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Every year millions of travelers from around the world choose Arizona as their preferred travel destination, and each year, Arizona rolls out the red carpet to show its sincere appreciation.

It is interesting to note that 50% of all annual travelers are visiting Arizona for the first time, and 70% of adult residents were born somewhere else. These indicators point to the high quality of Arizona life and are two major reasons why so many people want to live here and visit with us. The State of Arizona remains a top 10 travel destination. Arizona's southwestern flare and year-round climate, which offers more than 320 days of sunshine, are keys factors for those wanting to break away from long winters and colder climates. From our historic Grand Canyon and Lowell Observatory in Northern Arizona to the iconic Biosphere 2 and Kitt Peak National Observatory in the south, there is so much to discover and enjoy throughout the state.

Whether you are looking to enjoy our great outdoors, play golf, shop, dine, experience our diverse culture and heritage, or simply indulge yourself at one of our world-class resorts, Arizona has it all. There is always something around the next corner that will surprise and delight

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The 48th State

GRAND CANYON

Arizona, was the last of the contiguous, the Lower 48, to fill in the American map. On February 14, 1912, with its wild and lawless frontier days behind it, Arizona joined the Union after surviving Civil War skirmishes, gunfights, and the Apache Wars. At that time Arizona's population was approximately 215,000. In comparison, the population of neighboring state California was more than 11 times larger, at roughly 2.4 million.

Long before Arizona became a state, its land was scoured by Native Americans in search of minerals for trade and decoration. Historians estimate mining took place as early as 1,000 B.C. Native Americans heated copper and shaped turquoise into jewelry and decorations. The Tohono O'odham people mined hematite and the Apaches used cinnabar as body paint.

Spaniards arrived in the mid-1500s in search of wealth and cities of gold. As the land began to change hands, Mexicans, Europeans and Americans from the young nation entered the territory in search of its well-known deposits of gold, silver, copper and other minerals found in the mountains and desert sands. Prospectors risked their lives in search of instant wealth. While a few struck it rich, most were not so lucky. In some cases, great fortunes were made and lost in short order. In Arizona's history, approximately 400,000 mining claims have been filed in the state, with about 4,000 companies formed in the industry, some of them vital economic contributors to this day. Shepherders and cattlemen also came to Arizona to stake their claim on a new life, contributing to the reputation of the "Wild West" when their hostility toward each other erupted into range wars over land and water for their herds. To protect settlers from unfriendly natives, the U.S. Army came West and built forts. Several major conflicts between the cavalry and Native Americans, most notably members of the Apache tribe, took



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place in Arizona. After the surrender of Geronimo in 1886, ranchers, farmers and other settlers rapidly expanded their claims on land in the territory. While the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad began construction in 1866, a period of brisk railroad construction commenced in the 1880s, bringing another wave of settlers, trade, and civilization to Arizona.

Many people in search of a new life headed west and north during the 19th century to seek their fortunes, or to simply make a living and raise families. These courageous pioneers laid the foundation for the Arizona of today, and the storytelling and folklore that originated in those early days has been transformed into scores of classic books and movies. Who hasn't heard of the legendary marshal Wyatt Earp and his sidekick Doc Holliday, and the famous Shootout at the O.K. Corral? Who hasn't seen classic Western movies such as Stagecoach, Red River, Fort Apache, The Searchers and Rio Bravo? All starred John Wayne and were filmed in part right here in Arizona? Wherever you go throughout this great state, the history of the Old West surrounds you.

From the 1950s through the 1970s, Arizona became known for its five Cs of copper, cattle, cotton, citrus and climate. These days you can add a sixth C, for

Canadians. From business, tourism and residential perspectives, Canadians remain a major boom for Arizona's local economy. In fact, Canadians now represent the largest foreign sector of the state's tourist trade, as well as the majority of new Arizona businesses started by foreign entities and foreign ownership of both commercial and residential properties across greater Phoenix and beyond.

*Arizona remains a
highly popular travel
destination for visitors
from the U.S. and
around the world.*

The beauty of Arizona's natural landscape provides the ideal backdrop for a vast array of outdoor activities.

Today, 111 years after Arizona became the 48th State, the population has grown to over 7.2 million people. California and Texas are now the top two states for people relocating to Arizona. Phoenix, is now the state's biggest city and the country's fifth largest overall. Maricopa County, of which Phoenix is the county seat, accounts for a population that is rapidly approaching 5 million residents. Tucson is the state's second-largest city, with a population for the greater Tucson metropolitan area exceeding 1 million. Arizona's 24th Governor is Katie Hobbs, a Democrat who was sworn into office on January 2nd, 2023. Governor Hobbs is a fearless advocate for Arizona.

Arizona remains a highly popular travel destination for 10's of millions of annual visitors from all over the world. What's the draw, you might ask? Arizona offers roughly 330 days of sunshine per year, outdoor recreational opportunities including world-class golfing, luxurious resorts and hotels, exceptional cuisine, exciting nightlife, premier shopping areas, and an abundance of historical landmarks and natural attractions. The state is rich in Native American culture, with its imprint readily apparent across the state and more readily so on its numerous reservations. The history of the Old West can be found statewide from Southern Arizona mining towns of Bisbee and Tombstone, Colorado River port of Yuma, in Central Arizona's Valley of the Sun in Phoenix and Scottsdale, as well as in Northern Arizona in the former territorial capital of Prescott, the red rocks of Sedona, the Route 66 town of Flagstaff and the terminus of the Grand Canyon Railway in Williams. Running along Arizona's northern border are the Grand Canyon, houseboat capital Lake Powell, and the iconic Monument Valley on the Navajo Reservation. And let's not overlook the desert water resort towns of Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City on the Colorado River, both of which are favorites among outdoor enthusiasts.

The Valley of the Sun is a sports mecca that boasts every major sports franchise. The NBA, WNBA, NFL, MLB, NHL, USL soccer and the Arena Football League. Annually it hosts numerous world-class sporting and racing events that include 15 MLB baseball teams who make the Valley their Cactus League Spring Training headquarters, the Waste Management Phoenix Open golf tournament referred to as "The Greatest Show on Grass," also viewed as the most popular tournament on the PGA tour, the Barrett-Jackson Car Auction, the Fiesta Bowl, Scottsdale's Arabian Horse Show (the largest of its kind in the world) coupled with two NASCAR Cup Races and an INDY CAR race both held at Phoenix Raceway. The Valley has also played host to the College Football Playoff National Championship, the 2017 and 2023 Super Bowl and NCAA's Men's Basketball Final Four, which it will once again host in 2024. Sports is a major economic driver for Phoenix and the State.

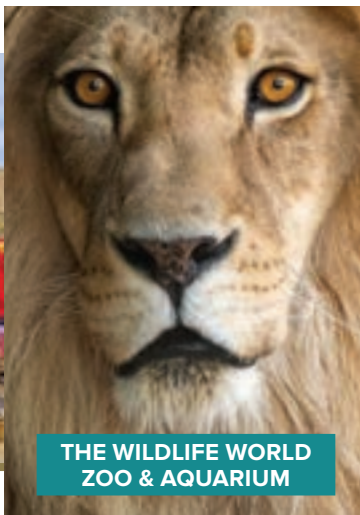
Outdoor activities abound wherever you might be travelling throughout the state. You can experience breathtaking desert landscapes and historic ruins while you enjoy our southwestern hospitality. Whether you fish, swim, hike, bike, ski, enjoy horseback riding, hot air ballooning or camping, the State of Arizona has it all.

Arizona, the 48th State is also known as the Grand Canyon State, because the Grand Canyon in Northern Arizona ranks as the 7th natural wonder of the world. It represents the #1 overall attraction for all visitors to Arizona. In southern Arizona, another major attraction that should not be missed is Biosphere-2. This venue is an engineering marvel and one of the largest greenhouses on the planet.

We hope you enjoy all that Arizona has to offer.



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ARIZONA'S NATURAL WONDER

In 2019, the Grand Canyon celebrated 100 years as America's 17th National Park.

President Theodore Roosevelt first visited the Grand Canyon in 1903. An avid outdoorsman and conservationist, he designated more than 600,000 acres of the Grand Canyon Forest Reserve as a National Game Preserve in November 1906. In January 1908, Roosevelt added adjacent national forest lands and designated it a U.S. National Monument, which was as far as the law allowed without the support of Congress. At that time, the Grand Canyon was a national monument while Arizona remained a territory. Land and mining claim owners successfully blocked additional conservation efforts for another decade, but Congress eventually approved legislation. On February 26, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law establishing the Grand Canyon as the 17th U.S. National Park.

The Grand Canyon numbers among the world's greatest geological spectacles and may be the most spectacular gorge on the planet. The Grand Canyon measures 277 miles long, from 600 feet to 18 miles wide, and more than a mile deep. The Colorado River, earthquakes, and the powerful forces of water and weather helped create this giant crevice that meanders through the Navajo, Havasupai, and Hualapai Indian Reservations.

The canyon's horizontal strata retrace the geological history of the last 2 billion years. Geologists estimate it would take nearly one million cubic miles of rock and soil to fill the canyon, which the Colorado River evacuated over time. To enjoy its storied sunsets, it's best to arrive an hour early to enjoy the dynamic color palette and breathtaking views of mammoth buttes and shadowed side canyons.

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The area has been inhabited for thousands of years by Native Americans. These Ancestral Puebloans considered the Grand Canyon a holy site, as do many Native Americans to this day. A member of the Coronado Expedition, García López de Cárdenas, was the first European known to have viewed the Grand Canyon in 1540.

The South Rim Historic Village, located at the northern terminus of the Grand Canyon Railway, features many buildings from the early 1900s. El Tovar Hotel, known as one of the most elaborate hotels west of the Mississippi when it opened in 1905, was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1987. Other buildings of note such as Hopi House (which also opened in 1905), Lookout Studio, and Bright Angel Lodge were designed by famed architect Mary Jane Colter and are located within walking distance. The South

Rim with its average elevation of 6900' is open year-round, whereas the North Rim is open only from mid-May to mid-October due to its higher elevation of 8100' and its corresponding heavier snowfall.

The region offers an array of services and facilities for visitors, including more than 2,000 hotel rooms with campgrounds also available. Plenty of options for shopping, dining and other recreation exist, such as mule rides and land and air tours. Planning your trip well in advance is highly recommended as lodging is sometimes booked up to six months in advance.

For more information, visit grand-canyon-park.org.

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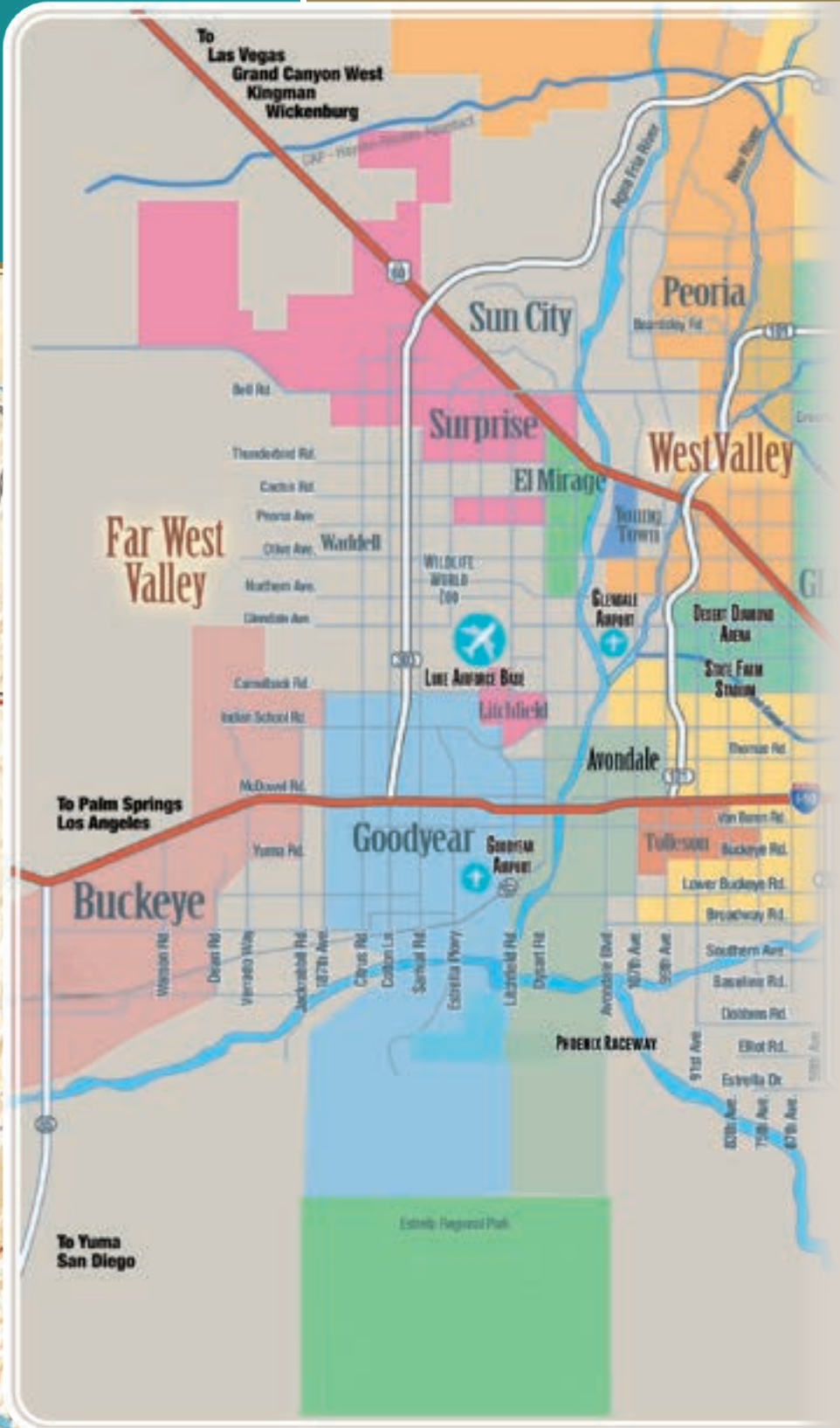
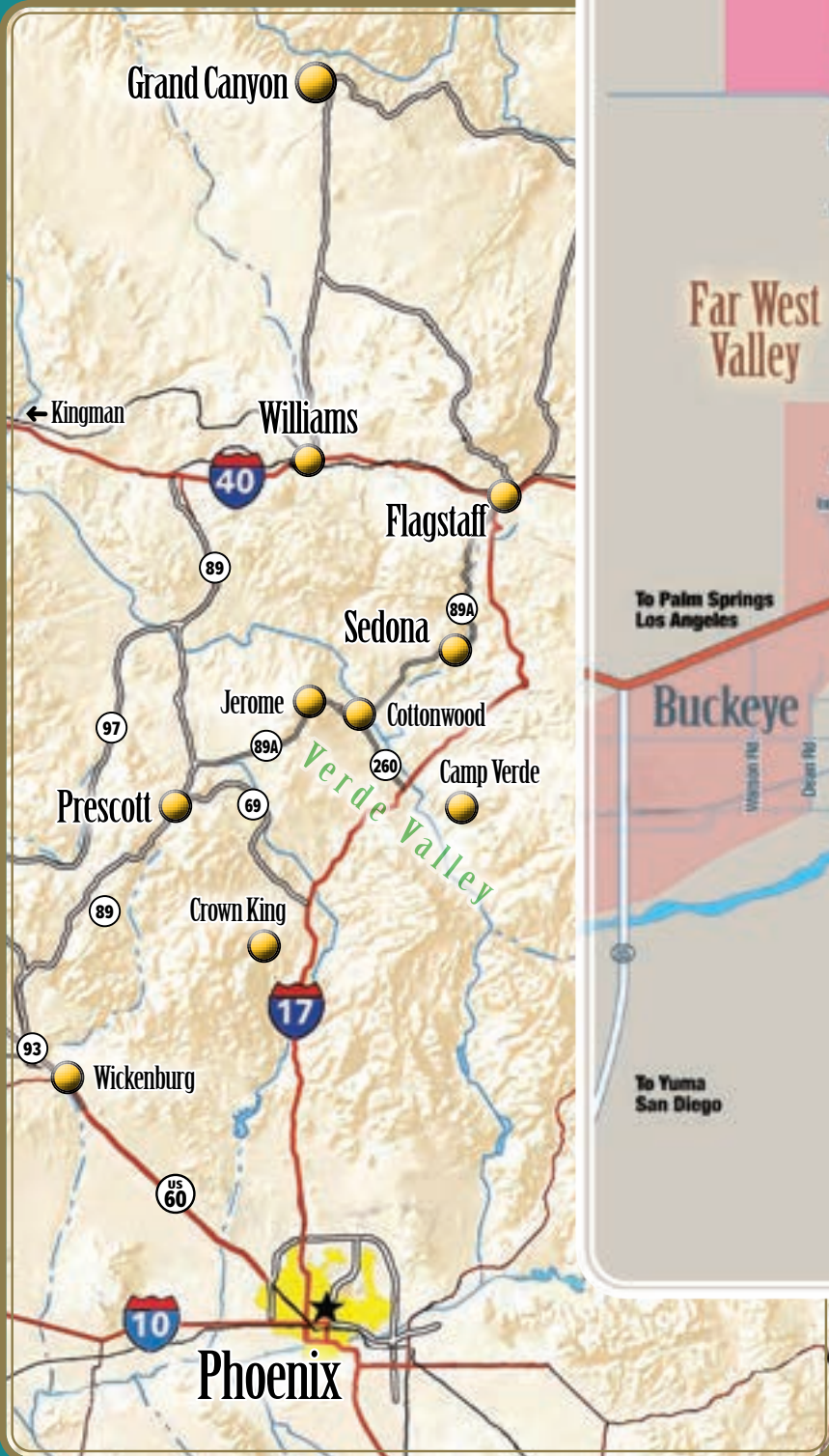


