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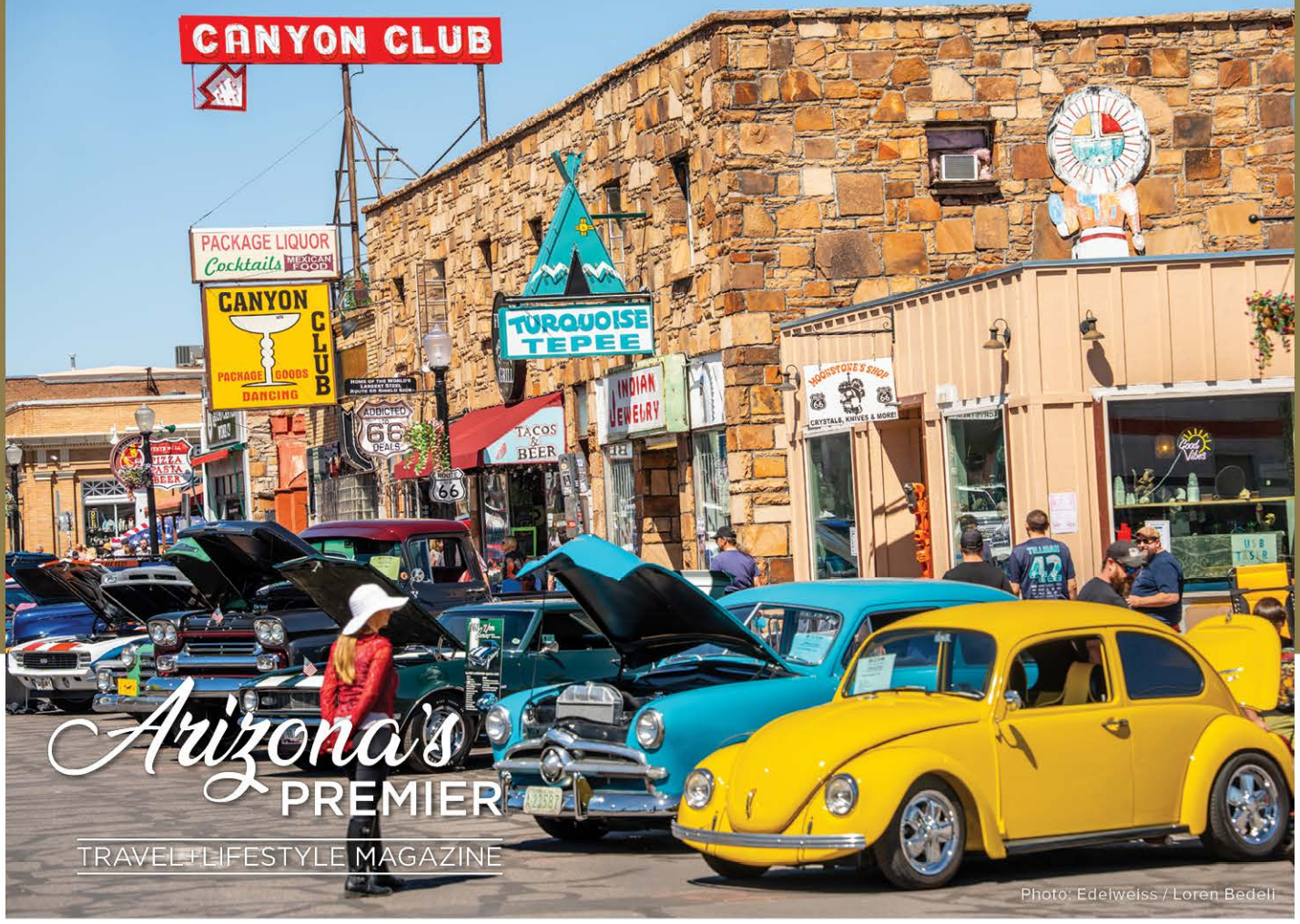
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San Xavier Del Bac Mission

AN ARIZONA LANDMARK

In the late 1600s and 1700s, as Spain expanded its colonial presence north from Mexico, Spanish missionaries traveled into what is now southern Arizona to establish missions and spread Roman Catholicism among Indigenous communities. Among the missions established in the region was San Xavier del Bac, located at Wa:ak, an existing O'odham community near present-day Tucson.

San Xavier del Bac Mission traces its history to Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, who first visited the community in 1692 and began building a church there around 1700. The mission became one of a chain of Spanish colonial missions across northern Mexico and what is now southern Arizona. The present church was built by the Franciscans between 1783 and 1797 and remains an active Catholic parish today.

The relationship between Spanish missionaries and the O'odham people was complex. The mission system introduced European crops such as wheat, along with livestock and other changes, while O'odham communities continued many of their traditional practices. O'odham laborers also played an important role in constructing the present San Xavier del Bac church.

Although Mexico gained its independence from Spain in 1821 and the Gadsden Purchase brought southern Arizona under U.S. control in 1854, several historic mission churches from this era still stand today. In addition to its historical significance, San Xavier del Bac is a striking example of Spanish Colonial Baroque architecture that has been preserved for more than 200 years.





Other Historic Arizona Churches
Many other churches were built in Arizona around the 1700s and 1900s and still stand as historical buildings with uniquely beautiful architecture.

- **San José de Tumacácori**
  Near Nogales, AZ. Early 1800s.
- **St. Mary's Basilica**
  Phoenix, AZ. Early 1900s.
- **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
  Tombstone, AZ. 1882.
- **Old Adobe Mission**
  Scottsdale, AZ. 1933.

Photos: San Xavier del Bac Mission exterior and interior main altar.



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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 you and capture those memories that will last a lifetime. WanderAZ magazines enhance our reader's overall trip experience. Through our unique regional design format, handcrafted maps and important traveler data, these elements help visitors to better navigate around Greater Phoenix and Northern Arizona.

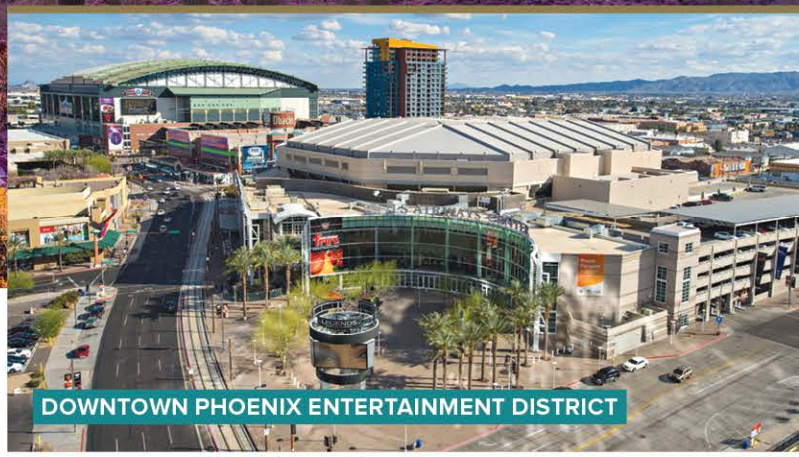


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The 48th State



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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. Sheepherders 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 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.

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

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.

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

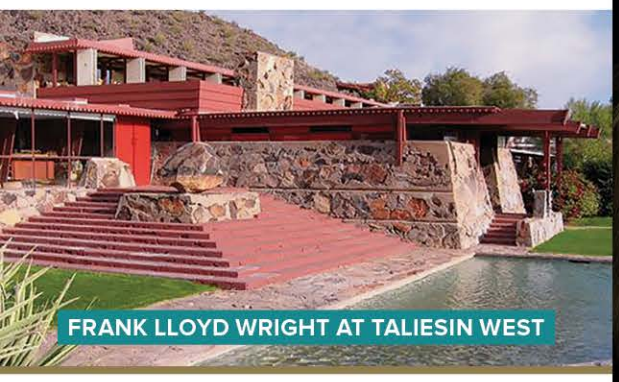
Today, 114 years after Arizona became the 48th State, the population has grown to over 7.2 million people. California and Texas are now the top two states for people relocating to Arizona. Phoenix, is now the state's biggest city and the countries fifth largest overall. Maricopa County, of which Phoenix 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 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.

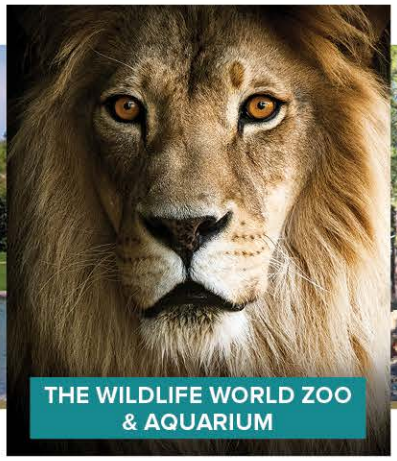
The Valley of the Sun is a sports mecca that boasts every major sports franchise. The NBA, WNBA, NFL, MLB, USL soccer and the Arena Football League. Annually it hosts numerous world-class sporting and racing events that include 15 MLB baseball teams who make the Valley their Cactus League Spring Training 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. Sports is a major economic driver for Phoenix and the State.

Outdoor activities abound wherever you might be traveling 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.

And let us not forget the City of Tucson, the state's second largest city. Tucson is a 2-hour drive from Phoenix heading south on the I-10 highway. Tucson is home to the University of Arizona which boasts a student enrollment of 53,000. You will pass the city of Casa Grande and Marana as you drive towards Tucson. From Tucson, you can visit so many of southern Arizona's legendary venues and attractions. Southern Arizona is also home to the Kitt Peak Observatory and Bisosphere-2, and engineering marvel and one of the largest greenhouses in the world. You can also enjoy the LA Fiesta de Los Vaqueros, a 100-year-old rodeo that attracts tens of thousands of visitors to the state each year. Tucson also hosts the annual and world-famous Gemstone and Mineral Show regarded as the largest international gathering of professionals, hobbyists, and curious people in the world. Fine local cuisine and great local shopping also awaits you.



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In 2026, the Grand Canyon is 107 years old 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.

The Colorado River, earthquakes, and the powerful forces of water and weather helped create this giant crevice

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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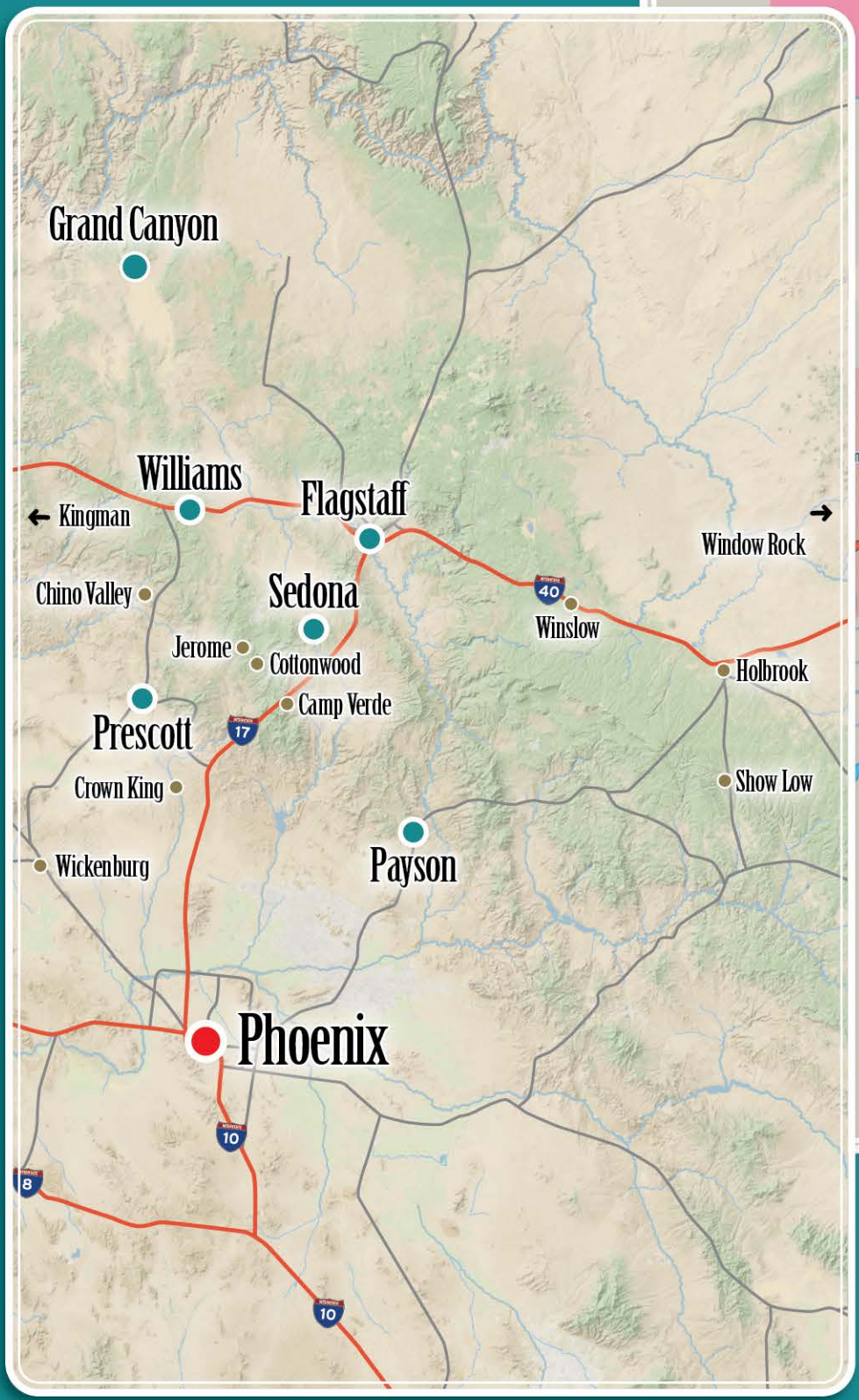


