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A Sports Fan's GUIDE TO GLENDALE

Make the most of the matchup with pregame and postgame festivities

From the pregame energy in parking lots to the cheers of the crowd at State Farm Stadium and postgame celebrations at Westgate, Glendale offers a complete sports experience that goes beyond the game itself. Whether you're cheering for the Arizona Cardinals, attending the Fiesta Bowl, or taking in Spring Training baseball, this guide will show you how to maximize your time in this sports-loving city.

TAILGATING TIPS

When attending a game at **State Farm Stadium**, the tailgating scene is where the action begins. The stadium, home to the Arizona Cardinals and the annual Fiesta Bowl, transforms into a sea of team colors as fans set up grills, toss footballs, and blast music. Arrive early: officially, parking lots open four hours before kickoff, but seasoned tailgaters show up even earlier to claim the best spots.

For first-timers, there's no need to worry about fitting in. Tailgating here is as much about community as it is about the game. The atmosphere and the camaraderie among fans create an unforgettable experience. Be sure to pack plenty of snacks, drinks, and sunscreen – this is Arizona, after all.

Soak up the tailgate atmosphere without needing to man the grill at the Great Lawn, a sprawling eight-acre area where fans can gather to enjoy pregame entertainment, food trucks, and live music.

TAKE THE PARTY TO WESTGATE

After the final whistle blows, don't rush off. Instead, join other fans at the nearby Westgate Entertainment District, where the postgame party continues. Located just steps from the stadium, Westgate is home to a variety of bars, restaurants, and entertainment venues that cater to both local fans and out-of-town visitors.

Start by grabbing a bite at **Yard House**, which serves an extensive menu of craft beers and game-day favorites like nachos and wings. Or stop by **Bar Louie**, a popular spot known for its extensive drink menu and pub-style eats. Bar Louie offers plenty of late-night snacks to keep fans going after the game.

For something local and unique, **State 48 Funk House** delivers. This Arizona-based brewery not only serves up craft beer brewed on-site but also features bowling lanes, adding a fun, competitive element to postgame plans. Unwind with a cold beer, knock down pins, and enjoy the energetic atmosphere.

For an interactive experience, check out **PopStroke**, the new mini-golf and entertainment venue designed by Tiger Woods. Featuring two mini-golf courses, PopStroke lets fans test their skills while enjoying food and drinks. Loser buys treats at the on-site ice cream parlor or at the rooftop bar!

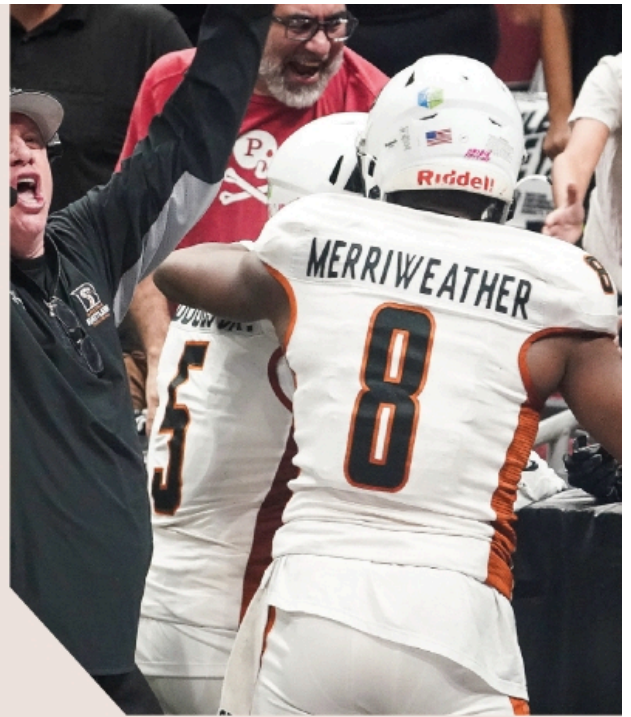
Craving a lively scene? **The Lola** offers craft cocktails and comfort food in a trendy, upbeat setting that touts itself as a never-ending celebration. Whether catching up with friends or soaking in the buzz of the postgame crowd, The Lola creates the perfect atmosphere to extend the fun.

In town for the weekend before game day? Head to Westgate for late-night fun when many bars turn into dance parties on the weekends. The night never has to end at **Carousel Arcade Bar**, a neon-hued hot spot that pulsates with retro games and live DJs.

For fans feeling lucky, head to **Desert Diamond Casino**, located less than a mile from the stadium. With gaming, dining, and entertainment options, it offers everything needed to keep the excitement rolling – literally at the craps table – long after the game ends.

WESTGATE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT





ARIZONA RATTLERS

The Cardinals aren't the only football team in town. The Arizona Rattlers, part of the Indoor Football League, play their home games at Desert Diamond Arena in the heart of Glendale – a move that established Glendale as the "Football Capital of Arizona." Known for fast-paced, high-scoring games, Rattlers games offer an intense yet family-friendly atmosphere that's perfect for sports fans looking for a unique football experience.



CAMELBACK RANCH - GLENDALE



SPRING TRAINING

Baseball fans visiting Glendale in the spring are in for a treat. The city welcomes fans to Camelback Ranch - Glendale, the Spring Training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox. This state-of-the-art complex offers fans the opportunity to see their favorite players up close with easy access to practices, autograph opportunities, and games in an intimate setting.

The atmosphere and the camaraderie among fans create an unforgettable experience.