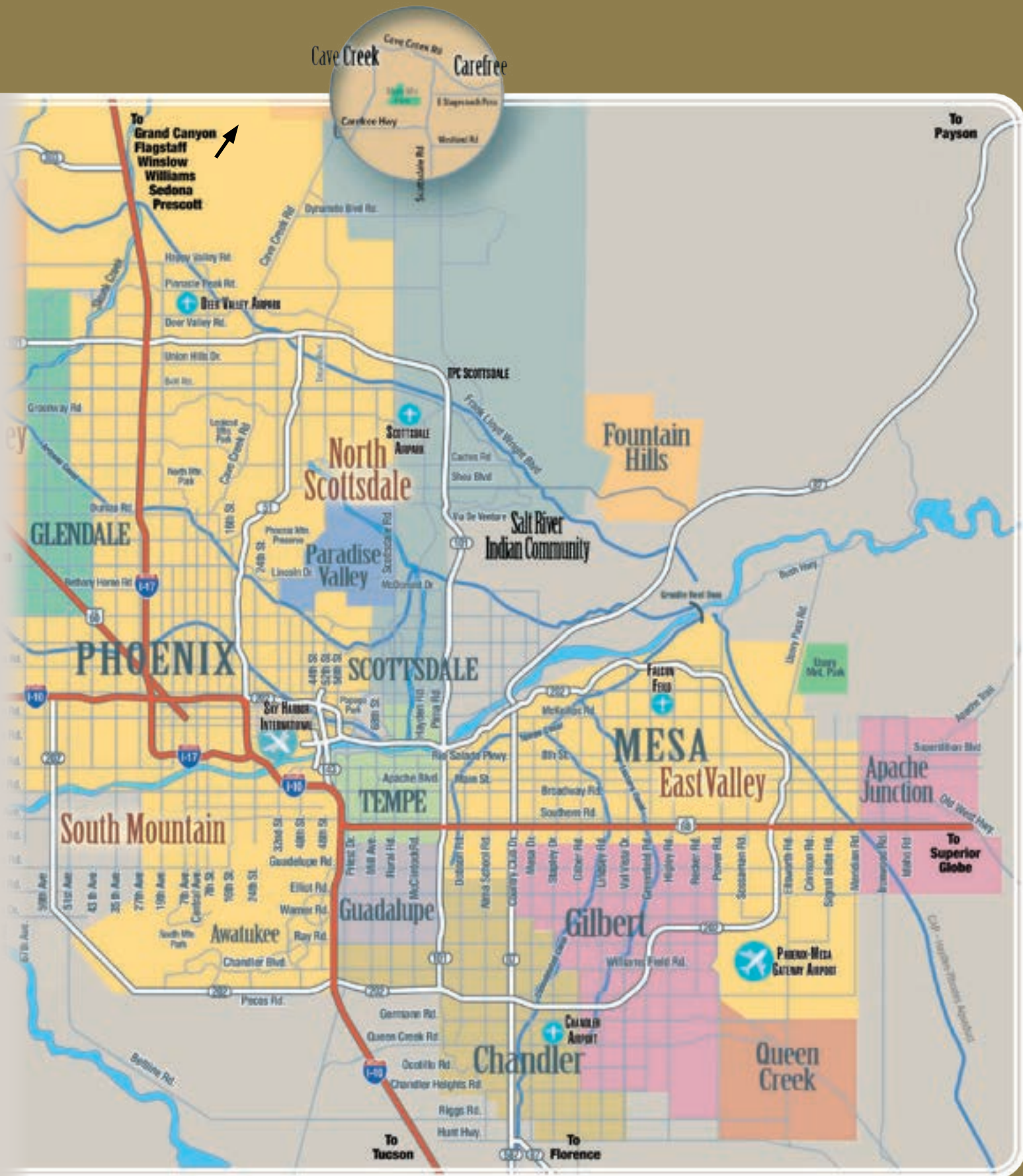
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make up this historic venue. Plan for a full day as the ZOO as it has so much to offer. For more information go to: WildlifeWorld.com

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ARIZONA STATE MAP



ARIZONA FACTS

Governor: Katie Hobbs, Democrat

Nickname: Grand Canyon State

Capital: Phoenix, (5th largest city in America)

Population: 7.2 Million

Became a State: Feb. 14, 1912 (48th state)

Land Mass: 114,000 sq. miles (295,260 sq. km)

Highest Elevation: Humphreys Peak at 12,635 feet (3,851m)

Highest Elevated City: Flagstaff at 7,100 feet (2,164m)

Most Visited Attraction: Grand Canyon National Park

Number of Counties: 15; State Parks: 28

State Flower: Flower of the Saguaro Cactus

Ten Largest Cities: Phoenix, Tucson, Mesa, Chandler, Glendale, Scottsdale, Gilbert, Tempe, Peoria, Yuma

Arizona's 5Cs: Cattle, Climate, Cotton, Copper and Citrus 5 New 5Cs: Culture, Community, Connectivity, Commerce and Catalyst

TRAVELER DATA

ARIZONA TIME ZONE

The state is in the Mountain Standard time zone. Arizona does not observe daylight savings time, with the exception of the Navajo Reservation (on tribal lands) in north eastern Arizona.

*Daylight Saving Time (DST), is the practice of advancing clocks during summer months by one hour so that evening daylight lasts an hour longer, then turning them back again in the fall, in order to make better use of natural daylight.

METRIC EQUIVALENTS

1 Centimeter	.....	0.3937 Inch
1 Inch	.....	2.54 Centimeters
1 Foot	.....	0.3048 Meter
1 Meter	.....	39.37 Inch / 1.0936 Yds
1 Yard	.....	0.9144 Meter
1 Rod	.....	5.029 Meters
1 Kilometer	.....	0.621 Mile
1 Mile	.....	1.69 Kilometers



AVERAGE ANNUAL TEMPERATURES

Region	Fahrenheit	Celsius	Region	Fahrenheit	Celsius
Greater Phoenix	63-87	17-31	Flagstaff	32-61	3-18
Prescott	40-70	4-21	Williams	37-64	3-18
Wickenburg	49-83	10-28	Grand Canyon Village	33-64	0-18
Jerome/Camp Verde	51-70	10-21	Page	48-70	9-21
Cottonwood	51-70	10-21	Kingman	48-76	9-24
Payson	40-70	4-22	Bullhead City	60-89	16-32
Globe	47-77	8-25	Lake Havasu City	62-87	17-30
Sedona	48-76	9-25	Parker	59-89	15-32

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1 U.S. Gallon	0.833 Imperial Gal.
1 U.S. Gallon	3.785 Liters
1 Imperial Gallon	1.201 U.S. Gal.
1 Imperial Gallon	.....	4.546 Liters
1 Liter	.....	0.264 U.S. Gallon

LONG MEASUREMENTS

12 Inches	.....	1 Foot
3 Feet	.....	1 Yard
16.5 Feet	.....	1 Rod
40 Rods	.....	1 Furlong
8 Furlongs	.....	1 Mile
3 Land Miles	.....	1 League

ARIZONA ELEVATIONS

above sea level

Bisbee	.....	5,538 Feet
Flagstaff	.....	6,910 Feet
Globe	.....	3,517 Feet
Gran	.....	6,804 Feet
Kingman	.....	3,333 Feet
Lake Havasu City	.....	735 Feet
Nogales	.....	3,832 Feet
Page	.....	4,118 Feet
Payson	.....	4,890 Feet
Phoenix	.....	1,086 Feet
Prescott	.....	5,374 Feet
Sedona	.....	4,326 Feet
Sierra Vista	.....	4,633 Feet
Show Low	.....	6,345 Feet
Sky Harbor Airport	.....	1,133 Feet
Tucson	.....	2,389 Feet
Williams	.....	6,766 Feet
Yuma	.....	141 Feet

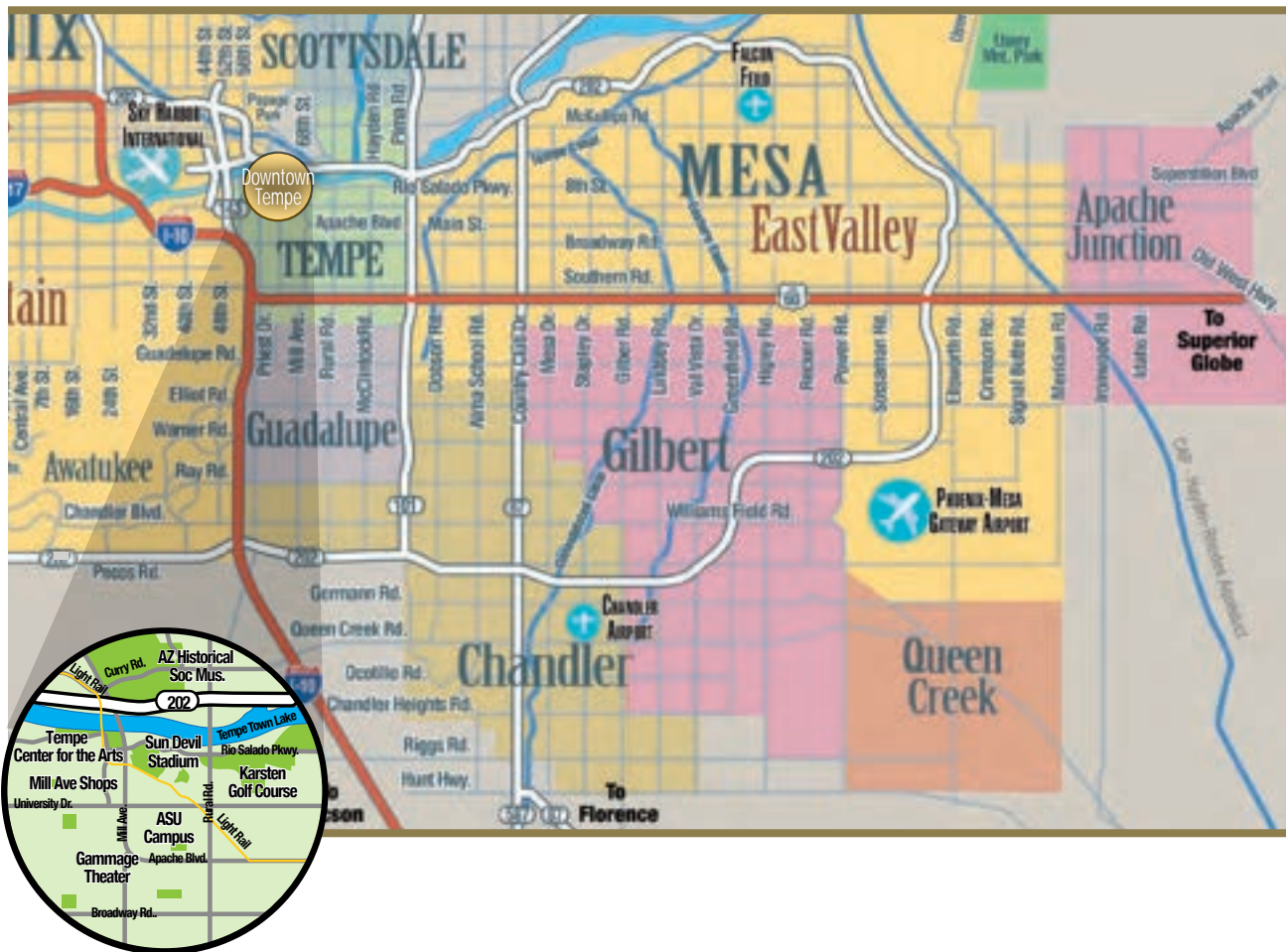
2025 IMPORTANT DATES

New Year's Day	.....	January 1
MLK's Birthday	.....	January 15
Chinese New Year	.....	January 29
Groundhog Day	.....	February 2
Valentine's Day	.....	February 14
Ash Wednesday	.....	February 14
Presidents' Day	.....	February 17
Daylights Savings Starts	.....	March 9
St. Patrick's Day	.....	March 17
Palm Sunday	.....	April 13
Good Friday	.....	April 18
Easter Sunday	.....	April 20
Passover	.....	April 20
Cinco de Mayo	.....	May 5
Mother's Day	.....	May 12
Victoria Day (Canada)	.....	May 19
Memorial Day	.....	May 26
D-Day	.....	June 6
Father's Day	.....	June 15
Juneteenth	.....	June 19
1st Day of Summer	.....	June 20
Canada Day	.....	July 1
U.S. Independence Day	.....	July 4
Labor Day	.....	September 1
Rosh Hashanah	.....	September 22
1st Day of Autumn	.....	September 23
Yom Kippur	.....	October 1
Canadian Thanksgiving	.....	October 13
Columbus Day	.....	October 13
Halloween	.....	October 31
Daylight Savings Ends	.....	November 2
U.S. Election Day	.....	November 4
Veteran's Day	.....	November 11
U.S. Thanksgiving	.....	November 27
Pearl Harbor Day	.....	December 7
Hanukkah	.....	December 14
Winter Begins	.....	December 21
Christmas Eve	.....	December 24
Christmas Day	.....	December 25
Boxing Day (Canada)	.....	December 26
New Year's Eve	.....	December 31

MILEAGE BETWEEN CITIES IN ARIZONA

	Benson	Bisbee	Casa Grande	Flagstaff	Grand Canyon	Holbrook	Kingman	Lake Havasu	Nogales	Page	Phoenix	Prescott	Sedona	Tucson	Williams	Yuma
Benson	—	49	113	302	382	286	342	362	73	433	156	258	275	45	333	282
Bisbee	49	—	161	351	431	335	390	409	89	482	205	307	324	93	383	331
Casa Grande	113	161	—	191	276	207	230	249	131	322	45	147	164	68	203	172
Flagstaff	302	351	191	—	81	91	143	204	321	132	145	87	28	257	32	316
Grand Canyon	382	431	210	81	—	172	170	231	406	107	231	131	108	342	59	400
Holbrook	286	335	207	91	172	—	234	296	303	212	221	174	128	240	123	404
Kingman	342	390	230	143	170	234	—	61	360	275	185	144	171	296	111	215
Lake Havasu	362	409	249	204	231	290	61	—	381	340	204	192	232	317	172	155
Nogales	73	89	131	321	406	303	360	381	—	453	115	277	294	64	353	302
Page	433	482	322	132	107	212	275	340	453	—	278	231	160	389	164	448
Phoenix	156	205	45	145	231	221	185	204	175	278	—	100	115	111	169	182
Prescott	258	307	147	87	131	174	144	192	277	231	100	—	60	213	67	216
Sedona	275	324	164	28	108	120	171	232	294	163	115	60	—	230	60	301
Tucson	45	93	68	257	342	240	296	317	64	389	111	213	230	—	280	238
Williams	333	383	203	32	59	123	111	172	353	164	169	67	60	280	—	283
Yuma	282	331	172	316	400	404	215	155	302	448	182	216	301	238	283	—

DESTINATION *East Valley*



CITIES & TOWNS

This region is experiencing substantial growth with increased business and manufacturing opportunities. Home to Tempe, Chandler, Mesa, Fountain Hills, Ahwatukee, Apache Junction, Gilbert, and Queen Creek, more than 1.6 million people make their home in the East Valley. The population is expected to grow to 2 million by 2050. The East Valley is an attractive region for both home buyers and manufacturers. The East Valley is serviced by both Sky Harbor International Airport, and Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

The population is young with the medium age of its residents 36.9. The medium household income is \$68,000 + and collectively this region has access to more than 1 million workers.

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Tempe is home to the MLB's Los Angeles Angels, Chicago Cubs and Oakland A's spring training facilities. Arizona State University also has its football and baseball stadiums in Tempe which attracts fans from across the Valley and around the country.

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tempe is home to ASU, the largest university in the country with 100,000 + students enrolled. Its sports teams, the ASU Sun Devils - Football, Baseball and Basketball programs are all part of the PAC-12 sports network. ASU has many other sports programs for both men and women. Founded in 1885, ASU continues to expand across the Valley by adding additional educational facilities.



The East Valley is a multi-city region within the Phoenix Metropolitan Area. Anchored in the west by the City of Tempe and the City of Gilbert to the east, this expanding region offers affordable housing, with the median sales price of a single-family home \$225,000.

