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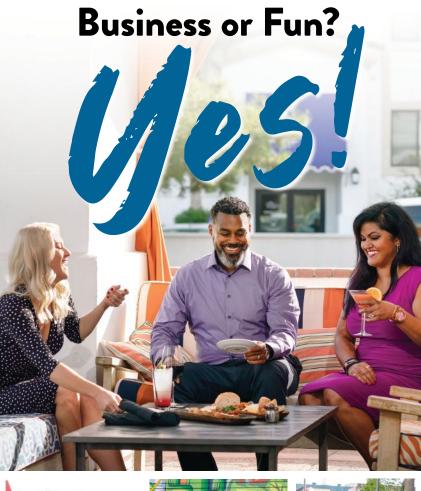
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Millions of people visit Arizona every year, and for good reason. Whether you're seeking adventure or relaxation, Arizona offers something

for everyone. From the iconic Grand Canyon to worldclass 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. Hospitality isn't just a part of our fast growing economy—it's something we take seriously and know how to do well. If you're hiking a mountain trail, enjoying a fine meal or getting a taste of history at a dude ranch, you'll be well taken care of here.

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 our state as their home.

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

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Having your next vacation booked and officially marked on the calendar is like a gift you give to yourself and your travel companions. The anticipatory excitement and little daily spark you feel as you count down each day is a perfect way to extend the vacation feeling far beyond the actual trip. Naturally, we're here to help!

Consider our new Arizona Official State Travel Guide as your expert planning partner. From great ideas for Arizona adventures you've yet to discover to new ways to experience the iconic destinations we're famous for, this guide was created to inspire your next visit! Here's a quick sneak peek of what's inside:

"Adventuring Solo, Together" starts on page 14 and connects visitors—especially those traveling alone—with guided tours. From kayaking on Lake Powell, hiking through Instagram-famous Antelope Canyon in Page to exploring the Chuska Mountains trails on the Navajo Nation near the Arizona–New Mexico border, these expert-guided excursions help remove the guesswork and virtually guarantee a great experience.

One defining characteristic of any place, and especially our great state, is the culinary scene. We offer an eclectic selection of restaurants across the spectrum, but "Amazing Eats in Unassuming Places," starting on page 36, highlights a different take on Arizona dining. From a fancy food truck to a James Beard Award-winning hot dog joint, these casual eateries offer all the flavor with none of the pretense.

What do Gold King Mine Ghost Town, Arizona Backcountry Llamas and Out of Africa Wildlife Park all have in common? They're all great attractions to visit with the entire family. Head to "Totally Unexpected (and Unforgettable) Experiences for All Ages" starting on page 66. Adding these experiences to an itinerary ensures something fun for everybody.

From exploring the state solo to seeking food-lovers bliss to finding engaging experiences for the whole family, I'm confident our guide will help you plan a wonderful vacation here. Enjoy exploring the Grand Canyon State!

Abbie Johnson

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A dramatic range in southwestern Arizona near Yuma, the Kofa Mountains of Kofa National Wildlife Refuge are home to desert bighorn sheep and other native wildlife. Photo credit: Austin Sills-Trausch



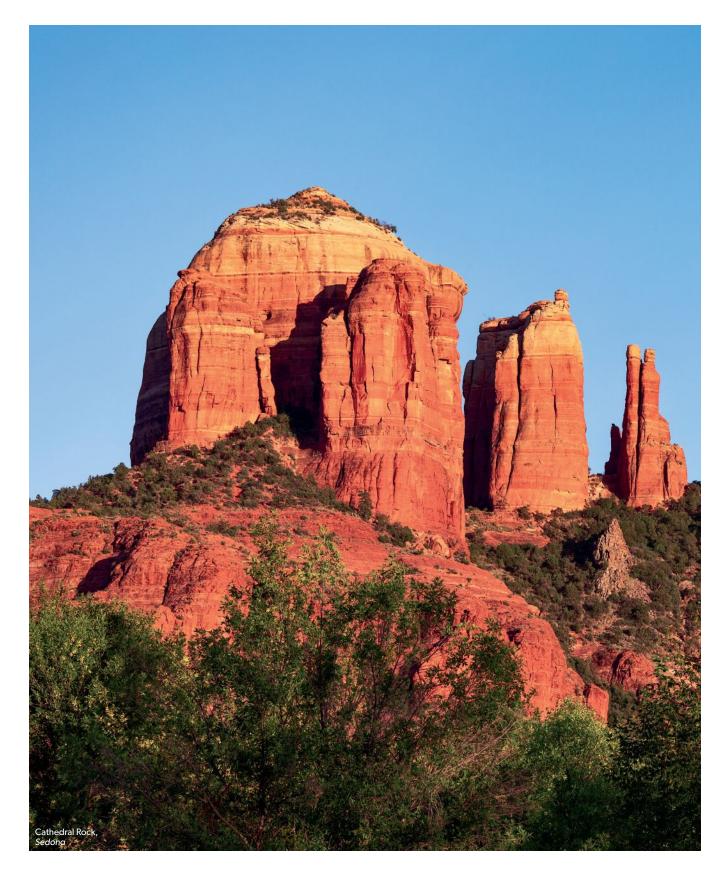
Fiery red cliffs. Teal blue waters. Royal purple wildflowers. In every direction, in every season, Arizona is a dreamscape of astonishing colors, all brought to life by the wonder of nature. Saw something stunning on Instagram? It's even better in real life. We're talking rainbow-like badlands that hardly seem real and colorful canyons that compete with the colors of the sunset. Where will you discover inspiration next? Whether it's in the pastel desert, atop a forested mountaintop or beneath the ink black cathedral of a nighttime sky, this is the place to let your true colors shine. We'll do the same.



Every February through April, wildflowers drape the rolling hillsides of McDowell Sonoran

Preserve. See Mexican gold poppies, lupine, wholly daisy and purple owl's clover.

> McDowell Sonoral Preserve, Scottsdal





Sedona's signature **Cathedral Rock** rises from the desert in all its blazing red glory—the result of iron oxide, caused by the weathering of natural chemicals.

The Painted Desert at **Petrified Forest National Park** features badlands striped in lavender, gray, rust and cream colors, due to stratified layers of siltstone, shale, sandstone and mudstone sculpted by millions of years of erosion.







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EXPERIENCE THE GRAND CANYON

Vast, magnificent and inarguably beautiful, the Grand Canyon is easily Arizona's most distinguishable landmark—a natural wonder you must see to believe.

At 277 miles long, as much as 18 miles wide and a full mile deep, the Grand Canyon is the second-largest canyon in the world, 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.

Its dramatic beauty and staggering magnitude have astounded centuries of ancient civilizations, early explorers, scientists, artists and, today, nearly 6 million annual visitors.

Ever since the Grand Canyon was designated a national park in 1919, 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.

THE GRAND CANYON CHANGED THIS WOMAN'S LIFE

Watch one woman's personal journey to the Grand Canyon, where she found moments of peace, wonder and discovery amid life struggles.









Adventure Your Way



Boasting stunning views the entire way, the strenuous **South Kaibab Trail** offers numerous turnaround points for day-hikes; whereas, the 24-mile (one-way) **Rim-to-Rim Hike** begins from the North Kaibab Trail before connecting with the Bright Angel Trail for an unforgettable journey. (Hop on the Trans-Canyon Shuttle for a 4.5-hour transit between rims.) For water fun, sightsee on a rip-roaring rafting trip with **Advantage Grand Canyon**.



The **Bright Angel Trail** offers sweeping views and convenient amenities such as water stations, restrooms and shelters along the way. At **Bright Angel Bicycles & Café at Mather Point**, rent cruiser bikes and pedal along the paved **Greenway Trail**. Or ride in a pink, safari-style Jeep with **Pink Adventure Tours**, pairing scenic viewpoints with tickets to the IMAX film *Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets*.



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 Colterdesigned 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.



SIGHTSEERS

Book the Observation Dome on the **Grand Canyon Railway** in Williams for panoramic views from a glass-enclosed streamliner all the way to the Grand Canyon. For visitors with limited mobility, the **Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit** allows personal vehicles on Hermit and Yaki Point roads (closed to public traffic), and the 1.3-mile wheelchair accessible **Trail of Time** and **Mather Point** offer even more to see.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO Practical Planning Tips



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

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 Maswik Lodge is a recently remodeled historical 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 and suites, and fine dining in the famous El Tovar Dining Room. Just a mile from

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.



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 a guest room or 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.



GETTING AROUND

Grand Canyon National Park offers **free shuttle buses** that operate on set routes throughout the park. For a \$90 fee (one way), the **Trans-Canyon Shuttle** takes visitors between the North and South Rims in just under 5 hours.

STAY SAFE & BE PREPARED

A safe trip is a fun trip! During summer months, beat the heat by using free water-refilling stations, wearing sunscreen and utilizing shade shelters. In winter, wear over-the-shoe traction devices on icy trails. If you hear thunder, seek shelter in a building or vehicle. Any time of year, protect Arizona's beautiful and wild places by following the Appreciate AZ principles: AppreciateAZ.com.



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, book reservations well in advance.

NORTH RIM

Quieter, more remote and offering fewer services, this rugged section of Grand Canyon National Park receives fewer visitors and offers a more outdoorminded 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 (mid-May to mid-October.)

WEST RIM

Activities abound at this portion of the Grand Canyon, located on Hualapai tribal lands. Walk on the Skywalk, a horseshoe-shaped glass bridge extending 70 feet over the Grand Canyon; ride the rapids with Hualapai River Runners; soar 40 miles per hour on a zipline and learn about tribal culture in Eagle Point's authentic village.

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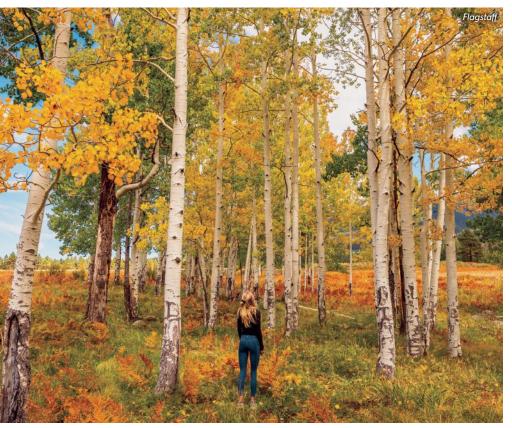
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Paqua Park, Peoria







Seasons





BY IVY MORRIS

It's always a perfect time to get outside in Arizona—yes, even in the state's famously warm summer months (you just have to know where to go). Discover how to experience the best of the Grand Canyon State in this year-long roundup.

SPLENDID SPRING

1. Spring training in Arizona brings 15 Major League Baseball teams to 10 stadiums in greater Phoenix. The only pair more perfect than peanuts and Cracker Jacks is sunshine and cold beverages.

2. Drive through Bearizona Wildlife Park in Williams to get up close to wolves, bison and bears oh my!

3. Wander nearly 50 acres of lush, blooming Sonoran Desert vegetation—including penstemon, creosote and palo verdes—at Tohono Chul in Tucson.

4. While the **Paton Center for Hummingbirds** in Patagonia is a sanctuary for its namesake, more than 200 species of birds have been spotted here.

5. Explore spectacular Monument Valley by foot, on horseback, or by vehicle with Black's Hiking, Jeep Tours and Trail Rides.

SUNNY SUMMER

6. Search the skies from the same place where Pluto was discovered: Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, where the Giovale Open Deck Observatory features six advanced telescopes for public use.

7. An abundance of produce can be found in summer at Apple Annie's in Willcox: Stroll fields and orchards to pick sweet corn, green chilies and apples.

8. The cool Salt River in Mesa is the perfect antidote to triple-digit days. Rent a tube, bring water and relax.

9. Rent a Jet Ski from **AZ Power Toys** to zoom between the ochre canyons of Lake Powell, near Page. **10.** Run, jump, slide—totally wipe out?—at **Paqua Park**, a floating obstacle course at Scorpion Bay Marina on Lake Pleasant in Peoria.

GORGEOUS FALL

11. Wander below countless towering aspens found using the **LEAF-ometer** on *FlagstaffArizona.org.*

12. Admire Phoenix and Scottsdale's desert surroundings from such great heights on a hot air balloon ride with **Rainbow Ryders**.

13. Dusk becomes even more intense as you rise from 9,500 to 11,500 feet to watch the sunset from the Arizona Gondola at **Snowbowl** in Flagstaff.

14. Sip on Mediterranean-esque earthy red wines (whites and rosés, too!) at Zarpara Vineyard in Willcox, where you can get a tasting, or ask to tour the winery and vineyard.

15. Enroll in Olive Oil 101 at **Queen Creek Olive Mill** to learn about the olive-oil-making process, tasting recommendations, and how it can enhance your food and health.

MAGICAL WINTER

16. Find solitude shuffling through peaceful snow while **snowshoeing** by Woods Canyon, Willow Springs and Luna lakes in Greer.

17. For more than 40 years, luminarias (candles within paper bags) have illuminated the trails at the **Desert Botanical Garden** in Phoenix, adding a touch of magic every December.

18. Home to the famous WM Phoenix Open, **TPC Scottsdale**'s golf courses will make you feel like Rory McIlroy.

19. The Arizona Hot Spring Trail is a challenging, nearly 6-mile trek near Willow Beach—but the reward is sweet.

20. At Prescott's **Heritage Park Zoological Society**'s Wildlights and Animal Sights, decorations, light displays and music enhance the park's collection of animals both big and small.

Adventuring Solo, Together



There are so many reasons to travel solo, from the freedom to do exactly what you want to gaining selfconfidence, but if you're new to traveling on your own, outdoor adventures can still feel intimidating. Remove the guesswork when you book an excursion with a knowledgeable tour guide leading the way.

Perched on the banks of the Salt River and guarded by the magnificent Bulldog Cliffs, **Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch** is a secluded retreat in Mesa. Reserve one of the rustic cottages for a weekend getaway or just drive up for the day to enjoy a guided horseback ride through the Goldfield Mountain range, with majestic vistas of saguaro cactus and creosote-covered hillsides.

For an excursion on water, don't miss a 4.5-hour guided kayak and hike tour through the Instagramfamous Antelope Canyon, offered by Lake Powell Paddleboards and Kayaks in Page. You'll paddle approximately 2.5 miles in (5 miles roundtrip) and hike through a stunning sandstone slot canyon that is accessible only by water.

For a guided day hike, explore the trails of the Chuska Mountains within Navajo Nation land on the Arizona and New Mexico border. **Hołdzilei Hiking Strong**, a Dinéwoman-led company, offers day hikes ranging from 4 to 12 miles, with elevation gains of 6,000 to 9,500 feet.

For a trip on two wheels, pedal on lightweight city bikes alongside

knowledgeable guides from **Tucson Bike Tours** as you pass through historical and revitalized neighborhoods in downtown Tucson. See a restored train depot, Spanish fort, colorful adobe homes, spiritual shrines, a farming center, artful murals, quirky shops and collegiate life—all on this informative 9-mile bicycle ride for all ages.

Ready to get out at night? High in the Santa Catalina Mountains above Tucson, **Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter** hosts its public astronomy program, SkyNights, year-round. This 5-hour program includes an astronomy lecture, dinner, sunset viewing and a guided navigation of the telescope as you gaze into the night sky. In Sedona, take in the splendor of blazing red-rock formations and cliffs at Red Rock State Park, which offers a lineup of naturalist-led excursions, such as a 2-mile nighttime hike beneath the full moon. Meanwhile, **Desert Lotus Paddle Boards** in Peoria offers a guided sunset paddleboard adventure through Lake Pleasant's Scorpion Bay on LED-equipped boards (March-

October, weather permitting).

