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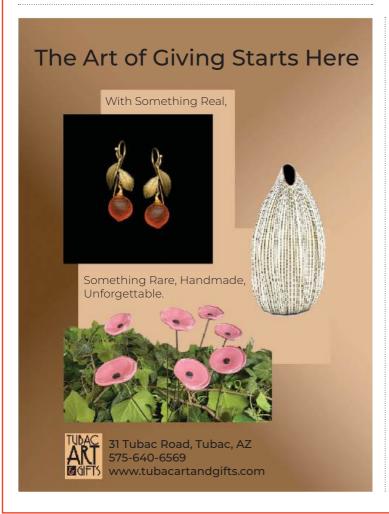
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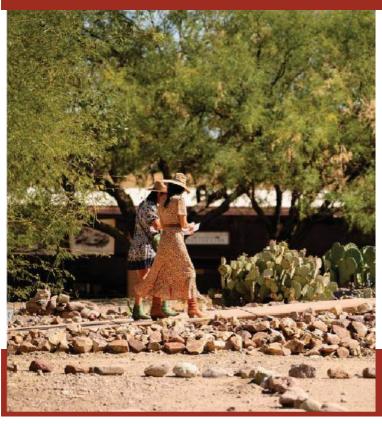
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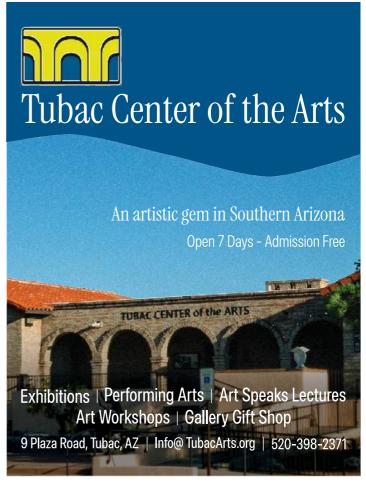
Begin where it began, exploring the underground ruins of the 1752 Spanish Presidio—Arizona's very first European settlement—the 1885 Schoolhouse, the historic Rojas House, and Otero Hall. Interpretive gardens highlight native plants, while the acclaimed Griffin Museum showcases artifacts spanning more than 2,000 years of regional history.

Together, these sites bring to life the stories of Native peoples, Spanish colonists, Mexican settlers, and American pioneers whose legacies shaped Arizona. Plan your visit today and be part of Arizona's living history.

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As publisher and owner of Tucson Guide, I've spent years exploring and sharing the people, places, and stories that define Southern Arizona. Through that work, one route kept calling me back—the stretch of road from Tucson to Nogales known as Historic Highway 19.

This corridor is much more than a way to travel north and south. It's a living thread that ties together the region's past and present-from the Spanish missions and ranchlands that shaped its beginnings to the galleries, restaurants, and familyowned shops that keep its spirit alive today.

Each community along this 102-kilometer route—Sahuarita, Green Valley, Tubac, Tumacácori, Rio Rico, and Nogales-holds its own rhythm and sense of pride. Artists draw inspiration from the desert landscape, chefs blend regional flavors that honor heritage and innovation, and small business owners welcome travelers with the kind of warmth found only in close-knit communities.

That sense of place is what inspired me to create Historic Highway 19, a companion to Tucson Guide dedicated entirely to this unique stretch of Southern Arizona. This publication celebrates not just the road itself, but the culture, creativity, and history that make every stop meaningful.

My hope is that Historic Highway 19 encourages you to explore with curiosity, to support local artisans and entrepreneurs, and to see this region as more than a destination, but as a collection of communities, each with stories worth discovering.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime local, may this magazine inspire you to take the scenic route, linger a little longer, and experience the enduring charm of Southern Arizona's historic highway.

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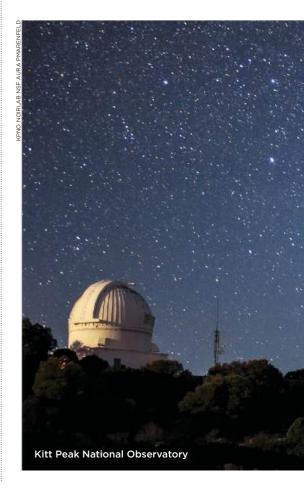
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CORRIDOR ESTIVALS FIESTAS

There is always something to celebrate along the I-19 corridor. From spirited fiestas and art festivals to small-town fairs and family-friendly gatherings, Southern Arizona's event calendar is packed with color, culture, and community all year long. Take a look and mark your calendar so you don't miss a thing.



EVENT INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREAFTER IS ACCURATE AS OF PUBLICATION. PLEASE CHECK ONLINE FOR CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO ATTENDING ANY EVENT.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

» Tubac / November

Experience the unforgettable spectacle of Tubac's Día de los Muertos, the annual tradition of celebrating memories of loved ones who have passed. The procession starts at Tubac Presidio Historic State Park and Museum, where you can join the Catrinas, mariachis, and marching bands or cheer them on along the route.

// tubacaz.com/event-details/ tubac-dia-de-los-muertos

TUBAC ART WALK

» Tubac | November

Art Walk celebrates art and the creative process through its long-standing tradition of allowing visitors to meet the artists of Tubac inside the Village's galleries and artist studios. See art in action and enjoy the hospitality of Tubac's many art galleries, specialty shops, and restaurants. Enjoy live music, free parking, and free admission.