Tempe is home to Arizona State University while the East Valley has a solid selection of community Colleges from Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Mesa Community College, Rio Salado College, Scottsdale Community College to Central Arizona College.

The region offers employers and manufacturers an educated workforce, with over 35,000 high paying jobs in Aviation and Aerospace defense sector. Sector drivers in the East Valley include the Boeing Corporation, Orbital ATK, Honeywell Aerospace, Able Aerospace Services, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Cessna, and Arizona Laboratories for Security and Defense Research (AZLabs). Major players in the global semiconductor arena

include Intel, NXP, Advanced Semiconductor, Raytheon, Analog Devices, ON semiconductor, Honeywell, STMicroelectronics. And the region continues to grow.

The East Valley continues to experience explosive growth

Rich in arts and culture, every city across the East Valley offers a wonderful selection of museums and performing arts centers. Like much of the Valley, there is no shortage of resorts, golf courses, spas, dining, nightlife or outdoor activities. While not necessarily receiving the notoriety it may deserve, it is an area that delights and surprises all who visit.



TEMPE TOWN LAKE



2025 Spring Training Schedule

SUNDAY FEB 23 D-backs @ Mariners – Peoria Rockies* @ Athletics – Hohokam Padres @ Dodgers – Glendale Reds @ Giants – Scottsdale Brewers @ Rockies* – Salt River Angels @ Guardians – Goodyear Rangers @ Cubs – Mesa White Sox @ Royals – Surprise	MONDAY FEB 24 Rockies @ Giants* – Scottsdale Dodgers @ Reds – Goodyear Giants* @ Angels – Tempe Cubs @ Padres – Peoria Athletics @ Royals – Surprise Mariners @ Brewers – Phoenix Rangers @ White Sox – Glendale Guardians @ D-backs – Salt River	TUESDAY FEB 25 D-backs @ Cubs – Mesa Giants @ Athletics – Hohokam Brewers @ Guardians – Goodyear Angels @ Padres – Peoria Mariners @ Dodgers – Glendale White Sox @ Rockies – Salt River Royals @ Rangers – Surprise	WEDNESDAY FEB 26 Rockies @ Royals – Surprise Dodgers @ Brewers* – Phoenix Padres @ White Sox – Glendale Cubs @ Giants – Scottsdale Reds @ Angels – Tempe Brewers* @ D-backs – Salt River Athletics @ Mariners – Peoria Rangers @ Guardians – Goodyear
SUNDAY MAR 2 D-backs @ Rangers – Surprise Dodgers @ Athletics – Hohokam Reds @ Cubs – Mesa Brewers @ Guardians – Goodyear Angels @ Giants – Scottsdale Mariners @ Rockies – Salt River White Sox @ Dodgers – Glendale Royals @ Padres – Peoria	MONDAY MAR 3 Rockies @ Angels – Tempe Cubs @ D-backs – Salt River Brewers @ Reds – Goodyear Athletics @ White Sox – Glendale Rangers @ Royals – Surprise Guardians @ Mariners – Peoria	TUESDAY MAR 4 Padres* @ Cubs – Mesa Giants @ Padres* – Peoria Reds* @ Rockies – Salt River Reds* @ Dodgers – Glendale Angels @ Guardians – Goodyear Athletics @ Rangers – Surprise	WEDNESDAY MAR 5 Rockies @ Padres – Peoria Dodgers @ Angels – Tempe Giants @ D-backs – Salt River Brewers @ White Sox* – Glendale Mariners @ Royals – Surprise Rangers @ Reds – Goodyear White Sox* @ Brewers – Phoenix
SUNDAY MAR 9 Rockies @ Mariners – Peoria Padres @ Giants* – Scottsdale Giants* @ Cubs – Mesa Reds @ Angels – Tempe Brewers @ Royals – Surprise Athletics @ Dodgers – Glendale Rangers @ D-backs – Salt River White Sox @ Guardians – Goodyear	MONDAY MAR 10 D-backs @ Dodgers – Glendale Rockies* @ Angels – Tempe Giants @ Rockies* – Salt River Cubs @ Guardians* – Goodyear Reds @ Padres – Peoria Mariners @ Brewers – Phoenix Guardians* @ Royals – Surprise White Sox @ Athletics – Hohokam	TUESDAY MAR 11 Rockies @ Reds – Goodyear Brewers @ Cubs – Mesa Angels @ Rangers – Surprise Athletics @ Giants – Scottsdale Guardians @ Dodgers – Glendale White Sox @ Padres – Peoria Royals @ D-backs – Salt River	WEDNESDAY MAR 12 D-backs @ Athletics – Hohokam Padres @ Rockies – Salt River Giants @ Guardians – Goodyear Reds @ Rangers – Surprise Angels @ White Sox – Glendale Royals @ Mariners – Peoria
SUNDAY MAR 16 D-backs @ Padres* – Peoria Padres* @ Angels – Tempe Athletics @ Giants – Scottsdale Mariners @ Reds – Goodyear Guardians @ Brewers – Phoenix White Sox @ Rangers – Surprise Royals @ Rockies – Salt River	MONDAY MAR 17 D-backs* @ Royals – Surprise Giants @ White Sox – Glendale Reds @ Guardians – Goodyear Brewers @ Padres – Peoria Angels @ D-backs* – Salt River Mariners @ Athletics – Hohokam	TUESDAY MAR 18 Padres @ Giants – Scottsdale Giants @ Rockies – Salt River Brewers @ Mariners – Peoria Angels @ Reds – Goodyear Guardians @ Rangers – Surprise	WEDNESDAY MAR 19 Rockies @ D-backs – Salt River Giants @ Royals – Surprise Athletics @ Guardians* – Goodyear Rangers @ Mariners – Peoria Guardians* @ Angels – Tempe White Sox @ Brewers – Phoenix
SUNDAY MAR 23 D-backs* @ White Sox – Glendale Rockies @ Brewers* – Phoenix Brewers* @ Mariners – Peoria Athletics @ Cubs – Mesa Guardians @ Reds – Goodyear Padres @ D-backs* – Salt River	MONDAY MAR 24 Brewers @ Rockies – Salt River Mariners @ Padres – Peoria Guardians @ D-backs – Chase Field Braves @ Cubs – Mesa	TUESDAY MAR 25 Guardians @ D-backs – Chase Field Braves @ Cubs – Mesa	

Dates, times and opponents are subject to change. All times are PM, MTS. * Split Squad

THURSDAY FEB 20 Cubs @ Dodgers – Glendale	FRIDAY FEB 21 Rockies @ D-backs – Salt River Dodgers @ Cubs – Mesa Mariners @ Padres – Peoria Rangers @ Royals – Surprise	SATURDAY FEB 22 D-backs @ Rockies – Salt River Giants @ Rangers – Surprise Reds* @ Brewers – Phoenix Athletics @ Padres – Peoria Mariners @ Angels – Tempe Guardians @ Reds* – Goodyear White Sox @ Cubs – Mesa Royals @ Dodgers – Glendale
THURSDAY FEB 27 D-backs @ Reds – Goodyear Dodgers @ Rockies – Salt River Padres @ Athletics – Hohokam Giants @ Mariners* – Peoria Angels @ Cubs – Mesa Mariners* @ Rangers – Surprise Guardians @ White Sox – Glendale Royals @ Brewers – Phoenix	FRIDAY FEB 28 Rockies @ Guardians – Goodyear Cubs @ Rangers – Surprise Reds @ Athletics – Hohokam Brewers @ Giants – Scottsdale Angels* @ Dodgers – Glendale Mariners @ Padres – Peoria White Sox @ Angels* – Tempe Royals @ D-backs – Salt River	SATURDAY MAR 1 Rockies @ D-backs – Salt River Padres @ Reds – Goodyear Giants @ Dodgers – Glendale Cubs @ Royals – Surprise Athletics @ Angels – Tempe Rangers @ Brewers – Phoenix Guardians @ Cubs – Mesa White Sox @ Mariners – Peoria
THURSDAY MAR 6 D-backs* @ Guardians – Goodyear Padres @ Rangers* – Surprise Brewers @ Athletics – Hohokam Angels @ Mariners – Peoria Mariners @ D-backs* – Salt River Rangers* @ Dodgers – Glendale White Sox @ Giants – Scottsdale Royals @ Cubs – Mesa	FRIDAY MAR 7 D-backs @ Angels* – Tempe Dodgers @ Mariners – Peoria Padres @ Brewers – Phoenix Giants @ Reds – Goodyear Cubs @ White Sox – Glendale Angels* @ Royals – Surprise Rangers @ Rockies – Salt River Guardians @ Athletics – Hohokam	SATURDAY MAR 8 D-backs @ Reds – Goodyear Dodgers @ White Sox – Glendale Angels @ Brewers – Phoenix Athletics @ Rockies – Salt River Mariners @ Cubs – Mesa Guardians @ Padres – Peoria Royals* @ Giants – Scottsdale Royals* @ Rangers – Surprise
THURSDAY MAR 13 D-backs @ Mariners – Peoria Padres @ Royals – Surprise Brewers @ White Sox – Glendale Athletics @ Reds – Goodyear Rangers @ Giants – Scottsdale Guardians @ Rockies – Salt River	FRIDAY MAR 14 Rockies @ Rangers – Surprise Giants @ Brewers – Phoenix Reds* @ D-backs – Salt River Reds* @ White Sox – Glendale Angels* @ Athletics – Hohokam Mariners @ Guardians – Goodyear Rangers @ Padres – Peoria Royals @ Angels* – Tempe	SATURDAY MAR 15 Rockies @ White Sox – Glendale Padres @ Mariners* – Peoria Reds @ Royals – Surprise Brewers* @ Angels – Tempe Athletics @ Brewers* – Phoenix Mariners* @ Giants – Scottsdale Rangers @ Athletics – Hohokam White Sox @ D-backs – Salt River Royals @ Guardians – Goodyear
THURSDAY MAR 20 Rockies @ Rangers* – Surprise Angels @ White Sox – Glendale Athletics @ D-backs – Salt River Rangers* @ Padres – Peoria Royals @ Reds – Goodyear	FRIDAY MAR 21 D-backs @ Brewers – Phoenix Padres @ Cubs – Mesa Reds* @ Mariners – Peoria Angels* @ Rockies – Salt River Mariners @ Royals* – Surprise Rangers @ Angels* – Tempe Guardians @ Giants – Scottsdale White Sox @ Reds* – Goodyear Royals* @ Athletics – Hohokam	SATURDAY MAR 22 D-backs @ Giants – Scottsdale Rockies* @ Cubs – Mesa Padres* @ Guardians – Goodyear Reds @ Padres* – Peoria Brewers @ Athletics – Hohokam Mariners @ White Sox* – Glendale White Sox* @ Rockies* – Salt River Royals @ Rangers – Surprise

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1235 N Center St, Mesa

MESA (CUBS)
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2330 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Mesa

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7555 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale

SCOTTSDALE
Scottsdale Stadium
7408 E Osborn Rd, Scottsdale

SURPRISE
Surprise Stadium
15930 N Bullard Ave, Surprise

TEMPE
Tempe Diablo Stadium
2200 W Alameda Dr, Tempe

PEORIA
Peoria Sports Complex
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American Family Fields of Phoenix
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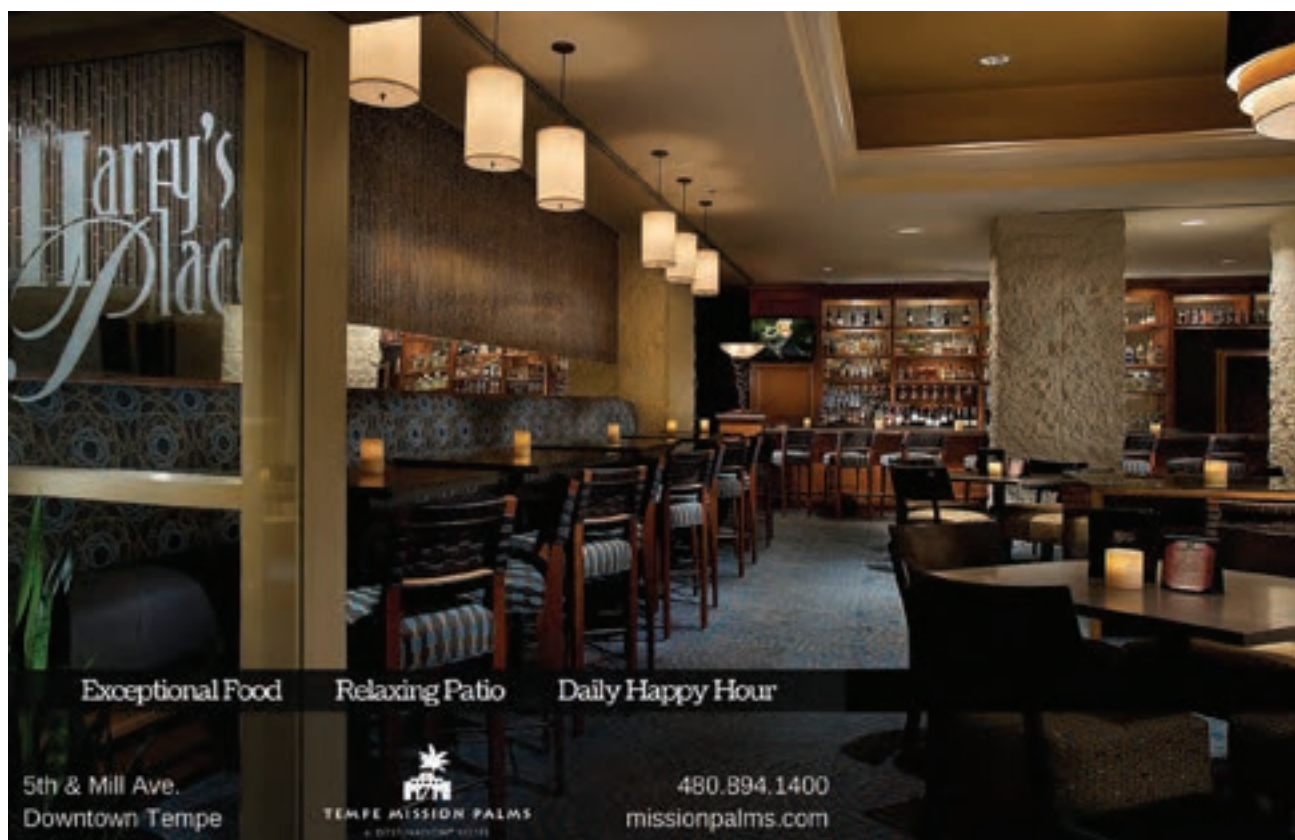
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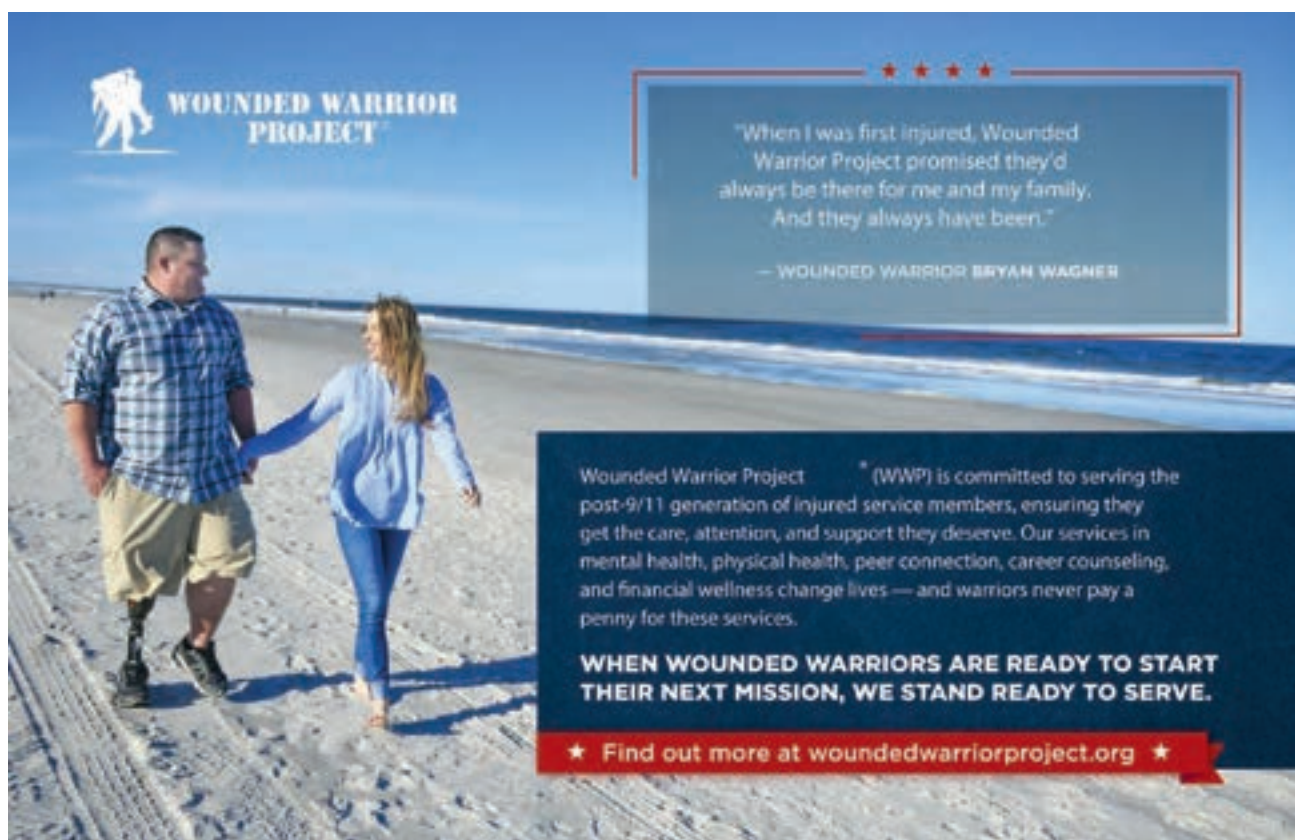
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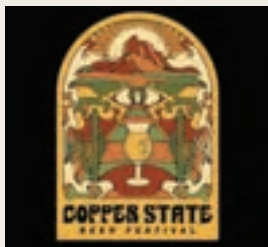
— WOUNDED WARRIOR BRYAN WAGNER

