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WELCOME to ARIZONA

With its captivating desert landscape, booming business opportunities, and flourishing art community, Arizona is a prime location for a fresh start. This beautiful state stands out as a southwest oasis with its array of landscapes, including majestic mountain ranges, beautiful sunsets, and an assortment of diverse plant life.

More than half of Arizona is comprised of mountains and plateaus, and the largest ponderosa pine forest in the country calls Arizona its home. There is something for everyone here: world class resorts, remote hiking and backpacking trails, an assortment of high-quality restaurants, and family-friendly communities. The cactus, orange blossoms, and Palo Verde trees provide a unique backdrop for new adventures and experiences.

Bordering on California, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Nevada, the Grand Canyon state encompasses a wide range of geographical, cultural, and political influences. Although Arizona was formerly a mining and cattle territory, this desert oasis is now a contemporary, industrial state with modern farms, large cities, and emerging technologies.

DESERT ORIGINS

Although historians debate the origination of the name “Arizona,” some argue that the state was aptly named from the Native American word “Arizonac,” which translates to “place of the small spring.” It is the 48th contiguous state of the United States and was declared on February 14th, 1912, thus earning the nickname, “The Nation’s Valentine.”

Arizona history dates back to 1539 when Friar Marcos de Niza explored the state on his quest to find the mythical seven cities of gold. Missions were established in the 1690s, focused on introducing Christianity to the region. During its long, rich history, Arizona was once part of its southwest neighbor, New Mexico. After President Lincoln signed the Arizona Organic Act in February 1863, however, the United States Territory of Arizona was born.

In the 1700s, prospectors flocked to Arizona to stake their claims on the state’s precious mining opportunities, which included an abundance of copper, lead, zinc, silver and gold. Mining continues to be a substantial player in Arizona’s economy today. When gold was discovered in California in 1849, Arizona’s Gila Trail became a main route to the west coast. This brought an influx of gold-seekers to Arizona who were unable to cope with the desert environment, and the Tohono O’odham Tribe assisted the prospectors in surviving the unfamiliar climate.

Arizona’s bid to make history continued. In 1930, Clyde Tombaugh, an astronomer at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, discovered the former planet Pluto after spending months photographing and reviewing the shift of objects in the night sky. Today, the Lowell Observatory is registered as a Historic Landmark and is open to the public



for daily tours and nighttime telescope viewing.

Arizona also boasts several major political players, including Sandra Day O’Conner. Although born in El Paso, Texas, O’Conner spent much of her childhood at her family’s ranch in Arizona and eventually served on the Arizona state senate, later becoming the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. O’Conner was also an avid law student and is the namesake for Arizona State University’s law school, the “Sandra Day O’Conner College of Law,” which is the only university law school named for a woman. O’Conner is not the only well-known politician from Arizona, however. John McCain, Janet Napolitano, Barry Goldwater, and G. Gordon Liddy all hail from the Grand Canyon State.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Home to the Sonoran Desert, the Coconino Forest, and the Kaibab National Forest, Arizona offers a wide spectrum of landscapes and things to do. Residents can ski in Flagstaff, boat on Lake Powell, visit caverns in Benson, hike in Scottsdale, kayak on Tempe Town Lake, wine taste in Sonoita, and tour a mine in Bisbee. Arizona is rich in natural wonders such as the Petrified Forest, Monument Valley, Saguaro National

Park, the Painted Desert, Sunset Crater, and Havasu Canyon. In fact, Arizona is home to the famous Havasupai Falls, a 10-mile hike (one way) for those looking for a beautiful view of blue, pristine waters.

Arizona’s wildlife population is another draw for new residents. A variety of species, such as coyotes, javelina, bob-cats, and road-runners, can be found roaming the desert. The Grand Canyon State also boasts more national monuments than any other state, showcasing the Agua Fria, Canyon de Chelly, Casa Grande Ruins, and Chiricahua National Monuments.