// tubacaz.com/event-details/ tubac-fall-art-walk

15TH ANNUAL AMADO CHILI COOK-OFF

» Tubac | November

Spice up your fall at the Amado Chili Cook-Off and Randy & Rose Estes Classic Car & Motorcycle Show. With more than 2,000 attendees each year, the Cook-Off has become a cornerstone celebration along the I-19 corridor, supporting the New Amado Youth Center and local economic development. Come hungry, bring the family, and enjoy a fun-filled, alcohol- and drug-free day of food, music, and hometown pride.

// amadochilicookoff.org

COWBOY CHRISTMAS QUICK DRAW

» Tubac | December

Come to see professional artists create a work of art in 90 minutes before you can possibly purchase the masterpiece at the live auction led by the famed auctioneer Gary Corbett, then enjoy music and a Cowboy Cuisine dinner. The event and auction benefit the Tubac Center of the Arts Hi-Art program, benefiting high school students. Student artists are also awarded prizes and one college scholarship. Tickets are required; purchase online and at the art center.

// tubacarts.org/project/cowboy-christmas

SIP, SWIRL, SHOP & SUPPORT

» Tubac / November

Join a wine and beer walk through the village of Tubac while sampling some of our region's finest wines and craft beers. Enjoy live music featuring Buck James playing at the Tubac Center of the Arts and Hardscrabble Road playing at La Entrada, plus great food from local restaurants and food trucks. All proceeds support the Greater Green Valley Community Foundation's annual grant-making to nonprofits in this area.

// ggvcf.org

LUMINARIA NIGHTS DE TUBAC

» Tubac | December

Luminaria Nights de Tubac is held on the first Friday and Saturday in December. Bring the family and rejoice in the true spirit of Christmas with choirs singing traditional Christmas carols and other songs in the Historic Village lit up with luminarias. Enjoy treats, shopping (stores are open late), music, and more. Stop bvy the Tubac Center of the Arts so the kids can write a letter to Santa—Mrs. Claus will be there in person collecting the correspondence to deliver to jolly St. Nick. Bring a flashlight.

// tubacaz.com/event-details/luminaria-nights

LA FIESTA DE TUMACÁCORI

» Tumacácori | December

Celebrate the many cultures that were historically and are presently associated with the Santa Cruz Valley at the annual Tumacácori Fiesta during the first full weekend in December. The fiesta features around 50 food and craft booths, continuous live entertainment on stage, and family-friendly activities. On Sunday morning, you can join a procession through the fiesta grounds to the historic church, followed by a multicultural mass. The mission grounds and park are open throughout the weekend, and admission is free.

// nps.gov/tuma/planyourvisit/fiesta.htm

TUBAC CHANUKAH LIGHTS

» Tubac | December

Celebrate Chanukah with the lighting of the Menorah and commemorate the struggle for freedom to worship as one chooses at the annual festival hosted at Tubac Presidio State Historic Park and Museum. Free to the public.

// tubacpresidio.org

SAHUARITA ART ON THE LAKE FESTIVAL

» Sahuarita | January

Spend a day surrounded by creativity at Art on the Lake, a vibrant celebration presented by the Town of Sahuarita and Art State Arizona. Set against the scenic backdrop of Sahuarita Lake Park, the festival transforms the shoreline into

an open-air gallery featuring local artists and artisans offering original paintings, sculptures, jewelry, and more. Enjoy cultural performances—from a Chinese lion dance to mariachi and *folklórico*—and much more.

// saaca.org/event-details/artstate-arizonas-art-on-the-lakefestival-2026

TUBAC CENTER OF THE ARTS HOME TOUR

» Tubac | January

Tubac Center of the Arts invites you to the 2024 Home Tour. Inspiration awaits inside five area Tubac homes as you explore design features, gardens, and art collections. Tickets are required and can be purchased through this link online.

// tubacarts.org/home-tour

67[™] ANNUAL TUBAC FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

» Tubac | February

Ever since an art school opened here in 1948, internationally known artists as well as up-and-comers have found inspiration in this former Akimel O'odham settlement and Spanish Colonial fort. Their works have brought art lovers to Tubac for decades. Tubac's largest art event of the year features some 170 visiting artists, who set up booths alongside permanent galleries and studios in this annual juried show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Food and horse-drawn trolley rides add to the oldest art festival in Southern Arizona.

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TUBAC ART WALK

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HAWK WATCH

» Tubac | March

Catch sight of hawks in flight during the annual Tubac Nature Center Hawk Watch, when several thousand raptors migrate north above the Santa Cruz River to the delight of birders from near and far. Over half of these southern hawks enter the United States through Tubac's valley, many roosting in the cottonwoods overnight.

// tubacaz.com/event-details/
tubac-nature-centers-hawk-watch

OPEN STUDIO TOUR

» Tubac | March

Don't miss the exhibition of artwork by the Open Studio Tour artists presented at Tubac Center of the Arts. For over 15 years, Tubac Center of the Arts has presented this tour each spring. Artists from Nogales o Sahuarita open their studios and share their latest creations with tour visitors. It's free to the public, and visitors can pick up a studio tour guide, view the art in the gallery, and plan their studio tour for the weekend.