BRYAN J. ROESSEL OF HOŁDZILEI HIKING STRONG, LLC





Unbeatable **Bike Routes**

BY ROGER NAYLOR

GO FOR THE VIEW Sedona serves as the centerpiece for Arizona mountain biking with hundreds of miles of trails amid a jaw-dropping backdrop of towering red-rock formations. Some of the very best, like Mescal, Aerie, Chuckwagon and Outer Limits, are carved from juniper-clad slopes above Dry Creek with something for every skill level.

GO FOR THE DISTANCE For an epic adventure, the sprawling Arizona National Trail stretches for 800 miles from Mexico to Utah. Highlighting the endless diversity of the state, this route traverses cactus deserts, deep canyons, rugged mountain ranges and fragrant pine forests. Only wilderness areas are closed to mountain bikers.

GO FOR THE GRAVEL

Intersected by the Arizona National Trail and surrounded by the Santa Rita Mountains, Patagonia is a utopia of scenic gravel routes. Take in sweeping views from Forest Road 143, an approximate 55-mile out-and-back trail that rolls through the semidesert grassland valley of Salero Ranch and gradually climbs the southern side of Mount Wrightson.

GO FOR THE DESERT FLORA

At San Tan Mountain Regional Park in Queen Creek bikers can climb the Dynamite Trail through stands of saguaro and cholla cactus to a mountain saddle. Enjoy expansive vistas and hillsides ablaze with yellow brittlebush in spring before a short downhill with lots of twists and turns. Add more of a challenge by returning via steep Goldmine Trail.

GO FOR THE WINERIES

Pedal quiet rural roads through sweeping grasslands surrounding the hamlets of Sonoita and Elgin, where Arizona's wine industry began. Horizons are shoved back wide on the vast Sonoita Plain. Wineries and vineyards are tucked among these soft rolling hills, providing welcome rest stops. Make a gentle loop combining Elgin Road and Lower Elgin Road.

GO FOR THE DOWNHILL

Summer brings thrill-seekers to Sunrise Park Resort in the White Mountains. That's when Arizona's largest ski resort turns into a highflying playground. Bikers can ride the scenic chair lift to the 10,700foot summit of Sunrise Mountain with forest views in all directions. Then zoom down ski runs as you cling to the handlebars.

GO FOR THE FLOW Exotic scenery mixed with fast and flowing sections make Kingman's Monolith Gardens Loop a hidden gem. Kingman has constructed a beautiful network of trails across the Cerbat Foothills Recreation Area and none tops Monolith Gardens. Take the intermediate trail counterclockwise as it swings through dramatic boulder fields. Enjoy ridgeline climbs and fast downhills along with slickrock-style riding.

GO FOR THE SOLITUDE

Curving along the edge of the Grand Canyon, Rainbow Rim Trail winds through pristine forests and flower-filled meadows offering views that don't exist anywhere else. This is the only trail at Grand Canyon open to mountain bikes. While savoring the soothing isolation of the North Rim, this intermediate route features a mix of smooth climbs and guick descents, with a little technical work crossing side-canyons.

BIKING SAFETY TIPS



Go early in the day or during

Stay on trails to avoid cactus

SMALL TOWNS NEAR STATE PARKS

Tucked away from the tourist hot spots are hidden refuges where outdoorsy types, RVers and vanlifers can find serene wilderness, uncommon activities and a warm welcome.

BY KERIDWEN CORNELIUS

PATAGONIA LAKE STATE PARK + PATAGONIA

At this 260-acre lake in Southeastern Arizona, you can fish for bass and trout, spy birds and bobcats, skim across the water in a boat, laze on a beach, and camp in tents or cabins. In picturesque Patagonia, hang with locals at alfresco cafe/bar **Patagonia Lumber Co.**, the historic **Wagon Wheel Saloon** or veggie-strong **Gathering Grounds**. Then, shop for handcrafted treasures at **Global Arts Gallery**.

ORACLE STATE PARK + ORACLE

Stretching across the foothills of the Catalina Mountains near Tucson, this International Dark Sky Park features a historical ranch, 15 miles of hiking and biking trails and stellar stargazing. Around nearby Oracle, get your thrills with Arizona Zipline Adventures and your pies at The Oracle Patio Café and Market. At Biosphere 2—a giant terrarium that simulated an extraterrestrial habitat in the '90s—peek into the original crew's residences and gawp at the indoor rainforest and ocean, now used for scientific research. Stay overnight in a cottage at artbedecked Triangle L Ranch.

TONTO NATURAL BRIDGE STATE PARK + PINE/STRAWBERRY

After you marvel at the world's largest travertine arch and amble in its waterfallstrewn wonderland, detour to the towns of Pine and Strawberry to soak up rural charm. You can refuel with a finger-licking empanada from PIEbar AZ, rummage for vintage collectibles at Tymeless Antiques & Treasures, shop for scented sundries at Pine Creek Canyon Lavender Farm and indulge your sweet tooth in The Honey Stand. Unwind at THAT Brewery & Pub with a pinecone-infused ale, then settle in at Old County Inn for wood-fired pizza and cast-iron cookies.





HIDDEN HISTORY AT THE ARIZONA Black Rodeo

An annual rodeo in Phoenix both entertains and celebrates the history and culture of African Americans in the Old West.

BY ROGER NAYLOR

Known as the "Hottest Show on Dirt," the Arizona Black Rodeo in September draws thousands of spectators every year to cheer on the riding, roping and racing skills of competitors. Just as importantly, the event helps raise awareness of the significant role African Americans played on the Western frontier—historians estimate that as many as one in four of the cowboys riding the range in the late 1880s was Black.

Bill Pickett, a Black cowboy and rodeo star from Texas, became known as the originator of bulldogging (or steer wrestling) and posthumously became the first Black honoree in the National Rodeo Hall of Fame. Even the fictional character the Lone Ranger was likely inspired by legendary African American lawman Bass Reeves, credited with more than 3,000 arrests. There are countless similar stories waiting to be told.

Since 2011, the Arizona Black Rodeo keeps that history alive with a thrilling, fast-paced series of events designed for the entire family. Organizers strive to get more young people involved to preserve Western traditions. Their popular children's rodeo gives kids a chance to get close to horses, ask questions and learn more about riding and rodeo events. They also offer scholarships to highschool kids who participate in rodeos or are interested in animal-related careers, continuing the legacy of the many Black cowboys, ranchers and rodeo stars before them.



The desert-chic aesthetic may be enjoying its moment in the sun splashed across current fashion pages and Pinterest boards in all its sun-bleached glory—but the iconic staples of the Southwest have a longstanding legacy, holding a well-earned place in both history books and local culture. Pick up a few staple pieces and learn their past along the way.

The first stop on your shopping adventure? Make it to **Paul Bond Boot Company**, a family-owned business in Nogales that has been handcrafting custom cowboy boots since 1946. You'll find everything from fancy footwear with showstopping stitching to sturdy boots made for a day's hard work. Next up? A fashionable hat from **Watson's Hat Shop** in Cave Creek. Cowboy hats—with their high crowns and wide brims—were originally designed to withstand long days of horseback riding and working in the sun, but today this accessory is made in all kinds of styles, fabrics and trims. Pick up a ready-to-wear piece or see what master hatter Eric Watson can create for you.

Another must-have accessory is the bolo tie—also known as "the official state neckwear of Arizona." Silversmith Victor Cedarstaff of Wickenburg claims to have invented this ornamental necktie in the late 1940s, and he later patented his signature yoke-style slide design to prove it. At **Alltribes** boutique in Gilbert, browse all manner of bolo ties, from simple sterling silver varieties to intricate Zuni pieces inlaid with turquoise and shimmering shell.

Another signature fixture of the Southwest is artfully crafted turquoise jewelry, from delicate rings to statement squash blossom necklaces. Numerous American Indian tribes—including Navajo, Hopi and Zuni—revere turquoise for its natural beauty and mystical properties, as this precious stone carries a long legacy of cultural lore. Peruse the pieces at **Native Jewelry Gallery** in Williams, which sources



its goods from local makers such as Navajo artists Calvin Begay and Jimmy Calabaza. Or stop by the daily Native Art Market in Old Town Scottsdale to browse the stalls of more than 300 small businesses under one roof.

To bring the authentic Southwestern aesthetic into your home décor, pick up an heirloom-quality textile such as a rug or blanket. The Navajo people have long been esteemed for their mastery of weaving-a skill believed to have been taught to them by the deity Spider Woman-and the Historic Cameron

Trading Post has been featuring these fine woven works since 1916. Or discover one-of-a-kind handwoven baskets from Second Mesa's Iskasokpu Gallery, part of the Hopi Arts Trail. Iva-Hopi name Honwynum, which means Female Bear Walking—Honyestewa created the pootsaya basket during her artist residency at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, and it's the first of its kind in the world.

Your Arizona finds are sure to bring one-of-a-kind flair to your home and personal style.



RANCH RETREAT

Escape to the 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.

Hidden away on 590 acres in Sasabe, it's easy to imagine what life was like hundreds of years ago when you stay at historical Rancho de la Osa. Fill your days with horseback riding, sport shooting, mountain biking, hiking, birdwatching or simply taking in the desert views.

Want even more of a Wild West escape? Tombstone Monument Ranch sits just outside the most famous Western town of all: Tombstone. Saddle up and ride to town to see the famous O.K. Corral.

At the all-inclusive Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch in Yucca, hone your Wild West skill set, such as barrel racing, target shooting, archery and billiards, and rest up in oversized rooms filled with Western décor.

Or go for glam at the luxurious Rancho de los Caballeros in Wickenburg, where rooms are scattered about the grounds in lovely casitas, and the ranch features daily horseback rides, a full-service spa, trap and skeet range, tennis courts, swimming pool and an 18-hole golf course.

Short on time? Venture just east of Phoenix to Apache Junction for horseback riding through the Sonoran Desert foothills on an easy half-hour excursion with O.K. Corral Stables. The spectacular scenery will satisfy your craving for a Southwestern escape.



Signs of Nostalgia

Get a dose of neon nostalgia with these restored relics down Route 66 and beyond.

As U.S. car culture boomed in the 1950s and '60s, so did neon signs, lighting the way to roadside motels, diners and kitschy stops for traveling road trippers.

In Williams, drive the **Neon Loop** through town to get a taste of the old Route 66 days, especially at night when the street glows from the neon lights of saloons, restaurants, motels and shops.

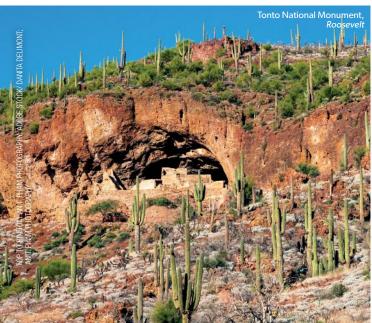
Bask in the beautifully colored and vibrant lights in the 4-acre, outdoor **Neon Lights Park** in downtown Casa Grande, showcasing 14 lovingly restored and salvaged signs mostly from the 1950s. And a block north of Route 66 in Kingman, you'll find the iconic "Kingman Club," now reopened as Rickety Cricket Brewing on Beale Street. Many Route 66 travelers make a point of finding the neon sign, making it one of the most-photographed sites in Kingman.

If your travels take you south to Tucson, be sure to check out the **Ignite Sign Art Museum**. Miracle Mile, Oracle Road and Drachman Street—collectively known as Tucson's "**Miracle Mile Strip**"—was a haven for neon, when flashing signs beckoned to road-weary visitors. Today, one of the most recognizable signs is the 30-foot "**Gateway Saguaro**," designed by local artist Dirk J. Arnold and installed in 2010, though nearby Drachman Street is lined with original midcentury signs.

ARCHEOLOGICAL WONDERS







Arizona may be among the fastest growing states in the country, but it maintains a healthy respect for its past. Look no further than these five destinations to see why.

BY ELIZABETH EXLINE

STEP BACK IN TIME

Located on First Mesa (there are three mesas) in northwest Arizona, Walpi is considered to be one of the oldest Hopi villages. It was established in the 13th century and moved to its current location some 300 feet above the valley in 1680. Today, many of the homes are used for public ceremonies; visitors can see firsthand the sandstone buildings whose walls are still hand-plastered by local women. Some modern materials have been introduced to the structures, but running water and electricity remain conspicuously absent.

GREAT HEIGHTS

As one of the first four National Monuments to be established, Montezuma Castle in Verde Valley continues to captivate visitors more than 100 years after its designation. Guests haven't been permitted to scale the 5-story cliffside structure since 1951, but they can walk the easy, 0.3-mile trail to get a good view of what the Sinagua people once called home. If the castle leaves you wanting more, zip over to Montezuma's Well just 11 miles away to explore trails, historic buildings and the eponymous, pond-like body of water. Tonto National Monument in Roosevelt features two Salado-style cliff dwellings dating back 700 years ago. This site tells the story of the Salado people who resided in this part of Arizona. Learn more about this archaeological treasure at VisitArizona.com/ places/parks-monuments/ tonto-national-monument.

PEOPLE OF THE PUEBLO

Like Montezuma castle, Tuzigoot is a National Monument in Verde Valley whose architecture transports visitors back in time. (In Tuzigoot's case, that's the year 1,000.) Unlike Montezuma Castle, however, Tuzigoot is a 110-room village built on top of a hill. Traverse the 0.5-mile trail to explore the pueblo and the 96-acre Tavasci Marsh before dropping in at the Tuzigoot museum located inside the visitor center. The center houses a 3,000-strong collection of artifacts, but the building is worth observing, too: It was built in the 1930s as an homage to traditional Tuzigoot architecture with stone walls, plaster and a viga-and-latilla ceiling. For more information on tribes in the area, visit the Verde Valley Archaeology Center in Camp Verde, which celebrated its grand opening in March 2022.

A PETROGLYPH IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Before Instagram, before photography, before the old masters, there were...petroglyphs. Okay, so that chronology may be a little spotty, but the carved images of Painted Rock Petroglyph Site still strike a chord with visitors. The site, which resides some 90 miles southwest of Phoenix, showcases approximately 800 images that were etched into basalt boulders by indigenous people centuries ago. The adjacent campground includes 59 campsites and panoramic views of the Painted Rock Mountains, Oatman Mountain and, after sunset, those starry desert skies.



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GARDEN TO GLASS

Since forming beverage consultancy company Liquid Architecture in 2001, James Beard-honored mixologist Kim Haasarud has worked with hundreds of liquor brands, restaurants and hotel chains to develop their cocktail programs. She's also the author of several cocktail books, president of the United States Bartenders Guild and now the owner of Phoenix's **Garden Bar PHX**.

Featuring garden-to-glass cocktails made with local ingredients whenever possible,

including some from the bar's own garden, Garden Bar PHX focuses on sustainability. Gleaned citrus and rinds leftover from juicing serve as the basis for the salted citrus cordial used to flavor her cocktails, and Haasarud integrates healthier options, like local honey instead of simple syrup, into her recipes.

Drinks here are as much a feast for the eyes as they are tasty concoctions. Haasarud uses elements like a chunk of honeycomb, scoop of housemade sherbet or fresh herbs to decorate BY TERESA BITLER

her Instagram-worthy cocktails and nonalcoholic drinks.

Just as important as a beautiful and wellbalanced drink to Haasarud is the bar's ambiance. The bright 1914 California-style bungalow invites guests to relax on its couches, comfy chairs and dog-friendly patio. Stay as long as you like, Haasarud says, and check the calendar. The bar regularly hosts local musicians and artists.