EXPLORE MORE

Glendale's Sports & Entertainment District, which encompasses State Farm Stadium and Westgate, is a hub for visitors looking to make the most of their trip. Beyond game day, the area is packed with things to do.

Desert Diamond Arena hosts top-tier concerts featuring national headliners. For shopping enthusiasts, **Tanger Outlets** is just a short walk away. Featuring designer brands including Sephora, lululemon, Victoria's Secret, and Michael Kors, it's a great place to spend some time before or after the game.

STAY THE NIGHT

One of the best things about Glendale's sports scene is the variety of lodging options available for fans. **Hampton Inn & Suites** is a popular choice for fans who want to walk to the game. This hotel is located just a short stroll from both the stadium and Westgate, making it easy to dive right into the action without worrying about parking. **Aloft Glendale** at Westgate offers a trendy design, an outdoor pool, and the W XYZ bar where visitors are sure to strike up a conversation with someone rooting for the home team. Located less than a mile from all the action, **Holiday Inn Glendale** offers spacious rooms perfect for stretching out after an exciting day – the entire hotel has rooms with king beds only.


Glendale offers several resort options as well. **Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Spa** is located between the stadium and Westgate. The luxurious property serves Southwestern cuisine and creative cocktails at Desert Sage, plus more casual fare at Kava Marketplace Café. The on-site spa and indoor and outdoor pools offer relaxation after a day of sports excitement.



Find a complete list of Glendale lodging options at **VISITGLENDALE.COM**.

STATE FARM STADIUM





ROUND1 BOWLING & ARCADE

From arcade games and laser tag to custom candies,
Glendale offers enjoyed-by-all entertainment –
this includes you, parents!

TOP 10 FOR KIDS

CERRETA CANDY COMPANY

If your kids have a sweet tooth, Cerreta Candy Company in Downtown Glendale is a must. Hop on a tour to watch chocolates being made and admire the colorful packaging of thousands of candies.

CHICKEN N PICKLE

Chicken N Pickle has a little bit of everything. Head to the courts for a friendly round of pickleball or check out yard games such as giant Jenga and shuffleboard. Grab a bite or a beverage between competitions.

DAVE & BUSTER'S

Arcade junkies, unite! Dave & Buster's is where gaming dreams come true, with racing simulators, claw machines, classics like Skee-Ball, and more ticket-spitting arcade games than you can count.

ESCAPE WESTGATE

Puzzle solvers and adventure seekers love Escape Westgate, where families can work together to break out of themed escape rooms before the clock runs out. It's all about teamwork and quick thinking.

GREAT SKATE

Strap on some skates and hit the rink to music and lights that make every lap around the floor feel like a party. Bonus points for themed skate nights, like glow-in-the-dark skating.

MAIN EVENT

Main Event takes entertainment to the next level with 26 lanes for bowling, more than 100 arcade games, gravity ropes, billiards, and a laser tag arena that takes sibling rivalry to a new level.

ROUND1 BOWLING & ARCADE

Take bowling up a notch at the VIP Immersive Lane, which casts a game atop the lane (think bowling meets Frogger). For visitors who want to hit high notes, head to the karaoke room.

STRATOSPHERE ADVENTURE PARK

At Stratosphere, kids can jump, climb, and flip their way through a trampoline-packed adventure zone. Throw in ninja courses and climbing walls, and you've got the recipe for a full day of fun.

WEST WIND GLENDALE 9 DRIVE-IN

Grab the blankets, load up on snacks, and settle in for a double feature under the stars. West Wind Glendale 9 combines the retro feeling of a drive-in movie with today's blockbusters.

WILDLIFE WORLD ZOO, AQUARIUM & SAFARI PARK

Visit Arizona's largest collection of exotic and endangered animals, from big cats to exotic birds. Or, take a ride through the safari park and get up close with giraffes and zebras.



WILDLIFE WORLD ZOO,
AQUARIUM & SAFARI PARK



Find kid-friendly restaurants and sweets spots at **VISITGLENDALE.COM**.



Savor authentic flavors at Glendale's popular taco spots

In Glendale, tacos are more than just a meal. They're a celebration of flavors and traditions that capture the heart of Mexican cuisine. Whether you're in the mood for simple, street-style fare or bold, creative takes on the classics, Glendale serves up authentic flavors.





SALT TACOS Y TEQUILA

Located in the bustling Westgate Entertainment District, Salt Tacos y Tequila puts a modern spin on traditional tacos. With a lively atmosphere and a dynamic menu, visitors can indulge in succulent lobster tacos featuring plump Maine lobster atop jalapeño slaw and garnished with mango salsa and chipotle crema. Or mix it up with a dish simply known as The Vampire: braised angus beef wrapped in a crispy cheese tortilla with pickled red onions, salsa brava, and cilantro.

The fun doesn't stop at tacos, however. Salt's bar boasts an impressive lineup of premium tequilas and salt-rimmed cocktails, along with draft and bottled beers, wine by the glass, and even a selection of fine whiskeys.

TULUM MODERN MEXICAN

Inspired by the bohemian charm of Tulum, this stylish spot in Westgate Entertainment District takes diners on a journey of bold flavors. The menu is filled with creative takes on Mexico's most beloved classics. Their Arrachera Tacos are a must-try, packed with marinated skirt steak. Then there's the Tacos de Cochinita Pibil cooked in a housemade marinade and paired with Mayocoba beans.