// tubacarts.org/open-studio-tour

23RD ANNUAL TASTE OF TUBAC

» Tubac | April

Enjoy an evening of al fresco dining at the Tubac Golf Resort & Spa with dozens of "tastes" at the annual Taste of Tubac. Your favorite restaurants from Green Valley to Nogales will be there with great music and dancing. The Taste of Tubac is the Tubac Rotary Club's signature fundraiser; ticket and raffle sale proceeds benefit a wide range of local organizations and programs.

// tubacaz.com/event-details/taste-of-tubac

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

» Tubac | July

Bring your family and friends to celebrate your independence on the Presidio State Historic Park grounds with everything from children's activities to food and ice cream treats.

// tubacpresidio.org

CITY OF NOGALES INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

» Nogales | July

Join the City of Nogales at Turley Field for an unforgettable Independence Day celebration filled with live music, delicious food, local vendors, and plenty of community spirit. Cool off with refreshing drinks, browse festive booths, and enjoy a summer evening of family fun leading up to the grand finale—a spectacular fireworks show that will light up the Southern Arizona sky. Bring your chairs, your friends, and your patriotic pride for one of the city's favorite summer traditions.

// santacruzcountyaz.gov

7TH ANNUAL LOS CHARROS DANCING UNDER THE STARS

» Sonoita | September

Kick up your boots and join the fun at Dancing Under the Stars at the beautiful Vera Earl Ranch in Sonoita. Enjoy a catered dinner, a hosted open bar, and live music by the Billy Shaw Jr. Band, plus raffles, a silent and live auction, and plenty of time to dance the night away under a starlit sky. Arrive early for a scenic horseback ride and unwind later by the campfire. Guests are welcome to camp onsite or take advantage of bus transportation and hotel packages from Tucson.

// loscharrosfoundation.org/dancing-under-the-stars

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

» Sonoita | September

Classic small-town fun awaits at the annual Santa Cruz County Fair. Join in the fun at the Sonoita Fairgrounds,

featuring carnival rides, livestock shows, local art exhibits, and live entertainment while sampling regional food and browsing handmade goods from local vendors.

// sonoitafairgrounds.com/fair

FIESTA PATRIAS

» Nogales | September

Celebrate Mexico's Independence in true Nogales fashion at the annual Fiestas Patrias, featuring vibrant folklórico dances, live music, and mouthwatering Mexican antojitos. It's a night of culture, community, and joy. Free and open to all.

// santacruzheritage.org/es/event

16TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WINE FESTIVAL

» Tubac | October

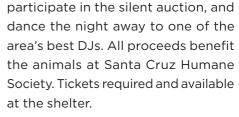
Have some fun for a good cause at the 16th Annual International Wine Festival benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz County at K. Newby Gallery & Sculpture Garden. Enjoy live music and delicious food paired with wine from amazing local restaurants. Tickets required.

// tubacaz.com/event-list

BARKTOBERFEST

» Tumacácori | October

This one's for the dogs! Gather at Rancho Santa Cruz for this festive annual fundraiser. Eat, drink,



// santacruzhumanesociety.org

ANZA DAYS

» Tubac / October

Experience Anza Day, the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park's annual festival celebrating the diverse culture and heritage of southern Arizona. This pay-what-you-wish event is packed with entertainment, including live horses, living history demonstrations, artist booths, and more.

// tubacpresidio.org

PATAGONIA FALL FESTIVAL

» Patagonia | October

More than 30 years ago, the town of Patagonia held its first fall festival to showcase extraordinary talent and artistry against the beautiful backdrop of their community, nestled at over 4,000 feet in the mountains of Southeast Arizona. Today, the festival attracts more than 20,000 visitors to Patagonia's park in the center of town featuring up to 100 artisans, food vendors, exhibitors, live music, entertainment, and picnic fun.

// patagoniafallfestival.org

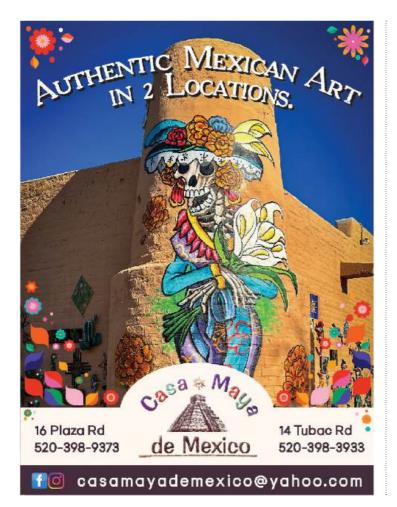
EQUINE MYSTIC'S MASQUERADE

» Tubac | October

Mystic's Masquerade is a captivating fall fundraiser hosted by Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary at the Tubac Golf Resort. This ticketed event raises funds to expand the sanctuary and help return rescued horses to freedom. Guests will enjoy fine dining and entertainment, coming together for a cause.