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BY NORA BURBA TRULSSON

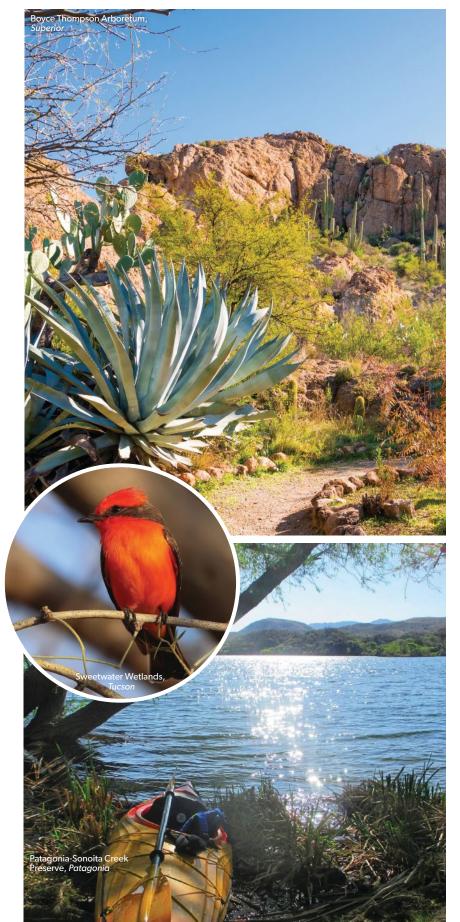
The global pandemic may have been the ultimate prompt for many of us to explore the great outdoors, and what we found in the process was a world where majestic birds of all sizes and colors sang and soared-perhaps even sending our spirits soaring as well. While birdwatching can be a great way to experience the outdoors, several recent studies have shown that birds also improve our sense of wellbeing. (Take for example, a study by the German Center for Integrative Biodiversity Research that declared seeing 10 percent more bird species produced satisfaction on par with a comparable increase in income). Thankfully, more than 500 species of birds have been documented in Arizona, making this the perfect place to view some feathered friends.

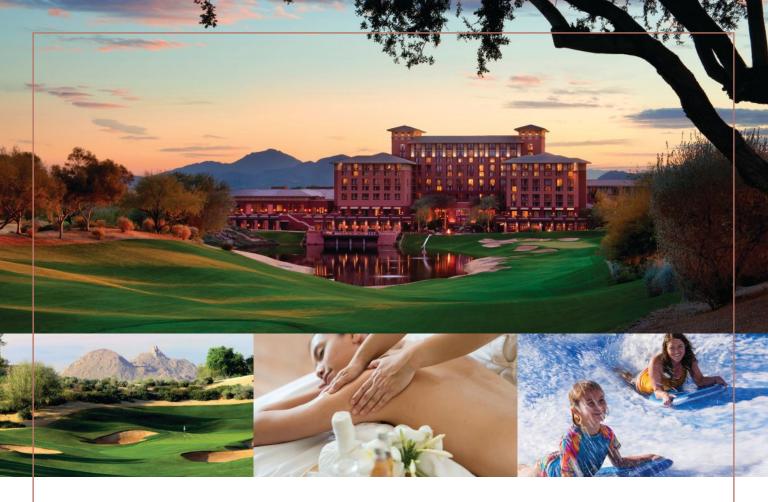
East of Phoenix, **Boyce Thompson Arboretum** is a 343-acre oasis, skirted by a creek, canyon and mountain, making it a favorite hangout for some 275 kinds of birds, including Gila woodpeckers, red-winged blackbirds, canyon towhees, hawks, quails and doves. Join a docent-led bird walk, offered October through May.

In Tucson, **Sweetwater Wetlands** is a constructed wetland with 2.5 miles of paths and more than 200 species of birds. Look for green herons, black phoebes, vermilion flycatchers, teals and more. Best bet? Sign up with Tucson Audubon Society for weekly guided bird tours at the wetlands.

A virtual Coachella for cranes, **Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area** in southeastern Arizona draws some 30,000 Sandhill cranes during the winter months. Keep your eyes peeled for other water-loving birds, like ducks, herons, egrets and shorebirds.

In Southern Arizona, The Nature Conservancy protects several areas important to birds, including Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve, an 873-acre preserve along a cool creek, shaded with cottonwoods and willows, all magnets for more than 280 species of birds, like hummingbirds, belted kingfishers, turkey vultures and yellow-billed cuckoos. Roam the 6 miles of trails on your own or join one of the preserve's guided nature walks. Ramsey Canyon Preserve just outside of Sierra Vista is another protected area, where the high canyon walls and a spring-fed stream create a moist, cool environment ideal for hummingbirds-precisely why this area is known as the "Hummingbird Capital of the World." Hike the Hamburg Trail along Ramsey Creek to see if you can spot these fluttering beauties.





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Some travelers see their accommodations as just a stopping off point, a place to drop your bags and rest your head. But these luxury resorts are the destination. Places where guests receive treatment that's above and beyond the expected, and where overnight stays transform into memorable, unforgettable getaways that you dream about for years.

BY IVY MORRIS

From fine dining and personalized amenities to pillow menus and top-notch concierge experiences, these Forbes Five Star/AAA Five Diamondaccommodations will forever redefine the way you view hotels.

An enclave within The Phoenician—which is a fabulous resort in and of itself—**The Canyon Suites at The Phoenician** in Scottsdale makes luxury amenities standard. Tucked away at the base of Camelback Mountain, 60 secluded suites and guest rooms include Frette 400-count Italian linens, Nespresso coffee machines and patios overlooking the pool or golf course. Resort amenities include a Canyon Suites-exclusive infinity pool, chauffeur service to and from Fashion Square Mall, and an executive breakfast featuring artfully carved fresh fruit, lox, croissants that taste like they were made in Paris, and more. The pampering starts before you arrive with the Luggage Liaison program, which can ship your suitcase directly to the resort, where it can be held until your arrival—or, your items can be unpacked in your room.

At the **Ritz-Carlton**, **Dove Mountain**, mornings begin with a stroll through the resort's orchard, where guests can pick oranges, tangelos and grapefruits to be used in fresh-pressed juice. Then, take your pick of three courses for a round of golf, including a world-class, 27-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course amid the Tortolita Mountain range. By afternoon, perhaps some hydrotherapy at the spa? Or a guided hike to



ancient petroglyphs? Or perhaps a whirl down a 235-foot slide at one of the resort's three pools? Remember something in the middle of the night? No worries the Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain offers 24-hour guest service.

Kai at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass is the state's first AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Five-star restaurant. Showcasing American Indian cuisine with global accents, dining at Kai isn't just a meal and beverages—it's an entire dining experience. Menus showcase watercolor paintings by Joshua Yazzie, while traditional Native flute music plays in the background and-if you're lucky, which is often-an Arizona sunset paints the sky, best viewed from the patio or through Kai's floor-toceiling windows. Get the most of your meal by ordering the sevencourse tasting experience, which features heritage ingredients such as Ramona's Farm tepary beans and 60-day Pima corn, as well as Arizona ingredients including

Peterson honey, Crow's Dairy goat cheese, and wines from Rune.

Escape to a Casita Suite at the AAA Four Diamond EI Conquistador Tucson, A Hilton Resort to experience a luxurious home-away-from-home. These one-, two- and three-bedroom accommodations feature private patios, desert and mountain views, and access to an adults-only pool. When you're ready to venture beyond your secluded enclave, indulge in Southwest-inspired cuisine at Epazote Kitchen & Cocktails, set against the dramatic beauty of the Pusch Ridge. The El Conquistador also encourages outdoor adventure. On property, play tennis, swim in the sparkling pools or play golf on three remarkable courses. Off-property, take in the beauty of the Sonoran Desert with a hike on the 2.5-mile Linda Vista Trail or numerous trails at the adjacent Catalina State Park. Or rent a bicycle—included in your nightly resort fee-and take your pick from more than 30 marked

bike paths in the Oro Valley.

What began as a home and artist's studio for cowboy artist Alonzo "Lon" Megargee has evolved into The Hermosa Inn, a quaint boutique resort. Located in Paradise Valley, this Southwestern hideaway is historic, with updated haciendastyle casitas with cozy fireplaces and secluded patios. Wander the property on a self-guided art tour of Megargee's original pieces; The Hermosa Inn's lush grounds are a work of art themselves, featuring fuchsia bougainvillea, golden Arizona poppies and a rainbow of penstemon. Don't miss a meal at LON's Last Drop or LON's Restaurant, where the food is so good, it brings locals inovernight stay or not.



The accommodations at the **Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale** are just the beginning. Choose a casita with a private patio and cozy firepit, or a two-bedroom suite with multiple private patios, plunge pool and telescope. Then, make your stay your own. Create a custom scent at the spa's

The Hermosa Inn

Aroma Design Bar, where a spa alchemist assists you in designing your own aromatherapy products. At the resort's Spanish-themed steakhouse, Talavera, the signature dish is a colorful paella with carabinero prawn, clams, lobster and mussels. Reserve a cabana by the Four Seasons' bi-level pool, complete with a private bar stocked with beverages, unlimited chips and salsa, and even sunglasses cleaning by request.

Five restaurants, a spa, golfthere's something for everyone at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess. This dog- and family-friendly resort is the longest-running AAA Five Diamond resort in Arizona. If you're having a hard time finding your fit, talk to the resort's Leisure Concierge, who assists with everything from local adventure recommendations to tee times at the TPC Scottsdale's Stadium Course, host of the PGA Tour WM Phoenix Open. Swim in a different pool nearly every day of the week at the Princess-there are six on-property, including one with two 200-foot water slides. and another that's beach-esque. with white sand beneath palm trees. If you're more "lay back" than "dive in," relax during an Arizona-inspired treatment at the renowned Well & Being Spa. After a vacation like this, you may never want to return to reality.

ROOTED IN NATURE

Arizona's picturesque landscape makes for memorable visual moments, but the environment is more than a pretty view. Spa treatments connect visitors to nature by using locally sourced ingredients, while facilities showcase Arizona's landscape with outdoor amenities and stumbled-upon-a-watering-hole-esque pools. Experience Arizona—visually, mentally and physically—at these stunning resort spas.

BY IVY MORRIS

The best way to take advantage of Arizona's natural environment at **Castle Hot Springs**? By taking a dip in the Morristown resort's namesake: rejuvenating natural hot springs, where therapeutic mineral waters flow at a clip of 200,000 gallons each day, cascading into three pools of varying temperature, ranging from 86 degrees to 106 degrees Fahrenheit. Take it further with the Coriander Body Ritual, which uses locally sourced coriander to exfoliate skin, followed by a body mask infused with local botanicals to soften skin.

Go from Arizona's arid desert to the forests of Sedona at **The Wilde Resort and Spa**, a newly opened boutique destination where treatments are inspired by the area's healing traditions. The Sedona Forest Signature Massage uses an aromatic, eco-healing oil infused with Arizona cypress, juniper, pinon pine and sage to detoxify and relax body and mind, while the Seven Sacred Pools treatment—named after a nearby natural attraction found among Sedona's red rocks—brings balance to the seven chakras of the body.

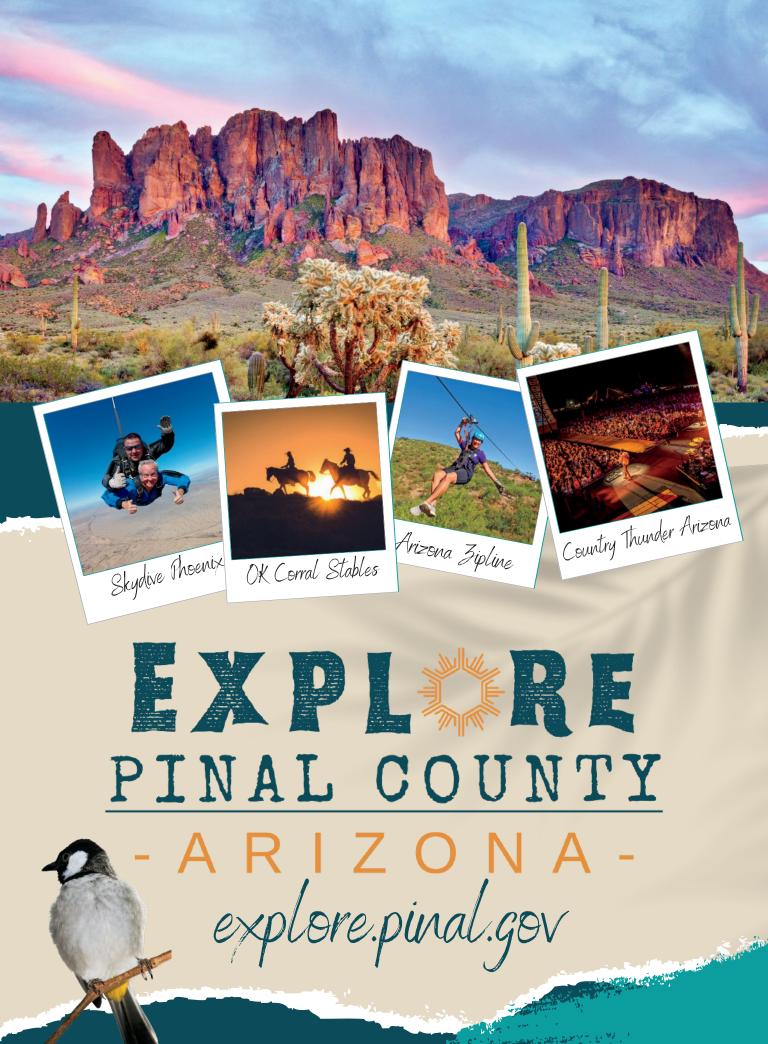
At the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains in Tucson, **Miraval** makes the most of its surroundings with suites with floor-to-ceiling windows and infinity pools, spa treatment rooms with outdoor showers, and by incorporating the natural world into wellness experiences such as beekeeping and hiking. The Path of the laguar service at the resort's Life in Balance Spa encourages guests to harness the animalfrom-within energy. Jaguars represent empowerment—and they covertly wander the Sonoran Desert's mountain ranges. Over the span of 50 relaxing minutes, a therapist uses chakra work to expel negative energies into crystals. The service is led by a Shamanic healer, and the crystals are then buried on property.

Reconnect with yourself and the natural world—with your next spa retreat.









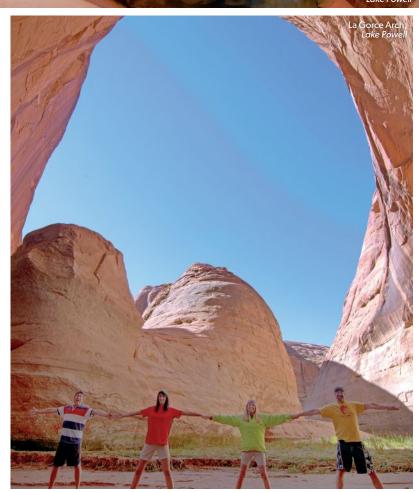
LOST WORLD THE SECRET LANDSCAPES OF GLEN CANYON

BY KERRICK JAMES

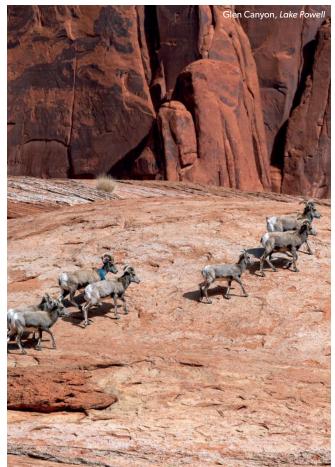
ohn Wesley Powell, of Grand Canyon geology fame, was a colorful and perceptive J writer with almost photographic powers of description. In late July of 1869, as his ragtag inaugural expedition entered what is now known as Glen Canyon, he and his men marveled at the "curious, narrow glens" while en route to traverse an even bigger (shall we say, grander) canyon to the south. Comparatively few people followed in their wake over the next 90 years, but writers like Edward Abbey in The Monkeywrench Gang, and photographers like Eliot Porter wrote with reverence of the musical alcoves of golden sandstone, and hidden passages to wispy waterfalls. Eliot Porter's legendary photo book, The Place No One Knew, is a haunting elegy to a lost world, one being revealed once again.

