado National Memorial

Hereford

520-366-5515, nps.gov/coro

### Fort Bowie National Historic Site

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520-847-2500, nps.gov/fobo

### Gila Box Riparian National

Conservation Area Safford

928-348-4400,

blm.gov/national-conservation-lands/arizona/gilabox

## Graham County Parks, Fair and

Racing Safford

928-428-3250, graham.az.gov

## Ironwood Forest National

Monument Tucson

520-258-7200,

blm.gov/visit/ironwood

## Las Cienegas National

Conservation Area Tucson

520-258-7200,

blm.gov/visit/las-cienegas

## Organ Pipe Cactus National

Monument Ajo

520-387-6849, nps.gov/orpi

## Pima County Natural Resources,

Parks and Recreation Department

Tucson

520-724-5000, pima.gov

## Saguaro National Park Tucson

520-733-5153, nps.gov/sagu

## San Pedro Riparian National

Conservation Area Sierra Vista

520-439-6400,

blm.gov/visit/san-pedro

## Santa Cruz County Parks Nogales

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santacruzcountyaz.gov

## Tumacacori National Historical Park

Tumacacori

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### Arizona State Parks Phoenix

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### Catalina State Park Tucson

520-628-5798,

azstateparks.com/catalina 📍

### Kartchner Caverns State Park

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520-586-4100,

azstateparks.com/kartchner 📍

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azstateparks.com/patagonia-lake 📍

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azstateparks.com/roper-lake 📍

## San Rafael State Natural Area

Patagonia

520-394-2447,

azstateparks.com/san-rafael

## Sonoita Creek State Natural Area

Patagonia

520-287-2791,

azstateparks.com/sonoita-creek

## Tombstone Courthouse State

Historic Park Tombstone

520-457-3311,

azstateparks.com/tombstone 📍

## Tubac Presidio State Historic Park

Tubac

520-398-2252,

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## NORTHERN ARIZONA

## AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

### Havasupai Tribe Supai

theofficialhavasupaitribe.com

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### Hopi Tribe Kykotsmobi

928-283-4500,

experiencehopi.com, hopi-nsn.gov

Hopi artisans are known for Katsina doll carvings, basketry, weaving, pottery, and silver and gold jewelry. The Hopi people continue their cultural lifeway of dry farming in raising corn, melons, squash and vegetables. Each of the 12 Hopi villages, spanning three mesas, hold religious ceremonies and share an underlying sense of reverence for a healthy and caring lifestyle. The Hopi village of Oraibi is the oldest continuously inhabited community in the U.S. Visitors should inquire at the Moenkopi Legacy Inn, adjacent to Tuba City, or at the Hopi Cultural Center, located on Second Mesa, for attractions and cultural activities open to the public.

### Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians

Fredonia

928-643-7245,

kaibabpaiute-nsn.gov

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### Navajo Nation Window Rock

928-810-8501, discovernavajo.com

Larger than many U.S. states, the lands of the Navajo Nation encompass 27,000 square miles of diverse and stunning landscapes, including such well-known landmarks as Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park and Canyon de Chelly National Monument. The tribe is known for its artfully crafted rug weavings, and turquoise and silver jewelry.

### San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe

Tuba City

928-212-9794

This small community, bordered by Navajo and Hopi lands, prides itself on basket weaving and farming.

### White Mountain Apache Tribe

Whiteriver

928-338-4625, 928-338-4346,

whitemountainapache.org

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Kinishba ruins, four miles west of Fort Apache.

**Zuni Pueblo Zuni, New Mexico**  
505-782-7238, zunitourism.com  
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## ARIZONA OFFICIAL VISITOR CENTERS

**Discover Flagstaff Flagstaff**  
928-213-2951, discoverflagstaff.com  
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**Glen Canyon Conservancy Page**  
928-640-3900,  
canyonconservancy.org 👤

**Grand Canyon Chamber & Visitors Bureau Tusayan**  
480-749-8269,  
grandcanyoncvb.org 👤

**Navajo County Historical Society Holbrook**  
928-524-6558,  
holbrookazmuseum.org  
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928-608-5749,  
pagelakepowellhub.com 👤

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arizonahistoricalociety.org/  
museum/pioneer-museum 👤

**Show Low Visitor Center Show Low**  
928-537-2326,  
showlowchamber.com 👤

**Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Pinetop-Lakeside**  
928-882-2665, pinetoplakeside.com  
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**Williams Visitor Center Williams**  
928-635-4061,  
experiencewilliams.com  
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## ATTRACTIONS

**Grand Canyon Visitor Center/IMAX Theater Grand Canyon**  
928-638-2468,  
explorethecanyon.com  
Buy a park pass, get info and maps, plus Grand Canyon IMAX movie, Explorer's Cafe, Adventure Store and tours. 🐾

**Lowell Observatory Flagstaff**  
928-774-3358, lowell.edu  
See ad on page 15

**Meteor Crater & Barringer Space Museum Winslow**  
928-289-5898, meteorcrater.com  
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**Navajo Nation Tourism Department/DED Window Rock**  
928-810-8105, discovernavajo.com  
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**Sedona Heritage Museum Sedona**  
928-282-7038, sedonamuseum.org  
Western movie history, wine-making pioneers, artists, cowboys and characters. Audio tours and videos.