With strolling musicians and even fire dancers, a visit here is an experience. Signature cocktails dazzle as well. The playful Chilling-Itza blends Fireball whiskey, sour apple liqueur, and Hpnotiq for an unexpected twist, while Tulum on My Mind is light and refreshing, made with watermelon, lime, white rum, and ginger ale.

TACOLICIOSO

For tacos on the go, look for the Tacolicioso food truck at Northern and 91st avenues. Don't miss out on their caramelo and vampiro tacos, both offering a fun twist on traditional tacos. Visitors often find Tacolicioso on the lineup at **Food Truck Friday West**, a weekly event with a revolving roundup of local vendors.



This stylish spot takes diners on a journey of bold flavors



SALT TACOS Y TEQUILA



TULUM MODERN MEXICAN

BARRIO QUEEN

Dining at Barrio Queen feels like sitting down to a meal with family and friends. Full of warmth, tradition, and authentic flavors, this iconic spot at Arrowhead Towne Center captures the soul of Mexico with dishes inspired by cherished family recipes.

For taco lovers, the selection is top-notch – enjoy everything from *nopalitos* (cactus) and *pescado* (fish) to *cochinita pibil* (pulled pork) and *carne asada* (steak), all made to order on hand-pressed corn tortillas. Looking for something extra special? Try the Alambre beef taco made with adobo steak, queso fresco, poblano, soy-lime peppers, and pico de gallo on a blue corn tortilla. The Mar y Tierra taco – featuring Gulf shrimp and tender carne asada – gives guests a tasty surf-and-turf option.

TACOS Y BIRRIA EL MICHOACANO

Michoacán is a region in western Mexico often considered the birthplace of *birria*. Run by sisters Lorena and Angelica Barragan, this local gem in Downtown Glendale serves up authentic tacos made with slow-cooked meat accompanied by a rich consommé for dipping.

For a heartier meal, make it a combo with a side of fluffy Mexican rice and cheesy refried beans. End on a sweet note with a refreshing horchata, jamaica, or Mexican soda. The inviting atmosphere and friendly service at this family-owned restaurant make it a perfect spot for taco lovers who want something casual, a little messy, and totally delicious.

TA'CARBON

Don't let the modest strip mall location at Camelback and 59th Avenue fool you – Ta'Carbon serves up some of the best Sonoran-style tacos in town. While their specialty is carne asada, guests can also dig into *al pastor* or *barbacoa* tacos, all wrapped in handmade corn tortillas. For a delicious change of pace, try their signature Taco Hazz, packed with juicy carne asada, green chiles, and gooey melted cheese.

For the adventurous taco lover, Ta'Carbon also has *lengua* (beef tongue) and *tripa campechano* (a mix of steak and tripe) tacos topped off with goodies from the salsa bar. Wash it all down with a refreshing Mexican soda or an ice-cold beer for the perfect meal.

URBAN AGAVE

Blending bold modern flair with the timeless flavors of Mexican cuisine, this stylish spot just off Loop 101 at 67th Avenue sets the stage for an unforgettable meal. The menu is anything but ordinary, featuring options like wild mushroom tacos made with portobellos and Sonoran tacos featuring carne asada and charred-tomato salsa. Or go for the *quesabirria* – slow-roasted beef with onions, cilantro, and consommé. It's a taco lover's dream.

Signature drinks include the pineapple jalapeño margarita with Blanco tequila and chile-lime salt and Smoke on the Horizon with Mezcal Naran, passion fruit liqueur, and pomegranate, pineapple, lime, and orange juices.



Find more restaurants to please everyone in the crew at **VISITGLENDALE.COM.**

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



BLUE CORN CAFE & BAKERY

As the Master Baker at Blue Corn Cafe & Bakery, Nick brings scratch-made pastries and breads to Downtown Glendale. His sourdough bread became a local legend on day one.

Q: What do visitors say when they walk into Blue Corn for the first time?

They say it smells great in here! They also love the welcoming atmosphere and say the cafe looks like a dollhouse.

Q: What are your favorite items on the menu?

Our classic and jalapeño-cheddar sourdough breads are a big hit, and the zucchini muffins always sell out.

Q: What surprises first-time visitors to Glendale?

Visitors are surprised by how big Glendale is and how many entertainment districts are in the area.

Q: What is your favorite hidden gem?


We love Papa Ed's Ice Cream and our daughters really enjoy going to Pink House Boutique and Auntie Em's Miniatures.

Q: When friends from out of town visit, where do you take them for dinner?

We always have a good time at Haus Murphy's and Thirsty Lion. When we bring the kids, Johnny Rockets never disappoints.

Q: Which local events do you look forward to?

My family never misses Paris in the Spring French Market or the Hometown Christmas Parade.



PINK HOUSE BOUTIQUE

TOP SHOPS

Discover what's in store
at Glendale's bustling
shopping districts

We hope you packed light – you'll need the suitcase space for all the must-buy goodies you're sure to uncover in Glendale. That's because the city's retail offerings cater to every type of shopper, from antiques browsers and outlet store scourers to fans of high-end fashion brands. Here's your handy buying guide to Glendale.

ONE-STOP SHOPPING

ARROWHEAD TOWNE CENTER

This sun-lit mall is a destination unto itself. Not only can guests spend hours cruising more than 180 premier stores – think Macy's, Coach, lululemon – but they can snack on yummy eats at a food court and unwind with a movie at AMC Theatres or a little friendly competition at Round1 Bowling & Arcade. Visiting Arrowhead Towne Center on a Saturday? Peruse the fresh produce and creative wares from local artisans at the mall's outdoor farmers market. For visitors staying at a nearby Marriott property, the hotel's Sip & Stay package includes gift vouchers to Arrowhead.