SUNNY AND MILD

Temperatures range widely from North to South, but Arizona averages 299 sunny days per year. Arizona residents needn’t worry about changing their clocks backward or forward, as the state observes Mountain Standard Time year-round and does not participate in Daylight Saving Time.

Arizona experiences a “monsoon season” once per year. Most of Arizona’s rain occurs in the summer months, but there is sometimes a short rainy season mid-winter. Summer monsoon storms are often precipitated by dust storms. Although unpleasant sounding, dust storms are generally harmless

and visually stunning. The rainy seasons are vital to recharge the riparian areas like the Upper San Pedro River Basin.

Surprisingly, Arizona has 3,928 summits and mountain peaks, which make it a great location for hiking, biking, and other outdoor sports. Moderate winters allow for an exceptionally long period of time residents can engage in alfresco activities. Golf is also quite popular in Arizona, and ample courses provide for a variety of playing options.

Perhaps the best attributes of Arizona’s weather are the things it does not have: no humidity, no blizzards, no frozen windshields, and no tornados. Every morning of the year, residents are able to wake up and go with little thought to preparing for the weather.

DAYTIME EXPEDITIONS

Although Arizona covers 113,998 square miles (and is roughly the size of Italy), there are a multitude of day trip options. From Phoenix, you can easily visit the red rocks in Sedona, hike the Superstition Mountains, take in the vastness of the Grand Canyon, or enjoy kayaking at Watson Lake in Prescott. From Tucson, you can visit Tombstone (Arizona’s most famous ghost town), check out the art galleries in Bisbee, or take a guided hike of the Charleston Ruins.

Drive the Apache Trail, and visit a ghost town, tour a mine, and take a nature cruise on the Dolly Steamboat. Stop in Tortilla Flat for lunch and prickly pear ice cream. Mesa is home to the ever-popular Salt River Tubing during the spring and summer months.

Although Arizona is not considered wine country, it is home to a number of local vineyards. Have a glass of Zinfandel and relax on the patio at Alcantara Vineyards in Cottonwood, or stop by Pillsbury Wine in either Wilcox or Cottonwood for a tasty wine and chocolate pairing. Visit Caduceus Cellars and Merkin Vineyards in Jerome, owned by Tool front-man, Maynard James Keenan.

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A STATE OF CELEBRITY

A number of celebrities hail from Arizona, including folk singer Michelle Branch, SNL comedian Aidy Bryant, musician Chester Bennington, actresses Emma Stone (*La La Land*) and Danielle Fishel (*Boy Meets World*), television star Lynda Carter, and music maven Stevie Nicks.

Acclaimed architect Frank Lloyd Wright also lived in Arizona, and his influence is seen in real estate throughout the state. Taliesin West was built on 600 acres of Sonoran Desert and still houses an architectural studio and school. Taliesin West is open for tours to the public with a detailed account of Wright's contribution to Arizona architecture.

Another famous architect, Paolo Soleri, was a student of Frank Lloyd Wright's at Taliesin West and went on to create Arcosanti, which is based on his concept of "arcology," the combination of architecture and ecology.

Best-selling author and first lady of household humor, Erma Bombeck made her home in Arizona until her passing in 1996. Olympic gold-medalist Michael Phelps also resides in Arizona, in the beautiful Paradise Valley.

Pioneers of the old west era, Cochise, the Apache Kid, and Geronimo were all born in Arizona. The infamous Gunfight at the O.K. Corral took place in Tombstone, Arizona.

JEWELS IN THE DESERT

Arizona's two largest cities, Phoenix and Tucson, each have their own charm. Phoenix is home to over 20 Native American tribes, communities, and nations. Public art reflects the history of the city, and it's clear that Arizona's historic roots haven't been forgotten. Tucson lies an hour north of the Mexico border, and as expected, there is a strong Hispanic influence in this smaller but vibrant desert oasis.