**Sunrise Park Resort Greer**  
855-735-7669, sunrise.ski  
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**Big E Steakhouse & Saloon Grand Canyon**  
928-638-0333, bigesteakhouse.com  
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**Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Springerville**  
928-333-4301, fs.usda.gov/asnf

**Coconino National Forest Flagstaff**  
928-527-3600,  
fs.usda.gov/coconino

**Kaibab National Forest Williams**  
928-635-8200, fs.usda.gov/kaibab

## PUBLIC LANDS

For public lands usage information, visit blm.gov/arizona.

**Arizona State Land Department Phoenix**  
602-542-4631, land.az.gov

**Canyon de Chelly National Monument Chinle**  
928-674-5500, nps.gov/cach

**Coconino County Parks and Recreation Flagstaff**  
928-679-8000, coconino.az.gov

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Page**  
928-608-6200, nps.gov/glca

**Grand Canyon National Park Grand Canyon**  
928-638-7888, nps.gov/grca

**Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site Ganado**  
928-755-3475, nps.gov/hutr

**Navajo County Parks and Recreation Department Holbrook**  
928-524-4000, navajocountyaz.gov

**Navajo National Monument Shonto**  
928-672-2700, nps.gov/nava

**Petrified Forest National Park Holbrook**  
928-524-6228, nps.gov/pefo

**Pipe Spring National Monument Fredonia**  
928-643-7105, nps.gov/pisp

**Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument Flagstaff**  
928-526-0502, nps.gov/sucr

**Vermilion Cliffs National Monument St. George, Utah**  
435-688-3200, blm.gov/arizona

## STATE PARKS, FISH & GAME

**Arizona Game and Fish Department Phoenix**  
602-942-3000, azgfd.gov

**Arizona State Parks Phoenix**  
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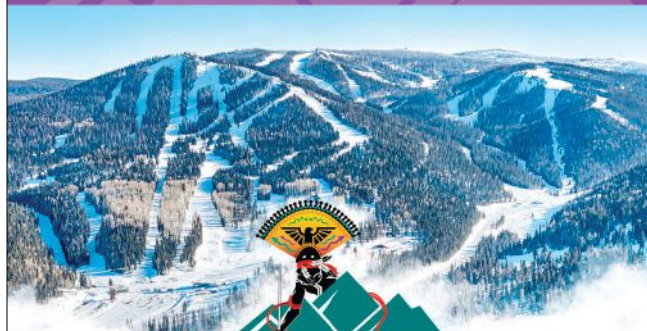
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### Riordan Mansion State Historic Park Flagstaff

928-779-4395,  
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## AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

### Fort Yuma-Quechan Tribe Yuma

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### Hualapai Tribe Peach Springs

928-769-2636,  
grandcanyonwest.com  
The Hualapai Tribe is located on one million acres of Hualapai ancestral lands. The modern northern boundary of the reservation is along the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River. Grand Canyon Resort Corporation is owned and operated by the Hualapai Tribe. The Hualapai Tribe operates Grand Canyon West, home of the Skywalk, and Hualapai River Runners, which offers one- and two-day whitewater rafting expeditions on the Colorado River.

## ARIZONA OFFICIAL VISITOR CENTERS

### City of Kingman Visitor Center Kingman

928-753-6106,  
explorekingman.com

### Lake Havasu City Visitor Center Lake Havasu

928-855-5655,  
golakehasvu.com/visitors-center

### Mineshaft Marketplace Chloride

928-565-4888,  
facebook.com/mineshaftmarket

**Sanguinetti House Museum & Gardens Yuma**  
928-782-1841,  
arizonahistoricalsociety.org/museum/  
sanguinetti-house-museum-gardens

### Visit Yuma Yuma

928-783-0071, visityuma.com

## ATTRACTIONS

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## DESTINATION INFORMATION

### Bouse Chamber of Commerce Bouse

928-851-2509,  
bouseazchamber.com

### Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Parker

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### Quartzsite Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Quartzsite

928-927-5200, quartzsitetourism.com  
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### Arizona State Land Department Phoenix

602-542-4631, land.az.gov

### Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument St. George, Utah

435-688-3200, nps.gov/para

### La Paz County Parks Department Parker

928-667-2069,  
lapazcountyparks.com

### Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boulder City, Nevada

702-293-8990, nps.gov/lake

### Mohave County Parks Department Kingman

877-757-0915, mcparks.com

### Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Yuma

928-373-5198, yumaheritage.com

## STATE PARKS, FISH & GAME

### Alamo Lake State Park Wenden

928-669-2088,  
azstateparks.com/alamo-lake

### Arizona Game and Fish Department Phoenix

602-942-3000, azgfd.gov  
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### Arizona State Parks Phoenix

602-542-4174, azstateparks.com

### Buckskin Mountain State Park Parker

928-667-3231,  
azstateparks.com/buckskin

### Cattail Cove State Park Lake Havasu City

928-855-1223,  
azstateparks.com/cattail-cove

### Colorado River State Historic Park Yuma

928-783-0071,  
azstateparks.com/colorado-river

### Lake Havasu State Park

**Lake Havasu City**  
928-855-2784,  
azstateparks.com/lake-havasu

### River Island State Park Parker

928-667-3386,  
azstateparks.com/river-island

### Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park Yuma

928-783-4771,  
azstateparks.com/yuma-territorial

## NORTH CENTRAL ARIZONA

## AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

### Yavapai-Apache Nation

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yavapai-apache.org  
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### Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe Prescott

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928-554-0851, visitcampverde.com

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928-634-7593, visitcottonwoodaz.org  
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### Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce Globe

