

DISCOVER THE VALLEY LIKE A LOCAL, SHOP, DINE & MORE!



congratulations!

You've decided to make Arizona your new home state and are ready to learn all Arizona has to offer. Moving can already feel and be a challenging experience. Ahead is a guide to help you navigate the state like a pro and have you feeling like a local in no time!

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## GRAND CANYON STATE

Arizona, known for its stunning desert landscapes, vibrant cities, and endless sunshine, is more than just a state—it's a lifestyle. Whether you're considering a move for career opportunities, retirement, or simply a change of scenery, Arizona offers a unique blend of natural beauty, cultural richness, and modern amenities that make it a great place to call home.

#### **Diverse Landscape**

Arizona boasts a diverse landscape that includes everything from deserts and canyons to forests and mountains. The state is home to the Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, as well as numerous national parks and monuments. Whether you enjoy hiking, biking, camping, or simply taking in the scenic views, Arizona offers endless opportunities for outdoor adventure.

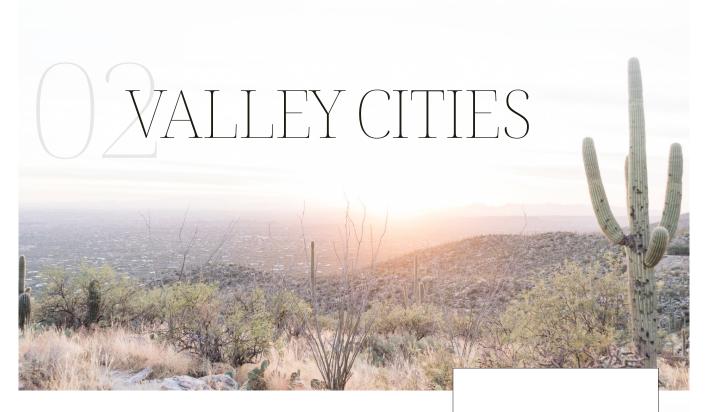
#### Unbeatable Weather

One of the biggest draws of Arizona is its incredible weather. Winters are mild, with temperatures rarely dropping below freezing in most areas, making it an ideal escape for those looking to avoid harsh winter climates.



almost 300 DAYS of sunshine

residents can enjoy outdoor activities mostly all year-round!



The metropolitan Phoenix area is a sprawling desert oasis, home to a diverse range of neighborhoods and cities that offer something for everyone. From vibrant urban centers to tranquil suburban enclaves, each area of the Valley of the Sun has its own unique charm and appeal. Let's take a closer look at some of the neighborhoods and cities that make up this dynamic region.

valley of THE SUN

is referred to as all the connecting cities surrounding the Metro area.

#### CITIES WITHIN THE VALLEY

Phoenix Sun City

Buckeye Peoria

Avondale Scottsdale

Tolleson Tempe

Glendale Fountain Hills

El Mirage Queen Creek

Litchefield Park Mesa

Goodyear Gilbert

Surprise Paradise Valley

San Tan Valley

Cave Creek

Carefree

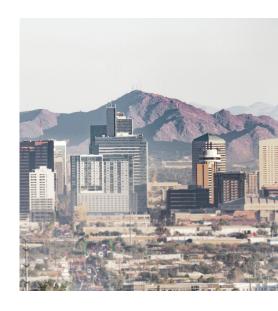
Anthem

Laveen

Ahwatukee

Chandler

Maricopa



## METRO neighborhoods

**Downtown Phoenix,** is a vibrant, rejuvenated urban hub featuring the Arizona State Capitol, museums, theaters, and sports venues, along with the Roosevelt Row Arts District's galleries, boutiques, and trendy eateries.

Scottsdale, Scottsdale, a desert gem known for its luxury, offers upscale shopping, dining, and a vibrant arts scene in Old Town, along with prestigious resorts and golf courses for outdoor enthusiasts.

**Gilbert,** one of the safest cities in the U.S., is a family-friendly community with a small-town vibe, featuring a charming Heritage District, local shops, and abundant outdoor activities

**Buckeye,** one of the fastest-growing cities in the West Valley, offers a small-town feel with new developments, historic neighborhoods, and abundant outdoor activities, including parks, golf courses, and the Buckeye Air Fair.

**Tempe,** Tempe, Arizona, is a vibrant city known for its dynamic mix of cultural events, dining, and entertainment, centered around Arizona State University. The city features beautiful lakeside parks and a lively downtown area with shopping, dining, and arts venues.





Arizona earns its nickname, the "Valley of the Sun," with its warm, enjoyable weather for most of the year. From October to April, temperatures typically range from 65 to 85 degrees, while summer sees desert temperatures soaring above 100 degrees from late May to early September. Despite the heat, the dry climate keeps humidity in check, with Phoenix averaging 8.3 inches of rainfall annually.