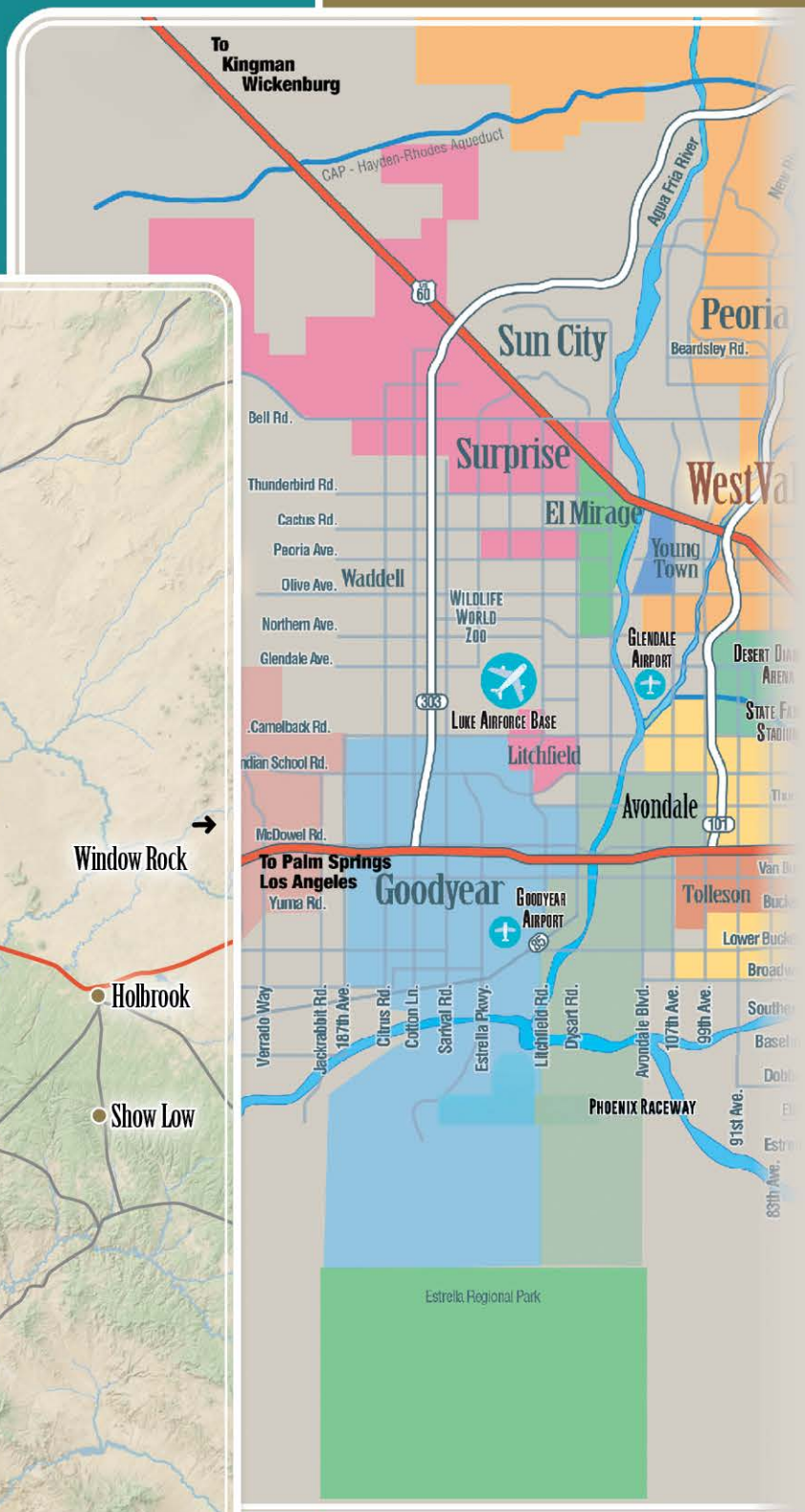
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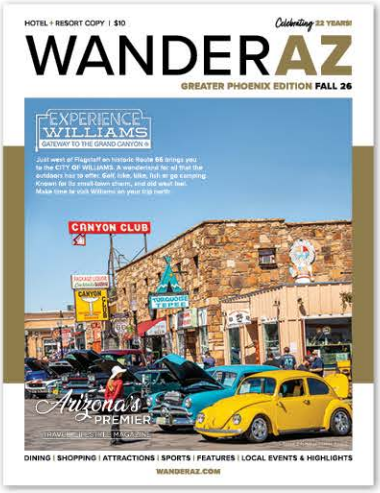
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Local. 602-253-5000
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Visa. 1-800-847-2911
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Carte Blanche/Diners Club . 1-800-234-6377

ARIZONA TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Traveler's source for Highway & Travel information on road conditions, detours and transit issues. Call: 511 throughout Arizona, or go online to: www.az511.com



ARIZONA STATE MAP



ARIZONA FACTS

Governor: Katie Hobbs, Democrat
Nickname: Grand Canyon State
Capital: Phoenix, (5th largest city in America)
Population: 7.5 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

LIQUID MEASUREMENTS

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
Grand Canyon ..... 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

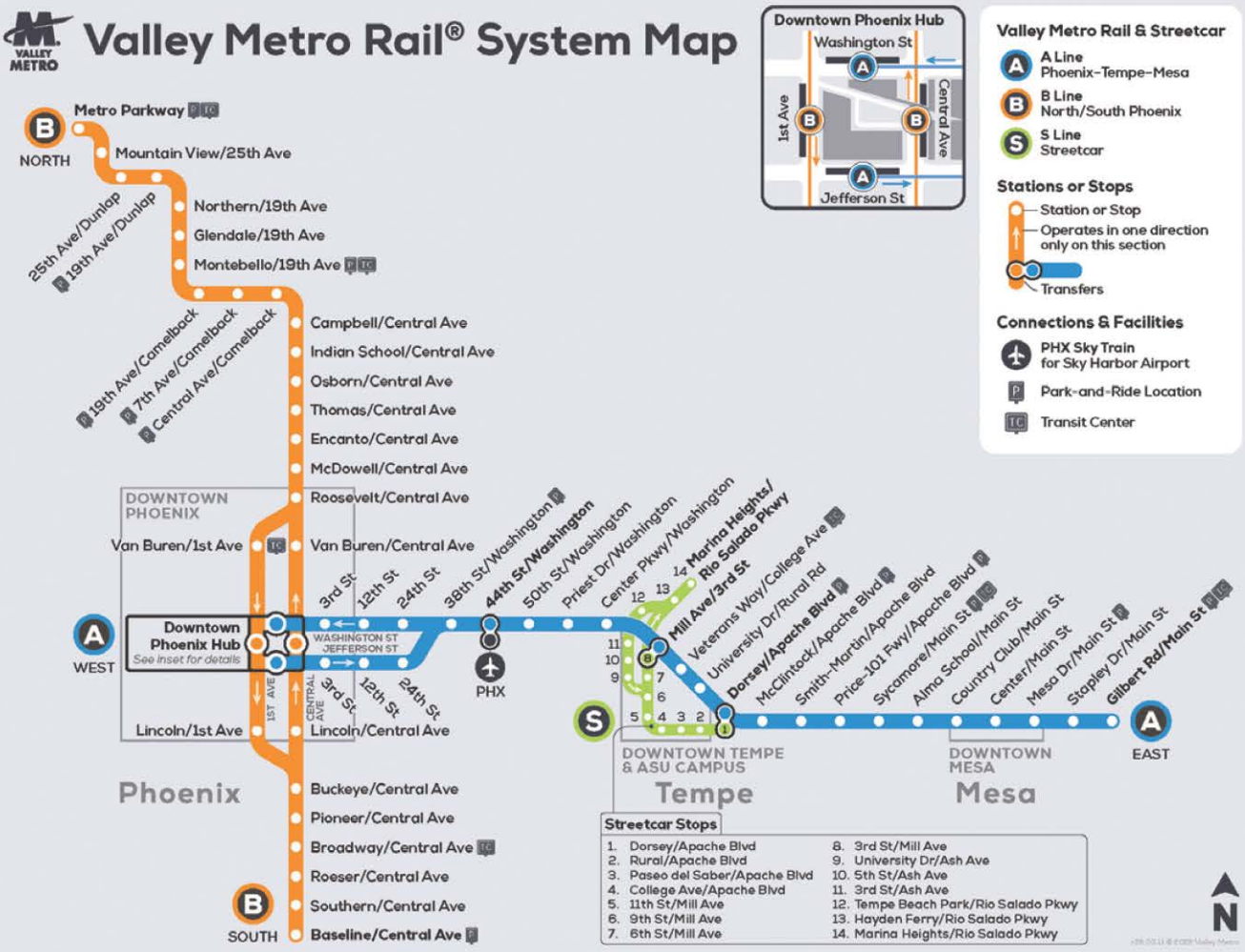
2026 IMPORTANT DATES

New Year's Day ..... January 1
MLK's Birthday ..... January 19
International Holocaust Day ... January 27
Groundhog Day ..... February 2
Chinese New Year ..... February 6
Valentine's Day ..... February 14
Ash Wednesday ..... February 18
Presidents' Day ..... February 21
Daylights Savings Starts ..... March 8
St. Patrick's Day ..... March 17
Palm Sunday ..... March 29
Passover ..... April 2
Good Friday ..... April 3
Easter Sunday ..... April 5
Cinco de Mayo ..... May 5
Mother's Day ..... May 10
Victoria Day (Canada) ..... May 19
Memorial Day ..... May 25
D-Day ..... June 6
Father's Day ..... June 21
Juneteenth ..... June 19
1st Day of Summer ..... June 21
Canada Day ..... July 1
U.S. Independence Day ..... July 4
Labor Day ..... September 5
Rosh Hashanah ..... September 6
Yom Kippur ..... September 20
1st Day of Autumn ..... September 22
Canadian Thanksgiving ..... October 12
Columbus Day ..... October 12
Halloween ..... October 31
Daylight Savings Ends ..... November 1
U.S. Election Day ..... November 4
Veteran's Day ..... November 11
U.S. Thanksgiving ..... November 26
Hanukkah ..... November 28
Pearl Harbor Day ..... December 7
Winter Begins ..... December 21
Christmas Day ..... December 25
Boxing Day (Canada) ..... December 26
New Year's Eve ..... December 31

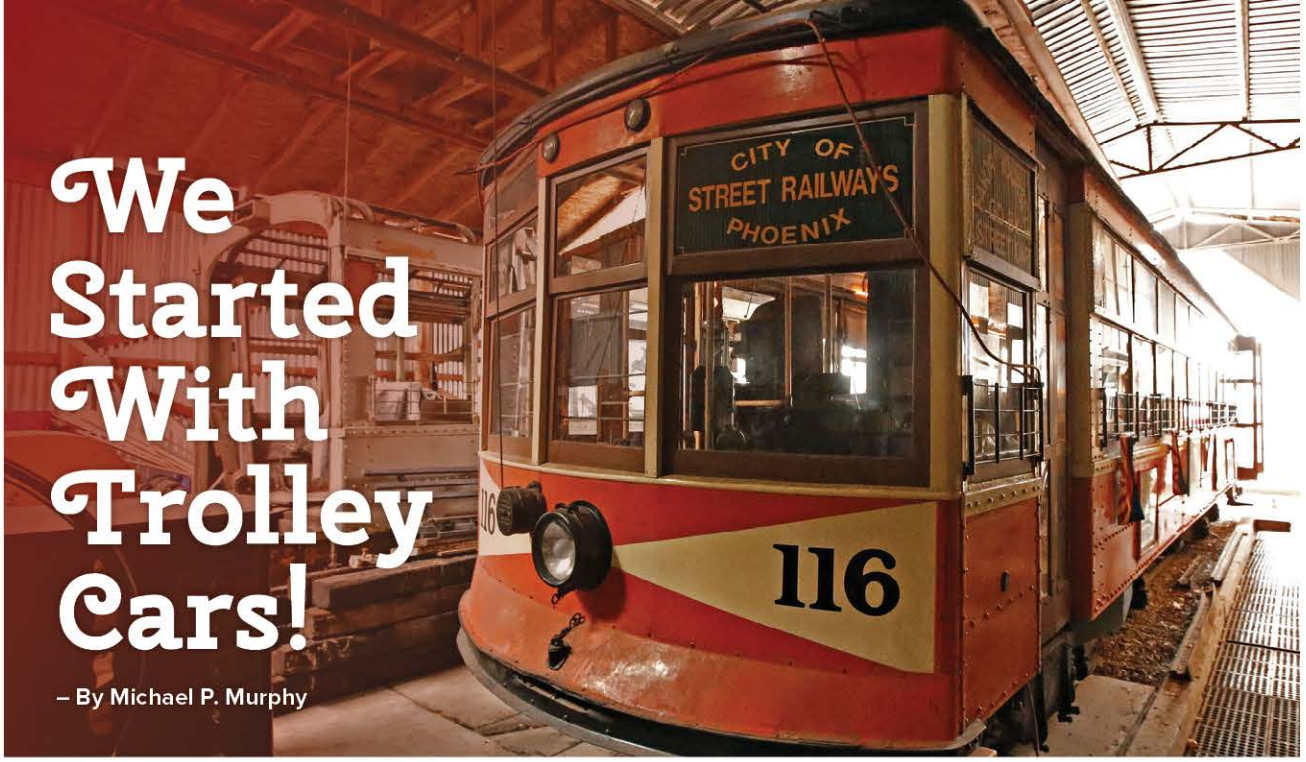
MILEAGE BETWEEN CITIES IN ARIZONA

	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	–

Valley Metro Rail® System Map







We Started With Trolley Cars!

– By Michael P. Murphy

We now have a light rail and comfortable buses to move people about in the metro Phoenix area, but it wasn't always that way.

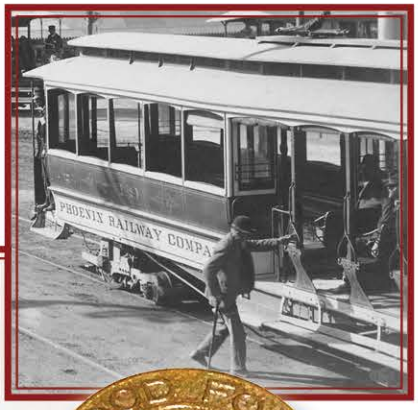
The concept of mass transit is always evolving. When we consider trolley we think of the famous trolleys of San Francisco or even Disneyland. However, the genesis of mass transit in Phoenix began in 1887 with, you guessed it, trolley cars. Phoenix was more of a ranching and farming community with adobe-style buildings along unpaved roads. An entrepreneur named General Moses Hazelton Sherman began the Phoenix Railway Company, not necessarily as a means of moving people to work and home, but to promote his fledgling real estate business. Trolleys were powered by horse and mule until 1893, when they were replaced by a more modern electric railway system.