928-425-4495,  
globemiamichamber.com

### Prescott Chamber of Commerce Prescott

928-445-2000, prescott.org/visitor-  
information-center.html

### Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce Prescott Valley

928-772-8857, pvchamber.org

### Sedona Chamber of Commerce Official Visitor Center Sedona

800-288-7336, visitsedona.com  
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### Verde Valley Archaeology Center & Museum Camp Verde

928-567-0066,  
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## DINING

### 89Agave Cantina Sedona

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## NATIONAL FORESTS

### Coconino National Forest Flagstaff

928-527-3600, fs.usda.gov/coconino

### Prescott National Forest Prescott

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### Tonto National Forest Phoenix

602-225-5200, fs.usda.gov/tonto

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### Agua Fria National Monument Phoenix

623-580-5500,  
blm.gov/visit/agua-fria

### Arizona State Land Department Phoenix

602-542-4631, land.az.gov

### Montezuma Castle National Monument Camp Verde

928-567-3322, nps.gov/moca

### Tonto National Monument Roosevelt

928-467-2241, nps.gov/tont

### Tuzigoot National Monument Camp Verde

928-634-5564, nps.gov/tuzi

### Yavapai County Facilities and Parks Department Prescott

928-771-3115, yavapai.us/facilities

## STATE PARKS, FISH & GAME

### Arizona Game and Fish Department Phoenix

602-942-3000, azgfd.gov

### Arizona State Parks Phoenix

602-542-4174, azstateparks.com  
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### Dead Horse Ranch State Park Cottonwood

928-634-5283,  
azstateparks.com/dead-horse

### Fort Verde State Historic Park Camp Verde

928-567-3275,  
azstateparks.com/fort-verde

### Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park Yarnell

877-697-2757,  
azstateparks.com/hotshots

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928-634-5381,  
azstateparks.com/Jerome

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928-282-6907,  
azstateparks.com/red-rock

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928-282-3034,  
azstateparks.com/slide-rock

### Tonto Natural Bridge State Park Payson

928-476-4202,  
azstateparks.com/tonto

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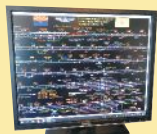
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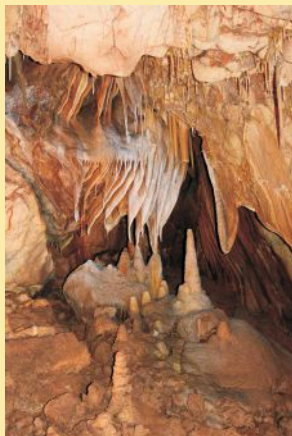


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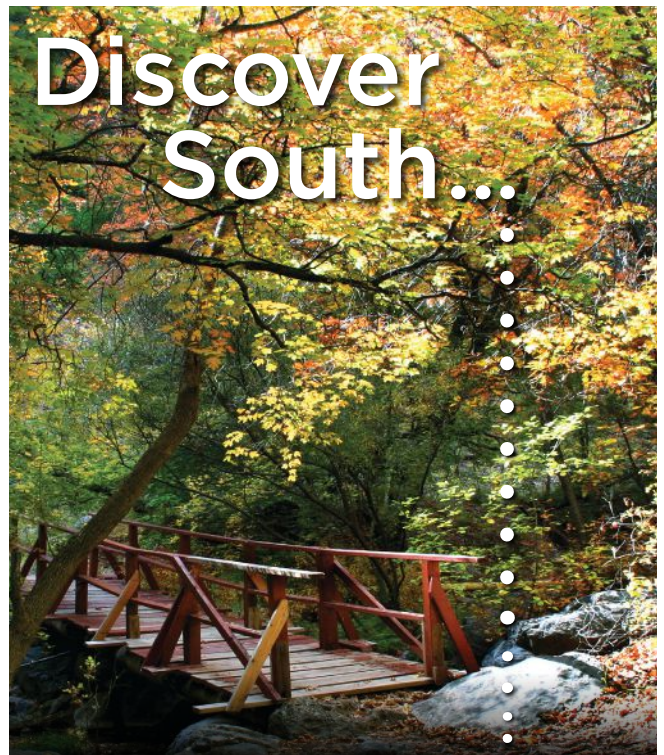
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🌿 <b>JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort + Spa Phoenix</b> 480-293-5000, <a href="http://jwdesertridge.com">jwdesertridge.com</a> JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa brings all the elements together for an amazing escape.	950		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$\$
🌿 <b>JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort + Spa Scottsdale</b> 480-948-1700, <a href="http://camelbackinn.com">camelbackinn.com</a> Rejuvenate your energy at our Scottsdale Resort, where luxury comes naturally.	453		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$\$
<b>Marriott Phoenix Resort Tempe at The Buttes Tempe</b> 602-225-9000, <a href="http://marriott.com/phxtm">marriott.com/phxtm</a> Marriott Phoenix Resort Tempe at The Buttes welcomes you with style, substance and great service.	353				•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•		•	•	\$-\$-\$-\$
🌿 <b>The Phoenician Scottsdale</b> 480-941-8200, <a href="http://thephoenician.com">thephoenician.com</a> , See ad on page 27	585		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$\$
<b>Royal Palms Resort &amp; Spa Phoenix</b> 602-283-1234, <a href="http://royalpalmsshotel.com">royalpalmsshotel.com</a> Retreat to a Spanish escape with a spa, poolside cabanas, live music and delicious menus.	119		•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•				•	•	•	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
<b>Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort &amp; Spa Paradise Valley</b> 844-267-6405, <a href="http://sanctuaryaz.com">sanctuaryaz.com</a> Escape to this intimate 53-acre setting on Camelback Mountain with 109 casitas and 8 private villas.	109				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	\$\$\$\$