BUT FIRST, FOOD: At Arrowhead Towne Center, a coffee spot or cookie kiosk is never far away – good news for serious shoppers in need of refueling. The newest restaurant to grace the lineup: Sizzle, an upscale Korean barbecue experience.

WHAT A DEAL

TANGER OUTLETS

Raise your hand if you love a good deal. Well then, get ready. Tanger is stacked with everyone's favorite brands, each selling their merchandise at deep discounts. For sportswear, find the likes of Adidas, Nike, and Columbia. For fashion, check out Saks, Kate Spade, and Boss. Looking for accessories? Head to Fossil, Oakley, and Tumi. The newest shops on Tanger's roster include Sephora, Calvin Klein, Victoria's Secret, and Buckle. Check out the Hometown Vendor Market and Second Friday International Night Market with vendors selling food, art, and handmade items.

BUT FIRST, FOOD: At nearby Westgate across from Tanger, go Greek with Opa Life Bar & Grill. This Mediterranean restaurant highlights traditional Greek cuisine like gyros, souvlaki, and spanakopita.

ONLY IN GLENDALE

DOWNTOWN

Ditch the car in the free Palmaire parking structure and enjoy an open-air shopper's stroll along brick-lined sidewalks. Treasure seekers adore the one-of-a-kind gems at 2 Share A Unique Boutique, where vendors display all things vintage. At Coyote Oaties, nosh on their famous oatmeal cookies while browsing the cute merch at the on-site mercantile. Enhance your wellness routine at Tangled Root Botanicals, a locally owned apothecary stocked with organic health and beauty products. Round out the day at Pink House Boutique, a bubble-gum-colored store with retro-style pinup girl clothing and accessories.

BUT FIRST, FOOD: Locals and visitors agree that Little Saigon is the place to go Downtown for authentic Vietnamese home cooking. Traditional dishes made with fresh ingredients include pho, banh mi and spring rolls.

WALKABLE DISTRICT

CATLIN COURT HISTORIC DISTRICT

Nestling up to Downtown is Catlin Court, a neighborhood with 100-year-old bungalows housing stores and eateries. As with Downtown, the best way to explore the charms of Catlin Court is on foot. Start at Memory Lane Trinkets and Treasures. The name says it all – a thrifter's showcase of garden décor, clothing, jewelry, accessories, and housewares. Stop in Bears & More for collectible teddy bears, stuffed animals, toys, and vintage goods, then visit The Cottage Garden, a delightful boutique featuring a thoughtfully curated selection of gently used women's apparel.

BUT FIRST, FOOD: For a light nosh and coffee drinks, don't miss Blue Corn Cafe & Bakery, a popular breakfast and lunch spot featuring scratch-made muffins and quiche plus soups and sandwiches on fresh bread.



Find complete lists of stores in all of Glendale's shopping districts at **VISITGLENDALE.COM**.



ARROWHEAD TOWNE CENTER



TANGER OUTLETS



ARROWHEAD TOWNE CENTER



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LAKE PLEASANT

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GLENDAL, ARIZONA



Glendale's outdoor recreation destinations invite visitors to enjoy great weather and inspiring landscapes

It may be surprising to visitors just how many outdoor adventures Glendale offers in the bustling metro area. Find places to get steps in on ribbons of urban multiuse trails, climb to the top of mountain summits to take in the views, or set off on two wheels or on horseback to go deep into the desert backcountry. Winter visitors are amazed they can hike in shorts and T-shirts, while summer visitors get their outdoor activities in early.

Glendale locals know a secret!

URBAN SUMMIT TRAILS

Mention urban summit hikes to Valley locals and most instantly picture the natural stair-steppers Camelback Mountain and Piestewa Peak in neighboring Phoenix. But Glendale locals know a secret. The mountain ranges in their backyards lead to urban summit views every bit as astonishing but without the quad-busting elevation gains.

At the northern edge of Glendale, **Thunderbird Conservation Park** features 20 miles of loop trails perfect for family hikes, dogs included. Hikers must watch their steps along the craggy trails, but the routes are never so steep that hikers have to clamber on all fours. Along the loop trails, hikers get peekaboo views of surrounding neighborhoods. At the summits, 360-degree views pay off the climbs. Trail runners get in on the action here, but the trails are too populated for mountain bikers and equestrians. Horseback riders stage at the southeast corner of the park to set off on the nine-mile bridle path along 51st Avenue.

On the western edge of the Valley, the rugged summit trails at **White Tank Mountain Regional Park** lead into remote desert backcountry. Throughout the White Tanks, wide-open desert trails attract mountain bikers, trail runners, and equestrians with more than 30 miles of shared-use trails. Serious mountain bikers test their skills and speed on the park's competitive track, a series of high-flying, strenuous loops in the northeast corner of the park.

Even the rugged White Tanks have family-friendly options. The wide, paved path at **Waterfall Canyon** leads into the wilderness for half a mile before it transitions to natural surfaces. Parents pushing strollers or visitors in wheelchairs can safely reach rock gardens decorated with petroglyphs and pass by fields of saguaros and chollas. Experienced hikers set off on the park's longer trails. The **Goat Camp Trail** goes seven miles through a canyon before reaching a ridgeline summit that features steep climbs where lizards, quail, and jackrabbits outnumber other hikers.