By June of 1920, 32 miles of track made its way through the streets of Phoenix, with a suburban line carrying passengers to Glendale from 1911-1926. The rail lines, which originally served a short stretch of Washington Avenue and traveled south on 7th Street and Central Avenue, were gradually expanded. In 1912, the 2nd Avenue extension became known as the Kenilworth line.

Sherman's financial problems forced him to sell the railway to the city in 1928 and the system was renamed the City of Phoenix Street Railway. It was not only popular, but highly profitable. In 1929 alone 6,665,000 passengers rode the Phoenix rails at five cents apiece, with the railway grossing a healthy $295,000 for the year. Throughout the Depression and World War II comfortable buses gradually replaced the hard-riding electric trolley cars in Phoenix. The end came in 1947 when all but six trolleys were lost when a fire destroyed the car barn.

One of the surviving trolley cars was #116, now fully restored and can be found in the Phoenix Trolley Museum near downtown. Trolley aficionados had to smile at the sight of one of the first cars in the new light rail system that began service in 2008. The car number? 116A. History is preserved, and the lineage of riding the rails in Phoenix continues with the cities state-of-the art Light-Rail system.

To learn more visit phxtrolley.org

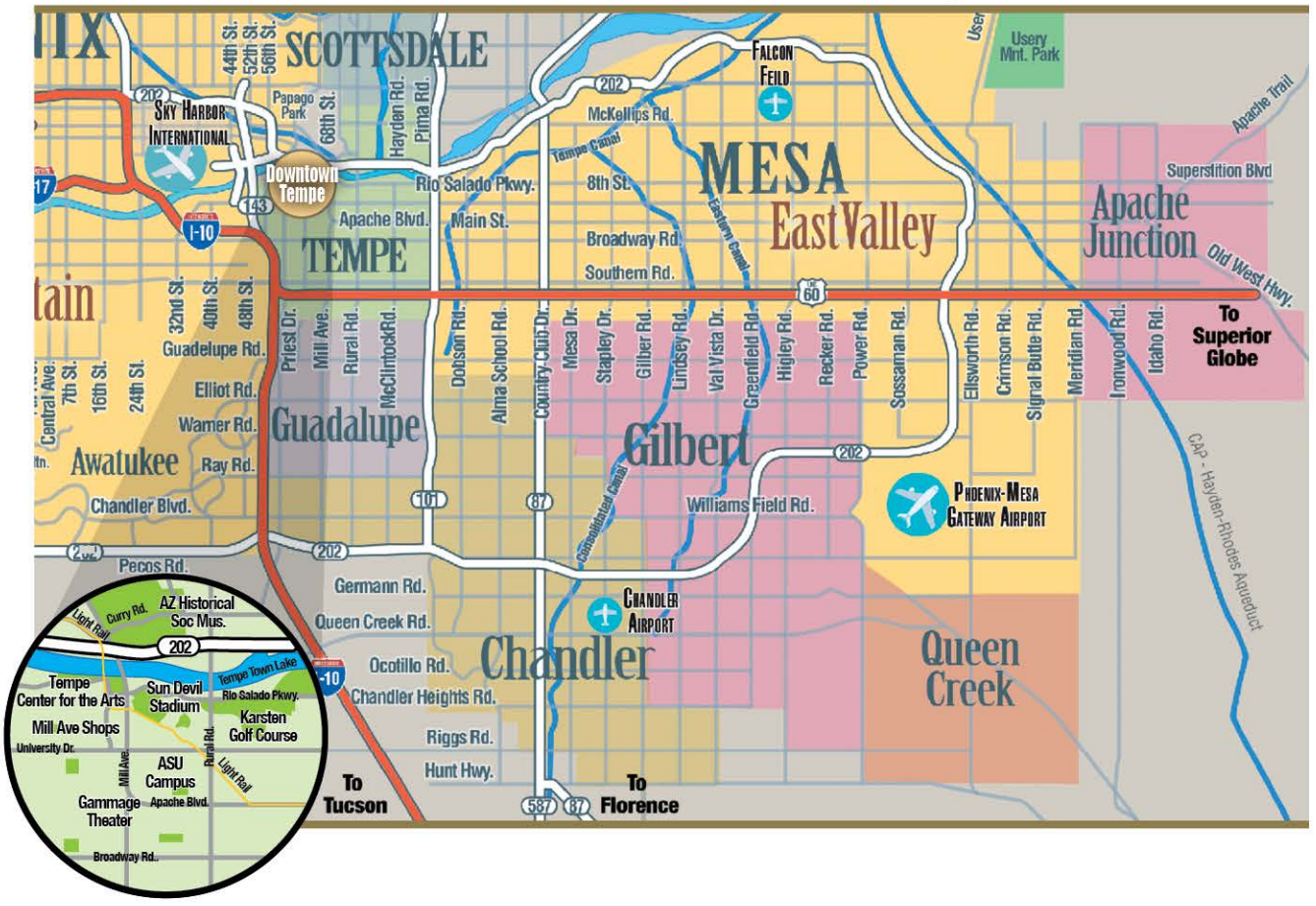






Phoenix
Trolley Token

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 Sundevils - 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.

PHOENIX-MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT

This airport provides travelers and locals a less hectic arrival/departure process than Sky Harbor in downtown Phoenix. Today, Gateway hosts more than 40 companies, serves more than 45 cities with non-stop service via Allegiant and Sun Country Airlines. It contributes $1.8 billion annually to the Arizona economy. Gateway is also developing as an international aerospace center with aircraft maintenance, modification, testing, and pilot training. In addition to the area's skilled labor force, excellent year-round flying weather, three expansive runways averaging 10,000 feet, and access to international markets, Gateway's assets make it a prime location for global-minded companies.



MILL AVENUE & HAYDEN FLOUR MILL

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.



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East Valley LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Four Peaks Oktober Fest at Tempe Town Lake

October 9th – 11th

One of Tempe's signature annual events. A great time for the whole family, including the kids!

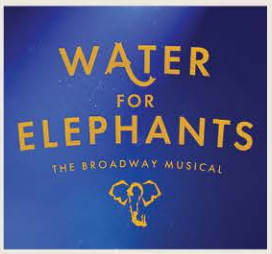
fourpeaksoktoberfest.com

Gilbert Concerts in the Park

Thursday Evenings in October

Free concerts will take place from 6:30 – 8:30 pm and will be held at the Fountain just north of Barrio Queen.

gilbertaz.gov



Water for Elephants

October 27th – November 1st

A young veterinary student who joins a traveling circus during the Great Depression, navigates love, danger, and the bonds between humans and animals.

asugammage.com



2nd Sundays on Mill

Beginning in November

Starting November 8, Mill Avenue transforms once a month into a themed street festival that's so much more than shopping.

downtowntempe.com/events



Tempe Water Lantern Festival

November 6th – 8th

Experience the magic of thousands of lanterns as they reflect upon on the water of beautiful Kiwanis Lake.

waterlanternfestival.com



FIREBIRD

November 7th

The Dance Theatre of Harlem, in collaboration with local guest artists from Ballet Arizona, brings its acclaimed production of Firebird to ASU Gammage.

asugammage.com



Fantasy of Light Street Parade

November 28th

Mill Avenue comes to life with festive energy, live entertainment, and holiday magic for all ages. 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m. parade start.

downtowntempe.com/events



Dr. Seuss How the Grinch Stole Christmas

December 1st – 6th

A 1957 children's holiday story by Dr. Seuss that blends whimsical rhymes with a heartfelt message about the true spirit of Christmas.

asugammage.com

Tempe Festival of the Arts

December 4th – 6th

The three-day street fair, art walk and pop-up market consistently ranks among the *Top 20 Art Festivals* in the nation by Sunshine Artist.

tempefestivalofthearts.com



Downtown Mesa Farmers Market

Saturdays

Enjoy outdoor shopping, eating, playing, and listening to live music this fall from 8 am – 12 pm.

dtmesafarmersmarket.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



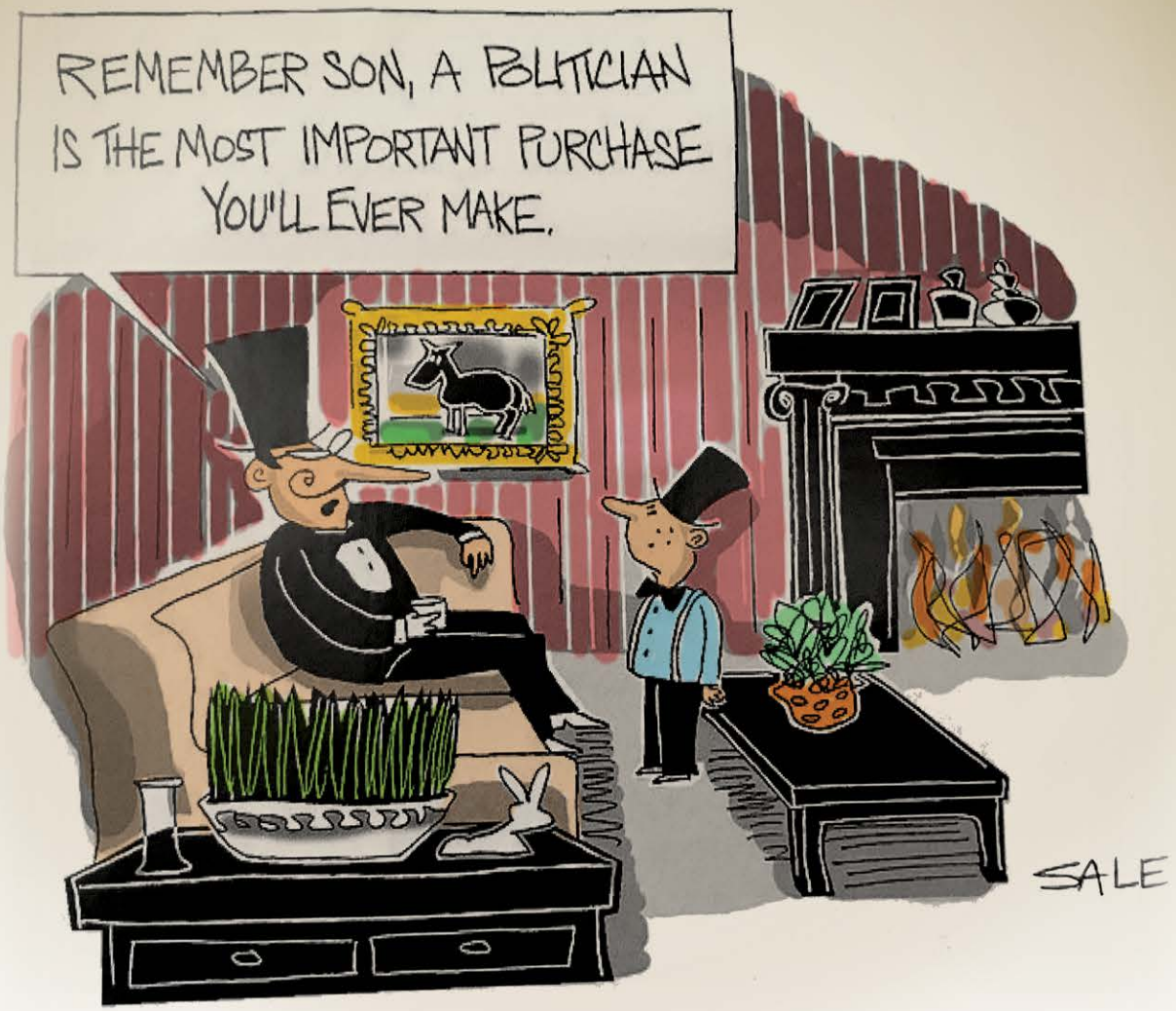
Downtown Chandler Farmers Market

Saturdays

Browse dozens of local farmers, food vendors and artisans from 9 am – 1 pm.

downtownchandler.org/events/farmers-market

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THE HAPPIEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD

Since 2002, the World Happiness Report has used statistical analysis to determine the world's happiest countries. To determine the world's happiest country, researchers analyzed comprehensive Gallup polling data from 143 countries for the past three years, specifically monitoring performance in six particular categories ... gross domestic product per capita, social support, healthy life expectancy, freedom to make your own life choices, generosity of the general population, and perceptions of internal and external corruption levels.

The World Happiness Report (from the World Happiness Institute) have just published their 2026 rankings, based on self-reported wellbeing.

Once again, the Nordic countries claim the top spots, with Finland retaining its title as the world's happiest country. These wealthy, homogenous, high-trust states with generous welfare systems continue to dominate the rankings (we assume it doesn't have to do with the pickled fish).

They are joined, however, by Costa Rica, which reaches 4th, the highest rank ever attained by a Latin American country.

The United States may be a country that prides itself on their exceptionalism, but they are not exceptionally high in wellbeing – barely making the Top 30. The U.S. hit it's all-time low in the 2025 World Happiness Report, falling out of the top 20 for the second consecutive year. Since then, the U.S. has slightly rebounded, moving up one spot to 23rd in the latest 2026 rankings.

WORLD HAPPINESS SCORE 2026

	Finland	1	7.76
	Iceland	2	7.54
	Denmark	3	7.54
	Costa Rica	4	7.44
	Sweden	5	7.26
	Norway	6	7.24
	Netherlands	7	7.22
	Israel	8	7.19
	Luxembourg	9	7.06
	Switzerland	10	7.02
	New Zealand	11	7.00
	Mexico	12	6.97
	Ireland	13	6.93
	Belgium	14	6.93
	Australia	15	6.92
	Kosovo	16	6.91
	Germany	17	6.88
	Slovenia	18	6.87
	Austria	19	6.85
	Czech Republic	20	6.82
	Utd Arab Emirates	21	6.82
	Saudi Arabia	22	6.82
	United States	23	6.82

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 ... 2026 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 Mortgage Matchup 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.





DOWNTOWN PHOENIX

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

Whether it be shopping or dining, to a day trip to one of our renowned museums, or a visit to the Arizona Science Center, Phoenix Zoo or Desert Botanical Gardens ... all are within walking or light railing distance from the city center. In Phoenix, there is always something to keep you busy.



ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL



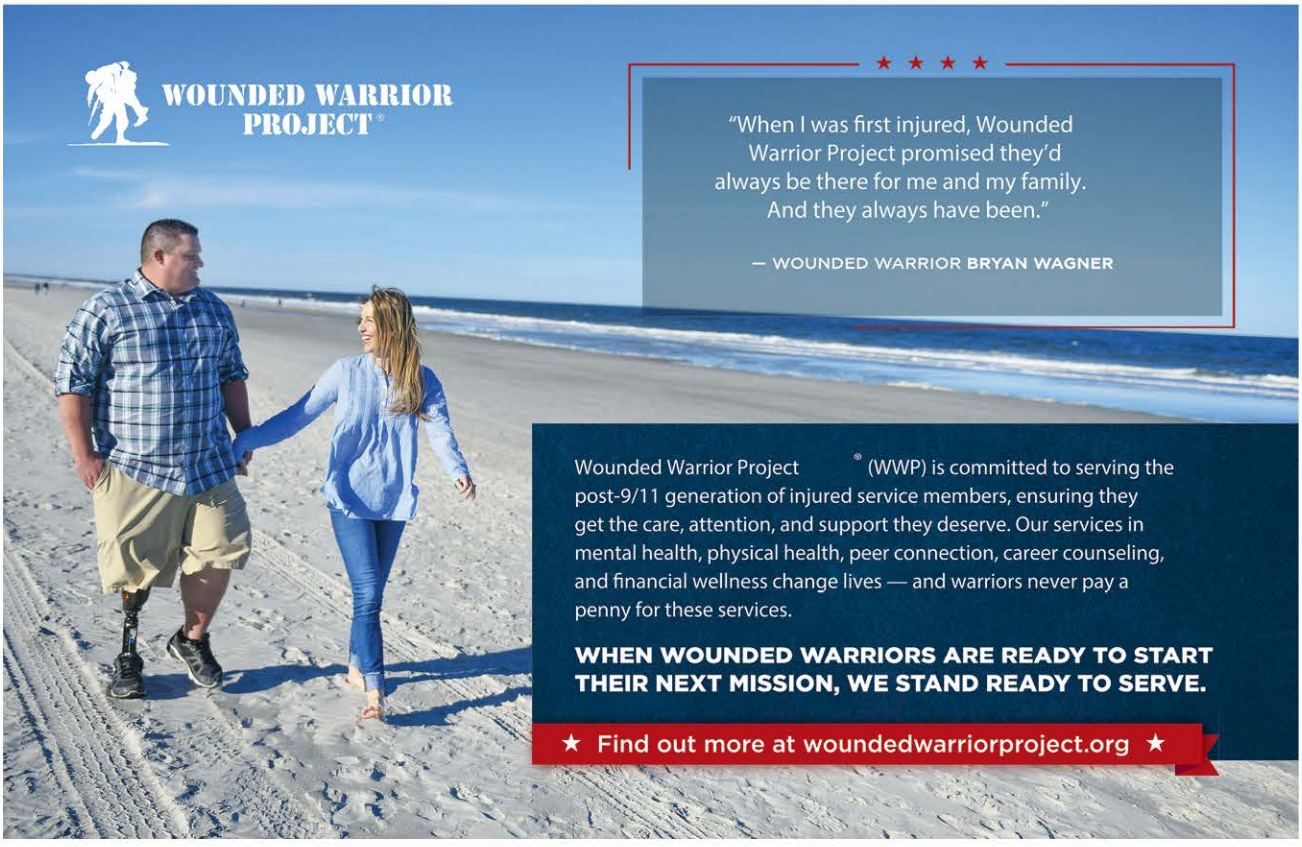
Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport

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 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 a wide assortment of choices from retail shopping, museums, and galleries to upscale cuisine and fast food.

Phoenix's airport ranks as the three busiest airport in the United States with 25 domestic and international airlines servicing the airport.

Centrally located it 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. This transportation system runs 24/7 daily.



Phoenix LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Arizona State Fair
Oct. 1st – Nov. 1st
142 years of Fair Fun! Arizona State Fair runs Thursday – Sunday this fall with the Coliseum Concert Series returning as well!
azstatefair.com



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



Great Fall Kickoff Festival
October 9th – 18th
Enjoy 10 straight days of fall fun filled with lively music, seasonal activities, hands-on crafts and delicious fall-inspired food.
dbg.org



Fall Butterflies
Sept. 26th – Nov. 22nd
Featuring thousands of free-flying Southwestern butterflies. Get an up close and personal experience with these winged beauties.
dbg.org



Phoenix Pride Festival
October 10th – 11th
A two day celebration bringing our diverse LGBTQ+ and allied communities together for a weekend of camaraderie and celebration of our past, present and future. **phoenixpride.org**



Zoo Lights
Nov. 26th – Jan. 16th
Enjoy twinkling lights, dazzling displays, brand new Wildlife Lanterns and the tallest floating tree in North America showcasing original music and light show!
phoenixzoo.org



Phoenix Greek Festival
October 16th – 18th
This 65th Annual festival is an opportunity to share in the rich history, culture, and culinary delights of Greece.
phoenixgreekfestival.org



Phoenix Pizza Festival
November 14th – 15th
This 11th annual festival benefits Downtown Phoenix, Inc. and features pizza slices, pies, performances, drinks, games, and kid's activities.
phoenix.pizza



Man of La Mancha
October 23rd – 25th
The timeless Broadway classic inspired by Don Quixote's quest for honor, hope, and the pursuit of the impossible.
herbergertheater.org



Herberger Theater Festival of the Arts
November 14th
Enjoy performances by more than 25 arts groups, including dance, live music, and aerialists and much more!
herbergertheater.org

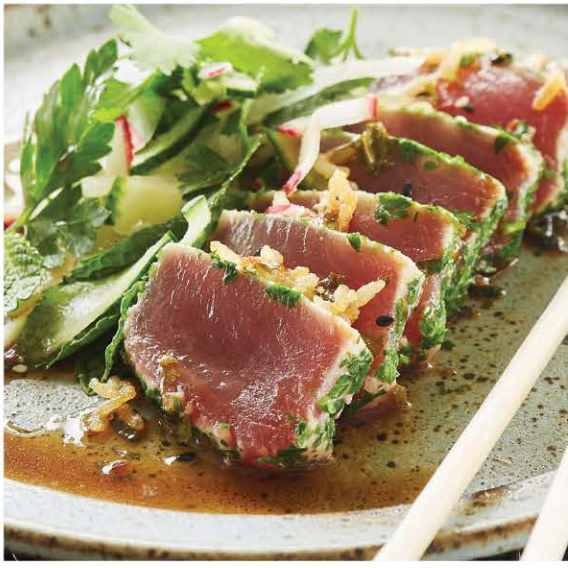
ARIZONA FALL FEST
Certified Local
A LOCAL FIRST ARIZONA EVENT

Local First Arizona Fall Fest | November 8th
This family- and pet-friendly event celebrates all things local to Arizona. Held outdoors, the festival features more than 200 local vendors, live music, food samples from local restaurants, an Arizona beverage garden, kids activities, and a silent auction and raffle.
Margaret T. Hance Park
localfirstaz.com/fall-fest





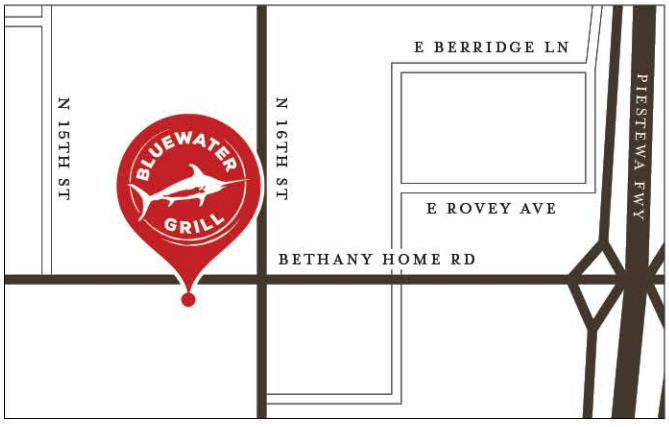




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WHO LIKES TO BE BULLIED?

What does Canada contribute to its southerly neighbors? Let's start by providing some basic facts about our great neighbors to the north.



WOW! The USA has chosen to initiate another war much closer to home, but this time it is a trade war with their longtime ally and neighbor to the north … CANADA! The administration claims they need nothing from Canada, while electing to change the 450-year-old name of Lake Ontario (which means Beautiful Lake) to Lake America, (how childish) and continues to fling daily insults (51st State and more) to Canadians. If you do not think that Canadians have come together in total solidarity around these latest insults, America better think again.

For starters, Canada is the single largest supplier of goods and services to the United States. Leading in this effort is energy and automotive products dominating the export mix. In 2025, over $400 Billion worth of goods crossed Canada's southern border into the USA. For example, minerals, fuels, and oils, for $130 billion. Nuclear reactors and machinery, $33 billion. Vehicles (cars and trucks), $53 billion. Plastics, paper, and wood products, $30 billion. Pharmaceuticals, $7 billion. Precious metals/aluminum, $20 billion. Fertilizers critical to American farmers $4 billion. Finally, almost 40% of all energy (oil, crude, hydro-electric and natural gas) used by the U.S. automobiles, homes and factories are imported from Canada. Almost 70% of all the soft wood used in building American homes comes from Canada. This information counters the current administrations statement that "The United Sates needs nothing from Canada."

Canada is the second largest country in the world (land mass) second only to Russia. It also shares the world's largest unmanned border between two sovereign nations, stretching 5,500 miles coast-to-coast. Its Confederation took place in 1867, and its capital is in Ottawa, Ontario. It remains one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Canada consists of 10 provinces, (West – East) British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland-Labrador. Canada's four largest cities are Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, and Calgary. Today, its population is 40,350,000.

Yes, hockey and the coveted Stanley Cup, maple syrup, French fries and gravy, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, our Looney (our $1 coin), and the Canadian beaver are all iconic images that come to mind when Americans think of Canada.

Locally, In Arizona, the state's largest foreign direct investor is Canada. Over 350 Canadian companies now operate in the state, which employs 300,000 Arizonians. In Maricopa alone, Canadians own 25,000 homes. As President John F. Kennedy stated, ***"Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies."*** That statement was made over 60 years ago. Unfortunately, this relationship has never been so tested until now. Currently, tensions between the two countries from U.S. politics and imposed tariffs by the U.S. administration have created a major rift.

However, Canada has a brilliant individual leading the country. Prime Minister Mark Carney is creating an impressive blueprint for Canada's future within the global marketplace. Hopefully, in 2027, cooler heads will prevail in Washington … however, most Canadians have dug in, and are not holding their breath … they, along with the Canadian government are simply moving forward.

– By Jonathan Funk

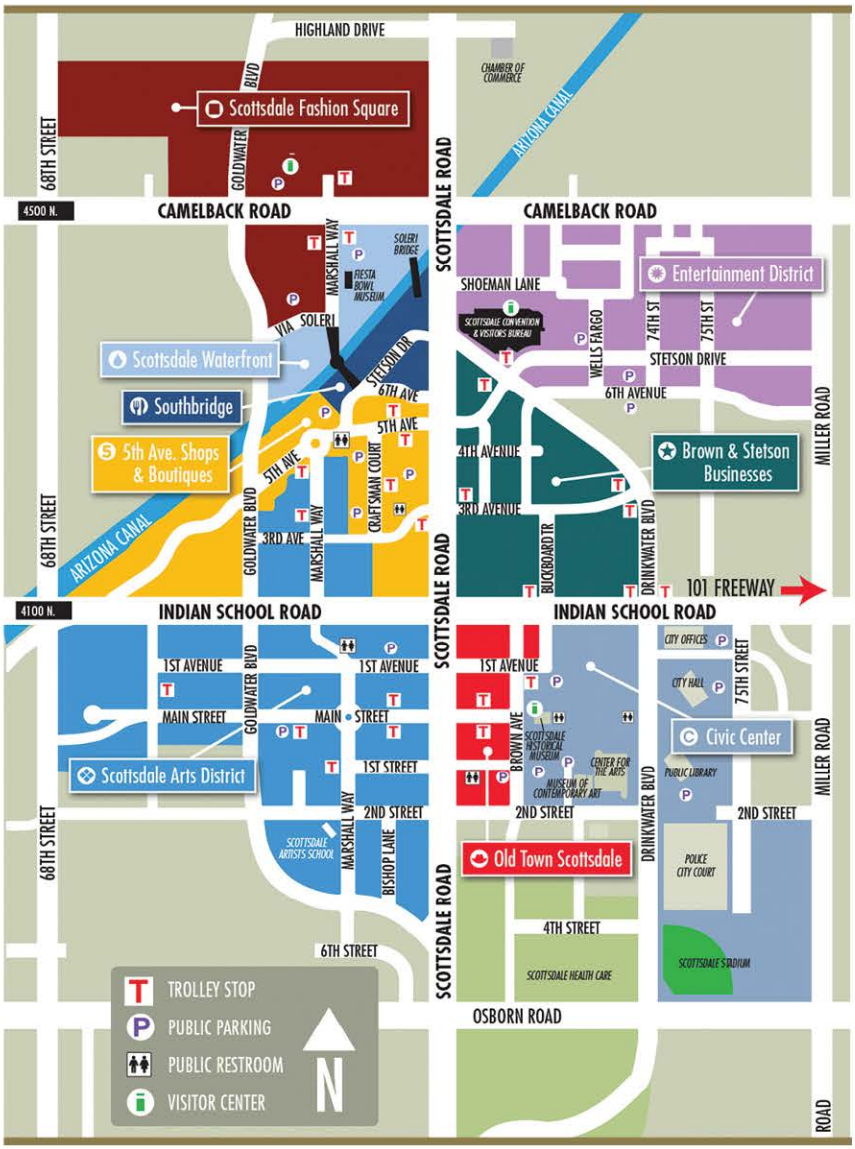
DESTINATION Scottsdale

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.







5TH AVE • DOWNTOWN SCOTTSDALE

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



Scottsdale was just named the best place to retire in the U.S.

ACCORDING TO NICHE.COM'S ANNUAL BEST PLACES TO RETIRE LIST.

A record number of Americans are set to retire in the next two years, and many will move to a new place to enjoy their golden years.

In March, Niche.com, a platform connecting students and families with colleges and schools, released its 11th annual Best Places to Live in America list.

