

# NOGALES

ARIZONA

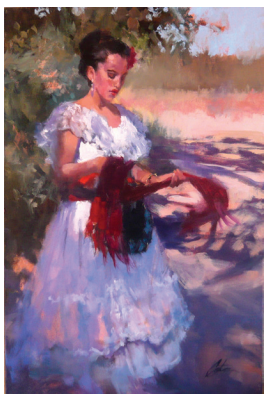
Where  
Vibrant  
Culture  
Comes to  
*Life!*

OFFICIAL  
VISITORS GUIDE



**T**o our fellow travel enthusiast, bienvenido to Nogales-Santa Cruz County!

We personally want to give you a warm welcome to our culturally vibrant community that will give you more than just a memorable time. Whether you spend it shopping in Historic Downtown Nogales, bird watching in Rio Rico, camping lakeside at Patagonia Lake State Park, wining and dining in Sonoita and Elgin, visiting the world-renowned art galleries in Tubac or taking a step back time at the historic mission in Tumacacori, the possibilities of entertainment are endless.



**ON THE COVER:**  
**Gretchen Lopez's**  
*A Quiet Moment*  
36" x 24" Oil on Canvas  
**Rogoway Turquoise**  
**Tortoise Gallery**  
**Tubac, AZ**



# EVENTS

## January

- Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts

## February

- Tubac Festival of the Arts

## March

- Nogales Bicycle Classic

## April

- Taste of Tubac
- Nature & Heritage Festival
- Charles Mingus Jazz Music Festival
- Blessing of Sonoita Vineyards
- Annual Tequila Fest

## May

- Sonoita Horse Races
- Fiestas de Mayo
- Patagonia Lake Mariachi Festival
- Car Classic hosted by Nickel's Diner

## July

- 4th of July Celebrations in Nogales, Rio Rico, Patagonia, and Tubac
- Nogales Salute to Independence

## September

- Mexican Independence Celebration
- Night Out, 9/11 Ceremony, POW/MIA Day
- Fiestas Patrias
- Santa Cruz County Fair/ Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo

## October

- Patagonia Fall Festival
- Anza Days Celebration

## November

- Veteran's Day Parade
- Day of the Dead Celebration

## December

- Festival of Lights Parade
- La Fiesta de Tumacacori

For additional information, please visit [thenogaleschamber.org](http://thenogaleschamber.org) or call (520) 287-3685



beautiful outdoors







## TEMPERATURE

(in Fahrenheit)

January	64-27
February	67-30
March	71-34
April	78-38
May	86-45
June	96-54
July	94-64
August	92-63
September	90-56
October	82-44
November	72-33
December	65-28
November	72-33
December	65-28

**W**ith close proximity to Nogales, there are several national, state, and local parks perfect for those who are looking for adventure, quaint trail walks or even looking to enjoy picnics under large shade trees and enjoy the warm Arizona sun.

Begin your outdoor adventure at Las Lagunas marshland, then head east to the Sonoita Creek State Natural Area where there are year-round springs and creeks that feature distinctive areas to catch a glimpse of the rare, migrating birds and hummingbirds. Come see the the abundance of wildlife activity within the wetlands hidden right in the Southern Arizona desert.

active outdoors



## WHAT TO KNOW

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Ghost Towns

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Historical parks & lakes

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Registered Historical  
Landmarks