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East Valley LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Copper State Beer Festival

January 18th

Enjoy premium beer, wine, spirits, food trucks, and live entertainment from local artists. It's time to get outside and have some fun! Cheers!
copperstatebeerfest.com



Gilbert Farmers Market

Saturdays

Enjoy over 100 vendors offering local, organic produce, farm fresh eggs, meat, cheese, bread, sweets, and many other locally made artisan products.
gilbertmarket.com



Truck-A-Palooza

January 25th

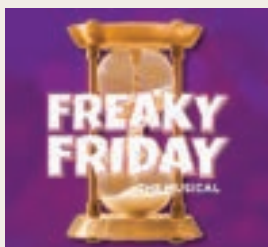
Come learn about the dozens of vehicles — emergency vehicles, transport vehicles, tow trucks, public health and safety trucks, buses, and more!
gilbertaz.gov



Wicked

March 4th – 9th

From the first electrifying note to the final breathtaking moment, WICKED—the untold true story of the Witches of Oz—transfixes audiences with its inventive story.
asugammage.com/mj



Freaky Friday the Musical

February – March 16th

Based on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the hit Disney films. A heartfelt, comedic, and unexpectedly emotional update on an American classic.
mesaartscenter.com



33rd Annual Ostrich Festival

March, dates TBD

Featuring live ostriches, entertainment, rides, games, food, ostrich-themed educational activities, upscale arts and crafts and much more.
ostrichfestival.com



Downtown Chandler Fine Art & Wine Festival

February 14th – 16th

Featuring 125+ juried artists exhibits, live music and first-class wine tastings.
downtownchandler.org/events/fine-arts-and-wine-festival



Mesa Farmers Market

Saturdays

Enjoy fresh, local produce and family-friendly activities while supporting new and existing small businesses. Every Saturday, 8 am – 12:30 pm.
mesafarmersmarketandflea.com



Chandler Farmer's Market

Saturdays, 9 am – 1 pm

Located in Dr. A.J. Chandler Park. Visit local vendors offering fresh produce, prepared food, beverages, and unique goods.
downtownchandler.org/farmersmarket



Arizona Aloha Festival

March 15th – 16th

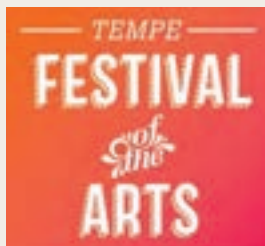
This free event celebrates Hawaiian, Tahitian, Samoan and other South Pacific cultures through dance and musical performances.
azalohafest.org



Innings Festival

February 21st – 22nd

A can't-miss celebration for music lovers, culinary enthusiasts, and passionate baseball fans at Tempe Beach Park.
inningsfestival.com



Tempe Festival of the Arts

March 7th – 9th

Ranked among the Top 20 Art Festivals in the nation and has received the Pinnacle Award from the International Festival and Events Association.
tempefestivalofthearts.com

DESTINATION *Greater Phoenix*

ARIZONA'S CAPITAL

Greater Phoenix is a HOT place to live and work for so many reasons, but in 2024 the Phoenix temperature index recorded the hottest summer temps anywhere in the USA. Residents of Phoenix recorded 113 consecutive days at over 100 degrees, and a staggering 61 days at above 110 degrees. Following global warming ... 2025 is likely to be even hotter. However, once the heat subsides and summer ends, for the remaining 8 months of the year the Valley of the Sun remains one of the most desirable areas to live.

EVERY MAJOR SPORT

Downtown Phoenix's Footprint Center is home to the NBA's Phoenix Suns, The WNBA Phoenix Mercury, and the Arizona Rattlers of the indoor football league. The center also hosts superb concerts and shows throughout the year. A block away is Chase Field, home to MLB's Arizona Diamondbacks. Glendale in the west, is where State Farm Stadium is located, home to the NFL's Arizona Cardinals. Phoenix is a year-round sports mecca. The Valley receives thousands of annual visitors who travel to the Valley to enjoy the great weather and local surroundings, while watching their own home team compete against one of our professional teams.





Greater Phoenix, the Valley of the Sun, Maricopa County, whatever you wish to call it ... is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city that is exploding with activity. As America's 5th largest city, it offers residents and visitors alike, anything and everything anybody would ever want to experience and enjoy!

Downtown is witnessing a rebirth. World-class resorts and hotels Sky Harbor International Airport, just minutes away. The historic re-purposing initiatives continue in downtown and central Phoenix is attracting more people, from out-of-state, to local residents looking to move back to the city core. Individuals seeking to immerse themselves in the arts and entertainment scene, be close to their favorite sports team, or want to enjoy all that City Scape at City Center has to offer. There are so many exciting new local brew pubs and restaurants and world-class dining that are popping up everywhere! The City of Phoenix has it all.

No need to drive or park, travel on Phoenix's 26-mile Valley Metro Light Rail System that quickly connects you from 19th Avenue in North Phoenix, to the Cities of Tempe and Mesa in the East Valley.

A vibrant, cosmopolitan city that is exploding with activity

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Phoenix LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



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azscience.org



Phoenix Art Museum

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phxart.org



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japanesefriendshipgarden.org



Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting

A museum dedicated to the historical preservation of firefighting equipment used through the years around the world.

hallofflame.org



Children's Museum of Phoenix

One of the top three children's museums in the nation, this expansive museum features more than 300 interactive play areas for kids aged 10 & under.

childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

WINTER SEASON IS COFFEE SEASON!

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812 N. 3rd St, Phoenix
songbirdcoffeehouse.com



Trans Am Café

This coffee spot on Grand Ave. offers an eclectic aesthetic, reflecting its creative and unique flair. The menu boasts fresh ingredients, and is vegan-friendly.

1506 Grand Ave, Phoenix
transamcafe.com



PIP Coffee + Clay

A cozy spot to grab a cup of coffee and try some pottery making. Along with their daily selection of pastries, Pip offers a selection of natural wines and local beers.

2617 N 24th St, Phoenix
pipcoffeeclay.com



Copper Star Coffee

Located in the Melrose neighborhood, and housed in a former auto-body shop, this coffee haven also has a convenient drive-through option.

4220 N 7th Ave, Phoenix
copperstarcoffee.com



Fillmore Coffee Company

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600 N 4th St, Phoenix
fillmorecoffeeco.com

Canada and New Zealand are among the 10 Best countries for a comfortable retirement.

– The U.S. didn't even make the cut.

A recent U.S. News and World Report ranked the 10 best countries for a comfortable retirement based on an international survey of nearly 17,000 people and a subset of 5,900 respondents in their mid-40's and older.

THE 89 COUNTRIES WERE RANKED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES:

1. Affordable
2. Favorable tax environment
3. Friendly
4. A place I would live
5. Pleasant climate
6. Respect property rights
7. Well-developed public health system.

While Florida and Delaware often rank highly as some of the best states to retire, in other surveys conducted by services like Bankrate, the United States didn't place at all in this top 10. **The U.S. ranked at No. 30, coming in after countries like Mexico, Malaysia and Dominican Republic.**

THE 10 BEST COUNTRIES

for a Comfortable Retirement

No. 1	Switzerland
No. 2	New Zealand
No. 3	Portugal
No. 4	Australia
No. 5	Spain
No. 6	Canada
No. 7	Denmark
No. 8	Netherlands
No. 9	Sweden
No. 10	Luxembourg





SWITZERLAND remains the best country for a comfortable retirement.

For the second year in a row, Switzerland is the best country for a comfortable retirement. It came in second place for being business-friendly and third for quality of life.

Switzerland's biggest draw for retirees is its healthcare system and low taxes, however the country is also among the most expensive countries for retirement. The cost of living in Switzerland is roughly 60.5% higher than the United States with rent averaging, 18.2% higher, according to Numbeo.

The European country offers a type D visa for long-term residency and a single retiree will need upwards of \$3,500 a month to live comfortably. In the larger cities, a retired couple can expect to pay \$4,000 a month for rent, utilities, food and healthcare, according to Smartasset.

The landlocked country is about the size of New Jersey, but Switzerland is one of the world's wealthiest countries. Switzerland doesn't have an official language, but most people speak Swiss, German, French and Italian.

Switzerland has continued to remain neutral in conflicts around the world and is not a member of the European Union.



NEW ZEALAND is the No. 2 best country to retire comfortably, up two spots from last year.

The country has a temporary retirement visitor visa for those 66 and older.

To take advantage of this two-year visa, participants need to have \$750,000 NZD or \$460,299 USD to invest in New Zealand. In addition, visa holders must have an additional NZD \$500,000 or \$306,866 to live on and an annual income of NZD \$60,000 or \$36,824.

New Zealand's retirement visa doesn't allow one to work in the country, but there is an option for applicants interested in finding a job. The Parent Resident Retirement visa has different financial requirements, however, the biggest difference is applicants must be able to prove they have an adult child who is a New Zealand citizen or resident.

On average, New Zealand's cost of living is 5.5% lower than in the United States, while rent is 36.2% lower, according to Numbeo.

Because taxes pay for public health care, residents of New Zealand receive subsidized or free healthcare, Smartasset reports.

New Zealand is known for its natural beauty and diverse landscapes. The country was a major backdrop for "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" movie trilogies among many other major movies.

Fans of the Tolkien series of books and Peter Jackson's iconic films can travel to the Hobbiton movie set in Matamata, which is about two hours south of the city of Auckland.



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If you have travelled extensively then you will acknowledge what a World Class Airport Sky Harbor International Airport is for both domestic and international travelers. Today, Sky Harbor is 89 years old and has expanded to cover over 3,000 acres, it is truly a beautiful, modern and expansive facility. Designed to be very traveler friendly, it provides young and old alike with a wide assortment of choices from retail shopping, museums, and galleries to upscale cuisine and fast food. Many restaurants offer special meals or items just for children and those with special dietary needs.

In 2023, Sky Harbor served over 48.5 million passengers and recorded 454,665 takeoffs and landings. Today, Phoenix's airport now ranks as the eighth busiest airport in the United States with 24 domestic and international airlines servicing the airport.

To say that Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is centrally located within the Valley would be an understatement. It's location is just 4 miles from downtown Phoenix and Tempe, 7 miles from Scottsdale, 14 miles from Glendale and 18 miles from Chandler. There are plenty of ways to get to and from the airport including

public transportation, shuttle, ride-sharing services, black cars and limousines.

Navigating Phoenix Sky Harbor is easy since there are only two primary terminals: Terminal 3 and Terminal 4. The terminals are divided, but access between the two is available by the airports Sky Train system which is a free service to passengers. Phase 1 of Sky Train was completed in 2012, with phase 2 completed in 2022 at a total cost of \$1.6 billion. This transportation system runs 24/7 daily.



Phoenix LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Rock 'n' Roll Marathon

January 18th – 19th

Participants run to the beat as local bands and cheer teams add spirit and inspiration throughout this marathon and half marathon.

runrocknroll.com/arizona



M3F

March 7th – 8th

The annual two-day indie rock bacchanal brings national acts, food vendors and a mini marketplace to Downtown Phoenix's Margaret T. Hance Park.

m3ffest.com



Doggie Street Festival

January 25th

Find music, free snacks, vet tips, pet products and more at this outdoor canine-friendly gathering. 10 am – 3 pm, Steele Indian School Park.

doggiestreetfestival.org

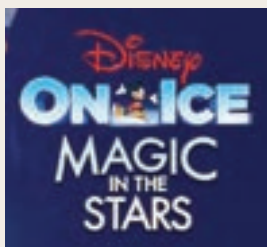


Melrose Street Fair

March 1st, 11 am – 5 pm

Hailed for its vintage shops, the Melrose 'hood is also home to this bustling event featuring food trucks, live music and more than 200 local artisans.

melrosemerchantsassociation.com



Disney on Ice

Magic in the Stars

January 16th – 19th

The all-star cast includes 56 of your favorite Disney stars, including Mirabel, Woody and Buzz, Tiana, Moana, and more!

footprintcenter.com



67th Annual Heard Museum

Indian Fair and Market

March 1st – 2nd

More than 600 top American Indian artists exhibit and sell handmade artwork – including baskets, quilts, jewelry, and more.

heard.org/indian-fair



Arizona Strong Beer Festival

February 15th

This annual event, known for showcasing the boldest and most flavorful craft brews, is a must-attend for any beer lover.

chooseazbrews.com/arizona-strong-2025/



Downtown Phoenix

Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 am – 1 pm

Expect to find local produce, grass fed meats, fresh eggs, baked breads and treats, jams and honey, peanut butter and much more!

downtownphoenixfarmersmarket.org



Devour Culinary Classic

February 22nd – 23rd

The finest chefs from around the Valley converge on Papago Park for this culinary confab named Best Southwestern Culinary Festival by *The New York Times*.

devourphoenix.com



Phoenix Suns

Enjoy the thrill of a Suns home game at the Footprint Center.

footprintcenter.com



First Friday Art Walk | 1st Friday of the month, 6 – 10 pm

One of the nation's largest, self-guided art walks featuring more than 70 galleries, venues and art-related spaces. The ultimate way to experience this city's culture, arts, flavor, and overall vibe. From small stages and galleries to boutiques and murals, there's no shortage of creative expression. Some venues and vendors stay open beyond 10 pm.

artlinkphx.org/first-fridays

DESTINATION *Scottsdale*

DOWNTOWN SCOTTSDALE

For visitors to The City of Scottsdale, it actually covers three regions. Downtown Scottsdale, Old Town Scottsdale, and North Scottsdale. Downtown is a shopping and dining extravaganza. On Marshall Way you will find over 100 Art galleries, with exquisite jewelry stores dotting 5th Avenue. You will experience world-class resorts, retail shoppes and Fashion Square, the largest indoor shopping mall in the Southwest, coupled with a fabulous selection of restaurants and fine dining establishments. Scottsdale has earned the name "Rodeo Drive of the Southwest."

OLD TOWN SCOTTSDALE

In the heart of Downtown Scottsdale, you will find a series of blocks called Old Town Scottsdale. Here you will find the period architecture showcasing historic buildings/shoppes that date back to the late 1800's and early 1900's. Situated throughout Old Town are a combination of retail shoppes, art galleries, western wear, Native American antique stores and a full array of fine restaurants. Pedestrian walkways link you to Scottsdale's beautiful Civic Center, with access to the San Francisco Giant's spring training stadium.

MAP KEY

- Fashion Square
- Fifth Avenue
- Old Town
- Waterfront
- Civic Center Plaza
- Main Street/Marshall Way
- Restrooms
- Trolley Stop
- Information Cart
- Public Parking





Offering a great western vibe, you have arrived at one of the most desirable destinations in the southwest, Scottsdale, Arizona. Known the world over for its golf courses, world-class resorts, destination spas, nightlife, art galleries, upscale fashion and high-end shopping. You will also enjoy some of the finest dining served anywhere in the world.

The West's Most Western City has a resident population of 300,000. Named by Time Magazine as "America's Most Livable City," you will be hard pressed to find a more exciting and welcoming destination to enjoy that all this region has to offer.

From its humble beginnings as a Pima Indian village, this small town was founded in the late 1800's by a U.S. Army Chaplain named Winnfield Scott. At that time, he purchased 640 acres for just \$2.50 per acre, for agricultural use.

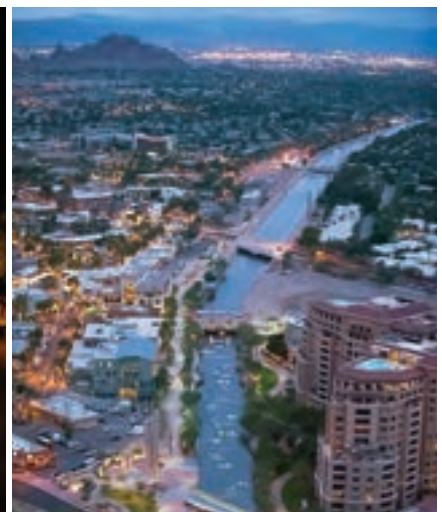
Today, Scottsdale has grown to 185 square miles and borders the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, maintaining a link and relations to its past.