The company created the rankings using data from the U.S. Census, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the CDC, but most importantly, it combined this data with millions of resident reviews. Using these data points, it considered 230 cities and over 18,000 communities nationwide, ranking them for affordability, housing market, neighborhood diversity, area public schools, and walkability. And Scottsdale, Arizona, was named the best city to live in retirement.

It's "the perfect oasis for retirement" thanks to its weather, quality of life, and active lifestyle.

The city offers retirees an abundance of outdoor activities, great weather, and an excellent quality of life. However, Niche.com gave it a C+ for housing.

"Boasting some of the best weather in the United States, Scottsdale is the perfect oasis for retirement," Zach Chatham, the public relations manager for Niche.com, shared with Travel + Leisure. "With its abundance of outdoor activities and health and fitness options, this Arizona city is ideal for maintaining an active lifestyle focused on longevity."

The Niche.com team noted on its website that Scottsdale earns an overall A rating, as living here "offers residents a dense suburban feel, and most residents own their homes." It added that the median rent price is just above $1,900 per month, while the median home buying price falls just under $710,000. It also gained a B+ rating for ethnic and economic diversity.

"Scottsdale, Arizona, is a really cool place with a mix of modern city life and Old West charm," one Niche.com reviewer wrote about their time living here. "The desert scenery is beautiful, and there's a lot to do, from hiking Camelback Mountain to checking out the art scene and nightlife in Old Town." The reviewer noted that while the summers can get rather warm, the winters are always perfect. "It's definitely on the pricier side, especially in North Scottsdale, but there are great restaurants, shopping spots, and tons of outdoor activities. If you're into golf, luxury resorts, or just a lively atmosphere, it's a great place to be."

Scottsdale is joined at the top of the list by Clearwater, Florida; Metairie, Louisiana; St. Petersburg, Florida; and Cape Coral, Florida, rounding out the top five of the best places to retire.

Last year, WalletHub also ranked Scottsdale among the top retirement cities, mainly for its high quality of life and the variety of activities. According to U.S. Census data, over a quarter of the city's residents are aged 65 or over.

You can see the full list at niche.com.

By Stacey Leasca who is an award-winning journalist with nearly two decades of newsroom experience. She is also the co-founder of Be a Travel Writer, an online course for the next generation of travel journalists. Her photos, videos, and words have appeared in print or online for Travel + Leisure, Time, Los Angeles Times, Glamour, Men's Health, GlobalPost, LA Confidential, and many more.

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

ARIZONA TACO FEST SALT RIVER FIELDS

Arizona Taco Fest
October 17th – 18th
Experience hundreds of taco creations, along with tequila and mezcal tasting, local bands and DJs, live artists, and so much more.
tacofestaz.com



Canal Convergence
November 6th – 15th
The free, event features large-scale public artworks alongside live music, performances, workshops, tours and activities, food trucks and a beer garden.
canalconvergence.com

SPOOKTACULAR HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

Spooktacular Hot Air Balloon Festival
October 23th – 25th
Over 20 hot air balloons that double as trick-or-treat stations, providing both balloon rides and over 4,000 pounds of candy.
azspooktacular.com



Scottsdale Italian Festival
November 7th – 8th
Celebrating Italian culture with food, music, art and community events. Enjoy local vendors and chefs offering regional specialties.
italianassociation.org



Scottsdale ArtWalk
Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm
Home to more than 100 galleries, the ArtWalk allows individuals to stroll at their own pace, and wander into galleries throughout a festive area.
scottsdaleartsdistrict.com



Old Town Scottsdale Farmers Market
Saturdays
The market features more than 100 local growers and specialty food producers.
arizonacommunity farmersmarkets.com



Scottsdale Dia De Los Muertos Fiestas
October 24th
Celebrating 10 years of with special appearance by one of today's most respected voices in Mexican music.
scottsdalediadelosmuertos.com

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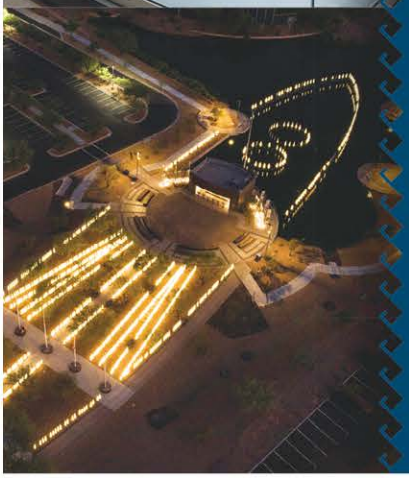


Lyle Lovett and his Small Large Band
November 5th
A genre-blending evening of country, swing, and jazz at Scottsdale's Virginia G. Piper Theater
scottsdalearts.org



ANDY GRAMMER - Greater Than Pt. II: A One Man Show
December 2
An Andy Grammer show brings people together and empowers them with joyful and honest pop anthems.
scottsdalearts.org





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.

Proudly located in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
USSArizonaSaltRiver.com

TOGETHER, WE'LL MAKE SURE EVERY KID GETS THE FOOD THEY NEED.

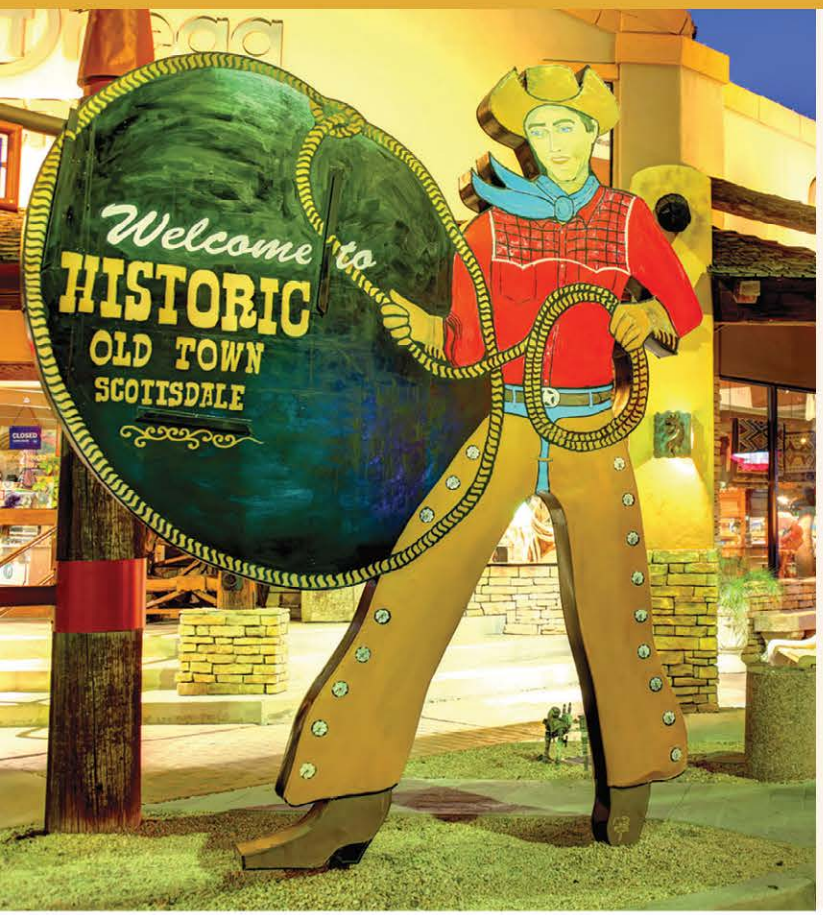


NO CHILD SHOULD GROW UP HUNGRY IN AMERICA

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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NO KID HUNGRY



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, Ariona 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.



Scottsdale's Fighting Parson

Winfield Scott was born on February 26, 1837 and over his career became an American Baptist minister, military officer, and politician. In 1862 he joined the War effort to fight in the American Civil War. He was commissioned as a Captain in the U.S. Volunteers. Scott became known as the "Fighting Parson" while he commanded Company C, of the 126th New York Volunteers. After being wounded during the Battle of Harpers Ferry and twice each during the battles at Gettysburg and the Spotsylvania Court House, Scott's wife Helen petitioned President Lincoln to allow her to take her husband home so she could nurse him back to life. President Lincoln agreed to her request. As a result, Captain Scott was medically discharged from the military service on September 23, 1864.

In February 1888, Scott visited the Salt River Valley in Phoenix, and local leaders hoped the chaplain would help them to promote the area. Scott was so impressed with the region that he purchased 640 acres for $2.50/acre for agricultural use. His land purchase is known today as "Downtown Scottsdale" and would carry a present day value of over $ 1 billion. However, it was not until 1896 that the town's name was actually changed to "Scottsdale" in honor of Scott.

Scott's influence extended far beyond Scottsdale. In 1897, Governor Myron H. McCord appointed him Chaplain of the Arizona National Guard. He also represented Maricopa County in the lower house. Scott, became the pastor of the Lone Star Baptist Church (now First Baptist Church) in Prescott, and organized churches in Naco and Douglas, Arizona. In 1902 Scott was named Chaplain in chief of Grand Army of the Republic and in 1903 was also appointed to the Arizona Board of Regents where he served as Chancellor (board chairman) for the following year.

Scott became ill, and in 1909 he moved to San Diego, California where he died shortly thereafter on October 19, 1910. Scott was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in San Diego, but his legend lives on in Scottsdale, Arizona.

– By Leslie James

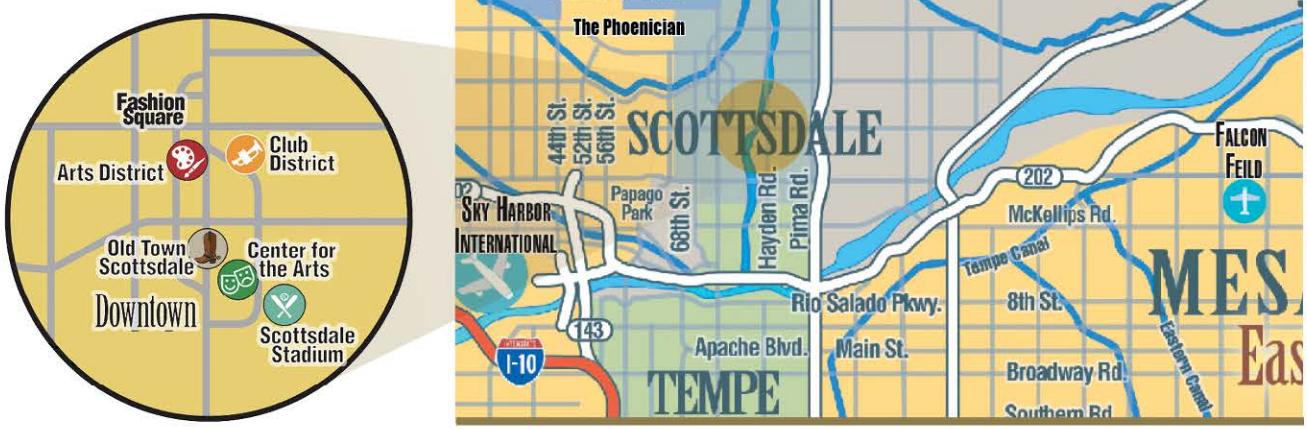
DESTINATION *North Scottsdale*

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.





SCOTTSDALE AIRPARK

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.


THE TPC AT SCOTTSDALE – STADIUM COURSE

A Gem in the Desert

THE RARE EARTH GALLERY IN CAVE CREEK, AZ



Arizona is known for many things. Abounding desert landscapes, historic western heritage, world-class golf, superior hospitality and of course our very own Grand Canyon, regarded by many as one of the 10 Wonders of the World.

However, we also have (and not so far away as the Grand Canyon) another iconic landmark called the Rare Earth Gallery, located just 20 minutes north of Phoenix in Cave Creek, Arizona. The signage outside this exciting gallery shouts... The 8th Wonder of the World. Cave Creek is also home to an enclave of local artists.

Rare Earth is unique to the surrounding area. I don't believe another such gallery exists anywhere in America. Some say it's the most spectacular gallery in the world. Rare Earth showcases art from the treasures of the earth. Epic, awe inspiring natural art is available like never before. Founder Wayne Helfand's vision is simply stated; "I travel the world purveying extraordinary art of the Earth ... My goal is to make the unattainable, attainable."

The works of art on display are magnificent and mesmerizing pieces, any of which are one-of-a-kind works of art from Mother Earth. The assortment of pieces are perfect for your home, office and as landscape decor, providing you a lifetime of natural beauty and elegance.

The gallery has customers (many of which are repeat) from across the United States and around the world. Any item can be shipped anywhere in the world. Come visit the gallery in Cave Creek and see for yourself why these works of art are unique and available only from the Rare Earth Gallery.

Information: Rare Earth Gallery. 6401 East Cave Creek Road. Cave Creek, AZ. 85331. 480.575.4360. RareEarthGalleryCC.com











Wayne Helfand
Founder of Rare Earth

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



Carefree Farmer's Market

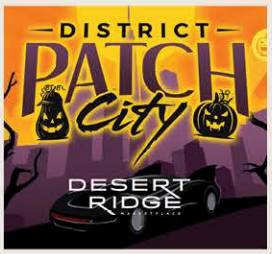
Fridays, 9 am – 1 pm
Fresh local season produce, herbs, flowers, value-added foods, fresh baked goods, natural meats and seafood as well as a selection of local arts and crafts.

Maker's Hive Market

October 3rd & December 5th
Guest can shop and sip through nearly 40 unique and diverse small businesses. Discover custom clothing bars, permanent jewelry, and more!
shopdesertridge.com/event

Outlets North Phoenix

Just off I-17 at the very north edge of Phoenix. These outlets offer pedestrian and pet friendly open air shopping of name brand fashions.
northphoenixoutlets.com



8th Annual Pumpkin Patch

October 11th – 25th
Pick a pumpkin at the Annual Pumpkin Patch in The District. Snap a seasonal shot at the pumpkin photo backdrop Enjoy giveaways & more!
shopdesertridge.com/event



Farmer's Market on High Street

Sundays, 9 am – 1 pm
A full block of more than 100+ vendors offering food and fun for all ages.
highstreetaz.com/farmers-market

Kierland Fine Art & Wine Festival

November 7th – 8th
15 Arizona wineries will showcase and sell their award-winning wines. Over 100 local, regional, and national fine artists. And of course, there will be food and live music to add to the excitement.