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<b>Sonesta Suites Scottsdale Gainey Ranch Scottsdale</b> 480-922-6969, <a href="http://sonesta.com/scottsdale">sonesta.com/scottsdale</a> All-suites hotel + residential kitchens, lush courtyard, desert garden, oasis pool and on-site dining.	164			•			•		•	•	•	•				•	•	•	\$\$\$
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🌿 <b>The Westin Kierland Resort &amp; Spa Scottsdale</b> 480-624-1000, <a href="http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/phxws-the-westin-kierland-resort-and-spa">marriott.com/hotels/travel/phxws-the-westin-kierland-resort-and-spa</a> , See ad on page 27	735				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$\$
<b>The Wigwam Litchfield Park</b> 855-699-1856, <a href="http://wigwamarizona.com">wigwamarizona.com</a> Make your own history at The Wigwam, Arizona's iconic resort since 1929.	331		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

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### Hotel

<b>Best Western Plus Sun Canyon Sierra Vista</b> 520-335-0404, <a href="http://bestwestern.com/plussuncanyon">bestwestern.com/plussuncanyon</a>	80			•					•	•	•	•				•	•	•	\$\$
<b>Choice Hotels Numerous Locations</b> 888-846-9378, <a href="http://choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com">choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com</a> See ad on page 21	500								•		•	•				•	•	•	\$-\$\$\$\$
<b>Red Lion Inn &amp; Suites Tucson Downtown Tucson</b> 520-791-7511, <a href="http://redlion.com/red-lion-inn-suites/az/tucson/red-lion-inn-suites-tucson-downtown">redlion.com/red-lion-inn-suites/az/tucson/red-lion-inn-suites-tucson-downtown</a>	100			•					•							•	•	•	\$\$
<b>Sonesta Select Tucson Airport Tucson</b> 520-295-0405, <a href="http://sonesta.com/us/arizona/tucson/sonesta-select-tucson-airport">sonesta.com/us/arizona/tucson/sonesta-select-tucson-airport</a>	120	•				•	•		•		•	•				•	•	•	\$\$

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<b>Guest Ranch</b>																			
<b>Elkhorn Ranch Tucson</b> 520-822-1040, <a href="http://elkhornranch.com">elkhornranch.com</a> Guest ranch with exceptional wilderness riding, hiking and birding. All-inclusive. Open November through April.	20			•	•	•		•	•	•	•				•				\$\$\$\$
<b>Motel</b>																			
<b>Americas Best Value Inn Eloy Casa Grande Eloy</b> 520-466-7804, <a href="http://redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn/az/elay/americas-best-value-inn-elay-casa-grande">redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn/az/elay/americas-best-value-inn-elay-casa-grande</a>	42			•					•	•	•					•	•		\$
<b>Americas Best Value Inn Tucson Tucson</b> 520-884-5800, <a href="http://redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn/az/tucson/americas-best-value-inn-tucson">redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn/az/tucson/americas-best-value-inn-tucson</a>	92								•		•					•	•		\$
<b>Knights Inn Sierra Vista Sierra Vista</b> 520-459-5035, <a href="http://redlion.com/knights-inn/az/sierra-vista/knights-inn-sierra-vista">redlion.com/knights-inn/az/sierra-vista/knights-inn-sierra-vista</a>	101								•		•					•	•	•	\$\$
<b>Knights Inn Tucson D.M.A.F. Area Tucson</b> 520-747-1440, <a href="http://redlion.com/knights-inn/az/tucson/knights-inn-tucson-dmaf-area">redlion.com/knights-inn/az/tucson/knights-inn-tucson-dmaf-area</a>	67			•					•		•					•	•		\$
<b>Resort</b>																			
 <b>JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort + Spa Tucson</b> 520-792-3500, <a href="http://jwstarrpass.com">jwstarrpass.com</a> Located in Tucson Mountain Park, offering spectacular views of the city lights and Sonoran Desert.	575		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
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<b>Cabins</b>																			
<b>Junipine Resort Sedona</b> 928-282-3132, <a href="http://junipine.com">junipine.com</a>	37		•			•	•		•	•							•		\$\$\$\$
<b>Hotel</b>																			
 <b>Best Western Premier Grand Canyon Squire Inn Tusayan</b> 928-638-2681, <a href="http://grandcanyonsquire.com">grandcanyonsquire.com</a>	321		•			•	•		•	•	•	•				•	•	•	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
<b>Choice Hotels Numerous Locations</b> 888-846-9378, <a href="http://choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com">choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com</a> <i>See ad on page 21</i>	500								•		•	•				•	•	•	\$-\$\$\$\$
<b>Comfort Inn Flagstaff I-17 &amp; I-40 Flagstaff</b> 928-774-2225, <a href="http://choicehotels.com/arizona/flagstaff/comfort-inn-hotels/az080">choicehotels.com/arizona/flagstaff/comfort-inn-hotels/az080</a>	85			•					•	•	•	•				•	•	•	\$\$
<b>Grand Canyon Lodges, South Rim Grand Canyon</b> 888-297-2757, <a href="http://grandcanyonlodges.com">grandcanyonlodges.com</a> , <i>See ad on page 9</i>	432		•			•	•		•								•		\$\$-\$\$\$\$
<b>Grand Canyon Plaza Hotel Grand Canyon</b> 928-638-2673, <a href="http://grandcanyonplaza.com">grandcanyonplaza.com</a> Located 1 mile from the Grand Canyon National Park South Rim entrance. Large indoor garden atrium.	232					•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	\$\$-\$\$\$
<b>Grand Canyon Red Feather Lodge Grand Canyon</b> 800-538-2345, <a href="http://redfeatherlodge.com">redfeatherlodge.com</a> Conveniently located 1 mile from the National Park South Rim Gate. Newly renovated exterior and interior.	225					•	•		•	•	•	•				•	•	•	\$\$-\$\$\$
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 <b>Little America Hotel Flagstaff</b> 928-779-7910, <a href="http://flagstaff.littleamerica.com">flagstaff.littleamerica.com</a>	247	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	\$\$-\$\$\$\$
<b>Moenkopi Legacy Inn &amp; Suites Tuba City</b> 928-283-4500, <a href="http://experiencehopi.com">experiencehopi.com</a> , <i>See ad on page 80</i>	100		•						•		•	•					•	•	\$\$\$
<b>Sleep Inn Flagstaff Flagstaff</b> 928-556-3000, <a href="http://choicehotels.com/arizona/flagstaff/sleep-inn-hotels/az822">choicehotels.com/arizona/flagstaff/sleep-inn-hotels/az822</a>	56			•					•		•						•	•	\$\$
<b>Motel</b>																			
<b>Canyon Motel &amp; RV Park Williams</b> 602-403-6196, <a href="http://gocampinginarizona.com">gocampinginarizona.com</a>	24		•					•	•	•	•							•	\$-\$\$\$
<b>Knights Inn Page Page</b> 928-645-2488, <a href="http://redlion.com/knights-inn/az/page/knights-inn-page">redlion.com/knights-inn/az/page/knights-inn-page</a>	63			•					•		•					•	•	•	\$
<b>Resort</b>																			
 <b>Grand Canyon Railway &amp; Hotel Williams</b> 800-843-8724, <a href="http://thetrain.com">thetrain.com</a> , <i>See ad on page 15</i>	298		•			•	•		•	•	•	•					•		\$\$