One of the most desirable destinations in the southwest

Downtown Scottsdale has arts and craft fairs, festivals, and fun events year-round that entertain both residents and visitors alike. Centrally located, you can travel to the East and West Valley in 15-20 minutes, which makes Scottsdale a great destination for travelers to the region.



SCOTTSDALE CANAL WATERFRONT





OLD TOWN TORTILLA FACTORY

Dine at Scottsdale's Hidden Gem

Old Town Tortilla Factory is located in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale, where it captures timeless charm with a distinct atmosphere that exemplifies the essence of the Southwest.

Our property boasts a 1400 square foot flagstone patio that is surrounded by green vegetation and shaded by 100 year old trees. In the summer months the patio is cooled with a state of the art mist system. Our bar, a separate gazebo, offers over 120 premium tequilas and a complete selection of beers, wine and liquor.

Our food at Old Town Tortilla Factory is Southwestern with a Mexican twist. Our loyal and experienced staff are committed to serving you the ultimate Southwestern dining experience.

Old Town Tortilla Factory is the perfect venue for your event:

- *Indoor and outdoor seating*
- *Cool mist system or toasty heated patio*
- *Can accommodate groups ranging from 10-350*
- *Plated or buffet style dining*
- *Daytime weddings or events available*
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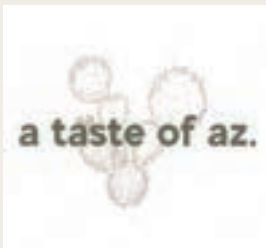
Scottsdale LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Welcome to Scottsdale!

Old Town Scottsdale encompasses nine walkable districts that offer treasures at every turn. From the chic boutiques along famed Fifth Avenue and the galleries of the Arts District to the eclectic shops in the Historic District and beyond, you'll find plenty of opportunities to browse, dine and explore.

experiencescottsdale.com



A Taste of AZ Food & Drink January 25th

Award-winning restaurants, bars, and beverage producers from across Arizona come together to offer their finest creations.

saltriverfields.com



Old Town Scottsdale Farmers Market

Saturdays

The market features more than 100 local growers and specialty food producers.

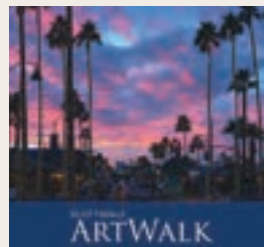
arizonacommunityfarmersmarkets.com



Arizona Indian Festival February 1st – 2nd

An inclusive inter-tribal event celebrating culture, traditional arts, crafts, and foods, as well as innovations and trends in cultural tourism experiences in Arizona.

experiencescottsdale.com



Scottsdale Artwalk Saturdays

Home to more than 100 galleries, the ArtWalk allows individuals to wander into galleries, and enjoy restaurants, and live music.

scottsdalegalleries.com



Righteous Brothers February 15th

Prepare for a soul-stirring, nostalgic concert experience at the Lovin' Feelin' Farewell Tour of the legendary Righteous Brothers.

talkingstickresort.com



McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

Three rides, a museum and model railroad building take you back to the locomotive era, while two playgrounds keep the little ones busy.

therailroadpark.com



The Electric Light Orchestra Experience – Evil Woman February 27th

The American ELO is a multimedia concert celebrating the music of Jeff Lynne's Electric Light Orchestra.

scottsdaleperformingarts.org



Scottsdale's Museum of the West

One of Old Town Scottsdale's most visited museums, exhibits focus on Native American culture, original items, and the true stories and legends of the Old West.

scottsdalemuseumwest.org



Ron White March 8th

"They call me Tater-Salad." Get ready for an unforgettable night with the legendary Ron White, performing live at Talking Stick Resort.

talkingstickresort.com



Spring Training:

Giants Spring Training
at Scottsdale Stadium

Diamondbacks Spring Training
at Salt River Fields

Rockies Spring Training
at Salt River Fields



USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL GARDENS AT SALT RIVER

Located just 20 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River honors the brave US forces who were aboard the USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. As a nation, we are forever indebted to those who serve and give their lives for our freedom and we are proud to honor them and share their stories in these gardens.

Learn more about the USS Arizona, December 7, 1941 and the impact it had on so many, and view a piece of the USS Arizona boathouse superstructure. The Gardens are free and open to the public daily, from dawn until dusk.



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Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
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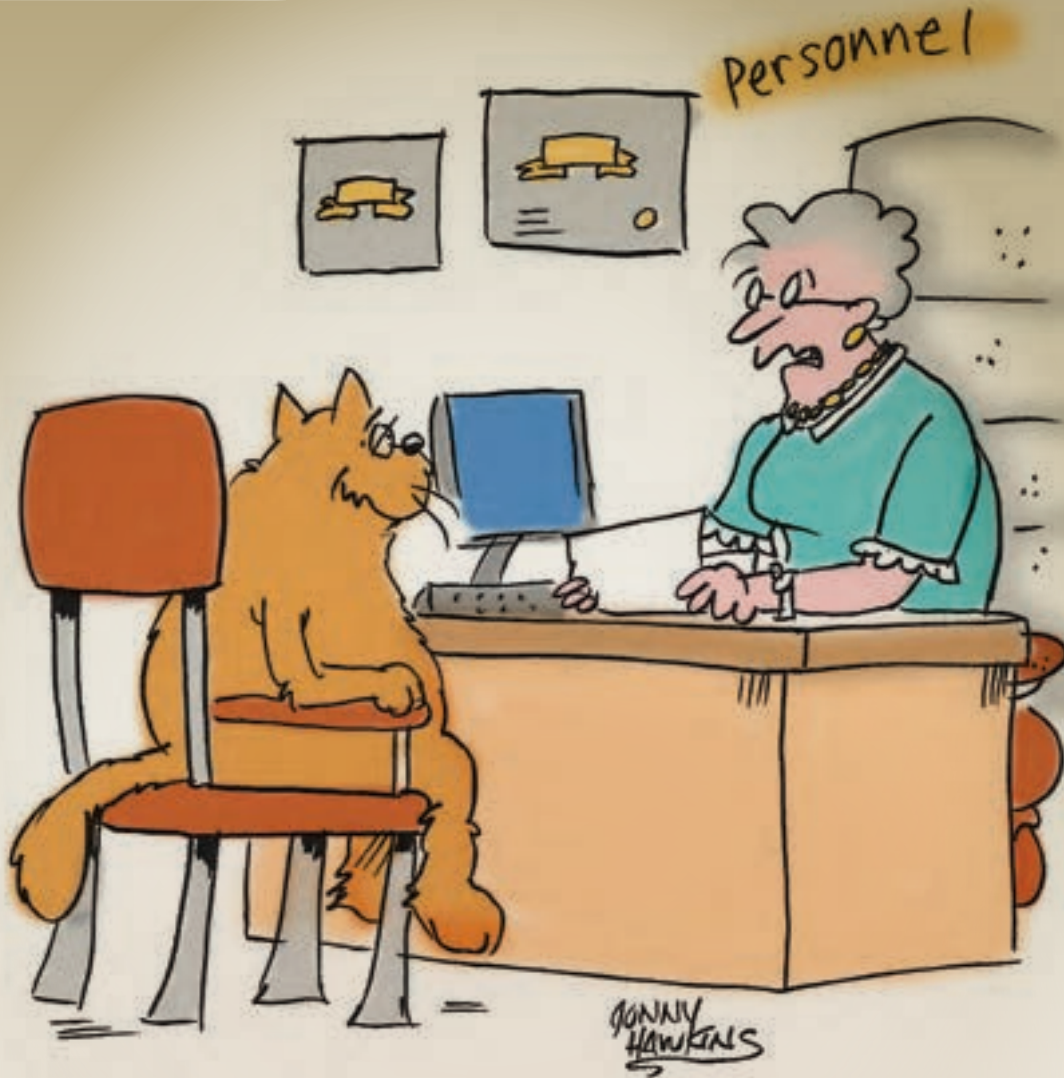
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But in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, millions of kids could face hunger this year. No Kid Hungry is working to end childhood hunger by helping launch and improve programs that give all kids the healthy food they need to thrive. This is a problem we know how to solve.

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"So,... you're particularly skilled at
laying around all day doing nothing?
Have you tried working in government?"

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MURDER MYSTERY IN SCOTTSDALE

— By Michael P. Murphy

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

Bob Crane

In the summer of 1978 actor Bob Crane, who had starred in the popular 1960s TV series *Hogan's Heroes*, was in Scottsdale for a four-week performance in *Beginner's Luck* at the Windmill Dinner Theater. On June 29 a co-star found Crane's body lying in the bed of his rented apartment. His skull had been crushed by a hard object, which investigators later determined to be a camera tripod. The murder had likely been committed while Crane slept.

Despite his reputation in family entertainment, Crane's private life had a much darker side. He had a practice of recording on video his numerous trysts with the countless women who were drawn to his celebrity status. The main suspect in Crane's death was John Carpenter, Crane's friend and partner in this bizarre activity. Police theorized that Carpenter murdered Crane because Crane was cutting off their relationship, but County Attorney Charles Hyder's office felt the evidence was not strong enough to go to trial. Neither did Tom Collins, who succeeded Hyder as County Attorney.

In 1994 the next elected County Attorney, Rick Romley, pursued the case from a new perspective.

His team of investigators compiled enough evidence to arrest Carpenter, including a rediscovered photo of what appeared to be a speck of brain tissue on the inside of Carpenter's rented car, but the jury in the subsequent trial believed the evidence was still too weak and circumstantial. They found Carpenter not guilty. Carpenter died in 1998, but the public at large would always wonder if he truly was the man who murdered actor Bob Crane on that dark night in Scottsdale some 16 years earlier.

In 2017, local Fox 10 journalist John Hook completed his own revisiting of the case. With County Attorney Bill

Montgomery's approval, Hook had the last of the blood evidence found in Carpenter's rented car tested with today's DNA methods. The result was that those blood traces were not Bob Crane's.

And so the murky murder mystery continues. The murder weapon was never found, and Hook wonders if somewhere, anywhere, someone has a blood-stained camera tripod in their garage or closet that they happened to find long ago. Perhaps, but for now the murder of Bob Crane in Scottsdale remains one of Hollywood's, and Arizona's, most notorious unsolved murder mysteries.





Scottsdale, Then and Now

THEN ... Winfield Scott was born in 1837 and over his career became an American Baptist minister, a Captain in the U.S Volunteers, and a politician. In February of 1888, Scott visited the Salt River Valley in Phoenix. He was so impressed with the region he purchased 640 acres for \$2.50/acre. Today, his land purchase is known as "Downtown Scottsdale". It would carry a present day value of more than \$ 1 Billion. In 1896 the town name was actually changed to "Scottsdale" in honor of Scott.

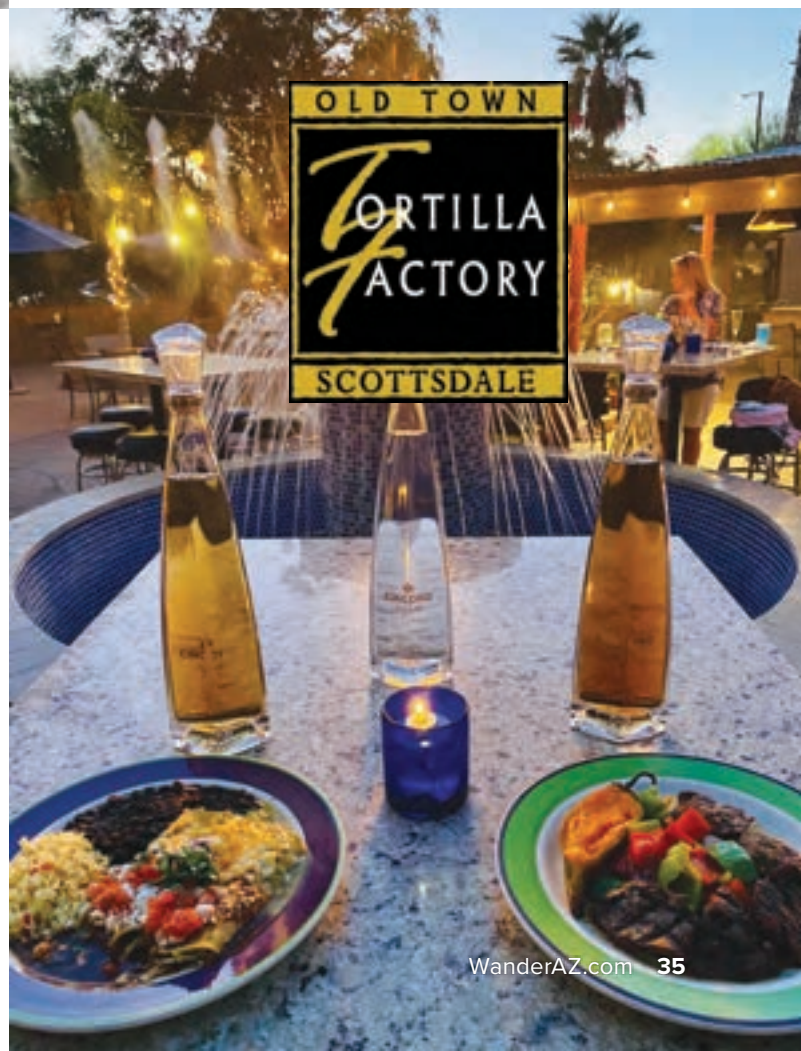
NOW ... Scottsdale, Arizona has come a long way since 1888. Scottsdale is annually rated among the nation's most desirable communities to live in, visit, and do business in. It is now counted among the 100 largest cities in America, but still retains its connection to its small-town, Western heritage.

Scottsdale's vibrant Old Town is considered the finest urban center in Arizona. It is home to more than 100 restaurants, 350 retail shops and over 100 art galleries. Old Town Scottsdale is best known for hosting great events throughout the year such as markets, art walks, festivals, parades, concerts, block parties and of course the cactus spring training for major league baseball.

The Old Town Tortilla Factory

This is a real local landmark, a hidden gem located in Downtown Scottsdale. The Old Town Tortilla Factory was built from a historic 75-year old Scottsdale adobe home, which Jim and Chad Flaum have proudly owned since 2001. That's just one of the key reasons it's such a popular establishment— great ownership. Then one adds in the warm, rustic décor and casual ambiance, great Southwestern fare (with a Mexican twist), award winning margaritas and great service. You can dine in the adobe house (and watch the tortillas being made) or enjoy dining under the stars on the expansive outdoor patio. And if it's just a cocktail you are seeking, then grab a seat at the factories outdoor Gazebo Bar that offers over 120 premium tequila's, beer, wines and liquors. The Old Town Tortilla Factory is a favorite spot for locals and travelers alike and should not be missed. Rest assured you will not be disappointed. Reservations are suggested.

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DESTINATION *North Scottsdale*

NORTH SCOTTSDALE AND BEYOND

This is the third region for Scottsdale that encompasses the communities of Paradise Valley, Grayhawk, Cave Creek, Carefree, and a little to the east, the Town of Fountain Hills. The local landscape offers you everything and more. Enjoy many of your favorite outdoor activities. Shop till you drop, by visiting all of the upscale retail shopping venues that dot the landscape. Enjoy superb restaurants, fine dining, world-class golf courses, casinos and major venues like Taliesin West and the Musical Instrument Museum.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Every year North Scottsdale plays host to many of the world's premier events attracting millions of visitors from around the world. The Barrett-Jackson Car Auction, The Waste Management Phoenix Open, known as "The Greatest Show on Grass" played at the legendary TPC of Scottsdale, to the largest Arabian Horse Show in the world, held annually at Westworld. It also is home to the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies spring training facilities at Salt River Fields.





North Scottsdale offers higher-end residential communities, coupled with upscale boutique shopping, fine dining, superb golfing, and outdoor recreational activities that will cater to everyone's desires. You will also visit great venues, art galleries, museums and places of interest that dot the landscape. One local landmark is Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West.

The region offers many of the country's largest annual events that attract millions of travelers from around the world. One such event is the Waste Management Phoenix Open, presented by Taylor Morrison, also known as "The Greatest Show on Grass." PGA golfers consider the WMPO to be their favorite tournament. This past year, Scottie Scheffler became the seventh winner in history to successfully defend his championship with back-to-back wins. First prize was \$3.6 million.

A little farther north brings you to the communities of Cave Creek and Carefree. Known for their local artists and galleries, great restaurants, these two towns offer a more laid-back western vibe. Both towns are extremely popular with visitors to the region.

Across the board, outdoor activities abound. So if you are into hiking, biking, running, horseback riding, hot-air ballooning, rafting to 4-wheeling in the Sonoran desert, simply take your pick. North Scottsdale and the surrounding areas of Cave Creek and Carefree are certainly worth visiting.