THE WAY IT WAS

In late January of 1963, the gates of the new Glen Canyon Dam swung closed, and the silty waters of the wild Colorado River began pooling behind a svelte



Cathedral in the Desert, Lake Powell



710-foot-tall plug of concrete. Day by day, Glen Canyon-the "place no one knew"—vanished into memory. It took 17 years to fill Lake Powell, the secondlargest reservoir in the country. For nearly six decades, people from everywhere flocked to this water-filled playground to ride houseboats, Jet Skis, powerboats and kayaks to explore the 96 named and flooded canyons. I was one of those explorers in love with this high-desert gem, but I've always wondered what lay beneath the blue water—and if I'd ever see its mysteries revealed. The time has come at last.

THE WAY IT IS

The Southwest has been drying out since at least 2008, with muchdiminished snowfall and rain runoff due to the Millennium Drought, the most severe drought in the last 1,200 years. Lake Powell is currently at less than 25% capacity, about 170 feet below "full pool," and was last this low in November 1967 during its first filling. If the dam did not exist, I believe Glen Canyon could well have been a national park. There are voices clamoring for the dam to be dismantled and Lake Powell drained, leaving more water for Lake Mead, but we would lose critical power generation for the Southwest. And should this drought ever end, we would have far less water stored and saved for future lean years, so the heated dialogue intensifies, with no clear answers.

Could there be a silver lining to our great Southwestern drought, at least for those who thirst for adventure and rediscovery? I say, "Yes," and here's how to make it happen.

PAGE IS THE GATEWAY

Page is the prime place to begin your Glen Canyon odyssey, with excellent services and full powerboat and houseboat rentals. I explored the lake at low water in February of 2022 in a 23-foot pontoon boat and beach camped as I pleased. Houseboats do offer vastly greater comfort for



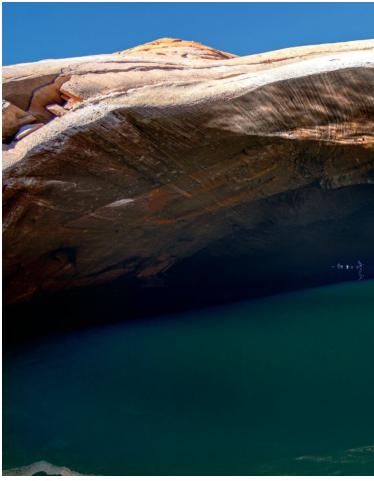
extended overnight trips but use more fuel and require some skill to drive and maneuver. Most adventurers will want either a powerboat or Jet Skis (towed behind your houseboat) to venture into the myriad side canyons. Two boat rental companies, based at Wahweap and Antelope Point Marinas, offer pilot/captain service to help drive and anchor the houseboats, and while a bit pricey, that peace of mind is invaluable, especially in low-water conditions.

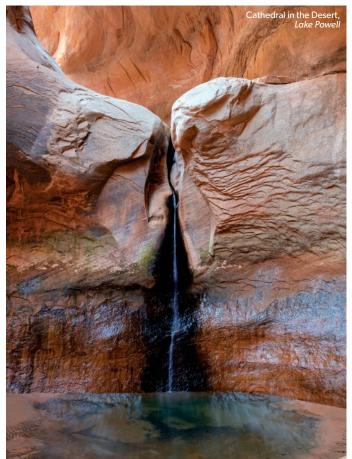
You can sleep the night before your trip and rent your choice of watercraft at Wahweap with Lake Powell Vacations. Their houseboats are 46 to 75 feet in length, with a choice of bedrooms and amenities that will surprise you. Antelope Point Marina lies a few miles west of Wahweap, farther up lake and offers an array of quality houseboats (59 feet to 77 feet), pontoon and deck boats. Don't forget a kayak or two, a cheaper and quieter way to experience the peace and quiet of the emerging Glen Canyon riparian ecosystem.

REBIRTH

My favorite place on Lake Powell is the perfectly named Cathedral in the Desert. Never easy or fast to reach, being 69 miles up lake from the dam, (Mile 0), it's tucked into a side canyon of the Escalante River tributary. My winter pilgrimage goal was to learn if the formerly flooded chasm is once again walkable, as it was in Powell's day.

Cathedral in the Desert lives again! I ascended a dune while looking left to the wispy waterfall and shallow clear pool below. Standing in open shade under a 200-foot curved ceiling, the revelatory vision of a reborn piece of paradise filled my eyes and heart with joy and wonder. Here









at least, Glen Canyon is returning to life, water in the desert flowing freely, with only my heartbeat to compete with the sound of music, at the apex of a great alcove. This is what I ventured here to discover, a hint of rebirth as this ecosystem is healing before our eyes. I believe Ed Abbey would be rightfully pleased.

THE JOURNEY HOME

Lake Powell has always had a roll call of wonders, but now there are new wonders to discover as you roam. Rainbow Bridge is currently far from the water's edge, just as it was for thousands of years, and that distant afternoon I swam directly beneath it in the storied summer of '83 now seems like a fever dream. So, it is possible, though somewhat unlikely, that when this great megadrought

breaks, that a succession of heavy, snowy winters might fill this great lake-er, reservoir. But until that fateful day, there is much to marvel over and walk and kayak and study and admire at low water, in the corridor of canyons traversed by Powell 150-plus years ago.

Even now there are new beaches of soft sand to walk and bed for the night, set under a canopy of supremely dark skies. We camped on such a beach on our last night, in Padre Bay with landmark Cookie Jar Butte just north. A nearly full moon was our nightlight from dusk to pre-dawn, as the minimal lights of Page dotted a sliver of horizon 20 miles to the south. As I relaxed and reflected on the trip, I realized that what I'd happily found was an unexpected rebirth of Glen Canyon.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

MAP

A longtime staple for adventurers, the Lake Powell and Its 96 Canyons Boating and Exploring Map by Stan Jones and Steve Ward is an essential tool for going into backcountry areas where cell phone service may be nonexistent.

BOAT RENTALS & FUEL

Rent pontoon boats, powerboats and kayaks from the Lake Powell Vacations office in Page, Wahweap boat launch and at Antelope Point Marina on Navajo Nation tribal lands. Both locations also have fuel. You also can buy fuel at Bullfrog Marina (Mile 94+), and you'll need to! Note: Dangling Rope Marina is still closed for repairs, meaning there is NO FUEL mid-lake. Be certain you top off your boat tank before leaving the marina and strongly consider carrying additional fuel in safe gas containers. I recommend 15 to 20 gallons as a reserve.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Page has a fine range of motels and hotels, including several new properties. You can buy all your provisions in Page. They have a big Safeway and a Walmart, etc.

FEES

Lake Powell is the heart of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, administered by the National Park Service. If you don't have the NPS Annual Parks Pass, you will pay \$35 at the gate.

WATER LEVEL

Track Lake Powell's current water level at lakepowell.water-data.com.

TOP TOURS FOR Exploring Wine Country

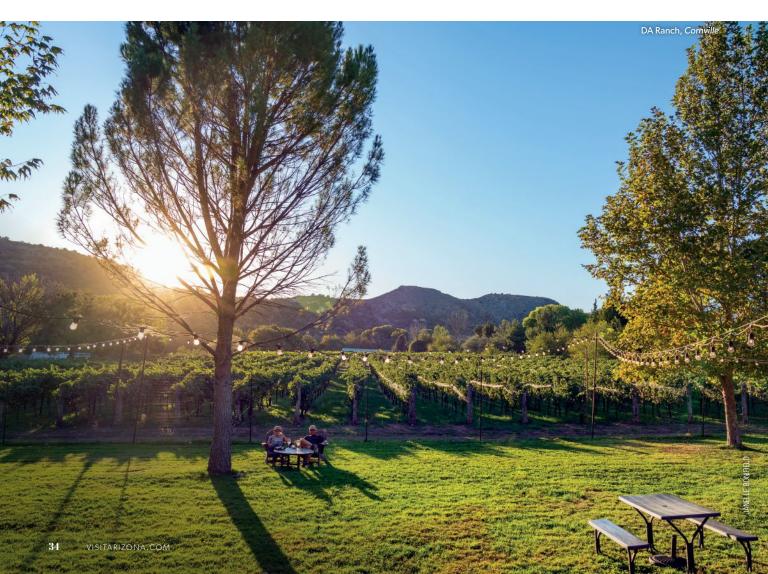
Thanks to these curated tours, imbibers can sip and swirl safely as they visit a flight of wineries by bus, boat, Jeep or train.

BY KERIDWEN CORNELIUS

In 2021, Central Arizona's Verde Valley became an American Viticultural Area, giving Arizona its third distinctive wine country. If you're staying in the Scottsdale area and would like to daytrip to this lush riparian region, the **AZ Wine Wagon** whisks guests to three Verde Valley wineries, including Page Springs Cellars, where you can sample sangiovese and malvasia bianca overlooking sycamore-shaded Oak Creek.

Travelers overnighting in Sedona or Cottonwood can opt for the **Arizona Wine Crawler**. This hop-on-hop-off service whistle-stops between 15 wineries and breweries in sylvan Page Springs, pastel-painted Old Town Cottonwood and historic Clarkdale. Outdoorsy oenophiles can splash out on Verde Adventures' Water to Wine Tour, a kayaking trip on the Verde River to Alcantara Vineyards' Tuscan villainspired tasting room. Or journey to the river and Alcantara in a 4x4 on A Day in the West's leep Tour and Wine Tasting. For even more horsepower, ride the Verde Canyon Railroad's Grape Train Escape, departing from Clarkdale once monthly from May through August. Passengers can sip local wines while chugging through the Verde Canyon as it turns golden at sunset.

An entirely different terroir awaits in Southern Arizona, where you can immerse yourself in the champagne-colored grasslands of Sonoita and the Wild West flavor of Willcox. Arizona Winery Tours ushers guests from Tucson to three wineries and a restaurant in either Sonoita or Willcox. Alternatively, ride the hop-on-hop-off Sonoita Wine Shuttle and decant at your choice of 20 tasting rooms. At Rune Wines, score a seat under a sunshade and drink in sweeping prairie views while sipping wildfermented syrah. And don't miss Los Milics Vineyards from Pavle Milic, whose wine program at Scottsdale restaurant FnB was nominated for a James Beard Award.





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Amazing Eats IN UNASSUMING PLACES

These beloved casual eateries—from a fancy food truck to a James Beard Awardwinning hot dog joint—offer all the flavor with none of the pretense.

BY KERIDWEN CORNELIUS



In the U.S., it's rare to find birria de chivo—a goat stew typically reserved for special occasions. But savvy carnivores know where to get their goat: **Hola Cabrito** in Phoenix. Mother-daughter duo Maria and Valerie Lopez marinate goat in adobo rub (a secret family recipe), simmer it until the meat practically swoons off the bone, and serve it as stew or broth with chickpeas.

In a city famous for its Mexican food, **Inca's Peruvian Cuisine** in Tucson stands out for its authentically Andean specialties. Peruvian rocoto peppers spike ceviche and seafood stew, purple corn sweetens the chicha morada drink, lúcuma fruit tarts up ice cream and pisco sours make everything go down smoothly.



When now-President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris visited Phoenix on their campaign trail, they beelined to **Barrio Café**, famed for Mexican classics like cochinita pibil and chiles en nogada. This mural-tattooed eatery has become a local treasure, thanks to Chef Silvana Salcido Esparza's support of neighborhood residents and unsung artists.





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Chilte owners Lawrence Smith and Aseret Arroyo bring his high-end restaurant chops and her Sinaloan roots to this Phoenix food truck, which went brick-and-mortar at downtown's Egyptian Motor Hotel in spring 2022. Farmers market produce, sustainable seafood and freshly pressed tortillas create the flavor alchemy in their Technicolor tacos, chilaquiles, tortas and more.

Plant-based **Tumerico** in Tucson excels at meat mimicry in its Latin-inspired dishes. Jackfruit plays the role of beef in the poblano-sauced Cuban ropa vieja plate, while mushrooms and huitlacoche fungus deepen the earthy character of the Frida Kahlo tostadas. Meanwhile, the lattes are seasoned with a supporting cast of mesquite, mole spices or mazapán (peanut candy).



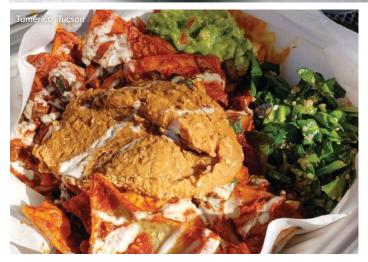
Family owned since 1983, Amigo Cafe in Kayenta lovingly shares Mexican American and Navajo family recipes with hungry travelers and locals on the Navajo Nation. Tackle a plate-sized Navajo taco pillowy fry bread heaped with a hill of beans, cheese, lettuce and tomatoes. Then fend off a food coma with a chile-zinged iced mocha for the road.

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At Hooch's Kingman Grille

in Kingman, diners come for the chicken wings, chili bread bowls and bargain surf 'n' turf. But they stay for the friendly service and the live music, all-day happy hour and raffles to raise funds for local charities every Sunday.





Can a humble hot dog win a James Beard Award? Yes, when it's the Sonoran dog from El Güero Canelo in Tucson. Honored with an America's Classics Award, this tribute to culinary cross-pollination in the borderlands is a baconwrapped dog topped with beans and tomato cradled in bolillo bread and squiggled with mayo, mustard, jalapeño salsa and onions.

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A groovy Cajun and barbecue joint with trumpets festooning mustard-colored walls, **Satchmo's** puts the soul in Flagstaff. A beer from one of Flag's beloved breweries is a cool and crisp juxtaposition to jambalaya seasoned with housemixed Cajun spices, blackened catfish po'boys, crunchy cast-iron cornbread or pulled pork smoked over pecan and cherry wood.

BRUNCH IS SERVED

When you're on vacation, there's nothing like a leisurely brunch—set amid gorgeous scenery, of course—to start off your day. In Arizona, you'll find no shortage of options for mid-morning indulgence.

BY TERESA BITLER

Since 2014, **Prep & Pastry** has been tempting Tucson—and now Scottsdale—with its fresh pastries, gourmet breakfasts and morning cocktails. For a taste of the Southwest, sample the prickly pear mimosa made with prickly pear tea. Or, head to Prescott where **Raven Café** focuses on organic, locally sourced ingredients. The café also has an all-organic espresso bar and showcases the work of local artists on its walls.

In Sedona, guests of L'Auberge de Sedona can enjoy the scenery as much as their meal at Sunday brunch. The resort's restaurant, **Cress on Oak Creek**, serves a seasonal brunch menu creekside March 1 through November 30. At The Farm at South Mountain's **Morning Glory Café**, enjoy egg dishes, waffles, smoked meats and more at picnic tables under the former farm's pecan trees.

Fans of breakfast cocktails can indulge in the build-your-own Michelada bar at **The Mexicano** in Scottsdale. The first of its kind in the nation, the bar features infused tequilas, Mexican draft beers and dozens of Michelada toppings.

For a tiki twist on brunch, try Hula's Modern Tiki instead. The bar mixes up classic tiki drinks to accompany islandinspired dishes like Ahi Eggs Benedict and fried Spam.





Cross-Cultural Cuisine



Arizona cuisine means farm to table—sometimes desert to table—as many restaurants put a modern spin on the past while using local ingredients and honoring local cultures.