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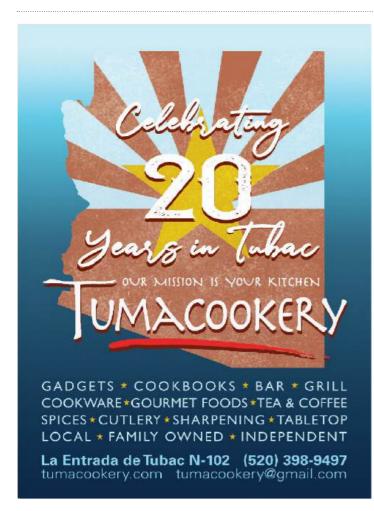
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There's something special about strolling through a market on the hunt for your next savory treat or one-of-a-kind art piece. Along the I-19 corridor in Southern Arizona, openair gatherings are happening almost every day of the week, so check out the list and prepare to shop till you drop.

- BY STACEY GREGORY -

- Monday -

LA POSADA FARMERS' + ARTISANS MARKET

Kick off the week under blue skies at the open-air La Posada Farmers' & Artisans Market. Moday market held Mondays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet the Green Valley-Sahuarita makers, pick up seasonal farm-fresh produce and meats, browse one-of-a-kind art, and follow your nose to freshbaked treats—all to the soundtrack of local entertainers.

// laposadagreenvalley.org/events/ la-posada-farmers-artisan-market

- Wednesday -

HEIRLOOM FARMERS + ARTISANS MARKET

You can't miss the area's longest-running market along I-19 at the Heirloom **Green Valley Village Farmers & Arti**sans Market. Every Wednesday, rows of local growers and artisans fill the plaza with fresh produce, roasted coffee, flaky pastries, handmade jewelry, and Southwest crafts. Stroll, sip, and shop under the sun while soaking in the community's lively mercado spirit.

// heirloomfm.org/markets/ green-valley/







- Thursday -

TUBAC FARMERS' MARKET

TUBAC, AZ

The **Tubac Farmers' Market** brings together growers and artisans from Pima, Santa Cruz, and Cochise counties with a bounty that's as colorful as the desert itself—think wild-caught fish, mesquite tortillas, spring greens, salsas, pastries, and more. You'll also find native plants, handmade goods, and natural skincare, produced with sustainable, earth-friendly care. The market is hosted in the Brasher Complex at Plaza De Anza on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. October through April, with Summer Markets every third Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. May through September.

// localharvest.org/ tubac-farmers-market-M13354

- Friday

NOGALES MERCADO FARMERS' MARKET

NOGALES, AZ

Head downtown to Morley Avenue and Court Street for the **Nogales Mercado**, a lively Friday marketplace hosted at The "Little" Mercado—Nogales' entrepreneurial hub. Stock up on fresh veggies, local beef and pork, queso fresco, raspados, pies and breads, jams and jellies, potted flowers and plants, plus handmade woodwork. The market is open every Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in warm months and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the cooler months.

// nogalescdc.org/
the-little-mercado

SAHUARITA SUNSET MARKET

SAHUARITA, AZ

Watch the desert sky light up at the free and family-friendly **Sahuarita Sunset Market** at Sahuarita Lake Park. Enjoy live music, delicious eats from local food trucks, and a lakeside marketplace filled with artisan vendors and handmade goods. Bring a chair, bring your friends (BYOB permitted—no hard liquor), and soak in an evening of community spirit as the sun dips behind the mountains. Find all the fun August through November on the 2nd Friday of each month from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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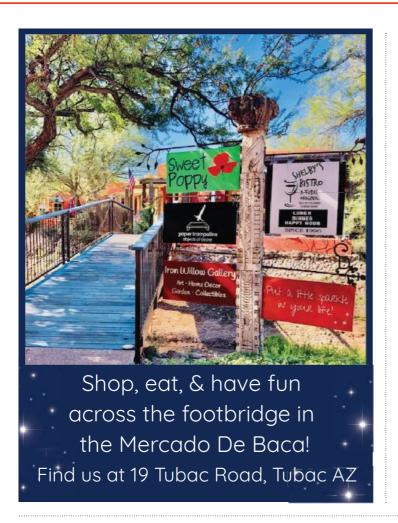


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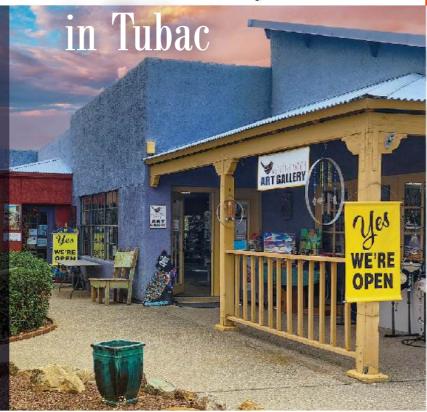


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IT'S A GOOD LIFE, ESPECIALLY IN TUBAC!

Living in Tubac is about more than just beautiful landscapes—it's a lifestyle many dream about. If you're looking to settle in this charming Southern Arizona town, Haley Robling is the local Realtor who can help you find your perfect home in and around Tubac.

Born and raised in Tubac, Haley isn't just a local Realtor; she's from a family whose story is woven into the community itself. Her grandparents moved to Tubac in the 1970s, planting the roots for generations. Today, she's raising her son, Jay, in the very same town she grew up in with her husband Ryan, who is part of her team.

