

# ALL ABOUT ARIZONA

Whether you're looking for outdoor adventure, quiet solitude or simply stunning landscapes, you'll find them in Arizona's many state and national parks, monuments and recreation areas. From the majestic Grand Canyon to the famed buttes and spires of Monument Valley to the exhilarating waters of Lake Havasu, there's plenty to explore – and experience – here in the Grand Canyon state.

Located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, Scottsdale, Arizona is bordered by Phoenix to the west and the McDowell Mountains on the east. Scottsdale is annually rated among the nation's most desirable communities to live in, visit and do business in. Scottsdale's vibrant downtown is considered the finest urban center in Arizona. It is home to more than 90 restaurants, 320 retail shops and more than 80 art galleries. Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve, in the city's northern reaches, is the largest urban wilderness area in the United States and features more than 60 miles of trails through diverse and scenic desert terrain.

Enjoy the desert through a jeep or hummer tour, relish the divine cuisine at renowned restaurants, challenge yourself to a round of golf on one of our many top rated championship courses or simply enjoy a delectable beverage while taking in one of our legendary sunsets.



## SCOTTSDALE WEATHER AT-A-GLANCE

Month	Average Temperature				Percent Sunshine	Average Rainfall (inches)	Average Daylight	
	Maximum °F	Maximum °C	Minimum °F	Minimum °C			Sunrise	Sunset
January	63.1	17.1	45.8	7.6	78%	1.41	7:32	5:43
February	74.5	23.4	51.8	10.9	80%	0.34	7:12	6:12
March	75.9	24.2	52.7	11.4	84%	1.04	6:38	6:36
April	81.0	26.9	55.8	13.1	89%	0.29	5:57	6:59
May	88.1	30.9	64.4	17.8	93%	0.09	5:27	7:21
June	100.0	37.4	72.4	22.2	94%	trace	5:17	7:39
July	101.5	38.1	81.7	27.3	85%	trace	5:29	7:38
August	106.1	40.8	83.2	28.2	85%	3.50	5:50	7:14
September	100.3	37.6	78.1	25.4	89%	1.08	6:11	6:34
October	90.6	32.2	61.8	16.4	88%	0.00	6:32	5:54
November	78.6	25.6	54.6	12.4	84%	1.75	6:59	5:25
December	68.3	20.0	45.6	7.5	78%	0.001	7:24	5:21
<b>Average</b>	85.6	29.8	62.3	16.7	86%	9.51*	*Average annual rainfall	

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## Exploring the Valley of the Sun

### Within 10-15 minutes from the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess

**Musical Instrument Museum ([www.MIM.org](http://www.MIM.org)) (10 minute cab)** (480) 478-6000  
4725 E. Mayo Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85050

MIM has the largest collection of its kind in the world - instruments from every continent and culture. From large to small, the instruments in the collection reflect that. But this is a museum where hearing is as important as seeing. Viewers roam equipped with headphones, and as they approach each exhibit, the notes start playing. General Admission; \$20pp, Teens (ages 13-19): \$15pp, Children 12 and under: \$10pp, Children 3 and under: Free. Hours: Monday – Saturday: 9am - 5pm, Sundays: 10am - 5pm.

**Taliesin West - 15 minute cab** (480) 860-8810  
North Scottsdale, 12621 Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.

A list of Frank Lloyd Wright's greatest achievements always includes his personal residence and architectural school "Taliesin West". From the beginning, this remarkable set of buildings astounded architectural critics with its beauty and unusual form. Recognized as America's greatest architect, Wright literally created Taliesin West "out of the desert", gathering rocks from the desert floor and sand from the washes. Tours offer an intimate look at Wright's architecture, life and philosophies. Situated on 600 acres of rugged Sonoran desert, Taliesin West is a National Historic Landmark. Taliesin West is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday during July and August.

**Cosanti 15 minute cab** (480) 948-6145  
Paradise Valley, 6433 E. Doubletree Ranch Road

This Arizona historic site blends a variety of desert landscaping including; cacti, palo-verde, and olive trees with earth formed concrete architectural structures. The striking array of bronze and ceramic wind-bells suspended amidst courtyards, terraces, and garden paths is the work of Paolo Soleri. Visitors are encouraged to tour early in the day to watch the handcrafting of Soleri Wind-bells during the week. Crafting does not occur on the weekends.