A wide variety of outdoor activities, events, spas, culture, casual eats, and fine dining

With all Scottsdale has to offer, it is no wonder the city was once voted America's "Most Livable City," a concept it continues to carry with its wide variety of outdoor activities, spas, culture, casual eats, fine dining, and it's famous, walkable Old Town. Scottsdale is also home to the United Soccer Leagues (USL) Phoenix Rising football club.





TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

AT THE SCOTTSDALE ARABIAN HORSE SHOW



For almost 70 years, Scottsdale, Arizona, has drawn horse enthusiasts from around the world to its sun-soaked plains for the annual Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show and Shopping Expo. This iconic event, simply called the Scottsdale Show, has become synonymous with the city itself. In 2025, the show will celebrate its 70th anniversary from February 13–23, offering equine lovers the chance to witness the beauty and athleticism of the Arabian horse.

Since 1955, the Annual Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show has set the pace in the Arabian horse world, bringing top breeders from across the globe to Scottsdale to showcase their finest horses. From mares, fillies, stallions, geldings, to colts, these Full and Half-Arabian horses are presented not just for their arena skills but also for their grace and beauty. Between events, some breeders even allow spectators an up-close chance to meet their award-winning horses.

Spectators can watch Arabian horses jump, canter, trot, and gallop in one of seven competition arenas, featuring a wide range of events that highlight their unique traits. The Cow Horse competition showcases the breed's natural herding ability, while Dressage, English, and Western Pleasure Riding events demonstrate their intelligence and impeccable manners as they execute complex routines.

After its debut in 1955 with 50 horses in the Arizona Biltmore parking lot, the show has grown to over 2,000 horses hosted at WestWorld of Scottsdale, Scottsdale's



premier nationally recognized multi-use event center. The Scottsdale Show now occupies all 386 acres and 300,000 square feet of climate-controlled exhibit space, offering hours of competitions, hundreds of trade booths, an international food court, and demonstration areas—making it a family-favorite destination every February.



ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
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North Scottsdale LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Scottsdale Quarter

Enjoy one of the top outdoors shopping destinations in North Phoenix! Shop your favorite stores, enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants or take in some dynamic entertainment. scottsdalequarter.com



Waste Management Open

February 3rd – 9th
“The Greatest Show on Grass,” held at TPC Scottsdale is the best-attended golf tournament in the world with more than 700,000 fans in attendance. wmphoenixopen.com



Farmer's Market on High Street

Sundays, 10 am – 1 pm
A full block of more than 100+ vendors offering food and fun for all ages. highstreetaz.com/farmers-market



Birds Nest at WM Open

February 5th – 8th
It's four nights of live music during the WM Phoenix Open. Cap off a full day of golf with a full night of music. Headliners include: Jelly Roll and Luke Bryan. coorslightbirdsnest.com



Outlets at Anthem

Just off I-17 at the very north edge of Phoenix, you'll find everything you expect from an outlet mall. Among the retail outlets: Gap, North Face, Vans, Michael Kors, BOSE, Calvin Klein. outletsanthem.com



Carefree Farmer's Market

Fridays, 9 am – 1 pm
Fresh local season produce, herbs, flowers, value-added foods, fresh baked goods, natural meats and seafood as well as a selection of local arts and crafts.



Roadrunner Park Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 am – 1 pm
Local produce including fresh vegetables & fruit, baked goods, honey jams and jellies, natural meats, and hand crafted items. arizonafarmersmarket.com



Presby Pickins' Flea Market

1st Saturday of the Month
Visit this monthly Flea Market to discover that special treasure, unique gift, or priceless collectible. 8 am – 3 pm at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church fhpresbyterian.info/fleamarket



Barrett Jackson Car Show

January 18th – 26th
Held at the beautiful Westworld in Scottsdale. The event offers genuine automobilia items and hundreds of highly desirable collectible vehicles! barrett-jackson.com



Frontier Town

In the heart of Cave Creek, this old western town will take you back in time. Serving visitors a taste of the original old west for more than 50 years! frontiertownaz.com



Carefree Art & Wine Festival

January 17th – 19th
A diverse range of over 155 juried fine artisans showcasing their exceptional talent and creativity. thunderbirdartists.com/carefree-arizona-fine-art-wine-festival-january



Stagecoach Village

Stunning mountain views and a unique collection of shops, restaurants and professional services await you. stagecoachvillagecc.com

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The Americans

By Gordon Sinclair 

*Originally written and delivered
via radio broadcast 5 June 1973 on
station CFRB, Toronto, Canada*



*Gordon Sinclair with former Canadian Prime
Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau*

The United States dollar took another pounding on German, French, and British exchanges this morning, hitting the lowest point ever known in West Germany. It has declined there by 41% since 1971, and this Canadian thinks it's time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous, and possibly the least-appreciated, people in all the world.

As long as sixty years ago, when I first started to read newspapers, I read of floods on the Yellow River and the Yangtze. Well who rushed in with men and money to help? The Americans did, that's who.

They have helped control floods on the Nile, the Amazon, the Ganges, and the Niger. Today, the rich bottom land of the Mississippi is under water and no foreign land has sent a dollar to help. Germany, Japan, and to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy, were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of those countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. And I was there — I saw that. When distant cities are hit by earthquake, it's the United States that hurries into help. Managua, Nicaragua, is one of the most recent examples.

So far this spring, fifty-nine American communities have been flattened by tornadoes. Nobody has helped.

The Marshall Plan, the Truman Policy, all pumped billions upon billions of dollars into discouraged countries. And now, newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, war-mongering Americans.

Now, I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplanes. Come on now, you, let's hear it. Does any country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tristar, or the Douglas 10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all international lines except Russia fly American planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or a woman on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy and you find men on the moon, not once, but several times, and, safely home again. You talk about scandals and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even the draft dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They're right here on our streets in Toronto. Most of them, unless they're breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from MA and PA at home to spend up here.

When the Americans get out of this bind — as they will — who could blame them if they said "the hell with the rest of the world. Let somebody else buy the bonds. Let somebody else build or repair foreign dams, or design foreign buildings that won't shake apart in earthquakes." When the railways of France and Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both of 'em are still broke.

I can name to you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble.

Can you name to me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around. They'll come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they're entitled to thumb their noses at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of these. But there are many smug, self-righteous Canadians.

Finally, the American Red Cross was told at its 48th annual meeting in New Orleans this morning that it was broke.

This year's disasters — with the year less than half-over — has taken it all. And nobody, but nobody, has helped.

Three years ago, I wrote about the massive Tornadoes that cut a 227-mile swath of destruction across the eastern, northeastern United States. Fast forwarding to 2024, we encountered hurricane Helene who unwrapped her wrath in Florida, and up the eastern seaboard leaving over 200 dead and total devastation. Then, just two-weeks later, Milton, a second monster Cat 5 hurricane made landfall in Florida on October 9th with wind speeds exceeding 125 mph, with water surges, in some areas, topping 10 feet. Garbage piled high on every street and city across this region, still not cleared from Helene, was swept up by Milton and tossed around like matchsticks. But we do not believe in global warming, right? These recent American disasters, which will only increase year-by-year, reminded me once again, of Gordon Sinclair, a renowned Canadian author and radio personality who spoke these words on his radio broadcast back in 1973. Clearly not much has changed in 53 years. As I did then, I thought by reprinting this article, it would be a testament to Gordon's wisdom, as Mother nature once again ravages the United States. Today, 53 years later it seems to be Deja-vu all over again.

Jamie Copland, *Publisher*

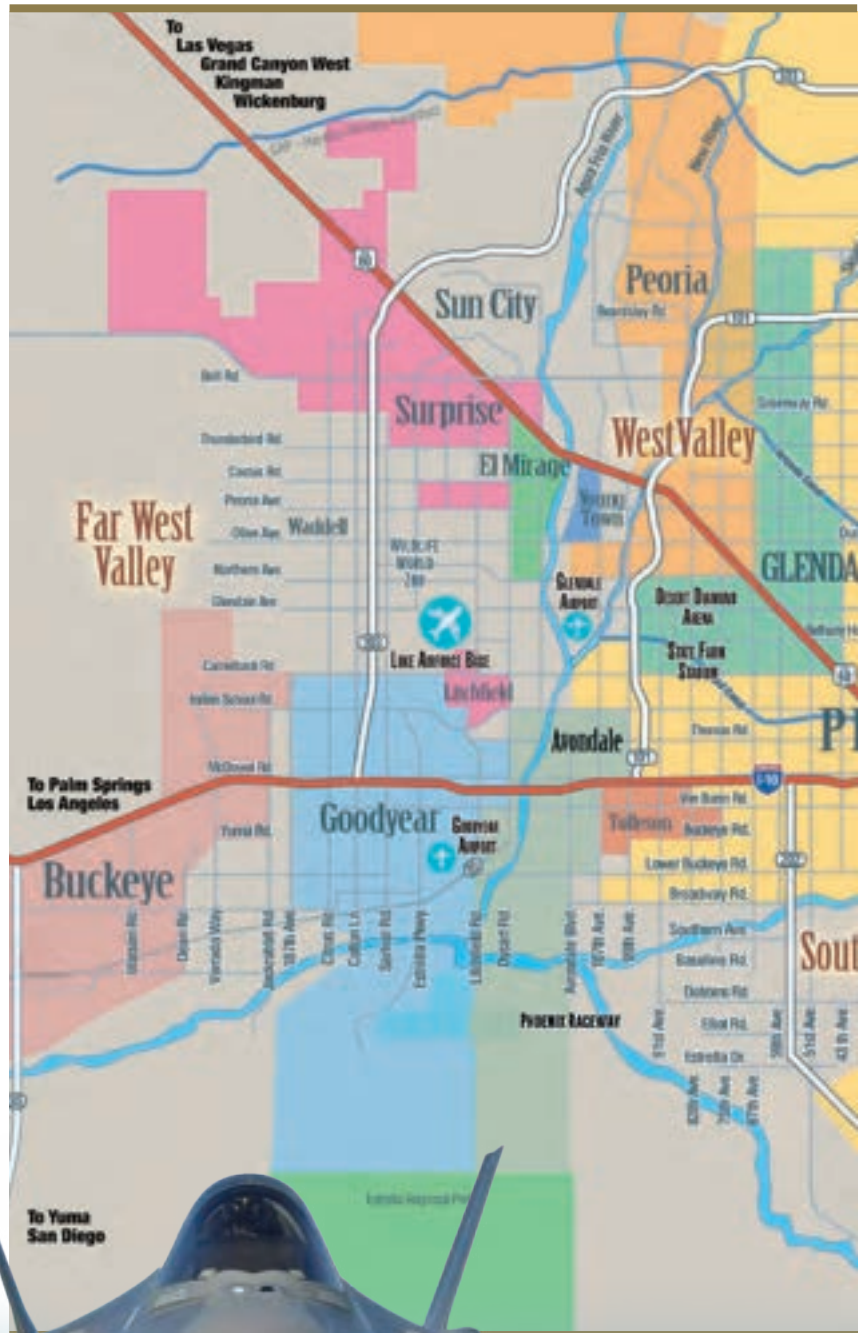
DESTINATION *West Valley*

WEST PHOENIX

Over the past 10 years or so, Glendale has gambled BIG bucks which started with Westgate and continued with a hockey arena and football stadium. Then came Desert Diamond Casino which continued with the VIA Resort, when finished in 2025 will become Arizona's largest resort complex with over 1,200 rooms. The gamble and financial investments have paid off. Once a sleepy little west valley community, the City of Glendale has become known as a sports and entertainment mecca for locals and valley visitors alike.

SPORTS & ATTRACTIONS

Home to the Arizona Cardinals of the NFL, and host to the 2023 Super Bowl is State Farm Stadium. A key center point is the expanding Westgate Entertainment District that comprises an expanding list of hotels, resorts, concert venues, shopping, restaurants and Desert Diamond Casino. Close by is the Wildlife World Zoo, Aquarium and Safari Park, the States' # 1 ZOO. A few minutes south on the 101 highway to highway 10, and you come upon Phoenix Raceway that hosts multiple NASCAR and INDY Car races each year. Year-round there is always something exciting to do in the West Valley.



LUKE AIR FORCE BASE



The West Valley is continuing to grow and expand its residential and retirement communities, business and manufacturing, but now it is also becoming known as a major entertainment and resort district. There is the Westgate Entertainment District, the Wigwam Resort, then in 2024, comes the 60-acre VAI resort hotel which will be the largest resort and entertainment destination in Arizona. Huge in size would be an understatement.

Every year Glendale hosts the Fiesta Bowl at State Farm Stadium. It is also home to nine MLB spring training teams whose facilities are located here. More recently, the West Valley and the City of Glendale were in the global spotlight as hosts for Super Bowl LVII held at State Farm Stadium.

Glendale bills itself as Arizona's Antique Capital with its historic downtown district. Only a short 20-25-minute drive from downtown Phoenix and most other regions of the Valley, it is easily accessible off either the I-10 or 101 highways.

A major entertainment and resort district with a historic downtown

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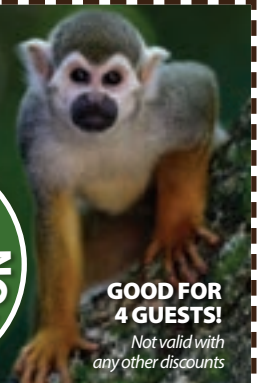
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West Valley LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



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Folk & Heritage Festival

March 1st – 2nd

This FREE event features hundreds of performers, workshops, vendors, activities, and food trucks! 10 am – 5 pm each day.
glendaleaz.com



Glendale Chocolate Affaire

February 15th – 16th

A unique two-day exhibition of chocolatiers, food demonstrations, live music and family-friendly interactive experiences!
thechocolateaffaire.com



Old Town Peoria

An up-and-coming destination for locals and visitors alike! Explore Peoria's historic Old Town neighborhood between Peoria Avenue to Madison St. and 83rd to 84th ave.
visitpeoria.com



Food Truck Friday West

Friday Evenings, 5 – 9 pm

Awesome local food trucks rotate weekly. Free admission, dog friendly, and bounce houses for the kids!
getlocalarizonaevents.com/foodtruckfridaywest



Downtown Glendale Arts and Culture Fest

February 1st

Featuring over 100 artists, musicians, and interactive arts experiences in the heart of downtown Glendale.
glendaleaz.com



Glendale Farmer's Market at Cabela's

Sundays, 10 am – 2 pm

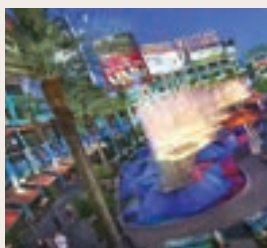
Experience grab and go shopping at the Glendale Farmer's Market located conveniently outside Cabela's.
visitglendaleaz.com



Hello Dolly!

January 17th – February 21st

Considered America's finest piece of musical theatre, Hello Dolly storms the ABT stage with extravagant costumes, spectacular sets, and elegant staging.
azbroadway.org



Westgate Entertainment District

One of the largest and most exciting mixed-use, urban developments in North America.
westgateaz.com



Harlem Globetrotters

February 21st

This is your chance to witness the world record-breaking, trick-shot stars of basketball LIVE on the court.
desertdiamondarena.com



Historic Downtown Glendale

Named one of the country's ten best places for shopping Downtown Glendale is actually two neighborhoods – Historic Catlin Court with its white picket fences and mature shade trees welcoming visitors to the bungalows-turned-specialty shops and Old Towne boasting brick-trimmed sidewalks and glowing gaslights leading the way to the famous antique stores and ethnic eateries. visitdowntownglendale.com

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Without question a Valley favorite for both visitors and locals alike. Open 365 days of the year from 9 am – 6 pm. For more info call **623-935-9453** or visit wildlifeworld.com.



DESTINATION *Sports*

The City of Phoenix, Maricopa County or as its best known, the Valley of the Sun, remains a fan favorite destination for millions of annual sports enthusiasts. Whether you are a casual spectator or a profound sports junkie, every month of the year sees travelers flocking to the Valley from all over the U.S., Mexico and Canada to cheer on their favorite sports or race teams (NASCAR or the Indy Car series) who make annual visits to the Valley. In the case of NASCAR they have two races each year in the Valley.

Why is the Valley such a favorite sports destination?

There are many reasons, but the primary three reasons are the weather, fine dining and great shopping. During the colder winter periods when daily Valley temperature range between 70-85 degrees. So if you are one of the unfortunates who reside in a winter climate and have to deal with those sub-zero temperatures for 4-5 months of the year; or tickets from your home team remain sold-out, that's when Phoenix with all that it has to offer comes into play. Many of our visitors who can't buy a ticket or do not have a NASCAR race date in their home town, come to the Valley to see their favorite teams. That is why the Valley is a huge destination for sports fans all year-round. And

from an economic standpoint, these loyal fans contribute "billions" of dollars into Phoenix's local economy. It is estimated that NASCAR alone who race at Phoenix Raceway (formerly PIR) in the West Valley, contributes over \$450 million into the local economy.