"I am part-owner of Realty Executives Arizona Territory, and I have my own office in Tubac," she said. "This is the place I love to call home, and I thoroughly enjoy helping others make it their home, too,"

Haley and her team bring local knowledge and insights into residential sales, new home representation, and rural properties. Whether you're looking for a golf course property, stunning mountain views, a ranch, or a home in the heart of Tubac, they have the experience to guide you every step of the way.

Moreover, Haley knows the community inside and out. Her extensive network and commitment to excellence allow her to provide personalized service that makes buying or selling real estate a smooth and enjoyable experience.

"It's a good life, especially here, and it is a gift to share it," she said. "I am always honored when my clients choose me and my team to help them."

If you're dreaming of making Tubac your home, contact Haley Robling for a private showing and expert advice to turn your dream into reality.





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SAHUARITA

Sahuarita's parks are the perfect place to enjoy Southern Arizona's sunshine. The centerpiece is Sahuarita Lake Park, where you can walk the scenic loop, cast a line for stocked fish, or catch a free Lakeside Live concert with mountain views. One of America's Top 100 parks—Anamax Park buzzes with activity nearby, from its fitness court and skate park to family-friendly fields and playgrounds. Parque Los Arroyos showcases the striking "Woven Bonds We've Grown Upon" mural by Tucson artist Jessica Gonzales, while Man in the Maze Trails Park offers a quieter experience with desert paths, pollinator gardens, and Tohono O'odham cultural displays.



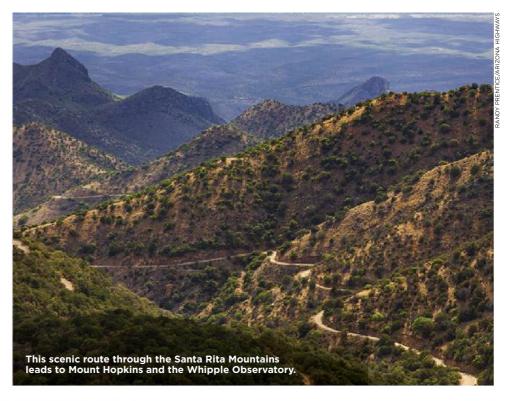




GREEN VALLEY

Step back in time to the Cold War-era at the Titan Missile Museum to experience the preserved Titan II missile site. Officially known as complex 571-7, this is all that remains of the 54 Titan II missile sites on alert across the United States from 1963 to 1987.

Just south of town, Historic Canoa Ranch offers guided tours, bird walks, and stargazing events, while nearby Madera Canyon draws birders and hikers from around the world. For something out of this world, the Whipple Observatory on Mt. Hopkins offers astronomy exhibits and guided tours, and the rugged Elephant Head Trail delivers an unforgettable desert ride for experienced mountain bikers.





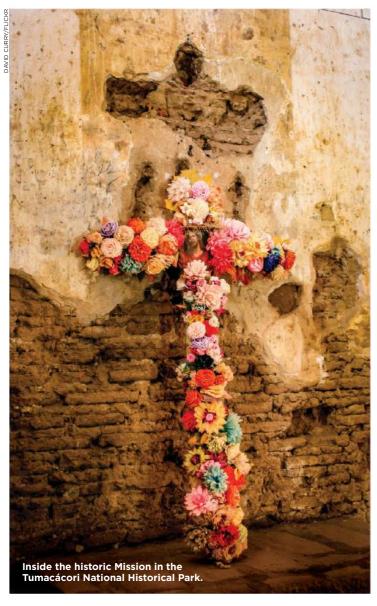


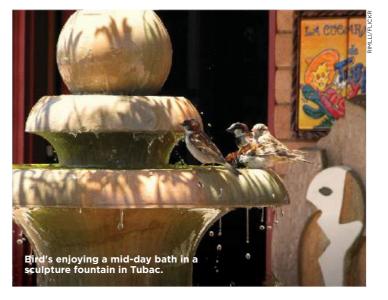


Once a center of frontier faith, the Mission San José de Tumacácori chapel remains a powerful symbol of Arizona's multicultural roots.

TUBAC AND TUMACÁCORI

The Village of Tubac is packed with galleries, shops, and restaurants that celebrate the town's thriving art scene. Walk through Spanish Colonial ruins, view centuries-old artifacts, and see the original Washington Printing Press at Tubac Presidio State Historic Park. Tumacácori National Historical Park preserves the ruins of a 17th-century Spanish mission, and the scenic Anza Trail winding along the Santa Cruz River is the perfect place to stretch your legs. Don't miss the chance to stop by the fragrant Santa Cruz Chili & Spice Company, a local landmark since 1943, for a taste of authentic Southern Arizona flavor.







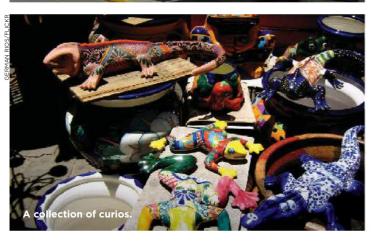
NOGALES BORDER TOWN

As I-19 reaches its southernmost point, the rhythm shifts again—into the lively, historic, and colorful border town of Nogales. Stroll along Morley Avenue and Grand Avenue in the Downtown District, where 20th-century storefronts still display their vintage signs. Peek into family-owned shops selling handcrafted leather goods, pottery, and jewelry, or grab a plate of tacos at a local taquería. No matter where you go, this is where you can soak up border culture at its most through a blend of languages, aromas, and music drifting through the streets.