More than

120

Movies filmed in  
Nogales-Santa Cruz  
County

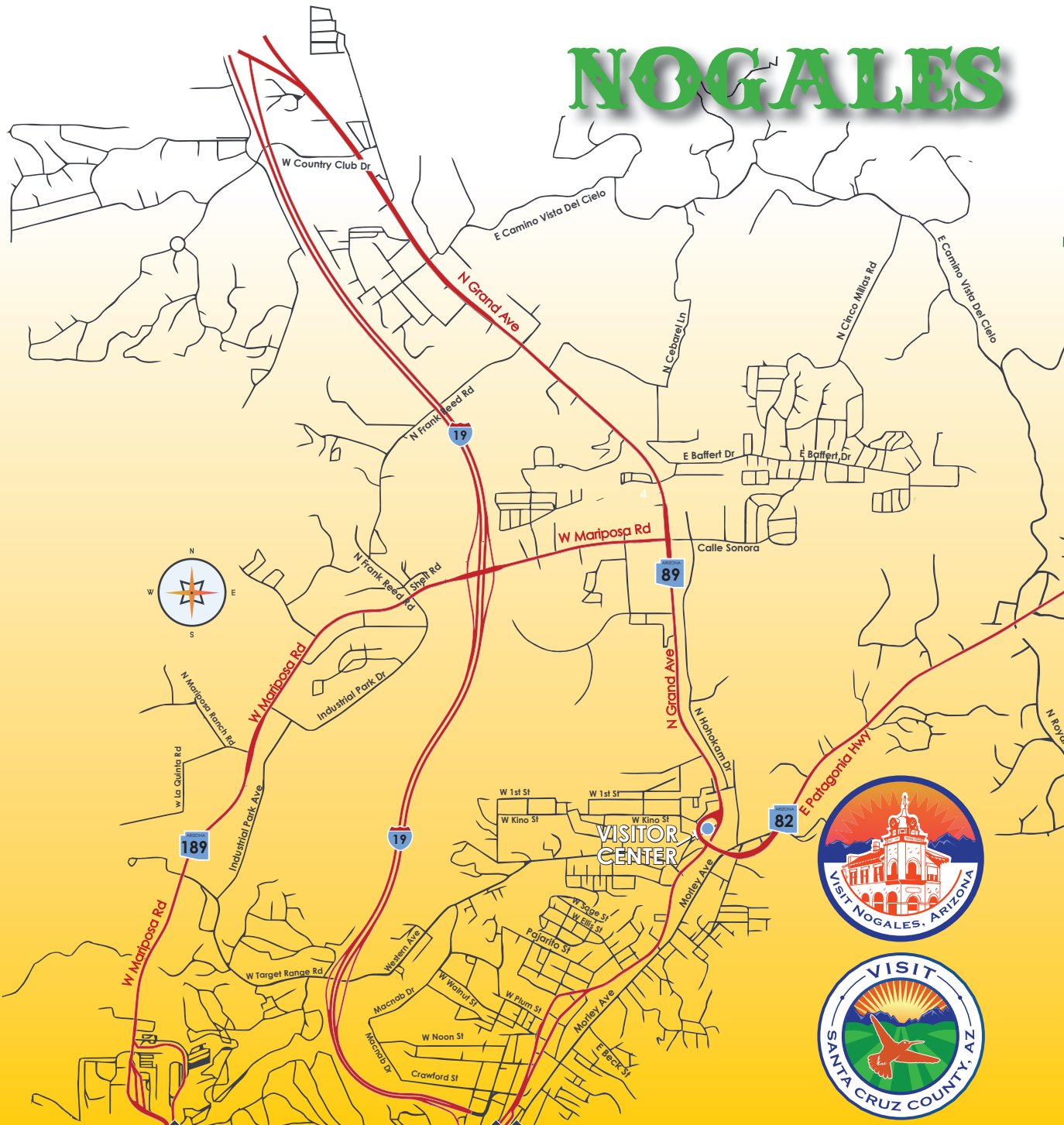


If your never ending adventure is more your speed, you won't want to miss the opportunity to chase the thrill and excitement enjoying water activities lakeside at Patagonia Lake State Park or Peña Blanca Lake, hiking historic nature trails including Anza Trail or horseback riding along the rugged mountainside in the Santa Rita Mountains.





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Mariposa Port of Entry

Deconcini Port of Entry

Morley Port of Entry

MEXICO

MEXICO



# history|culture



**A** crossroads community that has history dating centuries has a unique shopping district, historical landmarks and experiences for those looking for complete cultural immersion.

The bond between two sister cities comes alive within both sides of the border including its name origin. The name Nogales comes from the Spanish word “walnut” and Walnut trees once grew abundantly in the mountain pass between the city of Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Mexico.

Today, the lively culture of Nogales is accredited to its deep roots of religion, western expansion, art and music thanks to the many walks of life that are proud to call Nogales home.



## TIMELINE

1692

Jesuit priest Eusebio Francisco Kino founded the Guevavi mission near Nogales.

1774

Juan Bautista de Anza (Trail) began by taking approximate 200 settlers and their escorts including cowboys, translators, mule packers, Native American guides and over 1,000 head of livestock to San Francisco, creating missions along the way.

1841

Land grant from the Mexican Government to the Elias family established Los Nogales de Elias.

1853

The Gadsden Purchase made Nogales part of the United States of America.

1880

Russian immigrant Jacob Isaacson built the first trading post.

1904

Nogales Courthouse was built under Sheriff Tom Turner.

1914

Nogales occupied by Pacho Villa during the Mexican Revolution.

1918

The first walls, splitting Nogales were built concluding of battles between US Army and Mexican militia which had taken place since 1913.





dining





Spend a day or or two enjoying the eclectic dining found throughout Nogales and its surrounding region. Let your taste buds delight whether it is with classic American dining, authentic Mexican restaurants, fine Italian bistros, and even locally owned and operated food trucks that can be found on both sides of the border.

To continue your food journey, sample locally made wines from the neighboring towns of Sonoita and Elgin where award-winning vineyards have an array of wines to enjoy.

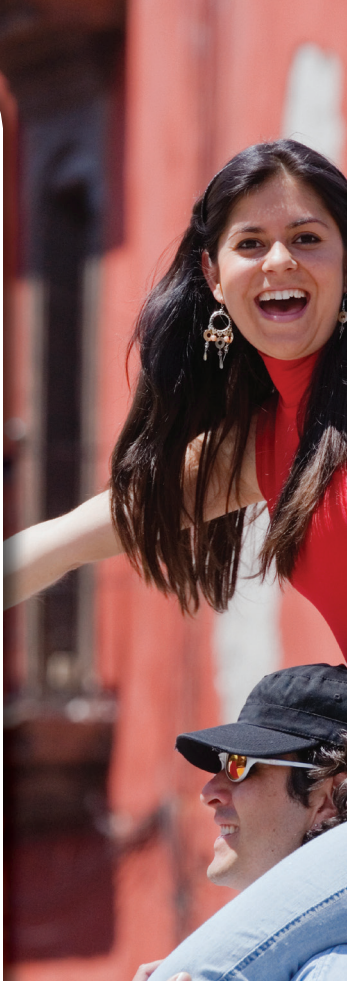


## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO CROSS THE BORDER?

One of any of the  
following:

- US Passport
- US Passport Card
- US Trusted Traveler  
Program Cards:
  - Sentri Pass
  - Global Gard

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[thenogaleschamber.org/  
traveling-to-mexico.html](https://thenogaleschamber.org/traveling-to-mexico.html)  
for additional  
information



It wouldn't be a travel excursion without going on a shopping spree in downtown Nogales! Shop within the family owned and operated department stores found along Morley Avenue, and Grand Avenue. Cross the border to do some curio shopping for distinctive artisan crafts found on Avenida Obregon in Nogales, Sonora.

Colorful clothing items for the entire family, signature home decor and more await you in Nogales, discover it for yourself!



These handcrafted boots were made by the legendary craftsman of Paul Bond Boots, where they have been designing and creating iconic boots since the mid 1940's.



shopping





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