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##### Knights Inn Kingman Kingman

928-757-4315, [redlion.com/knights-inn/az/kingman/knights-inn-kingman](http://redlion.com/knights-inn/az/kingman/knights-inn-kingman)

##### Knights Inn Yuma Yuma

928-726-6110, [redlion.com/knights-inn/az/yuma/knights-inn-yuma](http://redlion.com/knights-inn/az/yuma/knights-inn-yuma)

### NORTH CENTRAL ARIZONA

#### Hotel

##### Arabella Hotel Sedona Sedona

855-649-1200, [arabellahotelsedona.com](http://arabellahotelsedona.com)

##### Choice Hotels Numerous Locations

888-846-9378, [choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com](http://choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com)  
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928-632-0777, [creeksidelodgeandcabinsaz.com](http://creeksidelodgeandcabinsaz.com), See ad on page 74  
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623-535-1313, [redlion.com/red-lion-inn-suites/az/goodyear/red-lion-inn-suites-goodyear-phoenix](http://redlion.com/red-lion-inn-suites/az/goodyear/red-lion-inn-suites-goodyear-phoenix)

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<b>Choice Hotels Numerous Locations</b> 888-846-9378, <a href="http://choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com">choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com</a> See ad on page 21	500								•	•	•				•	•	•		\$
<b>Knights Inn Kingman Kingman</b> 928-757-4315, <a href="http://redlion.com/knights-inn/az/kingman/knights-inn-kingman">redlion.com/knights-inn/az/kingman/knights-inn-kingman</a>	146			•					•	•					•	•			\$\$
<b>Knights Inn Yuma Yuma</b> 928-726-6110, <a href="http://redlion.com/knights-inn/az/yuma/knights-inn-yuma">redlion.com/knights-inn/az/yuma/knights-inn-yuma</a>	114								•	•							•		\$\$
<b>Arabella Hotel Sedona Sedona</b> 855-649-1200, <a href="http://arabellahotelsedona.com">arabellahotelsedona.com</a>	144		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•			•	•			\$\$-\$\$\$\$
<b>Choice Hotels Numerous Locations</b> 888-846-9378, <a href="http://choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com">choicehotels.com/arizona-hotels.com</a> See ad on page 21	500								•	•	•				•	•	•		\$-\$\$\$\$
<b>Creekside Lodge and Cabins Mayer</b> 928-632-0777, <a href="http://creeksidelodgeandcabinsaz.com">creeksidelodgeandcabinsaz.com</a> , See ad on page 74 Choose from 14 cabins, one suite and four lodge rooms. Hiking trails, OHV trails, restaurant, bar, events, weddings.	19			•	•	•	•		•	•					•	•			\$\$\$
<b>Orchards Inn Sedona</b> 800-682-3181, <a href="http://orchardsinn.com">orchardsinn.com</a>	70					•	•		•	•					•	•			\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
<b>Red Lion Inn &amp; Suites Goodyear Phoenix Goodyear</b> 623-535-1313, <a href="http://redlion.com/red-lion-inn-suites/az/goodyear/red-lion-inn-suites-goodyear-phoenix">redlion.com/red-lion-inn-suites/az/goodyear/red-lion-inn-suites-goodyear-phoenix</a>	90								•	•	•				•	•	•		\$\$\$