Those with a U.S. passport can continue south into Mexico. The communities of Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Sonora, México, comprise the largest international border community in Arizona, with an estimated combined population exceeding 400,000 people.











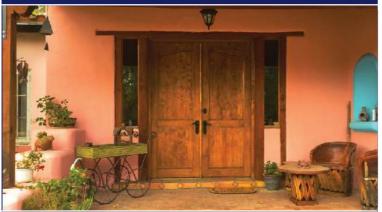




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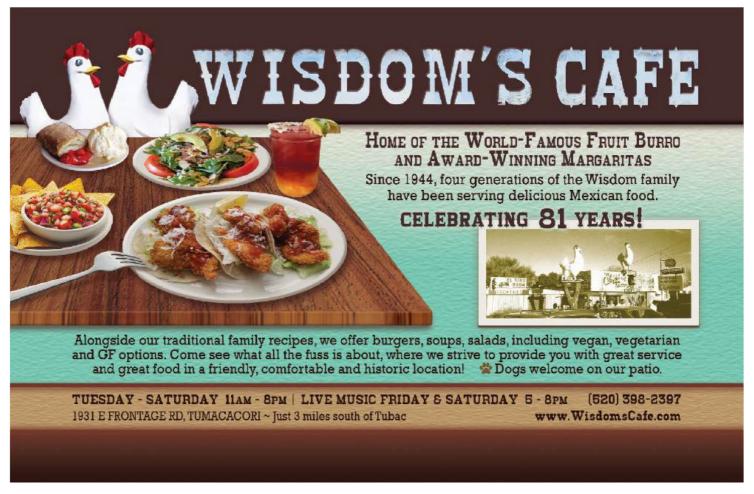






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Touch the stars in Southern
Arizona at the Kitt Peak National Observatory, located in the Quinlan Mountains on
the Tohono O'odham Nation. Home to the largest and most diverse collection of research telescopes in the world, you'll find more than a dozen optical telescopes and two radio telescopes operate here, including the historic Nicholas U.
Mayall 4-meter Telescope and the WIYN 3.5-meter Telescope, both used for groundbreaking research into dark matter and distant galaxies.

The Kitt Peak Visitor Center has welcomed more than 2 million guests over the years, and for good reason. By day, visitors explore the mountaintop observatories on guided tours that reveal how scientists unravel the mysteries of the universe. You can step inside the McMath-Pierce Solar Telescope, once the largest of its kind in the world, and see the powerful instruments that

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KITT PEAK NATIONAL OBSERVATORY

let us study the Sun itself. Sitting at 7,000 feet, it's also refreshingly cool on the mountaintop—often 15 to 20 degrees cooler than Tucson—making it a perfect summer escape from the desert heat.

The Nightly Observing Program is one of the most popular astronomy experiences in the country, giving you the chance to see the cosmos through professional telescopes guided by expert docents. The evening begins at the Visitor Center with a light meal and an introduction to the wonders of the night sky before an engaging astronomy session that covers the basics of stargazing. Then you'll step outside into the cool mountain air to scan the heavens using high-powered binoculars before peering through one of Kitt Peak's powerful telescopes to see distant galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae in breathtaking detail.

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An eclipse is captured behind the Nicholas U. Mayall 4-Meter Telescope atop Kitts Peak in Tucson, Arizona.



SONOITA-ELGIN ARIZONA

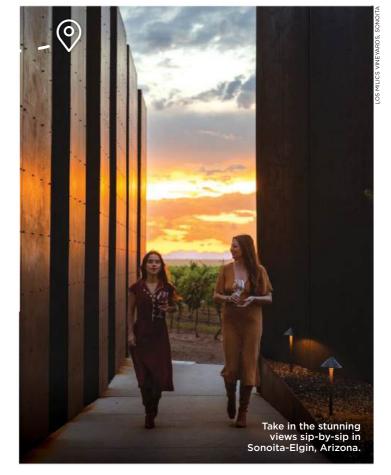
When you find yourself down south, Sonoita-Elgin is a spot unlike any other. With its towering mountains, rolling grasslands, endless skies, and some of Arizona's most celebrated vineyards and wineries, you'll feel like you've been dropped smack dab into the middle of a movie set.

Beyond it's gorgeous landscape, this is the state's first American Viticultural Area (AVA). Known as the Sonoita Wine Region, it's home to about 20 wineries, each with its own personality. Taste the view at Rune Wines, sip award-winners at Callaghan Vineyards, enjoy the easygoing atmosphere at Dos Cabezas WineWorks, or the quirky fun of Arizona Hops and Vines. And that's just the beginning.

Beyond the vines, you'll find the family-owned Copper Brothel Brewery serving craft beers and made-to-order dishes from a scratch kitchen menu. Distilleries like Flying Leap and Elgin Winery and Distillery are turning out award-winning spirits, including the world's best rum from Elgin, too.