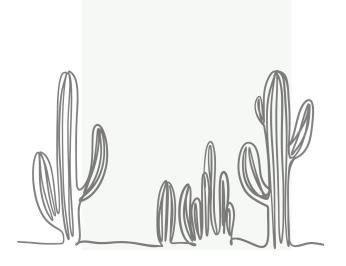
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# NATIONAL PARKS

Grand Canyon National Park | Flagstaff

Vermilion Cliffs National Monument | Page

Marble Canyon National Monument | Tusayan

Antelope Canyon | Page

Monument Valley | Navajo Tribal Park

Slide Rock State Park | Sedona

Petrified Forest National Park | Holbrook

Saguaro National Monument | Tucson

Sunset Crater Volcano | Flagstaff

Tonto National Park | Payson

Canyon de Chelly National Monument | Chinle

Chiricahua National Monument | Willcox

Wupatki National Monument | Flagstaff

Coconino National Forest | Sedona

#### **ARIZONA WILDLIFE**

Arizona's wildlife is incredibly diverse, ranging from desert dwellers like the Gila Monster and Western Diamondback Rattlesnake to mountain species like the Mule Deer and the Black Bear. The state's varied habitats also support riparian birds like the Great Blue Heron and unique species like the Elf Owl. This rich ecosystem reflects the adaptability and resilience of the animals living in Arizona's extreme conditions.



Keep your distance, be aware of your surroundings and research native wildlife varieties to Arizona.

# BEST HIKES IN the valley



extensively, and use

sunscreen above

SPF 15. Rest frequently

in shaded areas.

EASY

Double Butte Loop | Papago Park - 2.3 Mile Loop

Blevins Trail | Usery Mountain Regional Park - 2.3 Mile Loop

Waterfall Trail | White Tank Mountain Regional Park - 1.8 Miles

Judith Tennell | South Mountain Park - .5 Mile Loop

#### **MEDIUM**

Hidden Mormon Trail | South Mountain Park - 4 Miles Out & Back

Pinnacle Peak Trail | Pinnacle Peak Park - 3.5 Miles Out & Back

Lookout Summit Trial | Phx Mountains Preserve - 1.2 Miles Out & Back

Dixie Mountain Loop | Phx Sonoran Preserve - 3.82 Mile Loop

#### **DIFFICULT**

Piestewa Summit Trail | Phx Mountains Preserve - 2.4 Miles Out & Back

Echo Canyon Trail | Camelback Mountain - 2.4 Miles Out & Back

Tom's Thumb Trail | McDowell Sonoran Preserve - 4.6 Miles Out & Back

Siphon Draw Trail | Lost Dutchman State Park - 6 Miles Out & Back

Limit exercise or outdoor activity between the hours of 11am - 3pm during the hot summer months when the sun is at its peak intensity. Take extra precautions and preparations for hiking trips around the valley.



Nestled in the southwestern U.S., Arizona boasts a rich cultural history shaped by Native American tribes, Spanish explorers, and Wild West pioneers. Home to 22 Native American tribes, each with unique traditions, the state also showcases Spanish influence through landmarks like Mission San Xavier del Bac and its fusion cuisine. The Wild West era adds to the tapestry with historic towns like Tombstone, offering a glimpse into the rugged, adventurous spirit that once defined the region. Let's embark on a journey through time to uncover the vibrant tapestry of cultures that have shaped the Grand Canyon State.

#### **MUSEUMS**

Arizona Science Center | Phoenix

Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve | Glendale

Musical Instrument Museum | Scottsdale

Hall of Flame Museum | Phoenix

Heritage Square | Phoenix

Heard Museum | Phoenix

S'edav Va'aki Museum | Phoenix

Children's Museum of Phoenix | Phoenix

#### **ARTS & PERFORMANCE**

Phoenix Art Museum | Phoenix

Scottsdale Philharmonic | Scottsdale

Ballet Arizona | Phoenix

Symphony of the Southwest | Mesa

Symphony Hall | Phoenix

Mesa Encore Theater | Mesa

AK-Chin Pavilion | Phoenix

Kerr Cultural Center | Scottsdale

## TOP LOCAL EATERIES





#### **VOTED BEST OF 2024**

Bacanora | Phoenix - Mexican

Eddie V's Edgewater Grill | Scottsdale - Seafood

Caldwell Count BBQ | Gilbert - American BBQ

Dim Sum Cafe | Mesa - Asian Cuisine

Francine | Scottsdale - French Cuisine

Fry Bread House | Phoenix - Native American

Glai Baan | Phoenix - Thai Cuisine

Culinary Dropout | Tempe - American

The Hidden House | Chandler - New American

Que Chevere | Mesa - Latin Cuisine

Inca Fusion Peruvian | Avondale - Peruvian Cuisine

Litchfield's | Litchfield Park - American

La Piñata | Phoenix - Mexican



#### TOP COFFEE SHOPS

Lux Central | Phoenix

WeBe Coffee Roasters | Cave Creek

Fillmore Coffee Co. | Gilbert

Momentto Coffee Roasters | Chandler

# FAMILY FUN activities

Looking for some things to do with your kids around the valley? You'll find all sorts of attractions and activities to do that are kid-friendly, so you and your little ones can be entertained!