Roadrunner Park Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 am – 12 pm
Local produce including fresh vegetables & fruit, baked goods, honey jams and jellies, natural meats, and hand crafted items.



Fall Fountain Festival

November 13th – 15th
One of the most iconic and wellknown arts and craft shows in not just Arizona, but the Southwest!
fountainhillsartfairs.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



Stagecoach Village

Stunning mountain views and a unique collection of shops, restaurants and professional services await you. Spend the day enjoying authentic Italian cuisine, locally inspired fine dining, or gourmet Russian crepes. There is even an on-site brewery with great pub faire and a variety of custom shops from fine handcrafted hats to western furniture and decor.
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AMERICA'S 48TH STATE



The United States didn't want Arizona. And it took Arizona 56 years to become a state.

Congress only begrudgingly named it a territory in the first place, and to gain statehood — joining the 47 others — was too grand a gesture for this rude, crude land located in the Southwestern desert filled with hoodlums and scoundrels.

The road to statehood was long and agonizing. No other territory waited as long or fought as stubbornly as the pioneers of the Arizona Territory. That's 56 long years; over five decades of wanting and petitioning and planning and building and praying. So, when statehood finally came on Feb. 14, 1912, the party was something spectacular to behold.

The first time Washington seriously entertained the idea of admitting Arizona was in 1903, when the chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories proposed it be combined with New Mexico and admitted as one state. They called it "jointure," and while New Mexico liked the idea, Arizona didn't, voting against it in 1906 by 16,265 to 3,141.

Arizona was approved for statehood but would face one more disappointment. It had hoped to be admitted on Feb. 12, the birthday of President Lincoln, who remained a state champion for making it a territory in the first place. But Taft was busy then and didn't sign until Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, 1912. Meanwhile, New Mexico, which didn't tinker with Taft's rules on a constitution, was admitted as the 47th state on Jan. 6, 1912, making Arizona the 48th.

At the time Arizona was admitted (as the country's youngest state) it had only 200,000 residents. Today, Arizona ranks as the 14th largest state in the Union with a population of 7, 231,000.

Arizona Firsts

1. The first and oldest "official" rodeo in the USA was held in Prescott in 1888.
2. In 1927, MGM's mascot "Leo the flying Lion" enroute to New York by plane survived a crash landing east of Payson AZ. Both the pilot and lion survived.
3. In the 1950's, Arizona was also the first state to develop a "master-planned" retirement community.
4. In 1960, Arizona was the first state to provide bilingual education in all schools.
5. Arizona was the first state to have an official neckwear, the bolo tie in 1971.
6. In 1973, Arizona was the first state to prohibit smoking in hospitals, government buildings and many other public places.
7. In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was the 1st woman in history to become a Supreme Court Justice.
8. The Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station was the USA's largest nuclear power plant to go online in 1985.
9. The Arizona Cardinals football team is the longest "continuously" run pro football team in the country. It was founded in 1898. Initially named the Chicago cardinals, the moved from St. Louis to Arizona in 1980.
10. The Historic "Route 66" was first established here in 1987, paving the way for many others states to keep the Mother Road alive.
11. Arizona was the first state to hire full-time bat-manager position for the Fish and Game department in 1990.
12. In 2002, Arizona was the first state to allow online "registering" to vote.
13. In 2003, Lori Piestewa was the first Native American woman to be killed in combat.
14. Arizona was the first state to mandate ignition interlock devises for drivers convicted of a DUI.
15. In 2013, the Yarnhill Fire killed 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots. It became Arizona's most catastrophic wildfire ever!

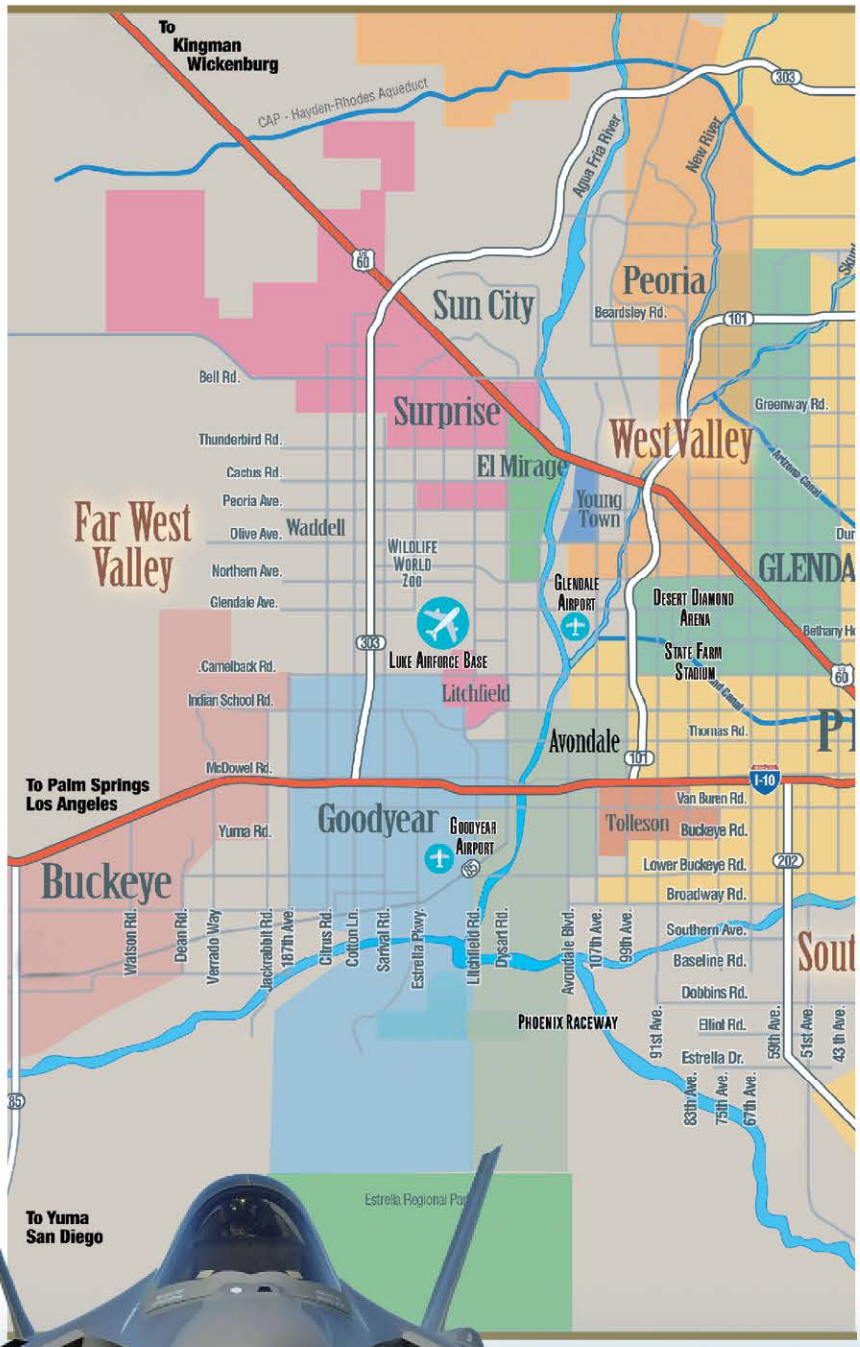
DESTINATION *West Valley*

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



WESTGATE

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

Whether you enjoy a night at the casino, to football or auto racing, visiting the zoo, golfing, boutique and outlet shopping or fine dining the West Valley will not disappoint.



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West Valley LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

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Toss a Frisbee or football around before the show or bring the wee ones to the play structure near the snack bar before you settle back for a one-of-a-kind movie presentation.

westwinddi.com



Pumpkin Days at Tolmachoff Farms

October 1st – 31st

Great big pumpkin patch, 6-acre family corn maze, mini corn maze(perfect for the little ones), and a haunted corn maze.

tolmachoff-farms.com



Monster Jam

November 1st

Get ready to cheer, scream, and be amazed as massive Monster Jam trucks and world champion drivers take over Glendale.

statefarmstadium.com/events



Desert Sky Music Festival

October 3rd

Country music's hottest artists under Arizona's desert sky for one unforgettable night!

forty8live.com/desert-sky-music-festival



Fall Festival of Arts

November 7th – 8th

Spend a pleasant fall weekend in Litchfield Park enjoying fine art, live entertainment, delicious food and our Beer and Wine Garden!

litchfieldpark.gov/events



PIPPIN

October 2nd – November 8th

Arizona Broadway Theatre brings this unforgettable story to life through breathtaking choreography, circus-inspired excitement, and plenty of surprises.

azbroadway.org/shows



Jonas Brothers

November 27th

The Jonas Brothers are bringing The Burning Up Tour All Over Again to the Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, Arizona

desertdiamondarena.com



Westgate Entertainment District

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

westgateaz.com



RUSH

December 3rd

This show is part of their historic "Fifty Something Tour," celebrating over 50 years of the progressive rock band's legacy

desertdiamondarena.com



Hot Rod Night

Wednesdays, Through October 22nd

Cruise in for a classic car show, live music & great happy hour deals from our surrounding bars & restaurants.

westgateaz.com/event



Gracie Abrams

December 9th – 10th

Gracie Abrams brings her "The Look at My Life Tour" to the Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, Arizona.

desertdiamondarena.com



THE WRECK OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD, NOVEMBER 10, 1975

A Canadian Music Legend

For the Ages

Gordon Meredith Lightfoot Jr. was born in Orillia, Ontario, Canada on November 17, 1938. He was an iconic Canadian singer-songwriter, who achieved worldwide success and helped define the 1970's era. Widely considered one of Canada's greatest songwriters, he continually produced numerous gold and platinum albums, and his songs have been covered by many of the world's most renowned musical artists.

From the 60's until he passed, top artists recorded his songs which included among others, Elvis Presley, Olivia Newton-John, Ian and Sylvia, Peter, Paul and Mary, Barbara Streisand, Sarah McLachlan, and Bob Dylan. Lightfoot also recorded Dylan songs. He earned four Grammy nominations and 17 Juno awards (the Canadian equivalent) and was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of fame in 1986. In 1970, he received the prestigious Order of Canada, and in 1997, received the Governor General's award, which is the highest official Canadian honor. In 2001, Lightfoot was inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hallof Fame, which was followed with the 2012 induction into the U.S. based Songwriters Hall of fame, an organization that acknowledges songwriters throughout the world.

During the 1980s and the 1990s, Lightfoot recorded six more original



albums: *Dream Street Rose* (1980), *Shadows* (1982), *Salute* (1983), *East of Midnight* (1986), *Waiting for You* (1993), and *A Painter Passing Through* (1998). Most of Lightfoot's songs and albums went gold or platinum. He was truly a master songwriter and singer.

Respected by musicians everywhere, Robbie Robertson of The Band described Lightfoot as "a national treasure". Bob Dylan said, "I can't think of any Gordon Lightfoot song I don't like. Every time I hear a song of his, it's like I wish it would last forever." Lightfoot was the featured musical performer at the opening ceremonies of the 1988 Winter Olympics and received numerous honors and awards during his career. In May of 2001, he performed *Ring Them Bells* at Massey Hall in honor of Dylan's 60th birthday

A huge hit was his release of *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald* in December 1975. Lightfoot recorded it shortly after learning of the sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald on Lake Superior on November 10, 1975. He wanted to tell the story as accurately as possible and memorialize and honor the 29 crew members who perished.

On July 1, 2017, Lightfoot played at Canada's 150th birthday celebration on Parliament Hill, and was introduced by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The Prime Minister mentioned that Lightfoot had played the same stage exactly 50 years earlier, for Canada's 100th birthday.

Gordon Lightfoot toured the world filling stadiums wherever he performed. Lightfoot influenced generations of musicians worldwide. A Canadian folk hero, singer, and songwriter, he passed away peacefully from natural causes at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto on May 1, 2023. His passing prompted tributes from fans, fellow artists and Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who praised Lightfoot for capturing Canada's spirit through his music. Gordon Lightfoot was 84, and was survived by his wife, six children, and several grandchildren. Through his music, his memory will live on forever

– By Leslie James

Credits: Wikipedia, Gordin Lightfoot archives.



Luke Air Force Base

Luke Air Force Base is a United States Air Force base located 15 miles west of Phoenix in the City of Glendale, Arizona, in the County of Maricopa. Luke Air Force's mission is to Train the World's Greatest Fighter Pilots and Combat Ready Airmen! Home to the 56th Fighter Wing, which is the largest fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force. It was first activated in January 1941.

The base was named after Second Lieutenant Frank Luke (1897–1918), who was born in Phoenix in 1897, who is also a posthumous Medal of Honor recipient and the number-two United States flying ace in World War I.

Today, Luke AFB is a major training base of the Air Education and Training Command (AETC). In fact, it was the largest F-16 Fighting Flacon training base in the world. In March, 2011, the F-35 Lightning II was announced to be replacing the F-16 as the primary training aircraft at Luke. In July 2013, the Air Force announced that Luke AFB would house a total of 144 F-35A Lightning IIs. The first aircraft arrived on base in March 2014.

There are four F-35 fighter squadrons and four F-16 fighter squadrons stationed at Luke Air Force Base. Since its inception in 1941, Luke Air Force Base has graduated over 61,000 fighter pilots.