The Sonoita Fairgrounds is the place for rodeos, horse races, and the beloved Santa Cruz County Fair. And The Steak Out is as much a place to get mesquite-grilled meats and chicken as it is a timeless attraction. Sonoita's longestrunning restaurant and saloon is filled with history, music, and the smell of sizzling steak you won't want to miss.

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Hidden just south of Tucson, beneath the quiet desert landscape, lies one of the most fascinating pieces of American history. The Titan Missile Museum takes you deep underground into a real Cold War missile silo, where the world once stood seconds away from nuclear launch.

Officially known as Complex 571-7, this is the only remaining Titan II missile site open to the public. From 1963 to 1987, 54 of these massive missiles were on constant alert across the U.S., each capable of delivering a nine-megaton warhead halfway around the world in under 30 minutes.

Today, the alarms are silent, but you can take a guided tour down into the launch control center, where Air Force crews once trained for missions they hoped would never come. You'll stand beside the 103-foot Titan II missile itself and learn how crews operated this incredible machine with precision and restraint during the tense decades of the Cold War.

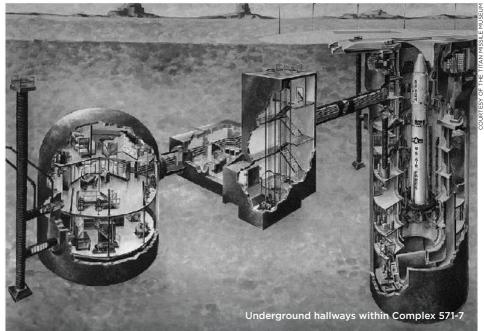
Above ground, the Count Ferdinand von Galen Education and Research Center brings the story to life through exhibits, artifacts, and a museum store. This National Historic Landmark is a one-of-a-kind site that offers a thrilling and unforgettable journey through the technology, tension, and triumph of an era that shaped modern history.



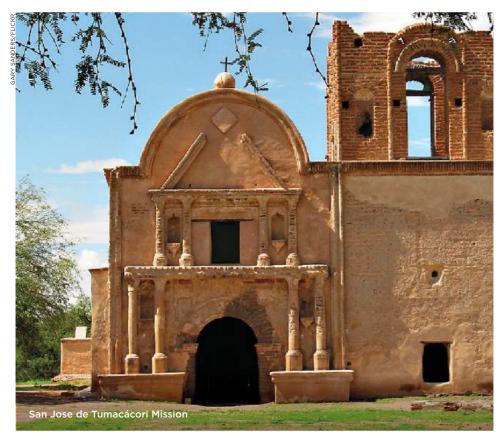


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on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, a living link to one of the most important journeys in the American West.

In 1775, Captain Juan Bautista de Anza, commander of the Tubac Presidio, led more than 300 settlers from Mexico to California, carving a route that would ultimately connect Tubac to what became San Francisco. Congress designated this path a National Historic Trail in 1990, honoring the expedition's spirit of exploration and endurance.

The first section of the trail established in Arizona runs a scenic four miles between Tumacácori National Historical Park and Tubac Presidio State Historic Park. Winding through mesquite groves and along the Santa Cruz River, this peaceful stretch is open to hikers, horseback riders, and leashed pets. Interpretive signs along the way bring history to life, while the sounds of birds and the rustle of desert plants





remind you that this landscape has been a crossroads for centuries.

Free hiker shuttles run on select Saturdays during the cooler months, so you can walk one way and ride back. Bring plenty of water, wear sun protection, and remember—you're walking in the footsteps of the earliest explorers who helped shape the Southwest.

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ARIVACA LAKE WILDLIFE AREA

find excellent opportunities for fishing, with largemouth bass, catfish, and bluegill stocked regularly. Hikers can take the trail that winds along the shoreline for an up-close view of

the lake's hidden coves and wildlife.

at Arivaca Lake Wildlife Area, one of Southern Arizona's best-kept secrets. Located about 50 miles south of Tucson near the guiet town of Arivaca, this remote 90-acre lake is surrounded by golden grasslands, rocky hills, and distant mountain peaks, perfect for those who prefer solitude and unspoiled nature.

Untouched, a bit wild, that's what you'll find

The Arizona Game and Fish Department built the lake that remains wonderfully primitive, with only a single-lane boat ramp. You'll find excellent birdwatching, with sightings of herons, ospreys, canyon wrens, and even bald eagles. The surrounding pinyon-juniper woodlands are home to white-tailed deer, coyotes, bobcats, and javelina, making it a wildlife lover's paradise.

Bring a canoe, kayak, or small boat powered by a single electric trolling motor to explore quiet coves and narrow inlets. Anglers will also

Arivaca Lake sits at about 3,800 feet, offering warm days and cool nights, but summer temperatures can soar past 100°F. Pack plenty of water, bug repellent, and everything you'll need for a self-sufficient visit. With no trash services, you have to pack out what you bring in.

The drive in along Ruby Road is an adventure itself-winding, scenic, and breathtakingly beautiful. If you're seeking peace, wildlife, and wide-open space, Arivaca Lake is the place to find it.