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<b>Residence Inn by Marriott Prescott Prescott</b> 928-775-2232, marriott.com/prci	93			•					•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	\$\$\$
<b>SpringHill Suites by Marriott Prescott Prescott</b> 928-776-0998, marriott.com/prcsh	105		•	•					•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	\$\$\$
<b>Motel</b>																			
<b>Americas Best Value Inn &amp; Suites Flagstaff Flagstaff</b> 928-774-2779, redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn/az/flagstaff/ americas-best-value-inn-suites-flagstaff	30			•					•							•	•	•	\$
<b>Americas Best Value Inn Prescott Valley Prescott Valley</b> 928-772-2200, redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn/az/ prescott-valley/americas-best-value-inn-prescott-valley	50			•					•	•	•						•	•	\$
<b>Americas Best Value Inn Williams Grand Canyon Williams</b> 928-635-4085, redlion.com/americas-best-value-inn/az/williams/ americas-best-value-inn-williams-grand-canyon	39								•									•	\$
<b>Knights Inn Mesa Mesa</b> 480-610-1200, redlion.com/knights-inn/az/mesa/knights-inn-mesa	102			•					•		•					•	•	•	\$
<b>Knights Inn Payson Payson</b> 928-474-4526, redlion.com/knights-inn/az/payson/ knights-inn-payson	37								•								•	•	\$
<b>Resort</b>																			
<b>L'Auberge de Sedona Sedona</b> 855-421-4461, lauberge.com Nestled along Oak Creek within majestic Red Rock country, L'Auberge offers nourishing connections.	88		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•		\$\$\$\$

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	Number of Holes	Par	Yardage	Rating	Slope	Public (PB) Semi-Private (SP)	Dress Code	Advanced Booking Policy	Golf Shop	Bar/Lounge	Restaurant
<b>PHOENIX &amp; CENTRAL ARIZONA</b>											
<b>Bear Creek Golf Complex-Bear Course Chandler</b> 480-883-8200, bearcreekaz.com	18	71	6,825	71.6	122	PB	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Bear Creek Golf Complex-Cub Course Chandler</b> 480-883-8200, bearcreekaz.com	18	59	3,501	83	57.3	PB	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Camelback Golf Club (Ambiente and Padre Courses) Scottsdale</b> 480-596-7050, camelbackgolf.com Two scenic courses, Ambiente and Padre, boast native grasses, lofty trees and mountain views.	36	72/72	7,221/ 6,903	70.4/ 70	128/ 126	PB	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Wigwam Golf Litchfield Park</b> 623-935-9414, wigwamgolf.com	54	72	7,345	74.3	132	SP	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Wildfire Golf Club (Faldo and Palmer Courses) Phoenix</b> 888-705-7775, wildfiregolf.com Tee off amidst awe-inspiring mountain views at Wildfire Golf Club.	18/18	71/72	6,846/ 7,145	N/A	N/A	PB	•	•	•	•	•
<b>TUCSON &amp; SOUTHERN ARIZONA</b>											
<b>El Conquistador Golf Oro Valley</b> 520-544-1900, elconquestador.com, See ad on page 21 Tee off on 45 holes of desert golf at the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains in Oro Valley.	18	71	6,720	72	129	PB	•	•	•	•	•

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	Number of Spaces	Park Models for Rent	Senior Adult Park	Pets Allowed	Laundry	Swimming Pool	Organized Activities	Internet Access	Golf On-Site	Tennis On-Site	Restaurant	Exercise Facilities	Hot Tub/Jacuzzi	Recreational Facilities	General Store	ADA Compliant
<b>PHOENIX &amp; CENTRAL ARIZONA</b>																
<b>Arizona Association of RV Parks &amp; Campgrounds Phoenix</b> 602-403-6196, gocampinginarizona.com	3,000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>NORTHERN ARIZONA</b>																
<b>Canyon Motel &amp; RV Park Williams</b> 928-635-9371, thecanyonmotel.com	56	•	•	•	•	•		•						•	•	•





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For autism-inclusive destinations and travel resources, visit [AutismTravel.com](https://www.autismtravel.com). The Arizona Office of Tourism is the first state office of tourism to earn the Certified Autism Center (CAC) designation from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). Mesa earned the designation of the country's first Autism Certified City, and Go Lake Havasu is also a Certified Autism Center, with a staff trained to recognize and assist visitors on the autism spectrum.

**Make the most of your visit to Arizona with these helpful tools and tips. Go online to find even more trip planning resources at [VisitArizona.com](https://www.visitarizona.com).**

### 511 TRAVELER INFORMATION SERVICE

The Arizona Department of Transportation's 511 Traveler Information Service provides information and updates on road closures, construction and delays, as well as public transit services, major airports, tourism, weather and more. 511 Traveler Information Service: dial 511, [AZ511.gov](https://www.az511.gov), Twitter @ArizonaDOT.

### TIME ZONE

Arizona is in the Mountain Standard time zone. With the exception of the Navajo Nation in Northern Arizona, the state does not observe daylight savings time.

### AMERICAN INDIAN LANDS

The 22 American Indian communities in Arizona offer a multitude of recreational and cultural attractions, casinos and scenery that make their tribal lands—covering about 25 percent of the state—highly sought-after destinations and vacation spots. For tribal land etiquette tips and additional information, see [VisitArizona.com/places/american-indian](https://www.visitarizona.com/places/american-indian).