Wildlife World Zoo, Aquarium & Safari Park

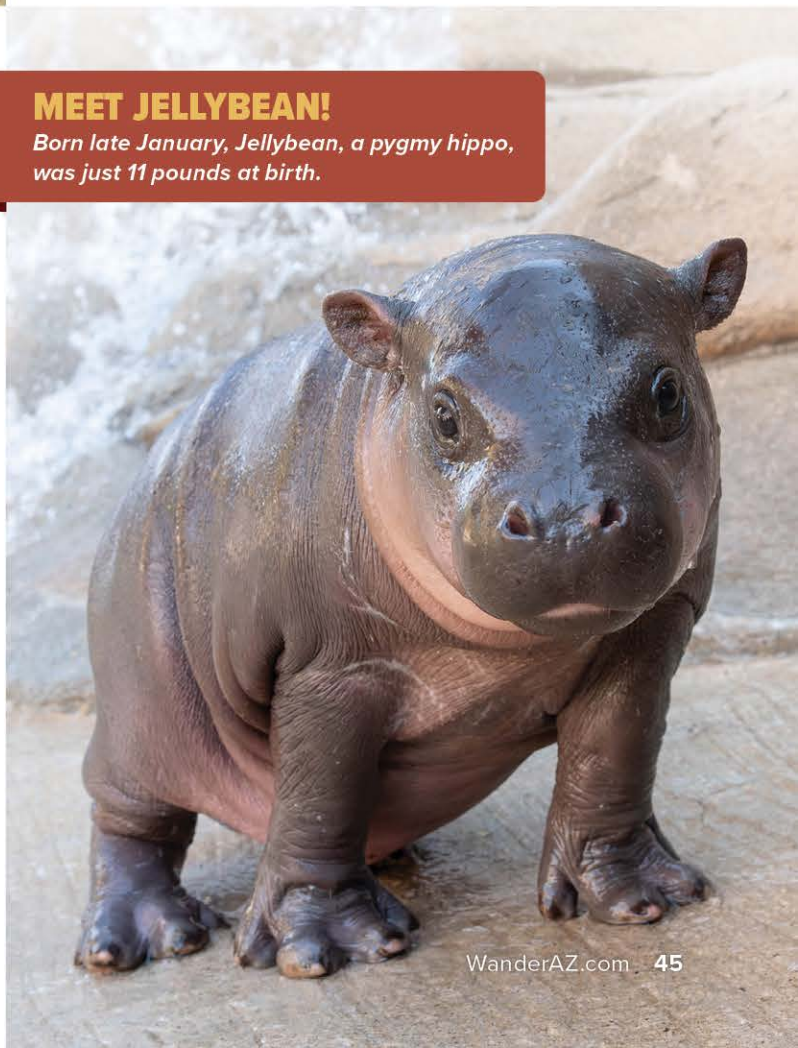
This great venue and attraction continues to be ranked as Arizona's # 1 ZOO. It boasts Arizona's largest collection of exotic and endangered animals (6,000 to be exact), 600 different species, tons of fun rides, a petting zoo along with 8 fabulous shows that are performed daily.

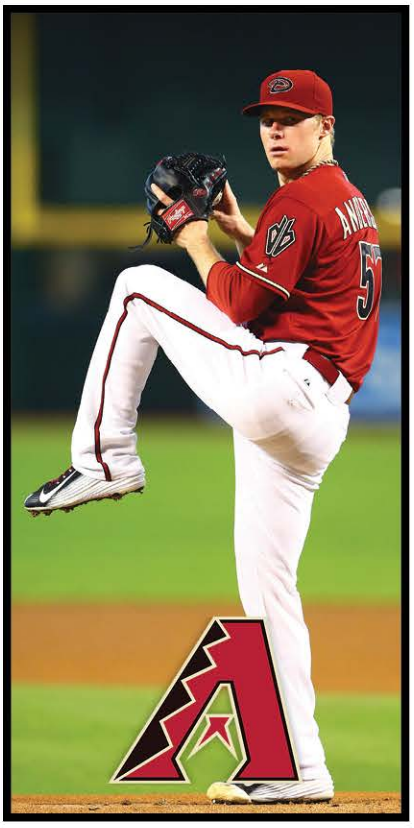
The Zoo is an expansive site, with snack bars, restaurants, gift shops and washrooms situated throughout the grounds. It's easy to spend an entire day visiting the many different attractions offered. The Zoo is packed with Lions, Tigers, Kangaroos, Rhino's, Zebra's, Monkey's, Giraffes (which you can feed at the giraffe feeding station), exotic birds and so much more. And don't forget to visit the Aquarium where you can see over 75 indoor exhibits featuring river monsters, sharks, piranha, fish and sea lions. Or maybe you will enjoy Dragon World, showcasing reptiles including a rare white alligator and a salt water crocodile. The Zoo also has a new mining experience where you can experience a bit of the "Old West" by panning for gold, gems and fossils.

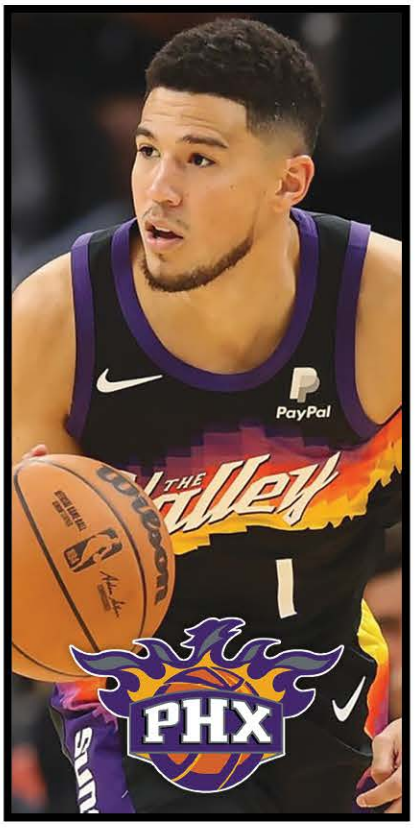
Without question a Valley favorite for both visitors and locals alike. Open 365 days of the year from 9 am – 6 pm. For more info call **623-935-9453** or visit **wildlifeworld.com**.

MEET JELLYBEAN!

Born late January, Jellybean, a pygmy hippo, was just 11 pounds at birth.









DESTINATION *Sports*

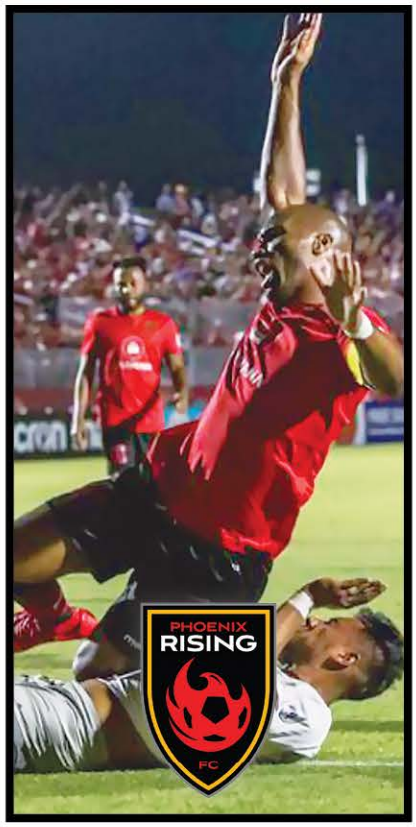
The City of Phoenix, Maricopa County or as its best known, the Valley of the Sun, remains a fan favorite destination for millions of annual sports enthusiasts. Whether you are a casual spectator or a profound sports junkie, every month of the year sees travelers flocking to the Valley from all over the 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*

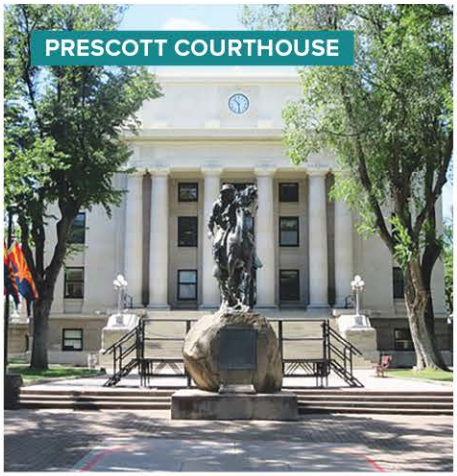


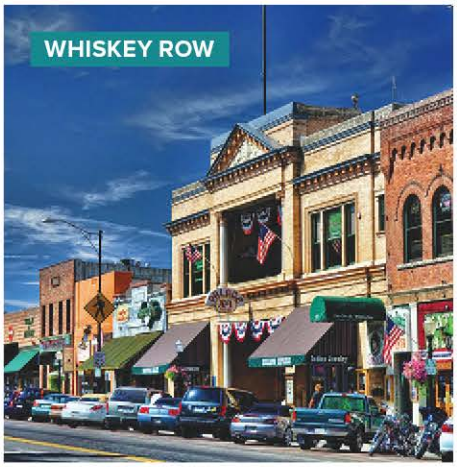
DESTINATION *Prescott*

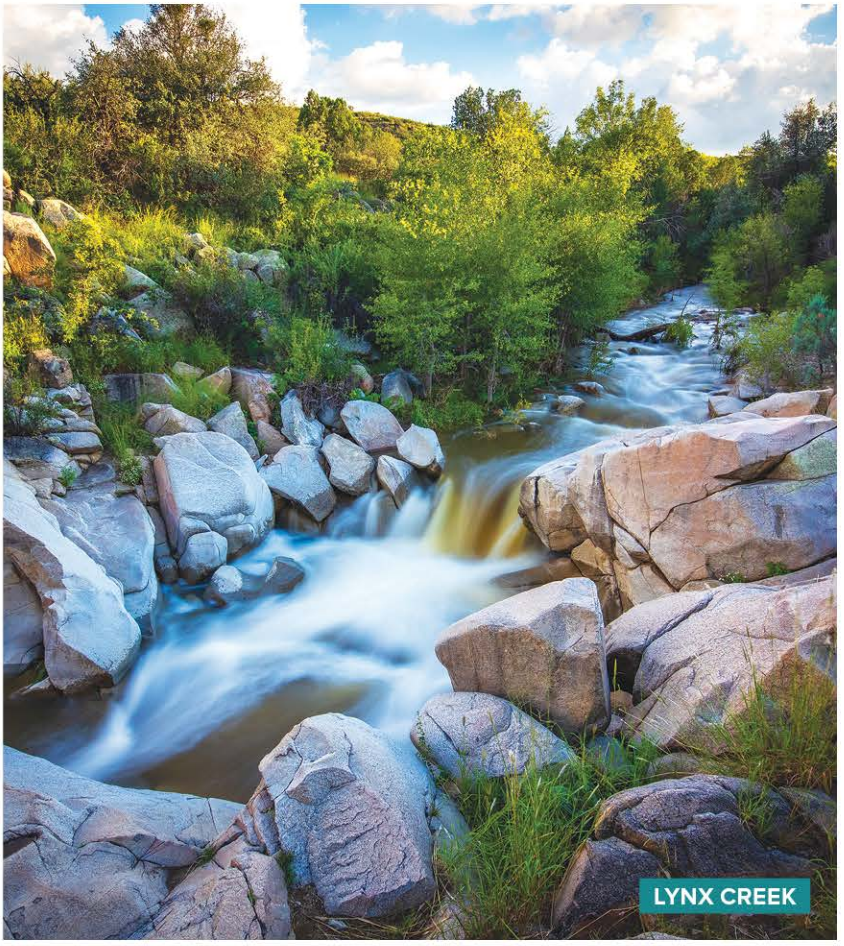
Population: 40,590 | Distance: 100 miles north of Phoenix | Drive Time: 1 hr-20 mins

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 COURTHOUSE


WHISKEY ROW


LYNX CREEK



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 Sates, 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.





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.

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.







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.



The Blazin' M Ranch
This frontier town offers a full-service saloon, shopping, wagon rides, and other western activities that will transport you and your group back in time.
blazinm.com

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 vermillion 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



Dia De Los Muertos

November 1st

Remember loved ones and celebrate their lives with altars showcasing Mexican culture and heritage. A four-day event with special performances on the 28th of October.

tlaq.com



Sedona Community Farmers Market

Sundays

Held Sundays through Oct. 26th from 8 am – Noon. Enjoy local and regional delights from farmers. Breads, fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs and much more!

sedona-farmers-market.com



The Fest of the Fall

November 17th

The perfect celebration for the Fall season! Enjoy a wide selection of food trucks and the autumn atmosphere with family fun and games, craft beers, live music and much more!



Oak Creek Arts & Craft Shows

Through December

Oak Creek Factory Outlet Mall and Bell Rock Plaza in the Village of Oak Creek will be the site of these art shows.

oakcreekartsandcraftsshow.com



1st Fridays in the Galleries

On the First Friday of every month be a part of the Sedona art scene. Enjoy gallery receptions, music, wine tasting and treats, as you immerse yourself in the work of renowned artists from Sedona and around the world.

visitsedona.com/events-calendar



Ales on the Rails

Verde Canyon Railroad's ode to Oktoberfest, offers a wide range of local Arizona breweries, richly crafted beers ranging from the lightest pilsners to the hoppiest IPAs to the deepest stouts.

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Producing some of the finest wines anywhere.

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Jerome, AZ 86331
928-639-9463

Javelina Leap Vineyard & Winery
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

Alcantara Vineyards
6400 East Thousand Trails Rd.
Cottonwood, AZ 86326 | 928-649-8463

Pillsbury Wine Co.
1012 N. Main St.
Cottonwood, AZ 86326 | 928-639-0646

Winery 1912
320 N. Sate Route 89A
Sedona, AZ. 86336 | 928-282-0715

DESTINATION *Williams*

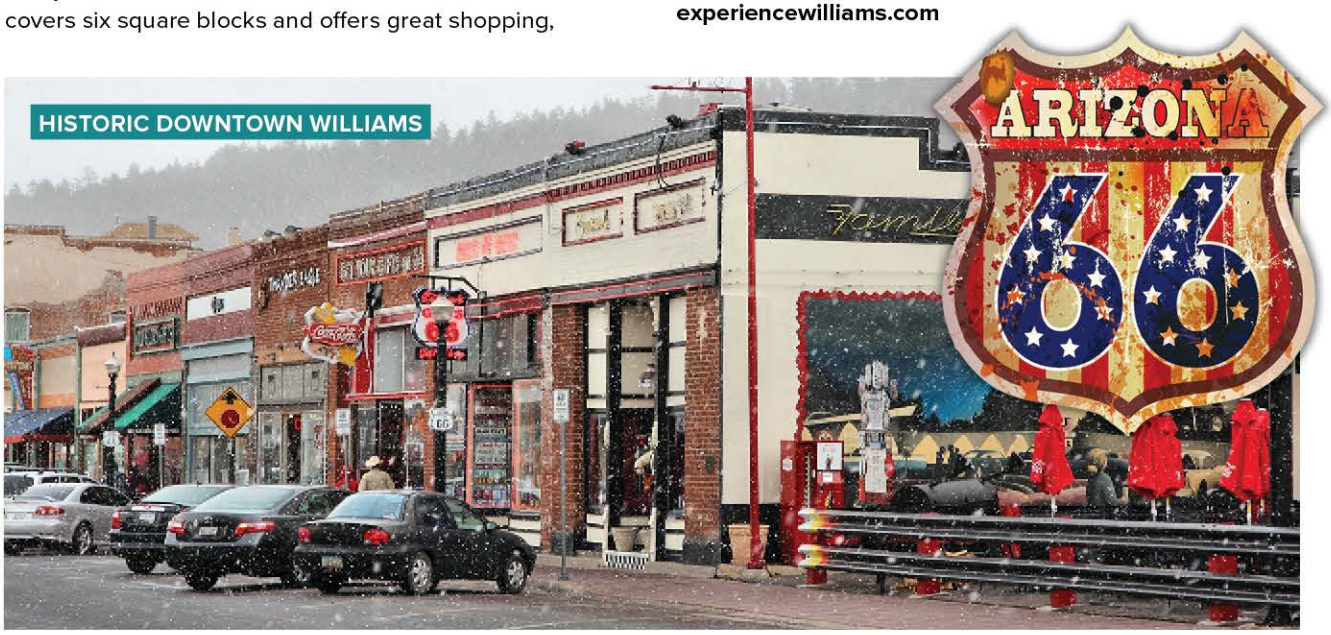
Population: 3,094 | Distance: 169 miles northwest of Phoenix | Drive Time: 2 hrs-40 min

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 by passed 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.