BY ROGER NAYLOR

TURQUOISE ROOM

Housed in Winslow's elegant La Posada Hotel, the Turquoise Room is known for regional contemporary Southwestern cuisine using fresh and locally sourced ingredients. This is where you'll find paper-thin piki bread from the Hopi mesas, tepary beans harvested by the Tohono O'odham and Churro lamb raised on the Navajo Nation.

BOCA BY CHEF MARIA MAZON

Chef Maria Mazon turns tacos into an art form at this lively Tucson joint, ranging from citrus-marinated salmon to anchorubbed spare rib to roasted duck topped with cactus salsa. Born in Tucson and raised in Sonora, Mexico, Mazon brings the borderlands to every table. Her housemade salsas are feisty and utterly original.

TITO AND PEP

While John Martinez pulls inspiration from his international travels, the menu remains rooted in Southwestern tradition. This neighborhood bistro reflects Tucson as the wide-ranging multicultural city it is today. Fresh fish, poultry and beef mixed with seasonal vegetables all receive the distinctive kiss of the mesquite-fired grill.

TERRA TEMPE KITCHEN & SPIRITS

The menu at this chic downtown Tempe establishment blends flavors from Spanish, American Indian and Mexican cultures. One shared plate features jalapeño cornbread, Native fry bread and a medley of luscious cheeses. Order Terra's Hot Stone and choose between wagyu beef or ahi tuna seared at the table on a steaming heated stone.

MARIPOSA LATIN-INSPIRED GRILL

Perched atop a bluff in the heart of Sedona, Mariposa provides incredible views to accompany the warm atmosphere and chef Lisa Dahl's exquisite dishes. Start with the flaky handmade empanadas before moving on to the creatively prepared steak, fish and chicken entrees. Although not required, this romantic venue is a place where it's fun to dress up a bit.

VALENTINE PHX

This sweetheart of a restaurant shares space with a vintage furniture store in Phoenix's always-hip Melrose District. The menu is laced with desert inspiration. Drought-tolerant tepary beans and the tart fruit of the wolfberry shrub enrich multiple dishes. You can wash your meal down with a martini made using cactus vermouth.



MUST-SEE FESTIVALS, FEASTS & FAIRS

Janurary

Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction Scottsdale barrett-jackson.com

Pow Wow Gem & Mineral Show Quartzsite giaarizona.org

Rock 'n Roll Marathon Tempe runrocknroll.com/arizona

Wings Over Willcox Willcox wingsoverwillcox.com

Yuma Territorial Marathon and Half Marathon Yuma yumamarathon.com

February

Arizona American Indian Festival Scottsdale arizonaindiantourism.org/ azindianfestival

Arizona Renaissance Festival Gold Canyon arizona.renfestinfo.com

Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering

Sierra Vista sierravistaaz.gov/event/ cochise-cowboy-poetry-andmusic-gathering **Gold Rush Days** Wickenburg outwickenburgway.com

I Heart Pluto Festival Flagstaff lowell.edu/i-heart-pluto-festival

La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Tucson Rodeo Tucson tucsonrodeo.com

Lost Dutchman Days Apache Junction lostdutchmandays.org

Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show Scottsdale scottsdaleshow.com

Sedona International Film Festival Sedona sedonafilmfestival.com

Tubac Festival of the Arts Tubac tubacaz.com/festivals

Tucson Gem and Mineral Show Tucson tgms.org

Tres Rios Nature Festival Avondale avondaleaz.gov/government/ departments/parks-recreation/ events/tres-rios-nature-festival

Waste Management Phoenix Open Scottsdale wmphoenixopen.com

March

500 NASCAR Weekend Avondale phoenixraceway.com

Bluegrass on the Beach Lake Havasu City lakehavasubluegrass.com

Cactus League Spring Training Greater Phoenix area cactusleague.com

Cactus Fly-In Casa Grande cactusflyin.org

Cowgirl Up! Wickenburg westernmuseum.org/ about-cowgirl-up

Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market and Hoop Dance Championship Phoenix heard.org

Jesus the Christ Easter Mesa Pageant Mesa mesatemple.org/easter

Ostrich Festival Chandler ostrichfestival.com

April

Agave Heritage Festival Tucson agaveheritagefestival.com ASU Pow Wow Tempe powwow.asu.edu

AZ Poppy Festival Globe-Miami globemiamichamber.com/ azpoppyfest

El Tour de Tuc

Blessing of the Vineyards Elgin sonoitavineyards.com

Country Thunder Arizona Florence countrythunder.com/az

El Tour de Mesa Mesa

eltourdemesa.org

Renaissance Fair Lake Havasu City Iondonbridgerenfaire.com

Tucson International Mariachi Conference and Festivals Tucson tucsonmariachi.org

Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival Cottonwood verderiver.org/birding-festival

Willcox West Fest Ranch Rodeo and Chuck Wagon Cook-Off Willcox

visitwillcox.az.gov/willcox-west-fest

May

Arizona Restaurant Week Statewide arizonarestaurantweek.com Phippen Museum Western Art Show & Sale Prescott phippenartmuseum.org

Route 66 Fun Run Seligman to Topock historic66az.com

Sky Islands Summit Challenge

Sierra Vista visit.sierravistaaz.gov/ sky-island-summit-challenge

Verde Valley Wine Festival Cottonwood verdevalleywinefestival.com

Wine, Beer & Spirits Festival Sierra Vista visit.sierravistaaz.gov/wine-fest

June

Arizona Cowpuncher Reunion Rodeo Williams azcowpunchers.com

Flagstaff Blues & Brews Flagstaff flagstaffblues.com

Grand Canyon Star Party Grand Canyon nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/ grand-canyon-star-party.htm

Parker Tube Float Parker parkeraz.org/parker-tube-float

Prescott Frontier Days and World's Oldest Rodeo Prescott worldsoldestrodeo.com

White Mountains Hot Air Balloon Festival Pinetop-Lakeside wmbfaz.com

July

Heritage Festival Flagstaff musnaz.org/all-upcoming-events/ heritagefestival **Kingman Rodeo**

kingsmenrodeo.org

Old Time Fiddle &

Acoustic Celebration

sharlothallmuseum.org

paysonrimcountry.com/fiddle

Prescott Indian Art Market

Kingman

Payson

Prescott

SalsaFest

salsatrail.com

Sedona Winefest

sedonawinefest.com

standinonthecorner.org

October

Apache Jii Festival

globemiamichamber.com/

Bisbee 1000 The Great

Dia De Los Muertos &

Marigold Mural Project

Globe-Miami

apachejii

Bisbee

Sedona

tlag.com

Stair Climb

bisbee1000.org

Fort Verde Days

visitcampverde.com

Helldorado Days

discovertombstone.com

International Jet Sports

Iron Man 70.3 Arizona

ironman.com/im-arizona

Relics & Rods Run to the Sun

Sky Island Artisans Market

skyislandsartisanmarket.com

November

allsoulsprocession.org

All Souls Procession Weekend

Boating Association (IJSBJ)

Camp Verde

Tombstone

World Finals

Tempe

Lake Havasu City ijsba.com

Lake Havasu City

golakehavasu.com

Patagonia

Tucson

Standin' on the Corner Festival

Safford

Sedona

Winslow

Sidewalk Egg Frying Challenge Oatman oatmangoldroad.org/events.htm

Snowflake Pioneer Days Celebration Snowflake snowflaketaylorchamber.org

August

Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering Prescott azcowboypoets.org

Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival Sierra Vista swwings.org

White Mountain Apache Tribal Fair & Rodeo Whiteriver wmat.us

World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo Payson paysonprorodeo.com

September

Fall Festival Pinetop-Lakeside visitpinetoplakeside.com/ fall-festival-weekend

Phoenix Raceway, Pho



Desert Financial Fiesta Bowl Parade, Phoenix

> Arizona Taco Festival Mesa aztacofestival.com

El Tour de Tucson Tucson eltourdetucson.org

NASCAR Cup Series Championship Avondale phoenixraceway.com

December

Arizona's Christmas City's Parade & Courthouse Lighting Prescott web.prescott.org/events

Boat Parade of Lights and Festival of Lights Lake Havasu City golakehavasu.com

Desert Financial Fiesta Bowl Parade Phoenix fiestabowl.org

Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts Tempe tempefestivalofthearts.com

Fiesta Bowl Glendale fiestabowl.org

Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair Tucson fourthavenue.org

Great Pinecone Drop Flagstaff weatherfordhotel.com/ pinecone-drop

Pueblo Grande Indian Market Phoenix pueblogrande.org



PHOENIX & CENTRAL ARIZONA

With big-city excitement, outdoor adventures and the state's largest concentration of luxury resorts, the Greater Phoenix area offers the best of both worlds. Explore the lively downtown and quiet neighborhoods, high-end 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, Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Superior, Tempe



Area Highlights

ARIZONA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, *MESA*

Spanning continents and millennia, this comprehensive museum delves into the ancient histories of people, land and creatures large and small. See colossal dinosaurs in the recently renovated *Dinosaur Mountain* exhibit, glittering gems and minerals, archeological excavations and insights into some of the Southwest's first civilizations.

WESTGATE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT, GLENDALE

Anchored by Gila River Arena and State Farm Stadium, this sprawling complex is a hot spot for entertainment of all kinds. Watch a movie at AMC Theatres, play games at Carousel Arcade Bar or Dave & Buster's, test your sleuthing skills at Escape Westgate and have a laugh at Stir Crazy Comedy Club—then take your pick from dozens of eateries.

WESTERN SPIRIT: SCOTTSDALE'S MUSEUM OF THE WEST, SCOTTSDALE

Explore a variety of perspectives on Western cultures, history and beauty at this Smithsonian-affiliated art museum. Be sure to catch the striking collection of early 20thcentury photographs of American Indians at *Light and Legacy: The Art and Techniques of Edward S. Curtis*, on view through spring 2023.

AGRITOPIA FARM, GILBERT

Local flavors intertwine with local makers at this farm-community hybrid. See 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 a glass of wine from Garage-East or a craft beer from 12 West Brewing Co.

TEMPE BEACH PARK, TEMPE

Perched on the southern shore of Tempe Town Lake, this 25-acre urban park offers recreation on land and water. Stroll more than 5 miles of trails, drop in a fishing line (buy a fishing license at *azgfd.com/ license*), or rent a kayak or stand-up paddleboard for water fun at Boat Rentals of America.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM, PHOENIX

With a vast collection of more than 8,000 instruments from more than 200 countries, this museum celebrates the rich diversity of cultures and craftsmanship through the shared language of music. Peruse the galleries, engage with interactive media and watch live concerts to hear sounds of all kinds.

CITY LIMITLESS BEERS & BREWS PASSPORT, MESA AND EAST VALLEY

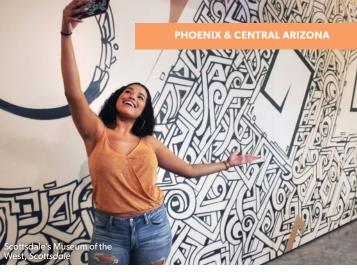
This new digital passport combines the best of both worlds—craft beer and gourmet coffee—inviting folks to discover 12 places to enjoy these two libations in Mesa and the East Valley. The free digital passport serves as a tour of the breweries, tap rooms, sports bars and coffee shops, and when you check in at each location, you could win prizes.

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.

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.











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Perfect Pour

BY ELIZABETH EXLINE

Can getting a drink expand your horizons? It can at Little Rituals. The speakeasylike hotel bar relies on handcrafted syrups and infusions to create showstopping libations like the Big City Nights cocktail. Building on blackberry gin, vermouth and herbed cinnamon syrup, the drink is topped off with printed foam (yes, you read that right) featuring a Phoenix-inspired panorama.

CURATE YOUR HOME BAR

Make your bar cart the toast of your house with these local cocktail enhancements.

SHRUBS

Tart, fruity and herbal, the vinegar-based shrubs by **Shrubwell** infuse cocktails with layers of flavor. Watermelon finds true love with fennel and lime in one, while pineapple pairs with tamarind in another.

MINI SPIRIT PACKS

Looking to host an island-themed party? Want to explore citrusforward sours? Then check out the thematic spirit packs by **Iconic Cocktail Company**: each box includes four miniature mixers plus recipes.

AROMATIC FINISHING SUGARS

Terre Botanicals takes fair-trade, organic cane sugar and elevates it with botanicals and essential oils to put a sophisticated spin on cocktails and simple syrups.

Sight + Sound

osanti Originals, Paradise Valley

BY ROGER NAYLOR

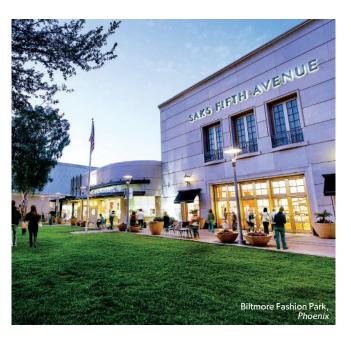
Cosanti, created by influential Italian architect Paolo Soleri, rises from the lush desert in Paradise Valley and somehow manages to appear both futuristic and ancient simultaneously.

Soleri came to Arizona to study under Frank Lloyd Wright but the two men clashed over differing visions. Soleri eventually settled north of Phoenix in 1955 where he built Cosanti, his residence and design studio. Cosanti features subtle curves and flowing shapes that create a magical world amid desert vegetation, a blending of manmade and natural environments.

Soleri coined the term "arcology" to describe the concept of architecture shaped by ecology to create a more sustainable lifestyle. South-facing half-domes, known as apses, create year-round workspaces as they provide summer shade while embracing winter sun. Many structures are partially underground for insulation. Set amid garden paths and terraced beds, Cosanti maintains an otherworldly feel, and visitors can take a guided tour to explore this unique style.

After your tour, immerse yourself in the musical cascades of Soleri's famous bronze windbells, which artisans handcraft using techniques introduced by Soleri. Like snowflakes, no two bells are alike. In the onsite shop, choose your very own windbell—as well as other special items—to bring home.

POWER SHOPPING RETAIL DISTRICTS & MEGA MALLS



From renowned retailers to affordable outlets, Greater 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.

PHOENIX PREMIUM OUTLETS

Stroll more than 90 outlets—we're talking Cole Haan, Kate Spade and Marc Jacobs—and enjoy discounts of up to 65% off at this retail center in Chandler.

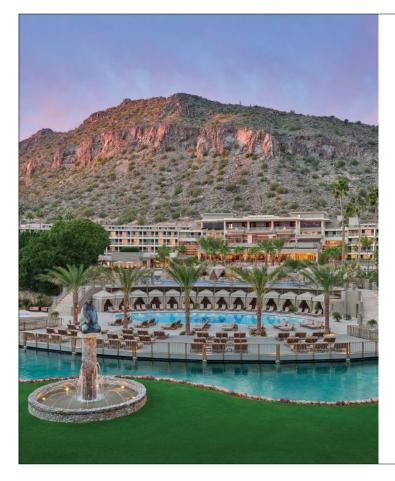


DESERT RIDGE MARKETPLACE

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

TANGER OUTLETS

Save on brand-name clothing and home goods (everything from Le Creuset to Saks Off 5th) at this outdoor complex in Glendale. Just hop on the free shuttle to and from area hotels and the Westgate Entertainment District.





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Fresh Air & **Fun Adventures**

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

The Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix is the perfect place to unwind. Curving paths cross the grounds, and a 12-foot waterfall adds a relaxing note to the garden as it feeds a koi pond and gently flowing streams.

Anchoring the far western edge of the Phoenix Valley is White Tank Mountain Regional Park, a roughly 30,000-acre park with desert lowlands and sharprising peaks. Beautiful during the day, White Tank proves equally spectacular once the sun goes down. This is where stargazers come to admire the glittering canopy above.