### TRAVELING BY AIR

Arizona's airports make it easy to reach your destination. Most travelers flying into Arizona will find themselves at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX)—named the country's best large airport in 2019 by *The Wall Street Journal*—which is the largest airport in the state, serving more than 46 million total passengers in 2019. Tucson International Airport (TUS) serves more than 3.6 million passengers annually via eight airlines that offer more than 50 departures daily to 19 nonstop destinations. Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (AZA) hosts three airlines offering nonstop service to more than 45 destinations. Grand Canyon National Park Airport (GCN), located 7 miles from the South Rim, offers limited service. Yuma International Airport (YUM) provides service to

Phoenix and Dallas-Fort Worth via American Airlines. Flagstaff Pulliam Airport (FLG) offers service to Phoenix and Dallas/Fort Worth via American Airlines, as well as service to Denver via United Airlines. Prescott Regional Airport (PRC) offers nonstop service to Denver and Los Angeles via United Airlines. For airline and flight information, contact each airport individually.

### SHUTTLE SERVICE

No matter where your destination is in Arizona, ground transportation is easily accessible. Visit the websites of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, Tucson International Airport and Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport for companies currently offering shuttle service between airports and cities throughout the state.

### CAR RENTAL

National car rental companies offer service at both the Phoenix and Tucson airports. At Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, shuttles ferry passengers to a separate, state-of-the-art car rental complex, with extension of the PHX Sky Train coming in 2022.

### LOCAL BUS & LIGHT RAIL

In the greater Phoenix area, Valley Metro Rail provides speedy rail service from Central Phoenix, through downtown Phoenix and Tempe's Arizona State University campus and into Mesa. The convenient PHX Sky Train connection delivers riders right to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Valley Metro buses provide public transportation throughout the entire greater Phoenix area. In Metro Tucson, Sun Tran buses have transit centers located at major destinations throughout the city, and the Sun Link is a 3.9-mile streetcar route connecting five distinct districts.

### RAILROAD & INTERCITY BUS

With stops in the major metropolitan areas, as well as in many other destinations around the state, trains and buses are viable options for traveling around The Grand Canyon State. Amtrak offers two routes: Southwest Chief route through Flagstaff and Sunset Limited/Texas Eagle route through Tucson. Greyhound offers intercity routes, with stations throughout the state. Check websites for complete station lists.





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# COVID-19 Safety Information

When you're ready to explore the wonder of Arizona again, we'll be here to welcome you back. The Arizona Office of Tourism, along with state and national partners, continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. The resources below provide information to help travelers plan visits to and within the state.



Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort, Paradise Valley

For current COVID-19 updates related to travel in Arizona, see [VisitArizona.com/covid-19](https://www.visitarizona.com/covid-19).

## WHAT'S OPEN

In response to the situation surrounding the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, some of Arizona's tourism businesses were closed, including attractions, museums, parks and hotels, as well as some of the tribal tourism-related businesses, such as casinos and parks like Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park. As COVID-19 cases have dropped, many of these businesses have reopened, while others continue to remain closed or offer limited services. We encourage all travelers to reach out to businesses directly prior to visiting to ensure their reopening status, hours of operation and any specific guidelines that you may need to follow.

## FOLLOW PROPER SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The Arizona Department of Health Services urges visitors to practice the following while traveling (those at higher risk for severe illness, take extra precautions):

- Stay home if you're feeling sick or showing symptoms.
- For extra precaution, wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose when out in public.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

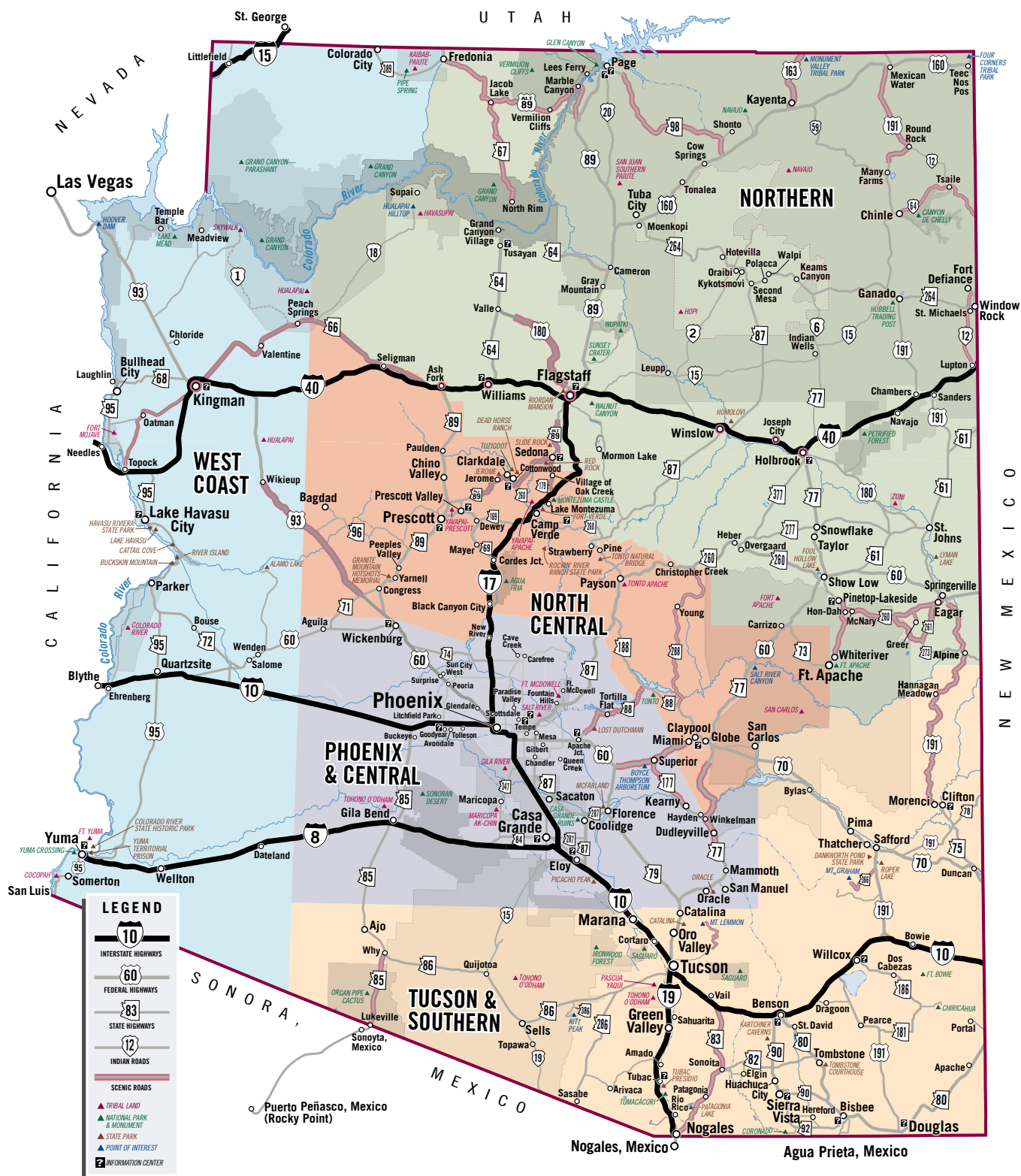
- If possible, use touchless payment (available on most smartphones through your credit card or bank). If you must handle money, a card, or use a keypad, use hand sanitizer after paying.
- After leaving an establishment, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- When you get home or back to your lodging, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