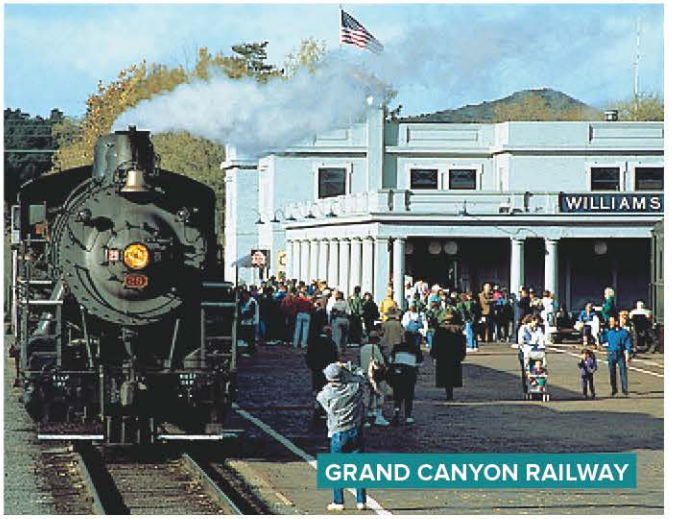
The town is home to the Grand Canyon Railway that takes you on a fabulous round trip train ride to the Grand Canyon. It also offers its Grand Canyon Railway Hotel, a premier hotel adjacent to the railway station. A few minutes south of town is Bearizona, a drive-thru wildlife park which offers a once 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.



GRAND CANYON RAILWAY






EXPERIENCE WILLIAMS

GATEWAY TO THE GRAND CANYON ®

Experience outdoor fun, incredible attractions, Historic Route 66, and so much more.

experiencewilliams.com

Experience History

EXPLORE OUR ARIZONA RUINS

– By Rachel Pasche

Long before statehood, Arizona was home to thousands of Indigenous Peoples belonging to various tribes. Many of today's ruins, and landmarks are remnants of the once-great Sinagua People, who inhabited much of the northern and central regions of Arizona. Great hallmarks of their time include the large pueblos they constructed, several of which remain standing today, almost a millennium later. While their cultures have since declined, pieces of their history remain. Today, Arizona is home to 22 different tribes, and over a quarter of the land in this state belongs to the Native American peoples.

Scattered throughout the Grand Canyon State, are historical monuments and ancient dwellings that remain preserved through time, and open for visitors interested in learning more about the rich culture and history of these people. Some offer guided tours for up-close and detailed experiences, while others maintain preservation through distanced viewing.

Montezuma Castle National Monument, located near Camp Verde, is a cluster of dwellings tucked into a cliff high above the ground. These protected ruins were constructed by the Sinagua people, who inhabited the Southwest region. It is thought to have been constructed between 1,100 and 1,350 A.D. and is the last evidence to be found of these people. Visitors can drive in and walk along the base of the cliff, examining the historic dwelling from below.

Wupatki National Monument protects miles of prairie, housing villages of ancient ruins to explore. Surrounded by picturesque geography including red rock cliffs and the breathtaking beauty of the Coconino National Forest lands, history and nature collide with these pueblos, which seem as though they belong to the landscape. First inhabited around 500 A.D., this vast protected space spans around 35,253 acres. The villages once served as a bustling center for trading and living for several archaeological cultural groups, including the Hohokam People. Public trails wind through the settlements, allowing for close inspection and appreciation for these old-world lifestyles.

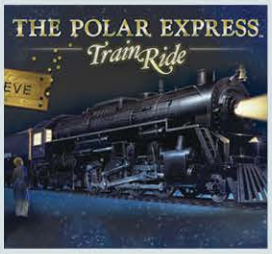
Tonto National Monument features two Salado-style cliff dwellings built into an escarpment near the Tonto Basin. The Salado culture is most known for its colorful pottery and iconographic designs. The Lower Cliff Dwelling details 20 rooms with the original construction, including a few in-tact ceilings; this area is accessible by a short but steep hike up to the cliff. The 40-room Upper Cliff Dwelling can only be reached by a guided hike. This structure is a stunning testament to the architecture of the Salado People.

Tuzigoot National Monument near Clarkdale offers a way to immerse yourself in the rich history of the land. A multiple-story pueblo built atop a desert hilltop, this elongated series of rooms perches along a ridge in the Verde Valley. Once a great residence, Tuzigoot has 110 rooms and is the largest and best-preserved of the Sinagua ruins. This settlement is a testament to some of the findings regarding the social lives and implementation of public spaces in these cultures. Visitors can take a self-guided tour and explore history up close; trails lead you through the rooms, creating an immersive experience that renders this long-past era as powerfully present.





Williams LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Polar Express at Grand Canyon Railway

November – January

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The historic Grand Canyon Railway departs daily from Williams, Arizona to the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon.

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Fun 66 Tours

Tours begins from Williams, AZ to Seligman – the Birthplace of Historic Route 66, to the largest dry caverns in the US, through the homeland of the Havasupi Indians.

fun66tours.com



Grand Canyon Deer Farm

A popular tourist destination that offers visitors the opportunity to feed and interact with deer. The farm features a variety of deer, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, and elk!

deerfarm.com



Holiday Shopping in Williams

Home to a variety of unique shops and boutiques. Visitors can find everything from Western wear to Native American jewelry, and from handcrafted goods to one-of-a-kind treasures.

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

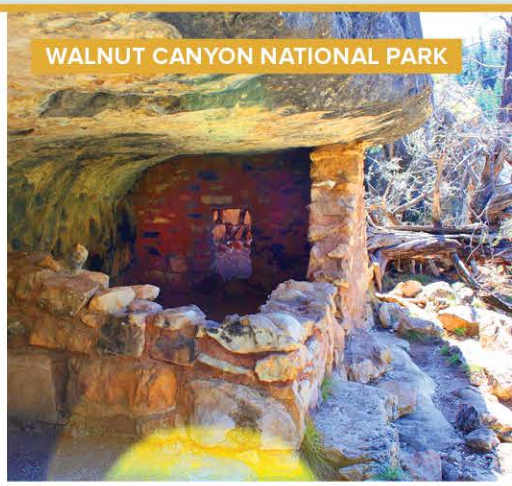
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Skywalk, Rafting, Hualapai Lodge
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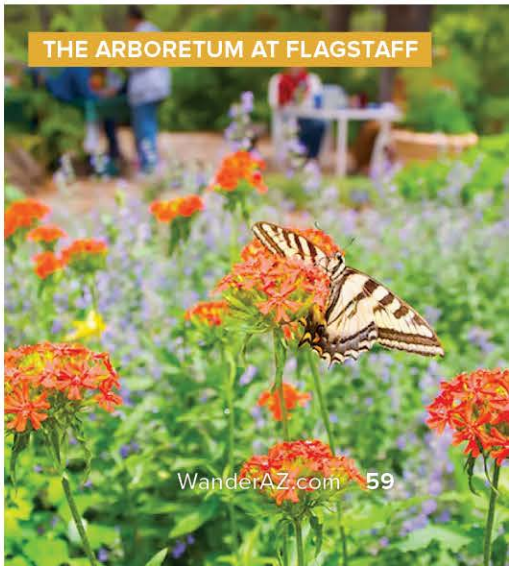
Hoover Dam
Highway 93, Hoover Dam
Boulder City, NV 89005
usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam

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







ARIZONA'S GRAND CANYON

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 Sates 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 Phoenicians 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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To ensure a table, please call for reservations at 928-779-3142.

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STAY. When it's time to unwind, relax in AAA Four Diamond comfort in one of the resort's thoughtfully appointed guest rooms or suites. Spacious layouts and modern amenities offer the perfect retreat just off Interstate 40.

PLAY. The excitement builds on a spacious casino floor featuring the latest slots and classic table games, including live roulette and live craps. Whether you're chasing a jackpot or settling in for a night at the tables, Twin Arrows delivers real energy in a modern setting. Year-round promotions and special events keep the action fresh every time you visit.

Located at 22181 Resort Boulevard at Exit 219, about 20 minutes east of Flagstaff, Twin Arrows is an easy drive from Phoenix via I-17 North to I-40 East, or from Albuquerque via I-40 West. **For reservations and information, call 928-856-7200 or visit twinarrows.com.**



Flagstaff LOCAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Annual Oktoberfest

October 3rd

Kick off the autumn season with bratwurst, pretzels and plenty of Beer! Guests will enjoy polka music, a brat eating contest, stein holding competition and much more.

flagstaffoktoberfest.com



Old Town Shops

A collection of locally owned shops and restaurants at the corner of Birch & Leroux streets in Historic Downtown Flagstaff. Individual business hours vary.

oldtownshops.com



The Aquabats

October 8th

The Aquabats will be performing live at the historic Orpheum Theater in downtown Flagstaff, Arizona. All-ages concert. Doors open at 6 pm.

orpheumflagstaff.com



Lowell Observatory

Search the universe, study dark skies and stargaze where Pluto was discovered! Look through new and historic telescopes, watch science demos, study informative exhibits and more.

lowell.edu



Pumpkin Walk

October 24th

Old-fashioned carnival games, spooky stories, face-painting and 100's of lit Jack-o-Lanterns. Join in the fun at The Arboretum at Flagstaff, 8 am – 5 pm.

thearb.org



Coffee Houses

Enjoy more than 15 Flagstaff coffee houses by sipping a decadent latte or take home a pound of locally roasted coffee!



Historic Downtown Flagstaff

Don't miss a walk through Historic Downtown Flagstaff, centered on the old train station and also housing the Flagstaff Visitor Center. Start your tour here, pick up a brochure, and shop for souvenirs.



First Friday Artwalk

Each first friday of the month, art galleries and businesses open their doors from 5 – 9 pm with special art exhibitions, performances, live music, treats and much more.

artwalkflg.org



Flagstaff Breweries

Designated as a leading Arizona Craft Beer City, Flagstaff boasts eight craft breweries and a legacy of crafting fermented delights.

flagstaffarizona.org/dining-nightlife/breweries



Scenic Gondola Ride

An awesome way to view the fall foliage from an elevated view, without taking the time and energy to hike. You'll find the t the end of Snowbowl Rd on the western side of the San Francisco Peaks.

snowbowl.ski



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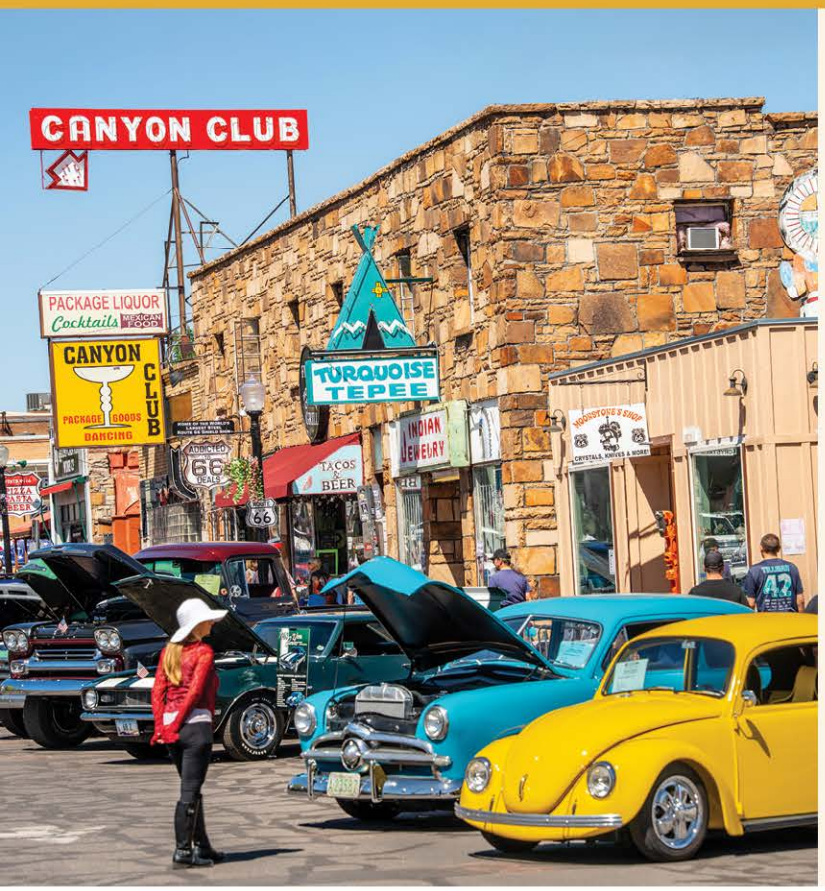
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City of Williams

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The City of Willims is one of the most enjoyable places in northern Arizona you can visit. Just a short 25-mile drive west of Flagstaff, you can get there on highway I-40 west or take the infamous Route 66, which opened back in 1926.

Downtown offers great restaurants, bars, shopping, western apparel, and antiques stores. Every week there is street entertainment, including fairs, car shows and other local events. If you are an outdoor enthusiast, then you can golf, bike ride, kayak, or just camp outdoors.

Williams will not disappoint. For more information, stop by their friendly Visitor Center, located at 200 West Railroad Avenue, or call: 928-635-4061.



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