### Within 20 minutes from the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess

**Arizona Science Center ([www.azscience.org](http://www.azscience.org)) (20 minute cab)** (602) 716-2000  
Downtown Phoenix, 600 E. Washington Street

Arizona Science Center makes science learning fun for everyone. A visit to the center provides a fun-filled day of adventure and discovery through more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, state-of-the-art Dorrance Planetarium, giant screen Imax theater, Sybil B. Harrington traveling exhibition gallery, City Bakery Café and Awesome Atoms Science Store. Open Daily: 10am-5pm

**Butterfly Wonderland ([www.butterflywonderland.com](http://www.butterflywonderland.com))- 15/20 minute cab** (480) 800-3000  
9500 E. Via de Ventura, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Step into America's Largest Butterfly Atrium, The conservatory is dramatic, glass-enclosed atrium is home to thousands of butterflies in a lush tropical rainforest environment with waterfalls and a large Koi pond. 3D Theater – Enjoy the 3D Featured film presentation "Flight of the Butterflies", Observe the most dynamic stage of a butterfly-metamorphosis in the chrysalis viewing area – Live Ant Colony, Honey Bee Extravaganza, Rivers of the Amazon Aquatic Life. See Brochure at Concierge.

**Desert Botanical Garden ([www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org)) 20 minute cab** (480) 941-1225  
Phoenix Papago Park, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway

The Desert Botanical Garden has one of the world's finest collections of desert plants. It is one of only 44 botanical gardens accredited by the American Association of Museums. At the Desert Botanical Garden you will find 50 acres of beautiful outdoor exhibits. Home to 139 rare, threatened and endangered plant species from around the world, there is no finer place to enjoy the desert beauty.

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**Phoenix Zoo 20 minute cab****(602) 273-1341**

Phoenix Papago Park, 5810 E. Van Buren Street (located next to the Desert Botanical Gardens)

The Phoenix Zoo, nestled within the buttes of Papago Park on 125 acres of beautiful and varied landscapes, is home to more than 1,300 animals from around the globe and includes more than 200 endangered or threatened species. The zoo is designed around four distinct trails- Africa, Tropics, Children's and Arizona- and offers amazing experiences and opportunities to see and learn about some of the planet's most wonderful creatures.

**ASU Gammage Auditorium – 20 minute cab****(480) 965-3434**

1200 South Forest Avenue Tempe, AZ 85287

Located on the Tempe campus of Arizona State University, ASU Gammage is among the largest university-based presenters of performing arts in the world. ASU Gammage is the home theater of the *PROGRESSIVE*<sup>®</sup> Broadway Across America - Arizona series and the ASU Gammage Beyond series. Its mission is to connect communities through artistic excellence and educational outreach. ASU Gammage is an historic hall designed by internationally renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

**Heard Museum 20 minute cab****(602) 252-8848**

Main Location is Downtown Phoenix, 2301 N. Central Avenue

Heard Museum North, The Summit @ Scottsdale

**(480) 488-9817**

32633 N. Scottsdale Rd.

The Heard Museum is one of the nation's top centers for American Indian art and cultures. Its 10 exhibit galleries explore historic cultures, ancestral art and celebrate today's finest contemporary artists. Visitors can enjoy guided tours, interactive hands-on activities, world-class shopping and distinctive Southwest-inspired dining set in the museum's charming sculpture courtyard.

**Phoenix Art Museum - 20 minute cab****(602) 257-1222**

Downtown Phoenix, 1625 N. Central Avenue

Phoenix Art Museum is the Southwest's premier 203,000 square-foot destination for the world-class visual arts. The museum houses an outstanding collection of more than 18,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design. Phoenix Art Museum also presents festivals, live performances, independent art films and educational programs that will both enlighten and entertain people of all ages.

**Downtown Scottsdale Arts and Boutiques- Approx 20 minute cab**

**5th Avenue Shops & Boutiques:** combines the ambience of old Scottsdale with some of Arizona's best restaurants, unique shops, contemporary art, Native American galleries and upscale jewelers. Over 89 specialty shops are within a five minute walk of the famous Bob Park's Horse Fountain, one of Arizona's most photographed spots.