At the base of the Superstition Mountains is Lost Dutchman State Park. Named for a fabled gold mine hidden deep in the volcanic fortress of the mountains, the park is crisscrossed with hiking trails and adorned with wildflowers, most prominently poppies and brittlebush.

When the days turn hot, it's time to hit the water. Go Paddle AZ in Peoria rents kayaks and stand-up paddleboards at Pleasant Harbor Marina on Lake Pleasant, a 10,000-acre reservoir with miles of coastline.

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.



Showstopping Experiences

BY KERIDWEN CORNELIUS

VISIT MESA

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Ready to make this the greatest trip of all time? Arizona's capital is a hub for unforgettable indulgences and bucketlist pursuits.

Think of the \$240 tasting menu at **Binkley's Restaurant** in Phoenix as an epicurean odyssey into a sublime realm. Chef Kevin Binkley, a James Beard Award finalist, conducts gourmands from the garden to the bar to the dining room as they delight in a succession of 20-ish dazzlingly creative delicacies.

Sunsets and Sips—the happy-hour program at Taliesin West in Scottsdale allows culture vultures to contemplate Frank Lloyd Wright's vision of deeply connected desert living. Venture into various parts of this UNESCO World Heritage site and relish the way the sunset is reflected in thoughtfully designed water features.

Ever fantasized about blasting around a racetrack in a roaring Ferrari? The

seasoned pro instructors at Chandler's Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park teach motorheads to race exotic supercars including Lamborghinis, Porsches and Corvettes.

If you prefer slower sports, **Troon North in Scottsdale** represents the platonic ideal of desert golf. Designed by Tom Weiskopf, the two courses' pristine fairways—occasionally prowled by bobcats—undulate among saguaros, golden boulders and dramatic mountains silhouetted against an endless blue sky.

With dreamy views of palm trees and sienna peaks, the **Spa at Sanctuary Camelback Mountain** in Paradise Valley fuses sumptuous settings with a Zen sensibility. Harmonize your yin and yang in a Golden Lotus Balancing Ritual, or melt into the meditative sounds of singing bowls during a Nidra Sound Voyage. There's no wrong way to indulge.







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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.



IN THIS REGION

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



Area Highlights

SONOITA/ELGIN & WILLCOX AVA WINE REGIONS

Escape to rolling hillsides, pictureperfect rows of grape vines and unpretentious tasting rooms when you visit Southwestern Arizona's two American Viticultural Areas. The Sonoita/Elgin region is Arizona's longest-established AVA and home to some of the state's best-known winemakers, while the Willcox wine region grows 74% of Arizona's wine grapes.

KARTCHNER CAVERNS STATE PARK, BENSON

Descend into an awe-inspiring underground world of soda straw stalactites, brushite moonmilk and needle quartz formations when you go on a guided cave tour. Above ground, explore miles of scenic hiking trails rated from easy to difficult. The cave, campgrounds and picnic areas are wheelchair accessible.

ALFIE NORVILLE GEM & MINERAL MUSEUM, TUCSON

Housed in the grand Spanish Colonial Revival-style Pima County Courthouse, this University of Arizona-affiliated facility showcases incredible specimens of minerals, gems, fossils and meteorites. Marvel at flawless jewelry, massive crystals and even a glow-in-the-dark rainbow of fluorescent specimens.

ARAVAIPA CANYON WILDERNESS

Rugged cliffs, deep canyons, peaceful waters and lush foliage set the scene for outdoor adventure in this 19,410-acre wilderness area. Hike the unofficial trails and take your pick from side canyons, chimneys and outcroppings along the way. Permits are required for all activities—including hiking.

BISBEE MINING & HISTORICAL MUSEUM, *BISBEE*

Explore "The Queen of the Copper Camps" at this Smithsonianaffiliated 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, DRAGOON

From ancient artifacts to contemporary artistic explorations of modern-day issues, this museum and art gallery nestled amid 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 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 onsite zoo, marvel at rocks and minerals at the natural history exhibits, spot underwater creatures at the Warden Aquarium and view artwork in the galleries.

O.K. CORRAL, TOMBSTONE

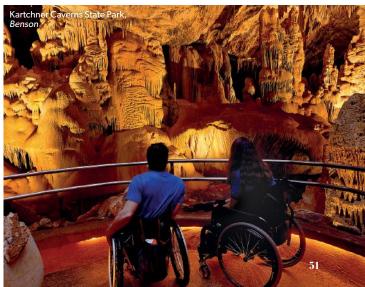
Transport yourself to the roughand-tumble Wild West when you stand in the very place where the infamous gun fight occurred in 1881. Watch a daily reenactment, walk through the 1880s stables and blacksmith shop, and see historic photographs of Tombstone life as it was "back then."





San Xavier Del Bac Mission,





Sky Islands Adventures

Driving east across Arizona, the long, straight stretch of I-10 through the Sonoran Desert seems endless. Then, sprouting from the valley floor are the Sky Islands mountain ranges, ecologically isolated peaks nearing 10,000 feet, making a U-bend around southeastern Arizona to frame Cochise County. The southeastern Arizona Sky Islands, partly made up of the Mule, Chiricahua and Huachuca mountains, beckon to outdoor adventurers.

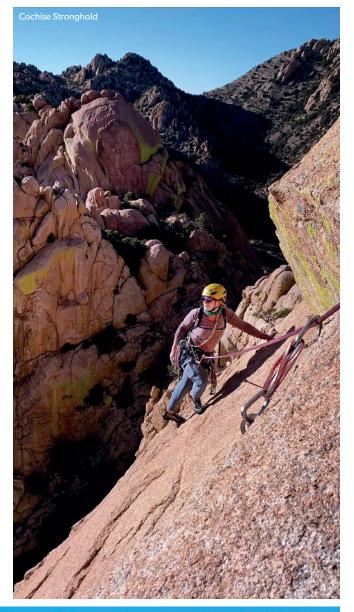
Start at Cochise Stronghold near Dragoon. The Stronghold is strewn with massive boulders amid a maze-like terrain. Mountain bikers, hikers and rock climbers head to these rugged canyons and craggy hoodoos for classic climbs and outstanding trails. Go a little farther east to Chiricahua National Monument where towering rhyolite pinnacles and balancing spires stand alongside the 17 miles of trails. Nearby, follow Arizona State Route 181 to Turkey Creek Trail, where you'll find Johnny Ringo's grave. Continue on to Sycamore Campground, shaded

by a canopy of sycamore and oak trees, making a perfect base camp for a number of trails leading into the Chiricahua Wilderness.

Farther west is **Fort Huachuca Museum** in Sierra Vista, where in 1877, the 6th Cavalry established an outpost to secure the San Pedro and Santa Cruz valleys. Peruse the exhibits and artifacts, and marvel at the adobe buildings of the Old Post.

Find more history in Douglas, a former copper-mining town on the Arizona–Mexico border. This community is anchored by the stately **Gadsden Hotel**, built in 1907 for visiting mining company executives, and fronted with a massive stained-glass window—a breathtaking Southwestern scene by Louis Comfort Tiffany. You'll also see *Cave Creek Canyon*, an original mural painted by artist Audley Dean Nicols.

For everything from outdoor excitement and historic finds, it's easy to see how Arizona's Sky Islands provide endless discoveries.







DINING WITH A VIEW

In Southern Arizona, dining out often comes with a feast for your eyes as well.

Tucson's Tohono Chul Garden

Bistro is set in a 49-acre botanical garden and surrounded by wildflowers and palo verde trees. Peruse the daily brunch menu for choices like prickly pear margaritas and avocado toast. For cosmopolitan cityscapes, head up to the 14th floor of the Graduate Tucson to find The Moonstone rooftop bar, serving up modern Southwestern fare, craft cocktails and panoramic views of downtown. Thirty minutes outside downtown, venture to Tanque Verde Ranch for a down-home Cowboy Cookout. You'll pile your plate with grilled meats and homemade cornbread and take a seat amid the peaceful scenery

of Cottonwood Grove. Against a backdrop of craggy Pusch Ridge, **Epazote Kitchen & Cocktails** at El Conquistador Tucson serves up locally inspired dishes like chile con carne fundido. Just north of Tucson, **Noble Hops** gastropub in Oro Valley has va-va-voom views of the Catalina Mountains from its ample patio—plus craft beers and comfort food like burgers, wings and nachos.

South of Tucson, **Stables Ranch Grille** at Tubac Golf Resort & Spa is a historical setting surrounded by views of golf greens, towering cottonwoods and the Santa Rita Mountains from its spacious patio. In between gazing, dig into herb potato gnocchi with smoked bison sausage or the signature pork schnitzel.

HAVEN FOR ARTISTS

BY TERESA BITLER

You'll discover incredible arts and crafts wherever you travel in Arizona. But in the southern part of the state, several art destinations stand out for their unique sense of place.

One of the most famous of these is **DeGrazia Gallery** in the Sun Museum. Located in the foothills of Tucson's Santa Catalina Mountains, the Gallery in the Sun pays tribute to Ettore "Ted" Grazia, known for his whimsical paintings of American Indian children. In addition to displaying his art, the galleryturned-museum sells DeGrazia originals, so you can take the artist's work home with you.

Also in Tucson, the **Monterrey Court Studio Galleries and Cafe** was originally a motel when it opened in 1938. Today, it is home to a restaurant, bar, and several galleries and shops surrounding a courtyard where live music plays most nights. For sale, you'll find everything from artisan jewelry and handbags at Uptown Rodeo Rose to mixed media and paper art at B. Art. There's also a spa and three tattoo parlors on-site.

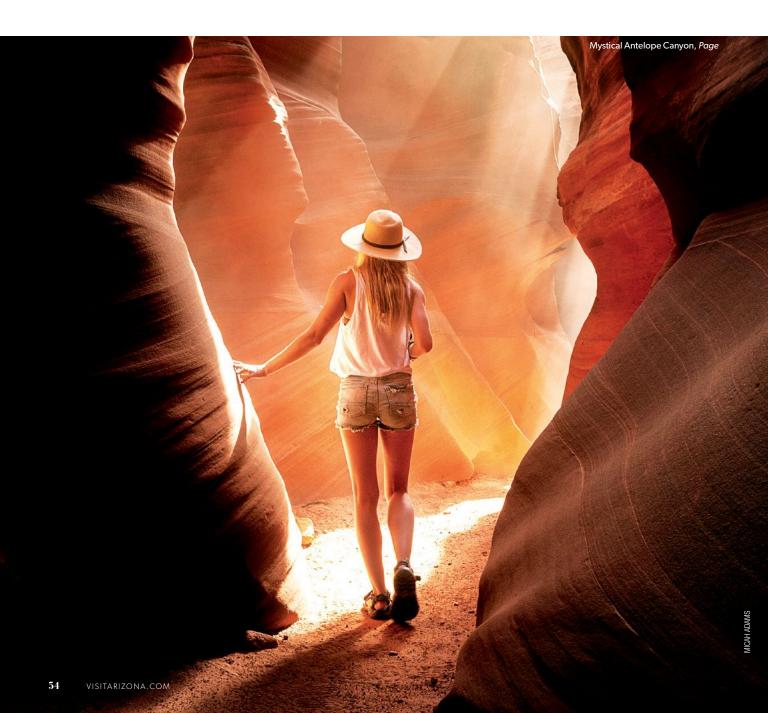
Farther south, **La Entrada de Tubac** resembles the Spanish village that the country's soldiers may have left to come to the area in 1752. Today, you can visit the presidio they built here, but La Entrada de Tubac is a destination itself. Its galleries showcase original paintings, sculptures and photography while specialty shops sell Southwestern home décor, handcrafted jewelry, clothes, native plants and local food items. Before you go, savor the flavors of Mexico at Elvira's Restaurant, which opened in 1927.





NORTHERN ARIZONA

With its otherworldly geology, dramatically hued 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.



IN THIS REGION

Flagstaff, Ganado, Monument Valley, Page, St. Johns, Tuba City, Williams, Window Rock, Winslow



Area Highlights

ANTELOPE VALLEY CANYON TOURS, PAGE AREA

Marvel at curvy sandstone walls lapped smooth by water and shafts of sunlight that shine through crevices in column-like beams when you explore Upper or Lower Antelope Canyon, Canyon X, Mystical Antelope Canyon or Ligai Si' Anii Canyon with one of the many tour operators in the Antelope Valley area.

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.

GRAND CANYON RAILWAY & HOTEL, WILLIAMS

Time travel to another era when you ride the rails from Williams to Grand Canyon National Park on a vintage train car. You'll arrive at Grand Canyon Village and have three hours to explore the sights and scenery before returning. Spend the night in the elegant Grand Canyon Railway Hotel for the full experience.

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 furnishings by Edison, Stickley, Ellis and Steinway.

LYMAN LAKE STATE PARK, ST. JOHNS

Bring all your fast water toys to this state park, where the 1,500acre lake touts no restrictions on boat or motor sizes—a haven for waterskiing, wakeboarding and speed boating. Make a weekend of it when you book one of the cabins or hook up your RV in the campground.

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, farm animals, outbuildings and a visitor center with history exhibits—and shop handmade Navajo blankets, jewelry, baskets and pottery.

STANDIN' ON THE CORNER PARK, WINSLOW

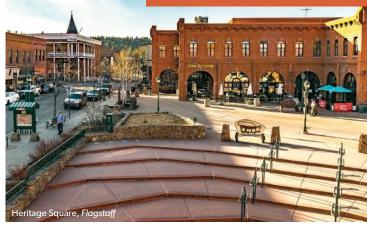
Nodding to the Eagles song "Take it Easy," which references standing on a corner in Winslow, Arizona, this public park is a popular photo-op for road-trippers traveling Route 66. Don't miss the town's annual Standin' on a Corner Festival in September, featuring country rock and Eagles tribute bands.

MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK, OLJATO-MONUMENT VALLEY

Instantly recognizable as an icon of the American Southwest, this dramatic landscape is punctuated by monoliths, mesas and spires. Drive along the 17-mile loop to take in the scenery or book a guided tour for spectacular hiking and photography.

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 throughout the year and you'll find special events like the First Friday Artwalk, live music and performances, children's activities and familyfriendly movie screenings.



NORTHERN ARIZONA





Lyman Lake State Park, St. Johns

Flagstaff Brewery Trail

On the Flagstaff Brewery Trail, discover why this is the state's official craft beer city.

BY TERESA BITLER

GRAND CANYON BREWING COMPANY

Beers here celebrate the state and what makes it unique. Don't miss Kachina Throwback Ale, the official beer of the state's NHL franchise, the Arizona Coyotes, and Trail Hike IPA, brewed to commemorate the centennial of Grand Canyon National Park.

BEAVER STREET BREWING

Flagstaff's first brewery produces some of the city's most popular beers. Try the Conductor IPA, Railhead Red or Red Rock Raspberry. Beaver Street Brewing is equally known for its wood-fired pizzas, burgers and salads, available for lunch and dinner.



DARK SKY BREWING

Dark Sky Brewing likes to experiment with unique ingredients and flavor combinations, but its mainstays are straightforward IPAs and ales. Try one with a pizza made in-house by Pizzicletta while sitting in their beer garden.

FLAGSTAFF BREWING COMPANY

Known as Flagbrew to locals, this brewery crafts a rotating lineup of beers, from an IPA and pale ale to its popular Agassiz Amber and Sasquatch Stout. You can also sip coffee drinks, Pappy Van Winkle and other stellar whiskeys.





ROUTE 66

Located on Route 66, Mother Road Brewing Co. is known for its IPAs, like its flagship Tower Station IPA, and specialty brews like the Conserve and Protect Golden Ale, which raises money for the Arizona Game and Fish Department's conservation efforts.