Metropolitan Phoenix is quickly becoming a foodie destination. Up-and-coming chefs are pleasing the palettes of Phoenicians in a wide array of culinary genres. A James Beard Award finalist two years in a row, Kevin Binkley has restaurants in Cave Creek, Carefree and Central Phoenix. Residents

can enjoy inventive menus and cocktails at Lon's at the Hermosa located in scenic Paradise Valley. James Beard winner chef-owner Chris Bianco offers three locations for diners to delight in his Italian-influenced fare. Metro Phoenix is also home to many family-owned restaurants featuring cuisine from El Salvador, Peru, India, Greece, Cuba, Germany, and Japan.

Phoenix is also a mecca for public art. Because it is a relatively new city, urban developers understand the value of art in everyday places. Highways, overpasses, bus stops, and parks feature art work, sculptures, and historically-influenced design aesthetics. It adds beauty and effortlessly blends this fair city into its natural environment.

The feel of "the old west" is more palpable in Tucson than anywhere else. Tucson is casual, regardless of the time of day or time of year, and is home to the University of Arizona Wildcats. Jeans and sandals are apropos almost anywhere. This city operates at a slower pace than Phoenix and has a small-town feel. Residents can visit the San Xavier Mission, which is thought to be one of the finest examples of Spanish Colonial architecture in the United States. Tucson also offers the wonderfully unique but interesting Mini Time Machine of Miniatures Museum, where visitors can take a self-guided tour through an interactive experience.

Experience Old Tucson Studios, a movie studio for countless Western movies and theme park for families to enjoy. Built in 1938, it was revamped in 2011 with new sets, streets, and buildings. While it's still a must-see for any western diehard, it also features "living history" presentations that feature educational programs about Hispanic, Chinese, and Native American culture.

PHOENIX

Phoenix and its more than 20 surrounding communities are known as the "Valley of the Sun" – and that's not surprising, given Arizona's climate and its hot, rapid growth over the last several years.

One of the leading regions of the Southwest during the real estate boom from 2003 to 2006, Phoenix and its neighboring communities have always benefited from an influx of relocating families, singles, and retirees and continue to do so today. In 2015, the Phoenix area added 88,000 new residents, raising the ranking to number four in the nation in the terms of population growth. Today, Arizona sits at the number eight spot, (as of January 2018).

The U.S. Census Bureau has estimated that by 2030, the population of Phoenix will reach 2.2 million, with the metro area reaching about 6.3 million. Currently, the Phoenix metropolitan area boasts over 4 million people and is home to the Arizona State University Sun Devils. The Phoenix-Casa Grande-Tucson corridor is anticipated to be one of the fastest growing areas in the United States.

Phoenix residents are not alone in recognizing the city's appeal. The city has been

praised by other organizations, including a receipt of the National Community Recycling Leadership Award from the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), a nonprofit public service organization dedicated to recycling rechargeable batteries and cell phones.

The city is a diverse and exciting combination of factors, from its status as Arizona's capital city to the several major professional sports teams to its incredible scenery. The city is surrounded by mountains on all four sides, a geographical oasis that appeals to young singles, retirees, families, and everyone in between. It's true that there really is something for everyone!

DEDICATION TO A LIVABLE CITY

Phoenix is dedicated to making – and keeping – the city a livable, safe area for its residents. For example, the City of Phoenix provides a School Safety program that is funded by a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway

Safety and aims to increase the number of School Resource Officers in schools.

This program is reflective of a commitment that continues with the Phoenix-area city of Goodyear, winning the National Civic League-sponsored All-America City Award competition. Given since 1949, the award, "recognizes civic excellence, honoring communities of all sizes in which citizens, government, businesses, and voluntary organizations work together to explain how they are successfully resolving critical local issues."

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The National Civic League has selected Phoenix as an "All-America City" five times. The All-America City award is given to communities across the United States that identify and tackle community-wide challenges. Businessweek.com also identified



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Phoenix as a, “...magnet for Generation Y residents because of its history of having some of the nation’s best job opportunities.” Readers of *TV y Más* magazine, a Spanish-language television guide, has also voted Phoenix as the “Best Place to Raise a Family,” and both *Apartments.com* and *CbCampus.com* rated Phoenix as number seven in its top ten cities in the United States for recent college graduates.