THUNDERBIRD CONSERVATION PARK

GREEN SPACES

Glendale's public parks invite visitors to soak up the sunshine year-round. Some parks preserve the area's ranching roots while other green spaces follow the area's system of canals. At **Sahuaro Ranch Park**, preserved ranch buildings date to the late 1800s. The historic homestead is surrounded by gardens, orchards, and green spaces populated by a flock of peacocks.

Cyclists and runners appreciate the miles of mostly uninterrupted paved trails that connect Glendale's linear canal parks. Accessed just south of State Farm Stadium, the **Grand Canal Linear Park** is a popular staging area for cyclists who can ride along the canals all the way to the East Valley. Families gather at **Glendale Heroes Regional Park** to let the kids burn off energy at the skate park and splash pad. Other linear parks in Glendale see a steady stream of walkers, joggers, cyclists, and horseback riders or visitors who come to play disc golf, let their dogs loose at a dog park, or test their skills at an archery range.

IS THAT AN OASIS?

Lake Pleasant is a massive reservoir along the Agua Fria River north of the metro area. The largest lake in the region attracts power boaters, water-skiers, and Jet Skiers year-round. Visitors can explore nearly 120 miles of shoreline by kayak to discover secret coves or take it easy at shoreline ramadas. The on-site marina rents all the gear needed to have a fun day on the water. Plus, a floating restaurant and bar attract visitors who prefer to watch the water lap against the shore.

OFF-ROADING

To get deep into the raw beauty of the Sonoran Desert, consider joining a local ATV expedition. **Desert Dog Offroad Adventures** is one of the area's first outfitters to take visitors out on sand-buggy adventures. Leave the navigation to guides who know where to go to find the most astonishing desert landscapes. Wind through rock gardens and narrow canyons and kick up some dust on valley floors where saguaro silhouettes bathed in orange and pink hues at sunset stop visitors in their tracks.



Find more outdoor adventures at
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Rainbow Ryders

Many hikers start early to reach mountain summits when fleets of hot air balloons lift off from the valley floor below. **Rainbow Ryders Hot Air Balloon Ride Co.** is one of the area's most respected adventure tour companies. Join sunrise flights year-round to get an astonishing perspective of the entire desert valley. November through March, additional excursions lift off an hour before sunset to give guests unrivaled photo ops.





WIGWAM GOLF CLUB

NICE

SWING AWAY AT THE AREA'S PICTURESQUE GOLF COURSES

Glendale and its neighboring communities boast some of the best golf courses in the state. Visitors can play through scenic desert landscapes year-round.

THE LEGEND AT ARROWHEAD

Designed by golfing great Arnold Palmer, The Legend at Arrowhead sprawls out along the fringe of Thunderbird Conservation Park. While forgiving enough for golfers at any level to enjoy, this championship course challenges with several doglegs and six lakes. The signature fifth hole showcases the best The Legend at Arrowhead has to offer. Golfers take aim from an elevated tee with scenic views of the surrounding desert. Besides the 18-hole course, The Legend at Arrowhead has a practice facility with a driving range and putting and chipping greens.



THE WIGWAM

In neighboring Litchfield Park, the historic Wigwam Resort is home to three 18-hole golf courses. The championship Gold Course attracts seasoned golfers who want to test themselves on Robert Trent Jones Sr.-designed fairways that have hosted qualifying tournaments for the U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur. Locals tend to favor the slightly shorter Red Course, which navigates winding creeks. The Blue Course is a good choice for beginners, but it still presents opportunities for strategic ball placement.

THE LEGEND AT ARROWHEAD



Golf isn't confined to the fairways in Glendale. In the Westgate Entertainment District, visitors can stock up on supplies and even get fitted with Parsons Xtreme Golf (PXG) golf clubs at **PXG Westgate's** 3,900-square-foot retail space. **PGA Tour Superstore** sells clubs too, as well as apparel, shoes, and accessories. It also has practice bays and offers lessons and clinics. **Topgolf** in Glendale puts a new spin on the sport with players trying to get closest to a target from their driving bay. At Tiger Woods' mini-golf venue, **PopStroke**, players maneuver through two 18-hole putting courses complete with bunkers and greens with tricky reads.

SUN CITY WEST

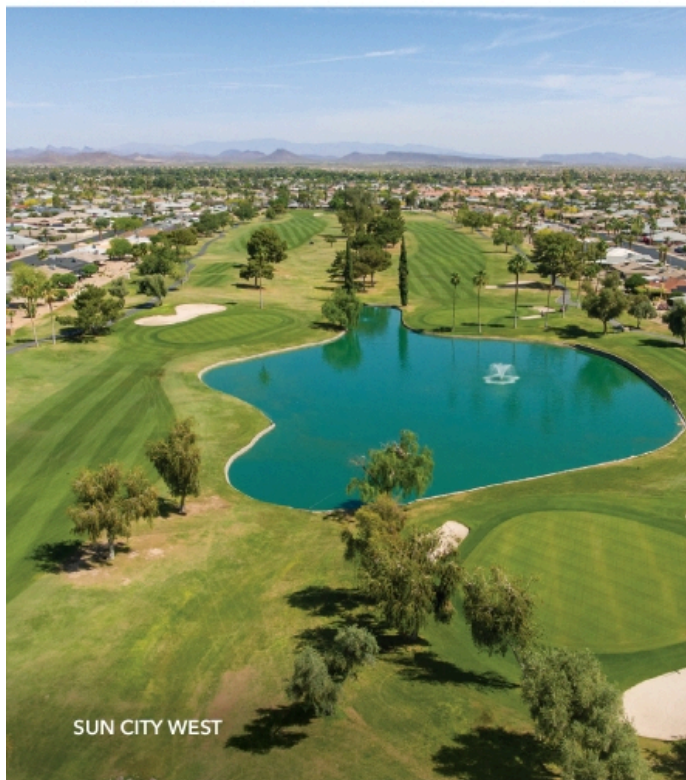
In addition to several private courses, Sun City West is home to public courses such as Grandview, which hosted the LPGA Legends Tour for multiple years. For a relaxed game, Deer Valley Golf Course mixes wide fairways and large greens with enough water hazards to keep things fun. Trail Ridge takes the game in the other direction with desert landscapes and lakes that require accurate tee shots. At Hillcrest Golf Club, players can hone their skills with a round on the 18-hole course or at the John Jacobs' Golf Schools.