**Main Street Arts & Antiques District:** is home to one of the largest concentrations of galleries of any street in the country. Dining alternatives are varied here, ranging from the exotic to the traditional. Main Street's eclectic collection of businesses range from art, jewelry and books to historic antiques from around the world. All exude the warmth and friendliness reminiscent of Main Streets across the United States.

**Marshall Way Arts District:** the vibrant contemporary art scene features fine art and craft galleries, along with world renowned jewelry stores. Set in a beautiful neighborhood-like setting, Marshall Way is home to the country's original "Art Walk" each Thursday evening. The Art Walk is Family Friendly with live music, activities for kids, food and drink samples along the way will keep you energized and the young ones entertained.

**Old Town Scottsdale** – Historical Downtown District – experience the taste of the Old West. A stroll through Old Town takes you back to the original Scottsdale, the heart of the "West's Most Western Town" that began more than 100 years ago. Amidst designated historic buildings you will find the perfect treasures from Western wear, books, galleries, home décor, Southwest jewelry, and restaurants. Visit the 1909 Little Red Schoolhouse, now the Scottsdale historical Museum.

**Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art-** Historical Downtown District- The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) features the most compelling modern and contemporary art, architecture and design from around the globe. SMoCA also presents a wide variety of changing exhibitions, educational programs and special events for adults and families. 7374 E. Second Street. (480) 994-2787



# DESERT ADVENTURES & TOURS



**To book your reservation, review brochures and obtain driving directions please visit the Leisure Services desk in the Main Lobby at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess.**

**Leisure Services can also be reached at:  
480-585-4848 ext# 7244**

*\*\*\* Most recommended by Leisure Services*

## **Airplanes – Westwind Air Service**

From the depths of the majestic Grand Canyon to the towering spires of Monument Valley, from the blues of Lake Powell to the reds of Sedona - Westwind Air Service's tours by air invite you to come and elevate your Arizona vacation to a new level. Plane tours give you a unique perspective of the Grand Canyon attractions that can only come from a tour by air, where every seat is a window seat. Take a Deluxe tour of the South Rim, an Adventure tour to the West Rim and more!

## **Airplanes – Desert Splash Seaplanes**

Fly in a seaplane over the Apache Trail and glide into a water landing at the Roosevelt Lake. This scenic, narrated tour will give you phenomenal views of Fountain Hills, Four Peaks, Indian Ruins, The "Lost Dutchman Mine" & more. For a shorter flight, take a night flight over the city to capture aerial views of East Mesa, Camelback Mountain, Cardinals Stadium and Squaw Peak. Splash Island beach family days, Sunday Brunch trips and more tours also available!

## **Bike Tours & Rentals – Arizona Outback Adventures**

Explore the area's best mountain or road biking trails and experience Arizona on two wheels. Whether you want an invigorating workout in rugged terrain, a leisurely cruise with interpretive highlights or something in between, Arizona Outback Adventures can match your tour desires. Adventures include expert guide services, transportation, gear, snacks & water. Can be combined with Kayaking, Hiking or Rafting!

## **Extreme Sports & Rentals – Arizona Outdoor Fun**

Arizona Outdoor Fun has everything you could possibly need for outdoor recreational fun including ATV rentals, jet ski rentals, sport quads, motorcycle rentals and more! Rentals are a fun way to explore on your own, but you also have the option to take one of their desert tours! They take you right out into nature, beautiful Saguaro cacti, and abundant wildlife like Coyotes, Bobcat, Deer, Rabbits, Quail and other variety of birds and reptiles.

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### **Fishing – The Hook Up Outfitters**

The Hook Up Outfitters is the gateway to world-class fishing adventures in Arizona. With permitted access to more water than any other outfitter in Arizona, the only problem that might arise is deciding on a location to start your fishing adventure. Spinning, light tackle and fly fishing specialists for beginners, experts, families, and groups are available including use of top-of-the-line equipment. Resort pickup and transportation is available.

### **Helicopter Flights – Arizona Helicopter Adventures**

A helicopter flight over the city offers unrivaled views in variation of terrain and civilization, the border between city and wild, and makes an aerial view of Scottsdale a must for anyone who wants to see the city at its best! Take a quick 20 minute flight over Paradise Valley, a 40 minute flight over the infamous Fountain Hills, or full hour to see the Superstition Mountains and beautiful lakes. Arizona Helicopter Adventures has a location in Sedona as well!