#### TOP ATTRACTIONS

Phoenix Zoo | Phoenix

Wildlife World Zoo | Litchfield Park

LEGOLAND Discovery Center | Tempe

Crayola Experience | Chandler

Children's Museum of Phoenix | Phoenix

Arizona Science Center | Phoenix

OdySea Aquarium | Scottsdale

SEA LIFE Arizona | Tempe

Six Flags Hurricane Harbor | Phoenix

Golfland Sunsplash | Mesa

iFLY Indoor Skydiving | Scottsdale

Out of Africa Wildlife Park | Camp Verde

Desert Botanical Garden | Phoenix

Pangaea Land of the Dinosaurs | Scottsdale

#### **PET SAFETY**

The biggest weather risk to your pet is heat exhaustion that can easily happen even when calmly exploring or resting outdoors.

Always provide cool water and plenty of shady areas for your furry friends.



walk your pet in SHADED AREAS

when outdoors and find ways to keep them cool.

# SHOPPING DISTRICTS



Valley features unique shopping districts, each with its own charm. Old Town Scottsdale blends art galleries, upscale boutiques, and trendy eateries. The Biltmore Fashion Park offers high-end stores and dining in a lush setting. Each area reflects Phoenix's diverse culture

Biltmore Fashion Park

Camelback Colonnade

The Churchill

Outlets at Anthem

Paradise Valley Mall

Arrowhead Towne Center

**Westgate District** 

**Tanger Outlets** 

Arizona Mills Mall

**Chandler Fashion Center** 

San Tan Village

Mill Avenue (ASU Area)

**Kierland Commons** 

Scottsdale Fashion Square

The Promenade

**Scottsdale Pavillions** 

#### **VALLEY FARMERS MARKETS**

#### **DOWNTOWN PHX | Phoenix**

Saturdays - 7:30AM - 11:30AM (Weekly)

#### **UPTOWN MARKET | North Phoenix**

Saturdays - 8AM - 12PM (May-Oct) | 9AM - 1PM (Nov - Apr)

#### **OLD TOWN | Scottsdale**

Saturdays - 7AM - 11:30AM (Oct - May)

#### ROADRUNNER PARK | Phoenix

Saturdays - 7AM - 11AM (Jun - Sept) | 8AM - 1PM (Oct - May)

## MOVINGTIMELINE

Before you pack up, here are some tips to ensure a smooth relocation.



#### **WEEKS TO GO**

- Call moving companies for quotes.
- Decide on items to discard, donate, or sell.
- Inform schools and arrange enrollment.
- Consider additional moving coverage.
- Use up perishable and frozen foods.
- Collect packing boxes and material



#### **WEEKS TO GO**

- Start packing.
- Update your address with the post office and relevant places.
- Arrange travel, interim housing, and car
   rental; keep confirmation numbers.
- Collect medical records and prescriptions for new doctors.
- Secure legal, medical, and insurance Records



#### **WEEKS TO GO**

- Prepare your car for the trip.
- Drain water from hoses.
- Drain gas and oil from power equipment.
- Pick up items from cleaners or repairs





#### **DAYS BEFORE MOVING**

- Defrost and clean the refrigerator.
- Reconfirm travel arrangements.
- Pack essentials for the first days; label boxes "Load Last."
- Reserve parking for movers and clear paths inside.
- Arrange utility activation/ cancellation at both locations.



#### **MOVING DAY!**

- Be available to answer any questions from movers.
- Point out all or any fragile items.
- Review your inventory.

Check thoroughly for any left-behind items.

- Stay until movers are finished.





#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Fire / Police / Ambulance	911
Poison Control	602-253-3334
Maricopa Animal Control	480-676-3290
Gas Leak	602-271-4277

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Phoenix Police Dept	602-262-7626
Scottsdale Fire Dept	480-312-8000
Scottsdale Police Dept	480-312-5000
Maricopa County Sheriff's Dept	602-876-1853
Rural/ Metro Fire Prevention	480-945-6311
Animal Control/ Licensing	602-506-7387

#### CITY INFORMATION

Chandler	480-782-2220
Gilbert	480-503-6000
Phoenix City Hall	602-262-6659
City of Scottsdale	480-312-6500
Tempe	480-967-2001
City of Glendale	623-930-2000
Litchfield Park City Hall	623-935-5033
City of Peoria	623-773-7340
Avondale City Hall	623-333-1000

### be sure to HIGHLIGHT

the most important information and save to your mobile contacts!

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Phoenix Children's Hospital	602-546-1000
Scottsdale Mem. Hospital	480-282-4000
Physician Referral Service	602-252-2844

#### **UTILITY COMPANIES**

Arizona Public Service (APS,	) 602-371-7171
Salt River Project	602-236-888
Southwest Gas	877-860-6020
AmeriGas	623-937-9227



#### **AIRPORTS**

Phoenix Sky Harbor	Code: PHX
Phoenix-Mesa Gateway	Code: AZA
Tucson International	Code: TUS
Scottsdale Airport	Code: SCF



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