RAVEN GOLF CLUB

Skirting the edge of South Mountain, Raven Golf Club's 18-hole course combines strategic play with stunning views of the Sonoran Desert and the Phoenix skyline. It also stands out for its multitiered greens and the more than 6,000 mature pine trees framing its rolling fairways. While casual players will appreciate the expansive fairways, Gary Panks and David Graham designed the 7,078-yard championship course so that players who hope to shoot par need to make use of every club in their bag.



Find more attractions to add to your golf getaway at **VISITGLENDALE.COM**.



SUN CITY WEST

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



RESIDENCE INN & SPRINGHILL SUITES

As the Area General Manager at Residence Inn & Springhill Suites, Delia DeFreitas works in the heart of the action. She knows where guests are guaranteed to have a good time.

Q: What surprises first-time visitors to Glendale?

I often hear guests comment on how new everything is here. They are happy to find so many things to do so close by.

Q: For early risers, where do you recommend visitors go to start the day?

Watching the sunrise during a morning hike in the White Tanks is something visitors enjoy. Then they can get breakfast at fun spots such as Biscuits Cafe and First Watch.

Q: Which new attractions are creating a buzz?

PopStroke and Chicken N Pickle. Both are great places for family fun but are great for friends and couples, too.

Q: When friends from out of town visit, where do you take them for dinner?

There are so many great places to eat in Glendale. I usually suggest sushi at Kabuki at Westgate.

Q: Which Glendale events do you never miss?

I always look forward to Spring Training baseball games and Arizona Cardinals football games. In autumn, two of my favorite events are the Santa Hustle fun run and the PBR Rodeo.



STATE FARM STADIUM

LIVE FROM *Glendale!*

The fun continues
for visitors who
like to stay up late



HERITAGE NIGHT MARKET

Calling all night owls! The fun doesn't stop in Glendale when the sun goes down. See local bands rocking out in pubs and parks plus national acts taking the stage at major concert venues.

STATE FARM STADIUM

Pop superstar Taylor Swift kicked off her legendary Eras Tour at State Farm Stadium, inspiring Glendale's temporary moniker of "Swift City." No venue is perhaps better suited for concerts from the likes of Swift and other big-name musicians than this stadium, which is also home to the NFL's Arizona Cardinals – it boasts capacity for 73,000 people and has a retractable roof for enjoying live music under a starry desert sky.

DESERT DIAMOND ARENA

The nation's biggest entertainment acts perform at Desert Diamond Arena, one of the premier venues in Arizona. Anchoring Westgate Entertainment District, the impressive arena hosts more than one million guests annually for concerts from the likes of Billie Eilish and Zach Bryan and events such as WWE and the Harlem Globetrotters.

DESERT DIAMOND CASINO

With three lounges plus all the gaming imaginable, Desert Diamond Casino offers nightlife options aplenty. Catch a game on wall-to-wall televisions at Winners Sports Bar, soak up the sparkling lights and see-and-be-seen vibe of The Rock Bar, or sip a craft cocktail at Edge Bar. Depending on the time of year, check out live shows by cover bands during the casino's Legends Tribute Series.

LIVE!

From September through April, Downtown Glendale comes alive with LiVE! The free monthly event features themed shows: dance parties where deejays spin tunes from country to disco, fiestas with Selena tribute bands, or a reggae evening with local favorites Walt Richardson & Morning Star. Food trucks and live art demos round out the offerings.



FOUNTAIN PARK

During the day, linger in the fountain-centered square at Westgate Entertainment District for free live music Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. During the summer months, enjoy more live bands on Friday and Saturday nights, 7–10 p.m. Also check out the family-friendly (and dog-friendly!) artisan markets. The pop-up market happens on select Friday nights and features products like fashion, jewelry, and handmade gifts.

CHARLEY'S SPORTS GRILL

It's not only live music on the menu at Charley's, though visitors can certainly enjoy it every Friday and Saturday night. It's also a cornhole tournament (Tuesday), trivia showdown (Wednesday), and karaoke party (Thursday). The entertainment kicks off at 7 p.m., but arrive early to snag a table and put in an order for pulled pork sliders or the locally loved bacon-wrapped meatloaf.

KIMMYZ ON GREENWAY

No matter the day of the week, visitors are sure to catch live music at Kimmyz. That's because the bar schedules rock acts – from yacht to classic to alternative – four days a week and hosts open mic and karaoke the other two days. What about Sundays, you ask? That's reserved for Kimmyz's famous French Dip special, of course. Bands that have graced the stage here include Angry Jon, Shallow Water, Tripwire, and Jared Blackstone.