HISTORIC BREWING COMPANY

Drop by the brewery's taproom on the eastside to sample its 16 rotating beers, including its famous cherry vanilla Piehole Porter and seasonal Undercover Cucumber. Historic Brewing Company's downtown Flagstaff location serves craft cocktails and food as well as beer.

LUMBERYARD BREWING CO.

Housed in the historic Halstead Lumberyard building, Lumberyard Brewing Co. pours a few beers from its sister brewery, Beaver Street. But it also brews some of its own, including Flagstaff IPA, First Light Lager and Humphrey's Hefe. It also has a full menu.



Wanderlust Brewing Company, Flagstaff

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WANDERLUST BREWING COMPANY

Brewer Nathan Friedman's love of travel inspired this brewery's name, and the beers he brews often evoke memories of his adventures. Look for farmhouse ales fermented with local wild yeast, fruit sours and glutenfree hard seltzers on the menu.





WINTER WONDERS

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 most 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. The Ski and Snowboard School also offers a specialized adaptive skiing and snowboarding program

for people with disabilities. Ages 12 and younger ski free.

At nearby **Arizona Nordic Village**, revel in a serene retreat of sugar-hued vistas and some 30 miles of crosscountry skiing and snowshoeing trails. Backcountry yurts are available for rent year-round. 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. For slower-paced fun, take a turn on the tubing hill or go on a sleigh ride.



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Navajo Code Talkers

BY ELIZABETH EXLINE

Known as the Diné among themselves and the Navajo to the world at large, this population worked a veritable miracle during World War II. The Japanese had deciphered every code developed by the U.S. Marines until Navajo recruits joined up and changed the course of history. By speaking their native tongue, the Navajo marines were able to communicate in the Pacific theater without the Japanese ever understanding. In fact, the Navajo language was the only "code" the Japanese failed to crack.

Today, just a handful of the original Code Talkers remain, but visitors can immerse themselves in the drama and victory of their story at the Navajo Code Talkers Museum in Tuba City. The museum features a smattering of threads that, taken together, weave a tapestry of danger, secrets and, ultimately, survival. There are photos, victory stories, battle gear and tools, and even transcripts of a Code Talker exchange.

The museum resides a stone's throw away from the better known **Explore Navajo Interactive Museum**, which attempts to put into exhibit form the "Navajo journey through life." Each of the four quadrants reveals key aspects of Navajo culture, from the traditional hogan (home) to the ceremonies and culture to, yes, that language that made all the difference to U.S. troops in the 1940s.

INCREDIBLE Landscapes

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

MONUMENT VALLEY

This collection of crimson mesas and towering sandstone buttes captures colors that appear only in nature. Please be respectful of Navajo Nation regulations when visiting Monument Valley to help preserve this ancient site.

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

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

Approximately 50,000 years ago, a meteor slammed into the earth with the force of more than 2 million tons of TNT, creating a crater a mile across and 550 feet deep. Go on the 45-minute guided rim tour in Winslow to learn about this epic event.

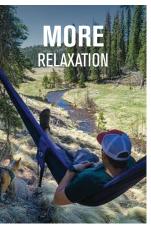




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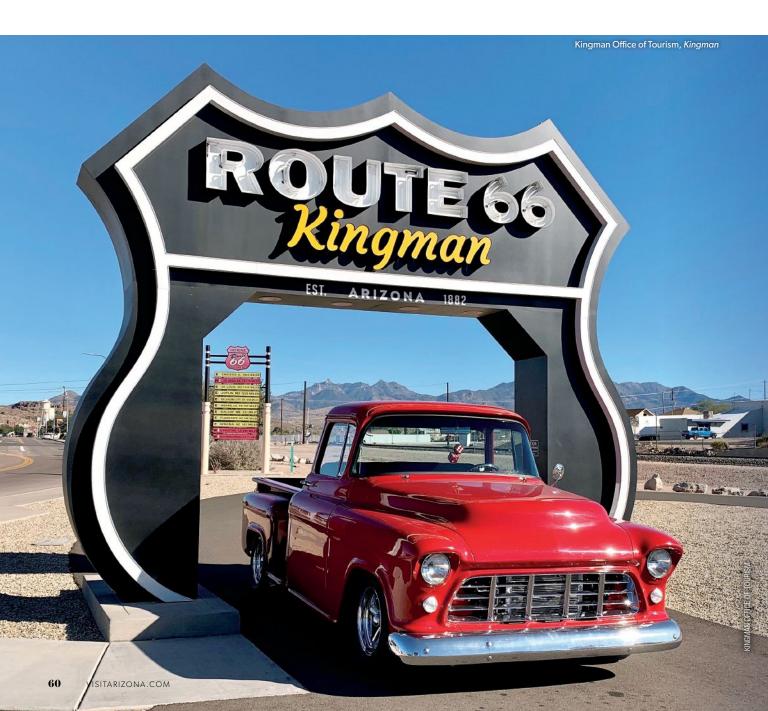
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ARIZONA'S WEST COAST

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.



IN THIS REGION

Fredonia, Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Oatman, Parker, Yuma



Area Highlights

POWERHOUSE VISITOR CENTER, KINGMAN

Originally the Desert Power & Water Co. Electric Power Plant, 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, GRAND CANYON WEST

OP TO BOTTOM: PIPE SPRING NATIONAL MONUMENT; TAYLOR COHEN; ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS (2 PHOTOS)

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 an authentic American Indian village and watch traditional dance and music demonstrations on the weekends.

YUMA TERRITORIAL PRISON STATE HISTORIC PARK, YUMA

Once holding 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.

OATMAN HOTEL, OATMAN

Originally built for miners during the Gold Rush days, this historic hotel is known for being haunted by friendly spirits. Even though you can no longer spend the night, visitors from all around come to have a drink at the restaurant and bar, where the walls are covered with \$1 bills with people's names written on them.

KINGMAN RAILROAD MUSEUM, *KINGMAN*

Housed in the historic Santa Fe Railroad train depot dating back to 1907, this volunteer-run museum showcases artifacts, memorabilia and local train history, as well as several model train layouts featuring vintage toy components.

PIPE SPRING NATIONAL MONUMENT, FREDONIA

With life-sustaining water, Pipe Spring has provided refuge for wildlife, the Kaibab Paiute Indians and westbound settlers. 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 & GIFT SHOP, PARKER

Glimpse into the lives, history and culture of local tribes—including Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo City—through exhibits, cultural artifacts and historical photographs housed at this museum.

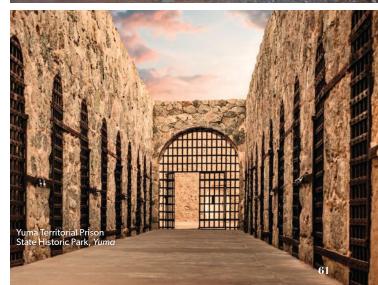
RIVER ISLAND STATE PARK, PARKER

Along the shores of the Colorado River, discover riverfront camping and distant mountain views. This state park also offers trails for hikers and access to off-highway-vehicle (OHV) backcountry roads.









wet your whistle with 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 a craft beer to wash down wood-fired calzones. Also here is Hangar 24 Craft Brewing, serving up pints of fan favorites such as the Chocolate Bomber chocolate porter and a roster

of limited releases. In Kingman, you'll find desert-inspired agave rum, whiskey and vodka at **Desert Diamond Distillery** inside the Airport Industrial Complex, where you can have a tour and a tasting for the full experience. Also in Kingman, **Black Bridge Brewery** serves up everything from blonde to stout on its changing menu. Meanwhile, **Cella Winery** specializes in handcrafted red wines, so sit outdoors among the grapevines while enjoying a glass of your choice.



Sunset Charter and Tour Co., Lake Havasu City

LAKE HAVASU Lighthouses

Never mind sirens luring sailors to rocky shores. Classic beacons guide boaters on this desert lake.

BY NORA BURBA TRULSSON

If you're boating or hiking along Lake Havasu in western Arizona, you might think you're seeing a desert mirage when you spot a perfectly detailed lighthouse on the lake's shore.

Yes, there are lighthouses along the lake—28 of them, in fact, scaled-down replicas of famous beacons. The lighthouses were created and maintained by a local nonprofit group, whose members wanted to make night boating safe in the lake. Rather than installing mundane industrial beacons, the group built lighthouses inspired by historic East Coast lighthouses on the eastern shores of the lake, Pacific-inspired lighthouses on the western side of the lake (like the newest beacon, modeled after Angel's Gate in San Pedro, California) and Great Lakes versions around the lake's island.

Don't have a boat or not into hiking? **Sunset Charter and Tour Co.** offers a leisurely, two-hour lighthouse boat tour from October through May.

FAMILY MATTERS

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

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 (one is ADA accessible), and a climbing area will keep kids busy for hours

FLYING HIGH

Experience an hour of pure adrenaline at the **Zipline at Grand Canyon West**. Here, several zip lines above a canyon translate to the thrill of flying at up to 40 miles per hour. (Guests must weigh between 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 18hole championship-style course. Then set up camp among oak and ponderosa pines in the first-come, first-served **Wild Cow Springs Campground**. Ongoing Ranger Talks from the Kingman BLM Field Office discuss how to be prepared in different camping situations.

GET WILD

Embark on a wild journey through a picturesque 175-acre canyon in Valentine, where you'll find

Keepers of the Wild Nature Park.

at Grand Canyon West

This nonprofit wildlife sanctuary is home to 130 wild animals such as lions, tigers, wolves, primates and various wildlife indigenous to the Southwest.

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 eateries.



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 wow-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 alfresco in the picnic area or launch a boat from one of the three boat ramps.

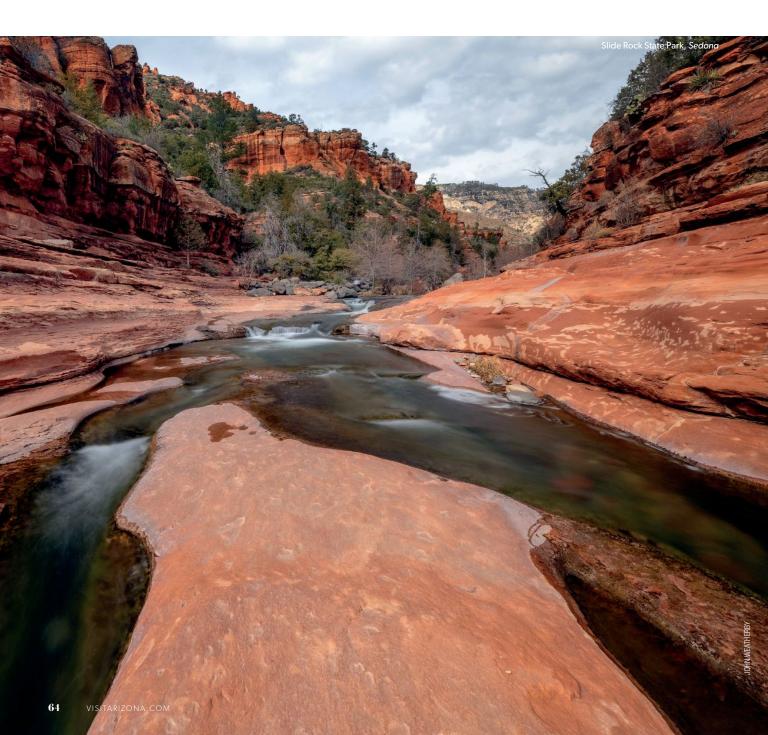
Pool Party Cool off at the **Topock66 Restaurant, Bar & Riverstore** in Topock, which offers a swim-up bar and live entertainment on the weekends. A marina, restaurant and retail shop round out the experience.





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.



IN THIS REGION

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



Area Highlights

VERDE CANYON RAILROAD, CLARKDALE

Board a restored vintage train car (ADA accessible) pulled by a rare FP7 locomotive for an unforgettable fourhour, 40-mile round-trip ride through breathtaking canyon scenery. You'll pass by the shimmering waters of the Verde River, lush foliage and high-desert rock faces. Keep an eye out for eagles and other wildlife, and be sure to pick up a Southwestern-style souvenir in the Boxcar Gift Store back at the depot.

NAVAJO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HOLBROOK

Housed in the historic courthouse on Route 66, this museum tells the stories of the area's many residents throughout the centuries, from American Indians to early settlers. See ancient fossils, exhibits on Ancestral Puebloans, Apache, Hopi and Navajo cultures and their crafts; an old Hashknife chuck wagon, and artifacts from the legendary Mother Road.

SLIDE ROCK STATE PARK, SEDONA

This popular state park attracts visitors in search of the pristine waters of Oak Creek (perfect for cooling off on a hot summer day), which you can slip into via an 80-foot natural waterslide. For quieter moments, escape the crowds of sunbathers with a short hike upstream, and enjoy excellent fishing for brown and rainbow trout.

JEROME STATE HISTORIC PARK, JEROME

A landmark in Jerome since 1916, the Douglas Mansion was home to mining mogul James Douglas, and its hillside location overlooked his Little Daisy Mine. Explore this hometurned-museum to see exhibits, photographs and artifacts chronicling the family, mining and town's history.

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.

PICKLE BARREL TRADING POST, GLOBE

In a rugged mining town, discover a century-old post-and-beam-built shop filled with Southwest-inspired treasures: Minnetonka moccasins, Pendleton blankets, sparkly minerals and rocks, Apache beadwork, cowboy hats, one-of-a-kind antiques, rustic yard art and an array of fun gifts for kids.

HISTORIC WHISKEY ROW, PRESCOTT

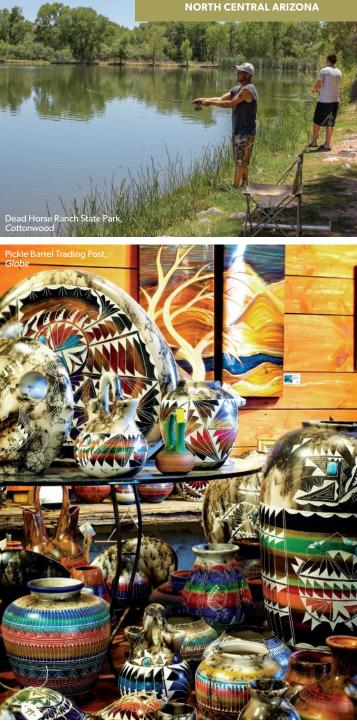
Forty saloons once lined Whiskey Row, attracting the likes of Wyatt and Virgil Earp, Doc Holliday and countless other settlers, prospectors, cowboys and gamblers during the Gold Rush days. Today, you can still order a drink here and browse the numerous art galleries and souvenir shops.

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.

FORT APACHE HISTORIC PARK/NOHWIKE' BÁGOWA (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' Bágowa, dedicated to Apache heritage and arts, and visit the nearby Kinishba Ruins National Historic Landmark.





Totally Unexpected (AND UNFORGETTABLE) Experiences for All Ages

Amid North Central Arizona's mountains, pine forests and historic towns, these six experiences create memories for all ages.

BY NORA BURBA TRULSSON

COPPER IS KING Arizona is known for copper, and Clarkdale is a historic town that owes its existence to the metal, making it the perfect place for the Arizona Copper Art Museum. Opened in 2012 and housed in a historic school building, the two-story museum tells the story of the ruddy metal and showcases thousands of copper items in several galleries. Look for everything from trench art made by soldiers during both World Wars and a dormer from the Carnegie mansion in New York to a stockpot used by Martha Stewart on one of her TV shows.

EYE CANDY Who isn't dazzled by a kaleidoscope? Since 1988, Nellie Bly has been offering artistic scopes—new and antique—plus glass art from a historic storefront in Jerome. And yes, you're encouraged to touch and play with the kaleidoscopes, handcrafted of wood, metal and glass by artists. A recently opened sister store offers steampunk-inspired objects, ranging from pens to sculptures. Want to learn more about the art form? Kaleidoscope Weekend in October features hands-on classes taught by artists.