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PATAGONIA LAKE STATE PARK



Believe it or not, there's a sparkling 265-acre oasis at Patagonia Lake State Park. This scenic getaway offers some of the best outdoor recreation in Southern Arizona, ideal for day trips or overnight getaways.

The park's campground sits on the hillside overlooking the water, delivering some of the best lake views in Arizona. Shaded ramadas, picnic tables, and grills make it easy to set up for the day or more.

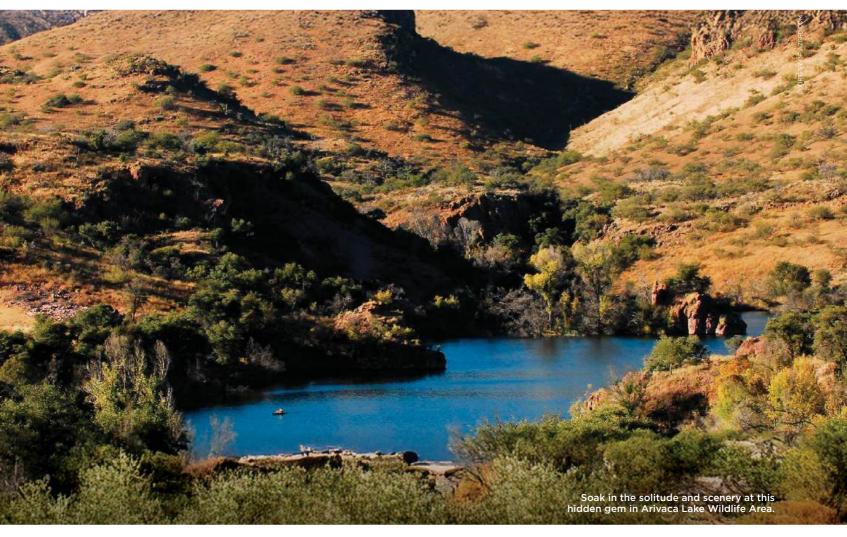
When it comes time to find things to do, this lake doesn't disappoint. Boulder Beach invites swimmers to cool off on hot afternoons (swim at your own risk). The park's Lakeside Market and marina offer essentials and snacks, as well as boat rentals for those ready to explore the lake by kayak, canoe, or motorboat. Boaters are also welcome to bring their own vessels.

Fishing is one of Patagonia Lake's biggest draws, with largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, bluegill, and seasonally stocked rainbow trout making it a year-round destination for anglers. Whether you're fishing from the pier or a small boat, the calm waters and surrounding mountain views are the perfect backdrop to catch a prized fish.

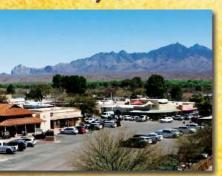
Hikers and birders will find plenty to love, too. The .5-mile Sonoita Creek Trail winds through mesquite and cottonwood trees, where bird lovers will delight in vermilion flycatchers, Inca doves, and great blue herons that are often spotted here. The trail connects to the Sonoita Creek State Natural Area, adding even more chances to see wildlife.

Adding to its mystique are the remnants of the old New Mexico/Arizona railroad resting beneath the lake's surface, and remnants of the old historic line are above ground along the Patagonia Train Track Trail, which follows a section of the old railbed.

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Anza250 ~ Oct. 23rd - 25th

Anza250 Big Celebration ~ Oct. 25th

Equine Voices "Mystic's Masquerade" ~ Oct. 26th

NOVEMBER 2025

Tubac Día de Los Muertos Celebration ~ Nov. 1st

Tubac Fall Art Walk ~ Nov. 7th - 9th

Amado Chili Cook Off ~ Nov. 15th

Tubac Center of the Arts

Quick Draw Competition & Auction ~ Nov. 16th

DECEMBER 2025

Luminaria Nights ~ Dec. 5th & 6th

JANUARY 2026

Tubac Center of the Arts Home Tour ~ Jan. 10th

FEBRUARY 2026

Tubac Festival of the Arts ~ Feb. 4th · 8th

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Open Studio Tour ~ Feb. 27th-Mar. 1st

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Tubac Nature Center's

Hawk Watch Festival ~ Mar. 14th & 15th

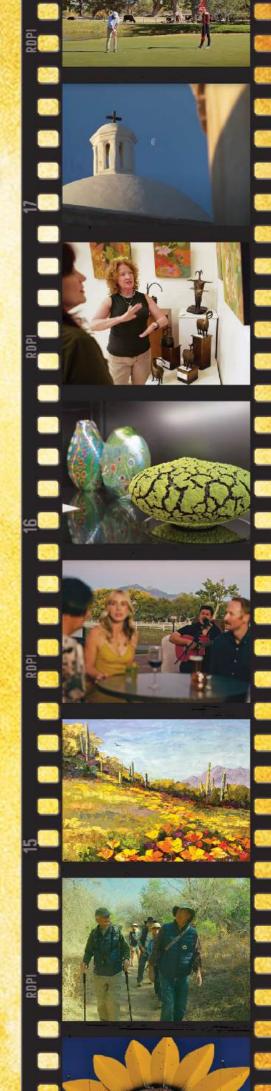
Taste of Tubac ~ Mar. 15th

Tubac Center of the Arts Spring for Art ~ Mar. 28th

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