TIM FINNEGAN'S IRISH RESTAURANT & PUB

As one of the metro's most authentic Irish eateries, Tim Finnegan's is the place to get fare from Ireland. Shepherd's pie. Corned beef and cabbage. Bangers and mash. Pasties stuffed with ground lamb. It's also a happy spot for live music, which happens Fridays and Saturdays and features local musicians, including Scottish players.

WESTSIDE BLUES & JAZZ

This intimate club lets guests cozy up to the music. Cocktail tables tuck up near the brick-wall-backed stage, couches nestle in corners and high-top seats run along the bar. Ah yes, the bar. Here, skilled mixologists whip up classic bevies that pair perfectly with the tunes. Doors open Thursdays through Sundays and highlight the state's best of the best on the jazz and blues circuit.



HERITAGE NIGHT MARKET



WESTGATE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT



Find more ways to enjoy Glendale after dark at
VISITGLENDALE.COM.

2025

EVENTS

What's happening in Glendale?



LIVE! in Downtown Glendale

September-April | 5-9 p.m.

glendaleaz.com/events

Head to downtown Glendale for live monthly concerts under the stars. The series welcomes music fans September through April before taking a break during the summer months. These free concerts include food trucks and family-friendly activities to round out the fun. Check the website for performance dates and a full lineup of artists.

MARCH

Folk & Heritage Festival

March 1-2 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sahuaro Ranch Historic Park
glendaleaz.com/events

Spring NASCAR Weekend

March 7-9 | 6 p.m., 12 p.m.,
12:30 p.m.
Phoenix Raceway-Avondale
phoenixraceway.com

17th Annual Paris in the Spring French Market

March 8 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Downtown Glendale & Catlin
Court Historic District
visitdowntownglendale.com



Mecum Auto Auction

March 18-22 | 8 a.m. - Close

State Farm Stadium

mecum.com/auctions

Gearheads converge on State Farm Stadium for this five-day auto auction that features classic and collector vehicles plus exhibitors from across the country. Register in advance to bid during the live auctions and you could drive a souped-up '57 Chevy home!

Ballet Under the Stars

Sahuaro Ranch Historic Park

balletaz.org

Ballet Arizona stages free performances of classical and contemporary dance across the metro each autumn. Glendale gets in on the action at historic Sahuaro Ranch Park. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy an evening of outdoor entertainment.



JUNE

Section 7 Basketball Team Camp

June 13-22

State Farm Stadium

az.nhsbca.org/section-seven

CONCACAF Gold Cup

June 14-July 6

State Farm Stadium

concacaf.com

Glendale Gun Show

June 15 | 1-5 p.m.

Glendale Civic Center

glendaleaz.com/events

Post Malone with Jelly Roll

The Big Ass Stadium Tour

June 21 | 7:30 p.m.

State Farm Stadium

statefarmstadium.com

JULY

Mad Monster Party

July 11-13 | 6-11 p.m.,

11 a.m.-7 p.m., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa,

Westgate Entertainment District

madmonster.com

Maricopa County Home & Landscape Show

July 11-13

State Farm Stadium

maricopacountyhomeshows.com

AUGUST

NFL Arizona Cardinals Preseason

State Farm Stadium

statefarmstadium.com

SEPTEMBER

NFL Arizona Cardinals Football Season Begins

State Farm Stadium

statefarmstadium.com

OCTOBER

MLB Fall League

Camelback Ranch - Glendale

camelbackranchbaseball.com

Fear Farm Haunted Fairground

7 p.m.-Close

Sports & Entertainment District

fearfarm.com

Professional Bull Riders:

Ridge Rider Days

October 10-12

Desert Diamond Arena

desertdiamondarena.com/events

Halloween Hometown Happening

October 25-26 | 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Downtown Glendale

visitdowntownglendale.com



EVENTS

NOVEMBER

NASCAR Championship Weekend

November 2 | 3 p.m.
Phoenix Raceway-Avondale
Phoenixraceway.com

Dino's Git Down

November 14-15
9 a.m.-4 p.m., 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
State Farm Stadium
statefarmstadium.com

DECEMBER

Christmas in Catlin Court & Old Towne Holiday Happening

Select Fri. & Sat. Nights | 6-8 p.m.
Downtown Glendale
visitdowntownglendale.com

Hometown Christmas Parade

December 13 | 11 a.m.
Downtown Glendale
glendaleaz.com/events

Santa Hustle Race Series

December 21 | 8 a.m.
Westgate
santahustle.com



Glendale Glitters

November 28 - January 1 | Glendale Civic Center

glendaleaz.com/events

After Thanksgiving, Glendale Glitters brings holiday magic to town for the holidays. From 5 to 10 p.m. each night, the city is illuminated with 1.5 million festive lights. The holiday entertainment is amped up with vendors offering gifts and treats plus live performances and walk-through light displays.

EARLY 2026 EVENTS

JANUARY 2026

VRBO Fiesta Bowl College Football Playoff Semifinal

January 8
State Farm Stadium
statefarmstadium.com



FEBRUARY 2026

Cactus League Spring Training

February - March
Camelback Ranch - Glendale
camelbackranchbaseball.com

Downtown Glendale Art & Culture Fest

10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Glendale Civic Center
downtownglendalefest.com

The Chocolate Affaire

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Glendale Civic Center
thechocolateaffaire.com

Festival Fiesta Classic

State Farm Stadium
festivalfiestaclassic.com



Massive venues hitting Glendale's entertainment scene

Discover **VAI Resort**, where sophisticated fun meets unmatched entertainment. A desert oasis, world-class concert venue, and hotel retreat, VAI is your ultimate playground. Dip into clear blue waters along a white-sand beach, savor immersive retail and dining experiences—including Bar Mar by José Andrés, his first coastal concept in Arizona—and watch the biggest names in music from your hotel balcony. Every moment at VAI is extraordinary, with surprises at every turn. Come for the scene, stay for the encore.