Across the Valley, locals and visitors alike, can enjoy professional sports at every level, along with the premier college teams from ASU, U of A, NAU and Grand Canyon University. The Valley also boasts a variety of annual events well-known to the world stage that also attracts millions of people. The College Football National Championship is played at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, and in 2017, Glendale also played host to the NCAA's Men's Final Four.



Every year cities across the Valley hosts multiple sporting events. College bowl games in Glendale, the annual Waste Management Phoenix Open, hosted by the Phoenix Thunderbirds is played at the TPC in Scottsdale. It is considered to be (by the players) as the best run tournament on the PGA Tour. Then you have the Barrett-Jackson Car Auction or the Arabian Horse Show that are both held at Westworld in North Scottsdale. And let's not forget about the ever popular Cactus League Spring Training that lasts between 4-5 weeks and commences in late February and ends in early April. The Valley hosts 15 of major league's baseball teams as they prepare for MLB's regular season. This event alone, draws over a million people to the Valley.

The Valleys professional sports franchises cover the entire spectrum from MLB's Arizona Diamondbacks, the NBA's Phoenix Suns, the NFL's Arizona Cardinals, the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury, the USL's Phoenix Rising football club, and Arena football with our Arizona Rattlers. Worldclass facilities host each of these teams (the State Farm Stadium home to the Arizona Cardinals has been named one of the 10 Best Stadiums in the World by Time magazine, along with affordable tickets available for Valley visitors.

At Press time all professional sports teams had not yet published their pending game schedule.

For more information on pending schedules go online to the respective teams websites or the League sites.

ARIZONA SPORTS TEAMS

Major League Baseball

dbacks.com | MLB.com

National Basketball Association

suns.com | NBA.com

National Football League

azcardinals.com | NFL.com

Women's National Basketball Association

mercury.wnba.com | WNBA.com

United Soccer League

phxrisingfc.com | USLchampionship.com

Indoor Football League

azrattlers.com | www.golFL.com

National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing

phoenixraceway.com | nascar.com

DESTINATION *College Sports*



Arizona State University | asu.edu

Founded in 1886, 30 years before Arizona was granted statehood, the university opened its doors to 33 students who occupied 4 classrooms in Tempe, Arizona. Today, Arizona State University is ranked # 1 in the USA for innovation, and is one of America's largest educational institutions with a student population of over 51,000 students. ASU graduates over 20,000 students annually. As part of the prestigious the PAC-12 Conference, ASU, known to all as the "Sun Devils" has earned over 200 national and conference championships in both men and women's sports. It offers a full spectrum of sports programs, and is well-known for its dominance in football, basketball and baseball.



University of Arizona | arizona.edu

University of Arizona was founded in 1885, as the first university in the Arizona Territory. UofA is a public research university located in Tucson, Arizona, and is another highly ranked university in the USA with student population exceeding 46,000 in 19 separate colleges/schools, including the UofA College of Medicine in Tucson and Phoenix. Known as the "Wildcats", UofA is also part of the prestigious PAC-12 Conference and boasts a diverse sports program which excels in basketball, followed by football and baseball.



Northern Arizona University | nau.edu

Northern Arizona University is a public research university with its main campus located in picturesque Flagstaff, Arizona. It opened its doors 120 years ago in 1899 with just 23 students and two faculty members. NAU is built on a student-first foundation ... this was true in 1899, and it's true today. NAU continues to shape the future with a nationally ranked educational programs, high-research status, and emergence as a leader in sustainability, science, business, green building, and cultural arts. NAU has a student population of over 31,000 students. Known as the "Lumber Jacks" NAU's sports program is part of the BIG SKY Conference.



Grand Canyon University | gcu.edu

Grand Canyon University was founded in 1949 by the Southern Baptist Church. Today, GCU is a for-profit, private, Christian university located in Phoenix, Arizona. In 2018, GCU was ranked as the largest Christian university in the world with a student population of 20,000 and more than 70,000 online. GCU offer over 200 educational programs. In addition to GCU's bachelor, masters and doctoral programs, they provide individual courses and continuing education programs for teachers. Known as the "Lopes"... GCU is part of the WAC conference, and offers a diverse athletic sports program for its students.

DESTINATION *Northern Arizona*



DESTINATION Prescott

Population: 40,590 | Distance: 100 miles north of Phoenix | Drive Time: 1 hr-20 mins

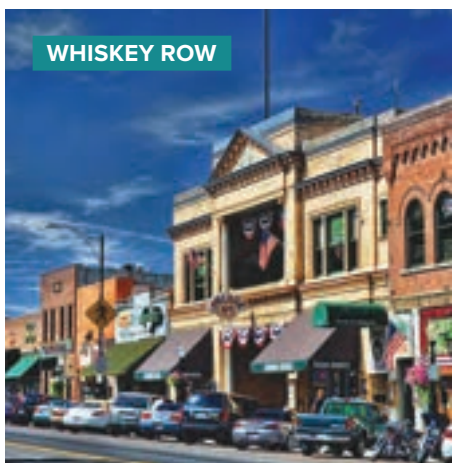
Prescott is a popular destination where residents and visitors meld together to enjoy northern Arizona's culture, history and an assortment of outdoor events and activities. Just a short drive (less than two hours) from Phoenix, Prescott hosts many festivals and fairs throughout the year. The jewel of downtown Prescott is the Courthouse

Plaza, which is surrounded by a number of local restaurants, shops, antique stores and galleries. This block makes up the historic Whiskey Row, in the heart of the business district, which also features the Hotel St. Michael, the Hassayampa Inn, the Bird Cage Saloon and The Palace Restaurant and Saloon. Prescott hosts the World's Oldest Rodeo every year during 4th of July

week, celebrated with a festive parade. For nearby outdoor enjoyment, there's hiking at Thumb Butte and other trails, mountain biking on the Salida Gulch Trail, and fishing and boating at Lynx Lake. Interested in history? Check out the Sharlot Hall Museum or the Smoki Museum. Any time of the year, a day in Prescott is always a great day!

To learn more, visit prescott-az.gov.

In 1864 Prescott was Designated as the capital of Arizona territory, replacing the temporary capital at Fort Whipple. The territorial capital was moved to Tucson in 1867. However in 1877, Prescott once again became the territorial capital until Phoenix became the state's permanent capital in 1889



Prescott LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Whiskey Row

Home to some of the best and oldest history in Prescott. An abundance of shopping and eateries to enjoy!



Prescott Farmers Market

Saturdays through December

Enjoy all local produce and goods. Hosted in the Dignity Health parking lot. Times vary during the fall, check website for details.

prescottfarmersmarket.org



4th Friday Artwalk

The monthly art walk showcases regional & international photography, painting, sculpture, jewelry and wearable art!

artthe4th.com



Peking Acrobats

January 25th

A Chinese acrobatics group that performs a variety of acts, including chair stacks, trick-cycling, tumbling, juggling, and gymnastics.

allevents.in/prescott/peking-acrobats-theater



Historic Downtown Prescott Walking Tours | Most Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays

Learn of Prescott's historic past and present with our Historic Downtown Walking Tours. Tours are free. Donations are appreciated. Tours are approximately 90 minutes, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center.

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THE FOUR WORST WORDS IN TRAVEL!

“Damn! She’s right again.”

— By William Thomas

It was a dark and rainy flight. The turbulence was so bad over the Atlantic the lights were mostly out and meals could not be served. The hard landing at Lisbon’s Portela Airport caused bags and duty free to burst from the overhead compartments. The wind was so strong older people had to be helped down the stair car. We were all drenched before we could board the bus from the runway to the terminal. The only things that flight lacked was the Hudson River and “Sully” Sullenberger.

So very late the plane immediately took off for Porto in the north. An hour later two hundred of us are watching one piece of luggage go around the baggage carousel.

I’m thinking, I wonder what size that person is? I’m here for only two weeks; I can wear anything.

I really want to tear a strip off somebody but I’m travelling with Miss Optimism and negativity is not allowed. Instead, she goes off to sign the lost luggage forms and I go to Auto Jardim where my rental car is suspiciously ready to go.

On Avenue Liberdade the cabbies first honk and then glare at slow-driving tourists like me. Things calm down when I turn up a narrow street to begin the steep ascent to the Albergaria Senhora do Monte, our hotel at the peak next to the Sao Jorge Castle.

People start waving at us from under their umbrellas. “Don’t know what I did last time I was here,” I said, “but I seem to have made quite the impression.”

I smell smoke and stop the car which...is on fire. So steep is this hillside I couldn’t see the smoke billowing out of the back. I pop the hood and soon, the rain puts the fire out at the bottom of the engine.

We abandon the car and start the steep ascent up the mountainside with our carry-on bags over our heads.

“About 50 minutes to the top,” I ventured.

“This could be worse,” said the optimist.

That’s when I lost it. I’m soaked, tired, jet-lagged and...

“How in the #8%! Could this possibly be worse?” I said, a tad too loudly.

To which she said, with some merit I might add:

“We could have luggage.”

Gawd, I hate it when she’s right.

William Thomas

is the author of ten books including:
Never Hitchhike On The Road Less Traveled
For suggestions, a book or a guest speaker
visit williamthomas.ca





Wine in Arizona

ARE YOU CRAZY?

— By Leslie James

Who doesn't like wine. Globally wine is one of the most highly sought after and consumed beverages. Five of the most recognized growing regions are France, Italy, Spain, Australia and in the United States, the Napa Valley, north of San Francisco. To the surprise and amazement of those who make Arizona their travel destination, Arizona's burgeoning wine industry continues to capture the attention of the tens of thousands of annual wine lovers who visit with us. Arizona's local wine industry has been growing and attracting exceptionally talented vintners for over 50 years. Dating back to the 70's Arizona has steadily become known for producing a variety of high-quality, delicious, enticing, and award-winning wines for every level of wine enthusiast. And our wineries are not just in Northern Arizona (as many think), but exceptional wineries can be found in Southern Arizona as well. As our wine production has grown, so has our reputation for producing many world-class wines. Arizona wines continues to pique the interest from the thousands of monthly travelers to these regions ... who want to sample our wines and learn more about this bubbling industry, no pun intended!

According to the Arizona Office of Tourism more than 600,000 annual visitors enjoy the almost 125 wineries and tasting rooms that dot Arizona's Southern and Northern landscapes, all of whom offer a wide selection of whites, reds, and Rose's. I think Arizona wines can easily compete on the international stage ... further evidenced by the fact that in 2023 almost \$35 million was spent on Arizona wines by visitors to the state. This makes the state's expanding wine industry a major factor for these local economies.

The Great State of Arizona is proud of its ability to deliver unparalleled tourism experiences across the entire state, and that includes our wineries. Memories that we guarantee will last a lifetime. Even though almost 50% of annual travelers are visiting with us for the first time, many do return to enjoy more of what Arizona has to offer.

When visiting Southern Arizona, you will experience outstanding wineries in Sonoita and Willcox, and for those heading north out of the Valley, stop by Prescott, Downtown Cottonwood, Verde Valley, and Sedona. Arizona offers a superb selection of outstanding wines and

tasting experiences. Proud of their offerings, every wine tasting room is happy to talk about wines and share Arizona's wine history and why our wines are so popular. In most towns you can simply park the car and walk to the local wine tasting rooms and storefronts.

I do not want to end this great piece on a down note, but please remember to drink responsibly. Gauge your consumption before getting back behind the wheel. We want you to enjoy your entire trip and come back to see more of us.

Arizona has three official American Viticultural Areas – wine growing regions.



DESTINATION Cottonwood

Population: 12,100 | Distance: 99 miles | Drive Time: 1 hr-20 mins from Phoenix

A short drive from Phoenix brings you to the City of Cottonwood. Incorporated in 1960 and the economic heart of the Verde Valley, the city recently went through an extensive re-branding and is now known as the "Heart of Arizona Wine Country". Focused on the Old Town Cottonwood tourist area, with over 60 local businesses and wine tasting rooms, the city is the epicenter of the Verde Valley.

The city is located adjacent to the Verde River at elevations ranging from 3,300 feet to 3,900 feet above sea level. It experiences a mild climate which, together with its proximity to an abundance of natural amenities such as the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Tuzigoot National Monument and the historic mining communities of Clarkdale and Jerome, it continues to attract steady growth and significant annual tourism. The regions of Cottonwood, Jerome, Clarkdale and Camp Verde boast a combined population of just under 30,000.

Northern Arizona's Wine Country

The Verde River runs through the valley and is augmented by flows from Sycamore Canyon, Oak Creek, Beaver Creek and West Clear Creek. The area is unsurpassed in its variety of physical beauty with the red rocks and Mogollon Rim to the north and east and the Black Hills and Mingus Mountain dominating the western and southern portions of the valley.



Cottonwood LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Welcome to Cottonwood!

Located in the "Heart of the Verde Valley Wine Country." An easy trip from Phoenix—only an hour and a half drive, ideally situated above the heat of the desert and below the cooler temperatures of Arizona's high country. Old Town is known for its Main Street with over 60 businesses that attract visitors and support local residents.

visitcottonwoodaz.org



Cottonwood Shopping

Old Town has a variety of eclectic shopping options. Find antiques, collectibles, handmade jewelry, framed art, souvenir t-shirts, we could go on and on — Cottonwood has it all. Get to shopping!



Dining in Cottonwood

With options to please every palette, you'll find local pasta paired with Arizona wine, smoked meats and BBQ and plenty of outdoor seating to take in the atmosphere of the Old Town area.



Art in Cottonwood

If you're looking to soak up some culture while in Arizona, be sure to check out the local arts scene in Cottonwood. New galleries and studios are popping up all over this artist hotspot.



Winetasting in Cottonwood

Visit 10 stops along the Verde Valley Wine Trail, get your Passport stamped, and simply mail it back or upload it to be entered into the quarterly drawing.

blazinm.com

**Written by the late
JJ. LaBarber -
Contributing Editor**

Probably doesn't mean a thing to you, does he. But, if I shouted, GERONIMO! this accepted exclamation for those going into battle or facing a challenging situation would immediately call to mind, I'm sure, paratroopers of the 101st Infantry Division leaping from slow moving cargo-type planes to the enemy terrain below.

As we say in the music industry, let's start at the top. Goyahkla, a Native American, was a skilled Apache warrior who lived during a time of fighting between Mexicans and Americans who fought over land in the Southwestern part of the United States. The Apache people had been living on this land for several hundred years, but in the 1800s, the Americans won a war with Mexico and claimed the Apache homeland for themselves.

Now it is said that when he, Goyahkla, appeared in battle, the Mexicans were terrified and, in Spanish, invoked Saint Jerome – GERONIMO – to protect them. It may be a bit difficult to equate the acknowledged patron saint of librarians with freedom fighters. But it's true ... he was a Doctor the Church and an extremely scholarly man. So be it. Thus, GERONIMO!



In the latter part of the 19th Century, there was not much law and order in the Southwest and the Mexican frontier. Life was hard, and to survive,

Yes, GERONIMO did indeed become a famous Apache warrior. So much so that people wanted to see how he looked and talked. They wanted to hear about his life, and he became an attraction at special events such as the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Sometimes he even entered roping contests in the Wild West shows that were touring the country. Wherever he went, he asked officials to let him return to his Arizona homeland.

While in Washington, GERONIMO begged and pleaded with Roosevelt to allow the Apaches to return to Arizona. Roosevelt was a bit blunt. He said pointedly that the people of Arizona and New Mexico hated and feared the Apaches. If they returned, there would bloodshed.

GERONIMO wanted to spend his days in Arizona, to be buried in the mountains where he had lived. He did not, however, get his wish. He died on February 17, 1909 and was buried in a graveyard at Fort Sill.

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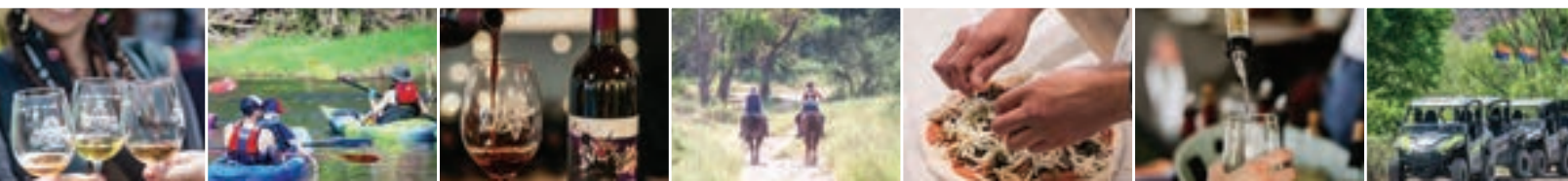


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SPOTLIGHT: Montezuma Castle

This is one of Northern Arizona's most iconic landmarks, which was also featured in numerous 60's western TV shows. It may look like a big mud hut set in the mountainside near Camp Verde, but Montezuma Castle is one of Arizona's most popular historic sites. Oddly enough, Montezuma had nothing to do with it.

Built over a 300 year span sometime between 1100 and 1425 A.D., the five-story structure is an impressive display of the Sinagua people's engineering skills in stone and mortar masonry work. The cliff dwelling was practical. They correctly reasoned a dwelling high above ground provided safety from nearby Beaver Creek's annual flooding.