Valley Metro, an institution formed under the auspices of the Regional Public Transportation Authority, handles public transit in Phoenix and throughout Maricopa County, which is now more important than ever, given the recent growing gas prices. Its services include bussing, local area shuttles, Paratransit (for residents with medical challenges in need of transportation), and METRO, a new, 20-mile, \$1.4 billion light-rail transit system that takes commuters through a metropolitan area that includes major Valley of the Sun cities, such as Tempe and Mesa. Future METRO plans include building 30 more miles of light rail lines by 2025.

Overall, Phoenix has a lot to offer its residents and has been recognized for its reasonable cost of living and universal appeal by national relocation companies and surveys.

PHOENIX’S COLORFUL HISTORY

The name “Phoenix” describes a mythical bird that lived from 600 to 800 years before building a nest of cinnamon twigs that it ignites, burning its nest and itself until both are reduced to ashes. From the ashes, however, a new young phoenix arises to live again.

That mythical story mirrors the colorful and cultural history of Phoenix itself, a city that had its beginnings more than 1,000 years ago when the Hohokam people lived on the land that would eventually become the vibrant city it is today. In 1868, the city was a small colony first named Swilling’s Mill, which eventually became Helling Mill. It then took the name Mill City, followed by East Phoenix. It was Phillip Darrell Duppa, an early Arizona pioneer from the U.K., who suggested the name Phoenix, since the new town would include the rebuilding and updating of the city’s ancient Hohokam canal systems. The city is the epitome of the mythical bird, rebuilding anew from the proverbial ashes of the old.

The town of Phoenix was officially recognized on May 4, 1868, when the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors formed an election precinct and eventually incorporated in 1881.

Arizona’s rich Native American cultural background informs its history, and Phoenix is no exception. There are 22 federally-recognized Native American tribes in Arizona with a total population of about 300,000, many of whom reside in the Valley of the Sun. The area’s Pueblo Grande ruins, an ancient city occupied between 700 A.D. and 1400 A.D., embodies the city’s history where the wide Salt River ran through the Valley of the Sun. The city sits on the banks of the river, which is mostly dry today.

The city’s location in central Arizona made it preferential as the state capital, rather than Tucson or Prescott. Today, Phoenix the only state capital with a city proper population of more than 1.4 million and is

the third-largest city in the western United States, just after Houston, Texas.

The Phoenix metropolitan area includes the city itself, Maricopa County, most of Pinal County, and parts of southern Yavapai County. The city’s combined metropolitan statistical area (MSA) population is just over 4 million and includes the communities of Anthem, Avondale, Buckeye, Carefree, Cave Creek, Chandler, El Mirage, Fountain Hills, Gila Bend, Gilbert, Glendale, Good-year, Guadalupe, Litchfield Park, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Peoria, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Sun City, Sun City West, Sun Lakes, Surprise, Tempe, Tolleson, Tonopah, Wickenburg, and Youngtown in Maricopa County. In Pinal County, communities include Apache Junction, Arizona City, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, Kearny, Mammoth, Maricopa, Oracle, Picacho, Picacho Peak, Red Rock, San Manuel, and Superior.

PHOENIX’S ARTS SCENE: MUSIC, FILM, TV, AND CULTURE

The arts thrive in Phoenix, thanks in part to an active creative and civic community. For example, the City of Phoenix Office of Art and Culture is a great source of information on all things arts and culture, including theater and performing companies, music venues and concerts, art galleries, museums, dance performances, and much more.

The city’s Office of Arts and Culture offers many programs that continue to nurture and support the arts on a regular basis, including an Arts Grants program and Career Development grants, a Public Art program, a thriving community of Phoenix arts organization websites and partner agencies, and the monthly First Friday Artwalk that attracts residents and visitors alike to the city’s downtown art galleries. Several nearby cities boast annual art festivals, and art and locally-made jewelry can often be purchased at farmer’s markets throughout the area.

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bands, opera and ballet companies, production and presentation theaters, dance organizations, art and history museums, a science center, the city zoo, a botanical garden, and countless festivals.