### **Hiking (Group) – Arizona Outback Adventures**

Venture into the lush desert and mountains near Scottsdale and Phoenix on a guided hike. Learn all about the unique flora, fauna, geology, and history with the knowledgeable, professional guides from Arizona Outback Adventures. Exploring on foot is the most intimate and educational way to experience the desert. Their guided hiking trips range from a nature walk to a long challenging adventure. Most popular destinations include the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Superstition Mountains, and Camelback Mountain.

### **Hiking (Private) – My Arizona Guide**

Is there some magical place in Arizona you have heard about and would love to see? My Arizona Guide can take you there! Tours will allow you explore the Sonoran Deserts' flora & fauna, geology, archaeology, animal life, minerals & mining, hiking, or whatever adventure you desire. Choose from destinations like the Apache Trail, Camelback Mountain, Pinnacle Peak, South Mountain, McDowell Mountains, Superstition Mountain, the beautiful Sonoran Desert and more! All tours carry with them a Treasure Box of what you can find in the Sonoran Desert including plants, bones, fossils, minerals, gemstones and other memorabilia.

### **Horseback & Cowboy Adventures (Private) – Canyon Creek Ranch**

Enjoy your customized private horse adventures, whether you are an experienced rider or first-timer. Every ride at Canyon Creek Ranch makes a stop at Cold Water, Arizona, where you will tie off your horses to the hitching rail and walk through their Old West town, complete with a saloon, hotel, Native American encampment and authentic cowboy games. You will also have the opportunity to learn how to lasso, tomahawk throw and partake in the live shooting range. If horses aren't your forte, then try the incredible 4X4 off-road adventures with skeet shooting (PULL!). This Ranch also cooks up some of the best BBQ in the West.

### **Horseback Riding (Group) – Cave Creek Outfitters**

This is a beautiful ranch with Spectacular Mountain views and home to some of the largest Saguaro Cactus in the area. Real working cowboys and cowgirls will take you horseback riding through the beautiful Tonto National Forest & Granite Mountain area in the Sonoran desert for an unforgettable trail ride. 1 hour, 2 hour, half-day and sunset rides are available!

### **\*Horseback Riding (Private)– Trailhead Ranch**

Ride through panoramic vistas of Arizona's Sonoran Desert. As you venture through hidden canyons and over rugged mountains, you will feel the legacies left behind by Cochise, Geronimo, Wyatt Earp and the ancient Hohokam Indians. Hold the spirit of the famous and the nameless cowboys, pioneers, outlaws and soldiers of the past.

### **\*\*\*Hot Air Ballooning – Hot Air Expeditions**

**Take a serene hot air balloon ride in the morning to enjoy** sunrise with breakfast and mimosas or a sunset ride with hors d'oeuvres and champagne. This outing offer excellent 360-degree views of the Sonoran Desert, Lake Pleasant and desert wildlife. Even though you travel at speeds of five to six miles per hour, there is virtually no sensation of motion because you are flying with the wind. This is a very popular adventure that fills up quickly!

### **\*Hummer & ATV – Stellar Adventures**

Nestled in the heart of the Tonto National Forest, the trail winds through two of Arizona's most beautiful mountain ranges: The 4 Peaks and the Superstition Mountains. Experience the thrill as you conquer the intense

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desert terrain while your guide discusses the flora and fauna that inhabit this majestic landscape. Stargazing & Night Visions tours available.

**\*Jeep – Wild West Jeep Tours**

Experience the splendor of the untamed desert and the majesty of the giant saguaro. Very experienced Naturalist-Cowboy guides will bring to life the delicate balances of the desert ecosystem and regale you with tales of the Wild West in an entertaining dialogue. Adventures departs our resort daily at 8:20am and 1:20pm.

**\*\*\*\*TomCar Adventures – Green Zebra** Enjoy an Arizona off road experience with plenty of varied terrain, including exciting climbs and daring descents – all easily and safely maneuvered in the Tomcar. The occasional pause in action will provide time to catch your breath from the exhilarating Scottsdale ATV tour, switch drivers if you'd like, or just relax and snap a few photos of the area's majestic Saguaro cacti. Throughout your tour, guides will share area information, including the history of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and other famed tales of Arizona. Enjoy the ride as you explore a portion of the 23,000 private acres of the pristine Sonoran desert at Fort McDowell.