Also coming soon, **Mattel Adventure Park** will bring your kids' favorite toys to life. From Hot Wheels™ racing tracks to the Barbie Beach House™, this park turns imagination into reality. Also keep **Andretti Indoor Karting & Games** on your (speed) radar. Race for the checkered flag in high-speed go-karts. Between laps, try laser tag and arcade games.





Getting Here & Getting Around

AIRPORTS

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport
skyharbor.com

Glendale Regional Airport
glendaleaz.com

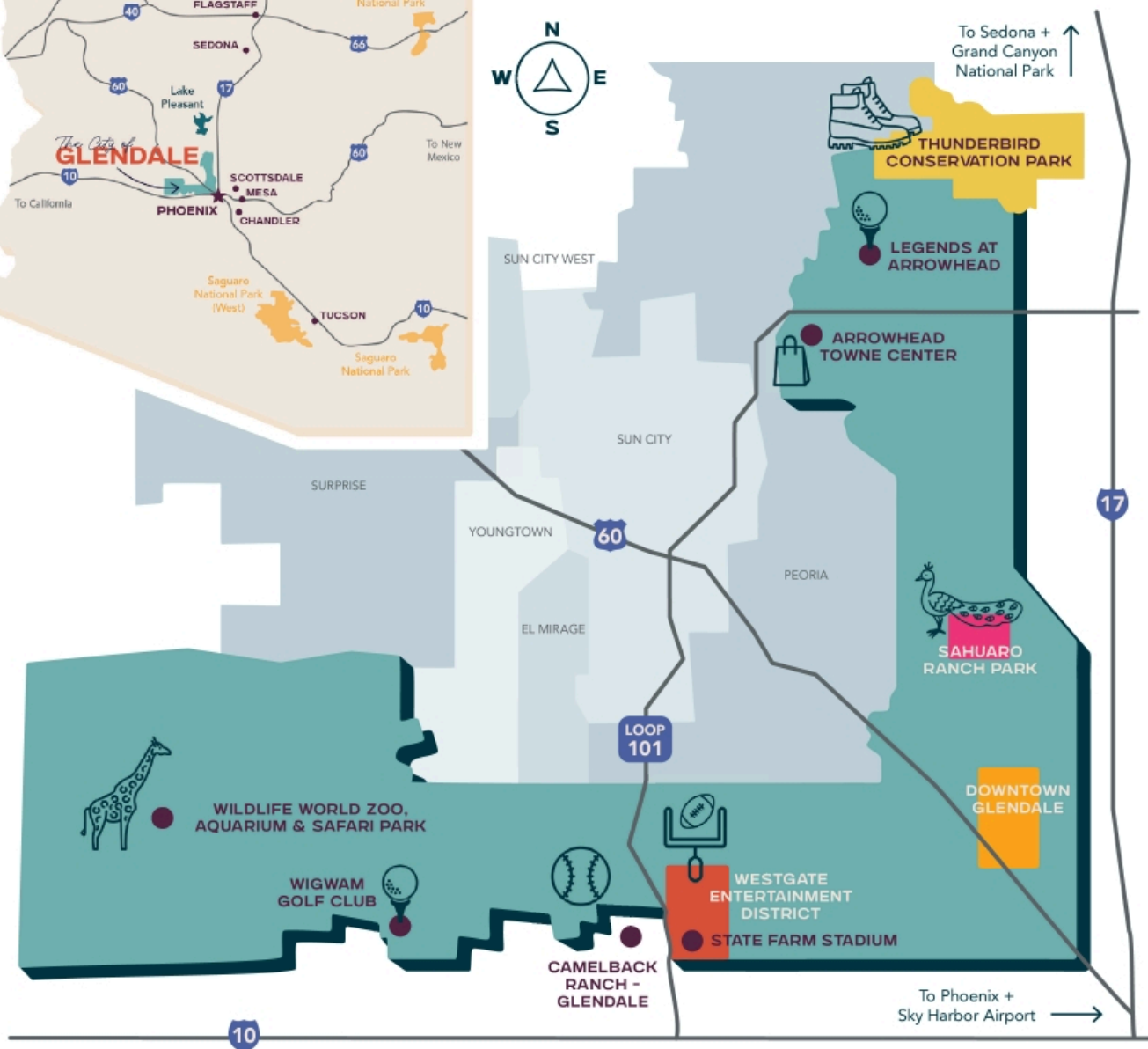
TRANSPORTATION

Copper Star Professional Transportation
copperstartrans.com

Glendale Urban Shuttle (GUS)
glendaleaz.com



Welcome to GLENDALE



DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN GLENDALE

9 MILES	Downtown Phoenix	22 MILES	Estrella Mountain Park	225 MILES	Grand Canyon
13 MILES	Sky Harbor Airport	35 MILES	Lake Pleasant	281 MILES	Las Vegas
15 MILES	Wildlife World Zoo	45 MILES	Superstition Mountains	354 MILES	San Diego
20 MILES	White Tank Mountains	110 MILES	Sedona	372 MILES	Los Angeles



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