In fact, there's such a rich concentration of arts and culture spanning the city's unique and interesting communities that there are major annual festivals in almost every Phoenix-area city. Take the family and explore the Arizona Renaissance Festival, the Arizona Scottish Highland Games, the Dia de los Muertos Festival, Matsuri: a Festival of Japan, the Native American Fine Art Invitational, the Scottsdale Arts Festival, the Scottsdale Culinary Festival, the Tempe Festival of the Arts, the Harvest Festival, the Family Cornfest and Arts and Crafts Fair, the Chandler Chamber Ostrich Festival, or Way Out West Oktoberfest! The best part is that this is just a taste of the festivals available for Arizona residents and out-of-towners.

Museums and galleries celebrate Southwest art and culture, as well as classic art genres. The Phoenix Art Museum, which opened in 1959, is known for its diverse visual arts collection, including exhibitions and permanent collections that include famous artists, such as Rembrandt, Norman Rockwell, Annie Leibowitz, and Monet. The museum also includes more than 18,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin

American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design.

The Arizona Science Center in Phoenix features hands-on exhibits and a planetarium, and the Arizona State Museum is the oldest and largest anthropology museum in the Southwest. For a list of cultural and creative arts opportunities, visit www.visitphoenix.com/events.

PHOENIX'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Phoenix is also home to a thriving business community, with major, private-sector employers calling the city home, as well as corporate and regional headquarters for well-known Fortune 500 companies, such as Avnet, Freeport-McMoran, Republic Services, and PetSmart. Fortune 1000 companies based in the Phoenix area include Swift Transportation, Apollo Education Group, Sprouts Farmers Market, and Pinnacle West Capital. In addition, many other major corporations have significant operations in the Phoenix metro area, including Intel, U-Haul International, Honeywell, and Boeing, among several others.

Phoenix is also among the nation's fastest-growing regions and has been recognized for strong job growth and entrepreneurial environment, especially in the aerospace,

high-tech, and bioscience industries. Not surprisingly, the local job market continues to grow at a steady rate. As of 2019, the Associated Press noted that Phoenix was number eight on its list of major cities in the nation that were, "the largest generators of net jobs." The city also sported an unemployment rate below the national average at low rate of 4.0 percent.

Arizona State University, the University of Phoenix, Grand Canyon University, and the internationally recognized Thunderbird School of Global Management graduate school, located in nearby Glendale, also provide a talented and educated workforce and entrepreneur community. In fact, Arizona State University is recognized as the number one university in the country for innovation, according to the *U.S. News*.

NATURAL BEAUTY – AND PLENTY OF OUTDOOR FUN

The Phoenix area's natural beauty is just another reason for the city's appeal, which has nurtured an active outdoor lifestyle and boasts beautiful places to swim, hike, cycle, boat, golf, and much more.

The city's natural surroundings invite residents to take part in a vast range of outdoor and sports activities, a pastime of many Arizona residents. Thanks to more than 325 days of sunshine each year, an average high temperature of 85 degrees, and just 7.66 inches average annual rainfall, Phoenicians hardly ever need worry about the weather, so long as they wear sunscreen and drink plenty of water during the summer.

Golf, in particular, is a beloved sport everywhere in Arizona, including the Phoenix metroplex. With more than 200 golf courses, including many municipal courses and a host of private links and country clubs, there is no shortage of golfing possibilities throughout the state. In fact, Arizona is home to the renowned Waste Management Phoenix Open every spring, and many courses throughout the area are world-class courses designed by Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, and others. There are golf greens for every skill level, so everyone can enjoy the abundance of golfing that Arizona has to offer. | CONTINUED PAGE 16 >

MOVING TO PHOENIX?

A WARM WELCOME FROM A TRUSTED RESOURCE

Relocating to a new city is a big undertaking. It means uprooting kids from schools, saying goodbye to coworkers and friends, and preparing for the excitement of a new venture. It also means establishing new relationships with family doctors, dentists, insurance agents, financial advisors, attorneys, realtors, banks, etc. How to find businesses you can trust in your new community?