THIS AIN'T MY FIRST RODEO

In fact, the annual World's Oldest Rodeo has been happening in Prescott since 1888—hence its official moniker. What started out as a modest "cowboy tournament" that tested the mettle of local ranch hands has morphed into a week-long celebration, presented by Prescott Frontier Days, around the Fourth of July. Look not only for rodeo performances, but family-friendly dances with live music, a dress-up parade for kids and, for Steve McQueen fans, an outdoor showing of the 1972 rodeothemed movie, Junior Bonner, filmed on location in Prescott.

MAKE IT MINE Just outside Jerome, a shaft dug in 1890 for copper yielded gold instead. The surrounding mining camp was abandoned when gold ran out, but it's been reborn as Gold King Mine and Ghost Town, a 3-acre site meant for roaming and learning about the area's mining history. Check out the 180 vintage vehicles dotting the grounds, a stamp mill, working sawmill and blacksmith shop. For junior members in your group, there's a petting zoo populated with baby goats, chickens and Bella the pig, plus the chance to learn gold panning.

GET WILD Think of Arizona wildlife as coyotes and roadrunners? At Out of Africa Wildlife Park, you'll also see lions and tigers and bears. The 104-acre park in Camp Verde is home to some 40 exotic big cats and hundreds of other animals, like zebras and wolves. Watch tigers and their caretakers romp in a pool during the Tiger Splash experience or use the zip line to soar above animals. Want more close encounters? The African bush safari tour rolls through the park's Serengeti preserve, where curious, freeroaming giraffes are known to stick their necks out for treats.

LLAMA NIRVANA Sure, you can hike along lakes, through meadows and among pine forests with a backpack stuffed with your water and supplies. Or, you can do a slightly different trek with Arizona Backcountry Llamas, a Prescott-based outfitter that uses the South American domesticated camelids to carry food, drinks and gear for their guided adventures. Choose an easy, two-hour stroll with the gentle critters (who spit at each other, not humans, to settle disputes), or half-day and full-day adventures. Multi-day camping trips are also available.





PIT STOP: REVEL IN ROUTE 66 KITSCH IN SELIGMAN

Ever wish you could experience the carefree days of classic Route 66 travel? If so, Seligman awaits!

BY ELIZABETH EXLINE

Seligman may just be the ultimate underdog story. This once thriving town was consigned to oblivion with the opening of Interstate 40. But rather than fade into the background, the town reinvented itself as a colorful, outsized destination where classic cars, retro signage and a host of throwback restaurants and shops await discovery. Start your adventure with a bite at one of the city's best-loved restaurants. Delgadillo's Snow Cap serves up "dead chicken," "oink burgers" and ice cream with a side of joviality that has made the place

a local legend. Or, stop by Route 66 Roadrunner, a dealershipturned-restaurant that invites you to browse local art. American Indian goods and Americana after a pizza lunch. Feeling extra brave? Then order a buffalo burger or an order of "fender tenders" at The Roadkill Café/O.K. Saloon. Before you go, pick up a souvenir at the Rusty Bolt, which offers leather goods and handmade jewelry, or at the family-owned Angel & Vilma Delgadillo's Original Route 66 Gift Shop, which specializes in Route 66-themed gifts.

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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 Resorts & 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, discoversal triver.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 to 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 and Casino, Talking Stick Golf Club, Great Wolf Lodge, OdySea Aquarium, Mavrix

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Casa Grande Visitor Center Casa Grande 520-836-2125, casagrandechamber.org

Coolidge Visitor Center Coolidge 520-723-3009, coolidgechamber.org

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Visitor Center Scottsdale 480-362-2700,

discoversaltriver.com/discover-saltriver-visitor-center See ad on page 83

Scottsdale Visitor Center Scottsdale 800-782-1117,

experiencescottsdale.com/ visitor-services

Southwest Valley Visitor Center Goodyear 623-932-2260, southwestvalleychamber.org Sunland Visitor Center Eloy 520-466-3007, sunlandvisitorcenter.org

Wickenburg Visitor Center Wickenburg 928-684-5479, wickenburgchamber.com

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Goodyear Ballpark Goodyear 623-882-3120, goodyearbp.com See ad on page 88

Hot Air Expeditions Phoenix 480-502-6999, hotairexpeditions.com See ad on page 76

Mesa Historical Museum Mesa 480-835-2286, mesahistoricalmuseum.com

Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament Scottsdale 888-935-6878, medievaltimes.com

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Arizona State Parks and Trails

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Pinal County Florence 520-866-6309, explore.pinal.gov See ad on page 29

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blm.gov/visit/agua-fria Arizona State Land Department

Phoenix 602-542-4631 land az gov

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Coolidge 520-723-3172, nps.gov/cagr

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arrowheadtownecenter.com See ad on page 79 **6**

Biltmore Fashion Park Phoenix 602-955-8400, shopbiltmore.com See ad on page 79

Chandler Fashion Center

Chandler 480-812-8488, shopchandlerfashioncenter.com See ad on page 79 **3**

Kierland Commons Scottsdale 480-348-1577, kierlandcommons.com See ad on page 79 🚱

Scottsdale Fashion Square Scottsdale 480-941-2140, fashionsquare.com

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STATE PARKS, GAME & FISH

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

Arizona State Parks & Trails Phoenix

602-542-4174, azstateparks.com See ad on page 86 😮

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TRANSPORTATION Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport

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Benson Visitor Center Benson 520-586-4293, bensonvisitorcenter.com See ad on page 71

Bisbee Visitor Center Bisbee 520-590-0432, discoverbisbee.com See ad on page 71

Clifton Visitor Center Clifton 928-865-3313, cliftonaz.com/visitors-center

Graham County Visitor Center Safford 928-428-2511, facebook.com/grahamchamber

Marana Visitor Center Marana 520-682-4314,

maranachamber.com Sierra Vista Visitor Center Sierra Vista 800-288-3861, visitsierravista.com

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Leslie Canyon Douglas 520-364-2104, fws.gov/refuge/leslie-canyon

San Bernardino Douglas 520-364-2104, fws.gov/refuge/san-bernardino

PUBLIC LANDS

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

Chiricahua National Monument Willcox

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Coronado National Memorial Hereford 520-366-5515, nps.gov/coro

Fort Bowie National Historic Site Bowie

520-847-2500, nps.gov/fobo

Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Safford 928-348-4400, blm.gov/nationalconservation-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

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520-733-5153, nps.gov/sagu

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Catalina State Park Tucson 520-628-5798, azstateparks.com/catalina 🚱

Kartchner Caverns State Park Benson

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Oracle State Park Oracle 520-896-2425, azstateparks.com/oracle 🚱

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Roper Lake State Park Safford 928-428-6760, azstateparks.com/roper-lake

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See ad on page 75 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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The Navajo Nation is larger than 10 U.S. states, with a land base of 27,000 square miles of diverse and stunning landscapes, including such well-known landmarks as Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, Antelope Canyon and Canyon De Chelly National Monument. The Diné (Navajo) are well-known for their artfully crafted rug weavings and turquoise and silver jewelry.

San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Tuba City

928-212-9794, sanjuanpaiute-nsn.gov

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

White Mountain Apache Tribe Whiterive

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Zuni Pueblo Zuni, New Mexico 505-782-7238, zunitourism.com Zuni Pueblo is partially located in the southern portion of Arizona's Apache County but is mostly in New Mexico. Visit this ancient community to experience scenic beauty, historic and archaeological tours and worldfamous authentic traditional arts.

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928-608-5749, pagelakepowellhub.com Pioneer Museum Visitor Center

Flagstaff 928-774-6272, azhs.org/flagstaff

Pinetop-Lakeside Visitor Center Pinetop-Lakeside 928-882-2665, pinetoplakeside.com See ad on page 59

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

Williams Visitor Center Williams 928-635-4061, experiencewilliams.com See ad on page 57

Winslow Visitor Center Winslow 928-289-2434, winslowarizona.org See ad on page 76

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800-THE-TRAIN, thetrain.com See ad on page 78

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Lowell Observatory Flagstaff 928-774-3358, lowell.edu See ad on page 82 🚱

Meteor Crater & Barringer Space Museum Winslow 928-289-5898, meteorcrater.com See ad on page 82

Navajo Co Historical Society -Museum - Rt 66 Holbrook 928-524-6558, holbrookazmuseum.org 1800's Historic Courthouse in Holbrook, this museum covers an array of time periods& local cultures

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Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce Springerville 928333-2123, springervilleeagarchamber.com See ad on page 72 🕲

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Navajo Tourism Dept. St. Michaels 928-810-8501, discovernavajo.com See ad on page 77

Travel Navajo Online Navajo Nation 928-606-9464, travelnavajoonline.com 🕲 🕢

Winslow Chamber of Commerce/ Visitor Center Winslow 928-289-2434, visitwinslow.com © 🕢

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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

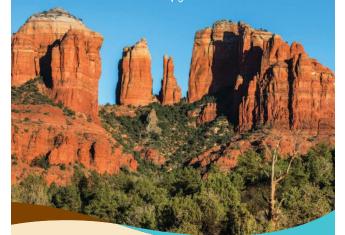
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STATE PARKS, GAME & FISH

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

Arizona State Parks & Trails Phoenix 602-542-4174, azstateparks.com See ad on page 86 🚱

Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area Show Low 928-537-3680,

azstateparks.com/fool-hollow Homolovi State Park Winslow 928-289-4106.

azstateparks.com/homolovi **Lyman Lake State Park St. Johns** 928-337-4441,

azstateparks.com/lyman-lake

Historic Park Flagstaff 928-779-4395, azstateparks.com/riordan-mansion

TOUR OPERATOR

Canyon Country Grand Canyon Tours Flagstaff 928-707-1926, canyoncountrytours.net Dixie's Lower Antelope Canyon Tours Page 928-640-1761, antelopelowercanyon.com See ad on page 11

Ken's Tours Lower

Antelope Canyon Page 928-645-6997, lowerantelope.com Enjoy a favorite gathering place for photographers, tourists, and visitors from around the world.

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AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES

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Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Parker 928-669-8970, critmuseum.com,

fb: crit museum & gift shop Home to four distinct tribes, the indigenous Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo. The community offers a wide variety of cultural attractions including the Blythe Intaglios, a World War II Japanese Internment Camp Memorial-Poston Monument, Landmarks that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places: a 100-year Old Presbyterian Church, Old La Paz and the Poston Elementary School. Visit the new museum expansion that features the largest Chemehuevi basket collection, Mohave pottery in various forms including effigies and the CRIT historical timeline starting with an Ancestral exhibit. Top off your visit by visiting the gift shop where you'll find Native American and Tribal membermade accessories, instruments and Tribal regalia, in addition to craft supplies. Dry goods of tepary beans and roasted corn are also on sale.

Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

Needles, California 760-629-4591, mojaveindiantribe.com Located on the border of Arizona, Nevada and California, this tribe is known for its beautiful lands, beadwork and basketry.

Fort Yuma-Quechan Tribe Yuma 760-572-0213, quechantribe.com

Bordering Arizona, California and Mexico, these tribal lands include the picturesque Sunrise Point Park and the Yuma East Wetlands, both along the Colorado River. Purchase beautiful beadwork and other crafts by tribal members. Explore the tribe's history at the Fort Yuma-Quechan Museum, the Senior Center Gift Shop and the Cultural Center at Quechan Casino Resort.

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

Kingman Visitor Center Kingman 928-753-6106, explorekingman.com **2**

Lake Havasu City Visitor Center Lake Havasu City 928-855-5655,

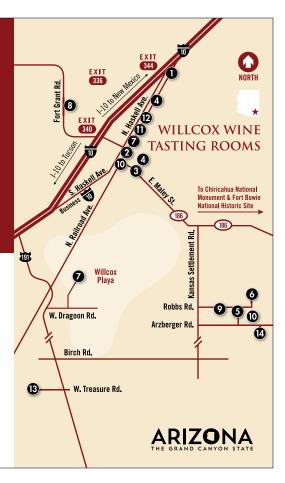
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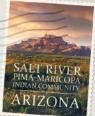
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Bear Creek Golf Complex - Cub Course Chandler 480-883-8200, bearcreekaz.com	18	59	3,501	57.3	83	PB		•	•	•	•
Camelback Golf Club Scottsdale 480-596-7050, camelbackgolf.com Camelback Golf Club is set amidst rolling fairways, natural beauty, native plants and grasses	36	72/72	7,221 6,903	70.4 70	128 126	PB	•	•	•	•	•
The Westin Kierland Golf Club Scottsdale 480-922-9283, kierlandgolf.com, <i>See ad on page 25</i>	27	72	6,974 6,913 7,017	72.8 72.5 73.1	127	PB	•	•	•	•	•
Wildfire Golf Club Phoenix 480-473-0205, wildfiregolf.com Two championship courses designed by golf legends Arnold Palmer and Nick Faldo.	36	71/72	7,145	N/A	N/A	PB	•	•	•	•	•

RV PARKS	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
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Arizona Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds Mesa 480-351-7178, gocampinginarizona.com, See ad on page 72	3,000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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DIGITAL RESOURCES VisitArizona.com

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Electric Vehicle Travel

The official guide designed for electric vehicle travelers in Arizona provides many resources, including itineraries and an interactive charging map. VisitArizona.com/planning/ electric-cars

Accessibility Information

Go to VisitArizona.com/plan/ accessibility for accessibility details and links to additional resources.

For autism-inclusive destinations and travel resources, visit *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.*

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, rest areas, weather and more. 511 Traveler Information Service: dial 511, *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% of the state—highly sought-after destinations and vacation spots. For tribal land etiquette tips and additional information, see *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. 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-ofthe-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.

Arizona is full of surprises!

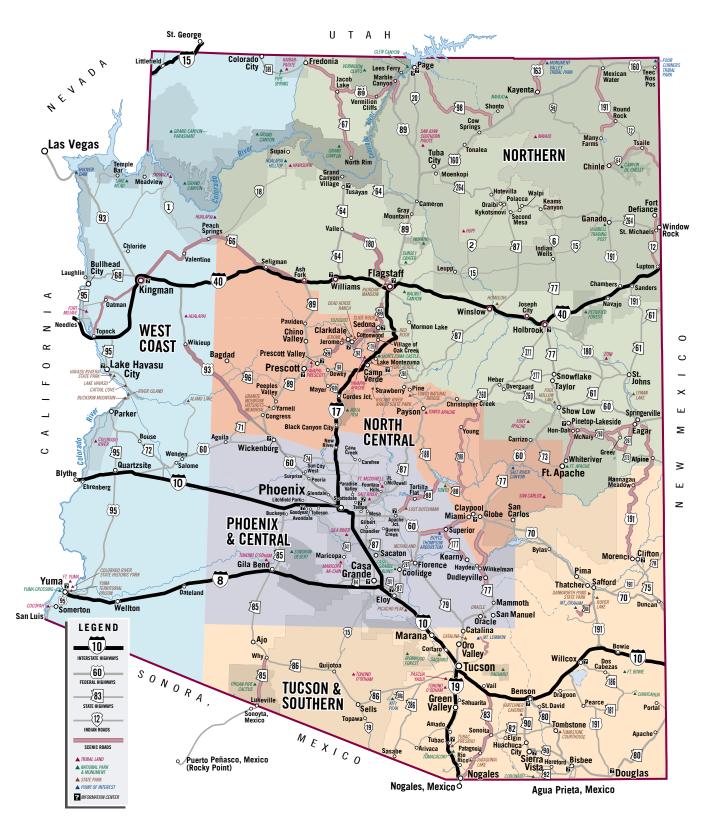




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