For reasons unknown, the Sinagua's left the Verde Valley and the structure was mostly abandoned for close to 400 years. In the 1860s it was rediscovered by a group of European-Americans who named it after the famed Spanish explorer Montezuma. They assumed he was somehow connected to its construction. He wasn't, but the name remained. In 1906 Montezuma Castle was among the first four sites chosen as a National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt. Located in central Arizona, just off I-17 at exit 289, it is now operated by the National Parks and remains a popular tourist attraction.

DESTINATION Sedona

Population: 10,111 | Distance: 115 miles north of Phoenix | Drive Time: 1 hr-35 mins

The first Anglo settler, John J. Thompson, moved to Oak Creek Canyon in 1876. The early settlers were farmers and ranchers. Oak Creek Canyon was well known for its peach and apple orchards. In 1902, when the Sedona post office was established, there were 55 residents. The town of Sedona was incorporated as a city in January 1988. It's located in the upper Sonoran Desert of northern Arizona, at an elevation of about 4,500 feet. Since Sedona is approximately 100 miles from Phoenix, you can easily make the drive in less than two hours.

Mention Sedona, Arizona, and people conjure up images of the area's majestic red rocks. The vermilion rock buttes, monoliths and spires have distinguished Sedona as one of the most beautiful natural sites in the United States and have made it a world-famous destination. Panoramic views of these stately creations of nature exist in every direction. They spawn a feeling of tranquility, no matter where you are in Sedona. Many of the premier hotel and resort balconies and dining patios provide awesome views of the local landscape, as do quite a few of the outdoor garden hearths you'll find at the romantic bed and breakfasts close to town. You can also take in the captivating scenery while strolling along the banks of Oak Creek.

In the prehistoric era, the Sedona area was covered by ancient seas; the red rock buttes we see today were once sandbars and islands protruding from bottom of the

ocean. Over millions of years, the sea repeatedly receded and returned, leaving layers of sediment. Wind and water erosion created these beautifully sculpted wonders, which are composed of sandstone, limestone and silica. Ferrous oxide blended with the sandstone, giving the red rocks their distinctive hue.

*The history of this area does not have its roots in Sedona, which T.C. Schnebly named after his wife in 1902. Instead, the story had its beginning in Oak Creek Canyon, where Glenn Kilbourne and Carley Burch, the main characters in Zane Grey's *The Call of the Canyon*, lived and loved under looming stone walls and whispering pines.*

Sedona is a melting pot of artists, Western galleries, Indian jewelry, Navajo rugs, local breweries and wineries, fine dining and world-class shopping at venues such as Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village. If you're looking for hiking trails, a Jeep tour or maybe a balloon flight, Sedona has it all.

To learn more, go to visitsedona.com

CATHEDRAL ROCK

Sedona LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



1st Fridays at the Galleries

Enjoy a special evening of openings, special guests, artist receptions and celebrations from 5 – 8 pm. The Sedona Trolley, does continuous loops to the Gallery Row & Uptown locations. sedonagalleryassociation.com



RunSedona

February 1st

5K/10K and Half Marathon. The courses take participants through scenic Red Rocks, known for magical iron-clad formations. runsedona.com



Sedona International Film Festival

February 22nd – March 2nd

The 31st annual Sedona International Film Festival is the ticket to the hottest show in town. A cinephile's dream – 9 DAYS & more than 90 films! sedonafilmfestival.com



Sedona Community Farmers Market

Sundays, 11 am – 3 pm

Enjoy local and regional delights from farmers. Breads, fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs and much more! Located at 2201 W State Route 89A in West Sedona sedona-farmers-market.com



Oak Creek Arts and Crafts Show

Dates TBD

Shopping is at its finest with paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry and Native American art. There are food booths and live entertainment too. oakcreekartsandcraftsshow.com



Sedona Mountain Bike Festival

March 14th – 16th

A 3-day mountain bike celebration that will include a Main Expo, Bike Demos, Shuttled Rides, a Beer Garden, great bands and a whole lotta sweet RED SINGLETRACK! sedonamtbfestival.com



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1565 North Page Springs Rd.
Cornville, AZ 86325 | 928-649-2651

Cellar 433

240 Hull Ave.
Jerome, AZ 86331 | 928-634-7033

Oak Creek Vineyards & Winery

1555 North Page Springs Rd.
Cornville, AZ 86325 | 928-649-0290

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DESTINATION Williams

Population: 3,094 | Distance: 169 miles northwest of Phoenix | Drive Time: 2 hrs-40 min

Williams was named for the famous trapper, scout and mountain man, "Old Bill Williams." A statue of "Old Bill" stands in Monument Park, located on the west side of the city. The large mountain directly south of town is named Bill Williams Mountain.

Williams was the last town on Historic Route 66 to be bypassed by Interstate 40. The community, bypassed on Oct. 13, 1984, has hosted world travelers for over 100 years, with tourism remaining a huge source of annual revenues for the town. Boasting seven area fishing lakes, hiking trails, an alpine ski area and cross country ski trails, four seasons weather and an abundance of wildlife, Williams offers unlimited recreational opportunities for every outdoor enthusiast. The Historic Downtown District covers six square blocks and offers great shopping,

antique stores, gift shops, fine & casual dining, a great local brewery and numerous hotels.

The town is home to the Grand Canyon Railway that takes you on a fabulous round trip train ride to the Grand Canyon. It also offers its Grand Canyon Railway Hotel, a premier hotel adjacent to the railway station. A few minutes south of town is Bearizona, a drive-thru wildlife park which offers a once in a lifetime experience. Both of these attractions should be on everyone's bucket list. Nightly shootouts with the Cataract Creek Gang also entertain young and old alike.

For more information that will lead to a delightful stay in Williams, contact the Williams Visitor Center or visit experiencewilliams.com

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WILLIAMS



Founded in 1881, the City of Williams is located in the heart of the Kaibab National Forest at an elevation of 6,770 feet. Known as the "Gateway to the Grand Canyon," Williams is just 25 miles west of Flagstaff and only 59 miles south of the Grand Canyon. The town boasts a rich heritage that features the Old West and Route 66, coupled with today's tourism trends, along with the town's heyday years of the '50s and '60s.



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Williams LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Grand Canyon Sky Walk

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Shopping on Route 66

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Bearizona

A drive through Wildlife Park nestled amongst the pristine Ponderosa Pine forests of Northern Arizona. Offering visitors an exciting way to enjoy wildlife in a natural environment. bearizona.com



Snow Tubing at Canyon Coaster Adventure Park

November through April visitors to Williams can experience the joy of tubing down snow-covered slopes at Canyon Coaster Adventure Park. canyoncoasteradventurepark.com



Steam Saturdays – Grand Canyon Railway

On the first Saturday of every month from March through September, take a steam-powered train ride to the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. thetrain.com



Wild West Junction

The Old West comes to life at the Wild West Junction, with special events, great food, and good, wholesome, old-time fun for young and old alike. wildwestjunction.com

NORTHERN ARIZONA ATTRACTIONS

The Arboretum at Flagstaff

4001 S. Woody Mountain Rd., Flagstaff, AZ
928-774-1442 | thearb.org

Arizona Snowbowl

9300 N. Snowbowl Rd., Flagstaff, AZ
928-779-1951 | arizonasnowbowl.com

Bearizona

1500 Historic Route 66, Williams, AZ
5 minutes South of Williams
928-635-2289 | bearizona.com

Canyon Coaster Adventure Park

700 East Route 66, Williams, AZ
canyoncoasteradventurepark.com

Grand Canyon Deer Farm

6769 E. Deer Farm Rd., Williams, AZ
30 minutes West of Flagstaff
928-635-4073 | deerfarm.com

Grand Canyon National Park

81 miles North of Flagstaff
Take Hwy 180 & 64
928-638-7888 | nps.gov/grca

Grand Canyon Railway and Hotel

233 N. Grand Canyon Blvd., Williams, AZ
928-773-1976 | thetrain.com

Grand Canyon West

Skywalk, Rafting, Hualapai Lodge
928-769-2636 | grandcanyonwest.com

Hoover Dam

Highway 93, Hoover Dam
Boulder City, NV 89005
usbr.gov/lc/hoverdam

Lowell Observatory

1400 W. Mars Hill Rd., Flagstaff, AZ
928-233-3212 | lowell.edu

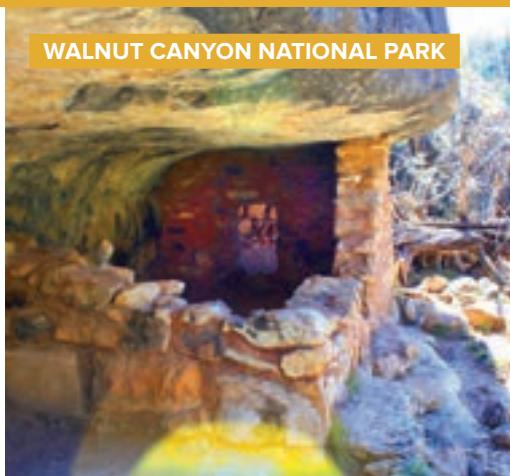
Planes of Fame Air Museum

755 Mustang Way, Williams-Valle, AZ
928-635-1000 | planesoffame.org

Walnut Canyon National Monument

From I-40, take Exit 204, turn south.
928-526-3367 | nps.gov/waca

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DESTINATION *Flagstaff and beyond*

Population: 80,119 | Distance: 145 miles north of Phoenix | Drive Time: 2 hrs-25 min

Kingman: 146 miles West – Drive Time from Flag 2 hrs. | Winslow: 56 miles East – Drive Time from Flag 45 min

Many call it Flagstaff or simply Flag, “The Gateway or Playground of the North.” It’s all of that and more. A gateway to the Grand Canyon, and a cozy northern city set amid a stunning landscape of tall pine forests and gorgeous mountain peaks, with local inhabitants who are extremely friendly. Flagstaff is a wonderland for many outdoor activities including hiking, biking, climbing, camping, golfing, swimming, fishing, hunting, skiing and horseback riding.

It’s amazing to think that a city with a population of 80,119 annually hosts an average of 6 million visitors on their way to somewhere else. And in many cases, that somewhere else is Arizona’s renowned Grand Canyon. This wonder of the world is just 80-miles north of Flagstaff.

Located in the heart of the city and serving as a major economic engine is Northern Arizona University (NAU) which opened its doors in 1899. NAU operates on a beautiful and expansive campus that sits at the base of the majestic San Francisco Peaks spread over 740 acres. The university has over 30,000 students attending from across the United States and around the world.

Flagstaff is popular escape from the Valley’s desert heat in the summer, as it is a winter wonderland in the winter, with Arizona Snowbowl Ski Resort just a 15-minute drive from the city center. Snowbowl offers exceptional skiing in the iconic San Francisco Peaks at over 7,000 feet. Snowbowl is open year-round with a variety of spring and summer activities for all to enjoy.

The legendary Route 66 runs right through the center of Flagstaff and remains a major highway for travelers driving between Flagstaff and Kingman, Arizona. To this day, Arizona has the longest running stretch of usable Route 66 in the country.

Northern Arizona has many unique venues and attractions – all worth your attention. In Flag you have to visit the historic Lowell Observatory. North of Flag is the Grand Canyon, west you come into Kingman, and if you travel north, you will reach Grand Canyon West at the west rim of the Grand Canyon where you can walk 4,000 feet above the Canyon at SKYWALK. East of Flag is Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort and a tad farther down the road brings you to Winslow, Arizona.

**The drive time to the
Canyon's entrance is roughly
1 hour and 20 minutes**

Flagstaff is a very traveler-friendly city and is easy to navigate as every place you would want to visit is typically right off the two main roads, West Route 66 and Milton Road. Saturated with local brew pubs, restaurants, antique stores, retail shopping and boutiques. You can also visit numerous galleries and museums that line the area. Flagstaff is a great host to all travelers. The fine dining scene will knock your socks off. Great restaurants are plentiful and cater to every taste, including Black Bart's

Steakhouse, a local favorite who has been serving great steaks, chicken and seafood for 45 years. Downtown Flagstaff comes to life at night where most of the local bars can be found.

Flagstaff and its surrounding neighbor cities and towns remain popular year-round destinations for both Phoenixians and the millions of annual travelers who visit with us. **To learn more visit: FlagstaffArizona.org | explore.kingman.com | winslowaz.gov.**



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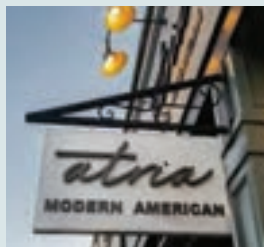
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atriarestaurant.com



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downtownflagstaff.org/shop-and-dine



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snowbowl.ski



First Friday Artwalk

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artwalkflg.org



Arizona Beer Week

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In November of 2024, the amazing new Kemper and Ethel Marelly Foundation Discovery Center opened. Featuring a roof-top "open planetarium," versus a traditional enclosed planetarium in which guests view images of celestial bodies, this venue takes advantage of Flagstaff's exquisitely dark skies.

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Since its opening in 2013, Twin Arrows has maintained its reputation for excellence throughout Northern Arizona as a premier resort property. **For more information Call 1-855-946-8946 or visit twinarrows.com.**



Tragedy Over the Grand Canyon

— By Leslie James

Unfortunately, it so often takes a major tragedy before local politicians or bureaucrats in Washington DC take on key issues that impact the American way of life. And this is exactly what transpired from the 1956 airline disaster that took place over the Grand Canyon in Northern Arizona.

Saturday, June 30th was a bright sunny morning at Los Angeles International Airport where two transcontinental airliners were awaiting their final clearance to commence their outbound flights. On runway 25 was Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight #2 that was scheduled to depart LAX at 9:01 am. At the helm was Captain Jack Gandy with 70 crew and passengers onboard. On an adjacent runway 25-L, sat United Airlines Flight #718 with Captain Robert Shirley and 58 crew and passengers, a flight that had been delayed, and was scheduled for take-off at 9:04 am.

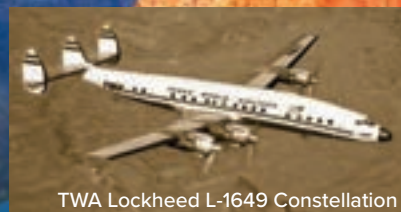
Both flights left as scheduled, just a few minutes apart, with TWA headed to Kansas City and United Airlines to Baltimore/Washington in DC. But as fate typically plays out, it was not long after take-off before the clock quietly started ticking for both flights. It would not be long before everything would dramatically change for the worse. Shortly after take-off TWA flight #2 encountered heavy turbulence. At that time TWA's Captain Gandy made a request of the LAX tower to change altitude. His request was denied. Captain Gandy then asked the control tower if he could climb by a 1,000 feet to rise above the bad weather. Air traffic control approved the Captains request, and subsequently informed him that another flight, United Airlines #718 would also be in his vicinity. With this approval for TWA to seek a higher altitude, both aircraft were now flying

at the same attitude of 21,000 feet. And with that, the clock ticked louder for these two flights.

The last communications transmitted by either cockpit, was recorded at 9:59 am. After many attempts, and with no further communications being received by either flight, the Air Route Traffic Control Center at LAX issued a missing alert for both airliners. It took very little time to solve that mystery. Once the missing report was issued, a smaller aircraft which had earlier flown over the Grand Canyon, reported that he had witnessed smoke rising from the Canyon's floor near the Colorado River.

At 10:30 am, the clock stopped ticking forever, when both aircraft collided in mid-air over Arizona's Grand Canyon. There were no survivors from the 128 passengers and crew on board both planes. A better tell that later shed light on exactly what happened, centered on the fact that no alerts or warnings from either flight came before the collision. The collision just happened! What was identified weeks after the actual disaster, was a mumbled recording from the cockpit of the United Airlines flight that simply said; "we are going in."

It was acknowledged that both airlines were off their normal flight course and were likely offering passengers a closer look at the famed Grand Canyon. It was also determined by the investigating panel that both pilots were completely



TWA Lockheed L-1649 Constellation



United Douglas DC-7

Photos: NAU Cline Library, Mike McComb Collection

unaware of the others position, and without any warning or any time to react, they collided in mid-air.

The collision was catastrophic. Wreckage was strewn over a very large and rugged area at the bottom of the Canyon walls adjacent to the Colorado River. So horrific was the final impact, that many of the victim remains have never been recovered. At that time in 1956, this air disaster was America's most deadly plane crash, with the highest loss of life, and remains to this very day, one of the worst air disasters in American aviation history. It was this air tragedy that in 1958 ultimately triggered the United States Congress to pass the Federal Aviation Act which today is now known as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Some believe that the passengers and crew from both of these doomed flights are still talking to us. Today, some 57 years later, those who fly over the Grand Canyon on a sunny day, can still see the reflection from the scattered parts of the 1956 wreckage "glaring in the sun," from the bottom of the famed Grand Canyon.

The unidentified remains of 29 of the United victims are interred at the Grand Canyon Cemetery in the Grand Canyon National Park.



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