Many consumers turn to online reviews. They often pick the best service provider they can find based on several factors, including their online “star” rating. **A word of caution:** if a company has as a perfect-star rating, it could be an indicator that they’ve purchased reviews. Current search engine algorithms frown on perfect star ratings, especially if they all occur in a short window of time, but they can slip through. High ratings can be legit, but follow your instincts.

Another way to find the service providers you need is to turn to referrals. Most people rely on their social media connections here for opinions and recommendations. Your social media

connections, however, may not be here in Phoenix. Until you can establish a network of friends, neighbors, and coworkers, it can be difficult to find reliable recommendations.

If your new home will be in North Phoenix, you can refer to the official local business directory that the North Phoenix Chamber of Commerce owns and operates. This trusted community of local business owners has chosen to raise families, buy homes, and run businesses in North Phoenix. They have a vested interest in the community and a reputation to uphold. New residents can help support the local economy by shopping local, thinking local, and supporting local. Visit NorthPhoenixChamber.com/directory to find the official North Phoenix business directory. If you’re moving to another location of the Valley outside of North Phoenix, search for the chamber of commerce in that community and support their trusted local business professionals. Please call 602-482-3344 and the staff at the North Phoenix Chamber can help you find the services you need. Welcome to North Phoenix.

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There are also seven lakes within an hour of the greater Phoenix metro area that offer fishing, boating, water skiing, picnic areas, and camping. Three major mountains surround Phoenix and offer ideal terrain for hiking, climbing, or simply enjoying nature. Peaks in the Phoenix Mountain range include Lookout Mountain, Camelback Mountain, Stony Mountain, and Piestewa Peak, among others.

If you prefer spectator sports, you're in luck here. Greater Phoenix is one of ten metropolitan areas that represent most major professional sports, including the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Cactus League Spring Training division; Phoenix Suns basketball; the Firebird International and Phoenix International Raceways; Arizona Cardinals football; Phoenix Coyotes hockey; and Phoenix Mercury women's basketball (WNBA). There is also an abundance of college sports available – be sure to check out the infamous ASU vs. UofA rivalry!

Arizona also hosts many annual sporting events, including the Safeway International LPGA Tournament, FBR Open Golf Tournament, the Tradition Senior PGA Tour, and the Arizona Men's Tennis Classic.

Other popular sporting events include the Senior Pro Rodeo, Coors Light World Finals Drag Boat Racing, NHRA World Series of Drag Racing, the Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, and the Fiesta Bowl Football Classic. The Thunderbird Classic Hot Air Balloon Race also attracts thousands of visitors each year, who come to see hundreds of colorful hot air balloons in the Arizona skies.

FINE FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SHOPPING

Just like its diverse terrain, Phoenix has an equally diverse offering of restaurants and dining options for every palate. While signature Southwestern and Mexican dishes dominate the city's culinary landscape at top restaurants like Vincent's Market Bistro and Rancho Pinot Grill, there are flavors to suit every craving, including Asian, Italian, Mediterranean, and, of course, the classic steakhouse.

Be sure to check out Alice Cooperstown, the namesake restaurant of the famous rock star

and Arizona resident Alice Cooper. With its classic American dishes and great barbeque, it's the perfect location for any taste. The Papago Brewing Company has a 30-tap bar with full menu, one of many brewery restaurants and tours throughout the area, perfect for any beer-lover. On a more upscale note, Kai is an elegant and classic American restaurant at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and was awarded a five-diamond rating by AAA Arizona.

For entertainment, Copper Square in the heart of downtown Phoenix is known as the place to be. This 90-square-block, revitalized district around the Convention Center offers plenty of popular locations and activities, including nightclubs, shopping, and dining. This area is also home to Chase Field, the indoor baseball diamond reserved for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

As for shopping, there's no shortage of places to browse and purchase from. The massive Scottsdale Fashion Square is an upscale shopping and entertainment hub with luxury store brands that include Burberry, Hugo Boss, Kate Spade New York, Louis Vuitton, Tiffany & Co., and several others, while offering a massive luxury movie theater and a plethora of delicious eateries. Biltmore Fashion Park in Phoenix also offers an affluent shopping experience, with stores like Saks Fifth Avenue, Hyde Park Jewelers, Escada, Ralph Lauren, Stuart Weitzman, and Cole Haan.