## AZSAFE + CLEAN CERTIFIED LODGING OPTIONS

In response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association worked with the American Hotel and Lodging Association's Safe Stay initiative to establish a unified standard for safety and cleanliness. This program builds upon sanitation best practices, protocols and recommendations from public health experts and hospitality brands to create a clean, safe and inviting environment for travelers. AzLTA members that can verify they meet these standards will be able to display a badge. Learn more at [azlta.com/azsafe](https://azlta.com/azsafe).



# ARIZONA STATE MAP

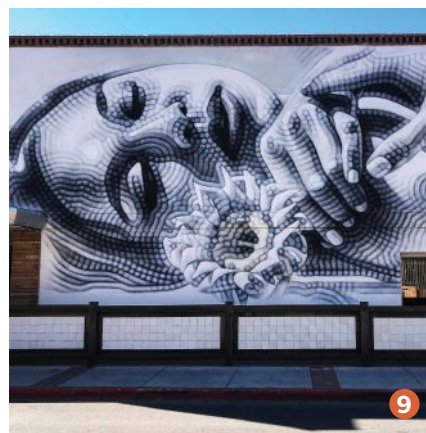
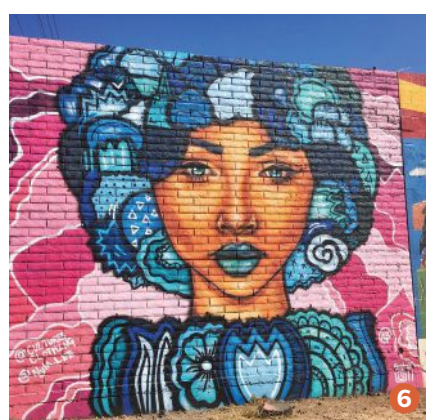




# Paint the Town

## STREET ARTISTS MAKE THEIR MARK

In Arizona, public art is all around as alleyways and business exteriors have become al fresco art galleries of sorts, showcasing eye-catching murals and thought-provoking pieces by talented local artists. Go on a self-guided tour to find your new favorite piece of street art.



**1** Mural by Jesse Perry (@MrDowntownPHX) in the alley at 1st and Garfield sts., *Phoenix* **2** Mural by Brian Boner (@bonerbrian) on the monOrchid building at 214 E. Roosevelt St., *Phoenix* **3** Mural by Hugo Medina in Roosevelt Row, *Phoenix* **4** Mural by Harriet Wood (@hazardOne) in Ajo **5** Mural by Lauren Lee (@mslaurenlee) on the monOrchid building at 214 E. Roosevelt St., *Phoenix* **6** Mural by Nyla Lee (@nyla.lee) and Alloyius Mcilwaine (@culturesclothing) on Seventh Street, *Phoenix* **7** Mural by Isaac Nicholas Caruso (@isaac.caruso) on La Suprema Works & Events at 319 W. Simpson St., *Tucson* **8** Mural by Sky Black (@skyblackart) and Mural Mice of R.E. Wall and Margaret Dewar on Orpheum Theater at 15 W. Aspen Ave., *Flagstaff* **9** Mural by EL MAC – Miles MacGregor (@mac\_arte) on the Cobra Arcade Bar at 63 E. Congress St., *Tucson*

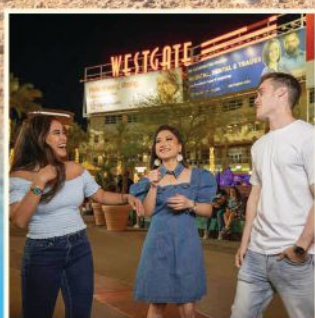


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