There are several other malls in the Phoenix area, including the Metrocenter and Paradise Valley Malls, the Desert Ridge Marketplace, Kierland Commons, Arrowhead Towne Center, Tempe Marketplace, and more. For a more local and individualized experience, be sure to check out the charming boutiques and shops on Mill Avenue in Tempe, the vintage and antique stores in Glendale, or the galleries and boutiques in Scottsdale.

Phoenix is also perfect for outlet shopping, with options like the Arizona Mills Mall and Outlet Center off I-10 in Tempe; the Outlets of Anthem just north of the metro Phoenix area; or the Phoenix Premium Outlets just east of Phoenix in the city Chandler.

PHOENIX HEALTHCARE IS TOP-NOTCH

Arizona has long been known as a place to heal because of its warm, dry climate, so it is no surprise that the Phoenix metropolitan area has its share of highly-regarded healthcare facilities for residents.

Statewide, Arizona has more than 100 hospitals, many of which are ranked on the *U.S. News Best Regional Hospitals* list, meaning that they meet or exceed high requirements in the healthcare industry. Phoenix, in particular, is home to many honored hospitals, including the renowned Mayo Clinic, and is considered a progressive city when it comes to healthcare policies and procedures.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

There is no doubt that Phoenix is a great city, and its variety of neighborhoods only add to the area's desirability. Choose from living among the charming, inner-city history, or maybe consider living in a modern loft in downtown Phoenix, among the bar scene and plentiful restaurants. There are also lush developments around the city, quiet suburban neighborhoods, and rural farms on the outskirts of town. All in all, there is no shortage of diverse housing markets in the Phoenix metroplex.

The Phoenix area offers a variety of living spaces, including classy, downtown condos, elegant old homes, modern showplaces, friendly suburban neighborhoods, and countryside ranches or farmhouses. With a beautiful, southwest flair that epitomizes Arizona history, you'll find a friendly neighborhood atmosphere, no matter where you choose to live in the Valley of the Sun.

Thanks to the nation's ongoing economic recovery, the overall median home price in Phoenix has experienced a recent upsurge in value, while maintaining affordability for homebuyers. According to the Zillow Group, Inc., the average price of a Phoenix home rose 4.6 percent from the previous year. However, this mean price rests at \$244,600, making homebuying possible for many residents in various income brackets. For those that choose not to purchase a home, however, there are many options for

beautiful, upscale condos, apartments with stunning views, and affordable rental homes throughout the area.

Welcome to a city that residents and visitors adore – we know that you will, too! As you explore the Phoenix Relocation Guide and the city that it represents, Phoenix will surely become a treasured home in which to live, enjoy life, and prosper.

TUCSON

Nestled just 60 miles north of the U.S./ Mexico border, Tucson is a rich mix of Native American, Spanish, and Mexican cultures. Its name comes from the Pima Indian word “schook-sun,” which means a “spring at the foot of a black mountain,” a nod to the area’s mountainous terrain and desert surroundings.

Located about 118 miles southeast of Phoenix, Tucson is the second largest city in Arizona. Its metropolitan area is home to just over 1,101,025 residents, with 530,706 of those residing within city limits, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

So, what makes the Tucson area so special? Beyond its natural beauty, it’s a diverse combination of factors that offers something for everyone.

With more than 630 miles of bike paths in the metropolitan area, it’s clear that Tucson residents have embraced the state’s reputation as a place to experience and appreciate the great outdoors. In fact, Tucson hosts El Tour de Tucson, the largest perimeter bicycling event in the Union, with some 10,000 participants every fall.

Besides its miles of striped bike paths, Tucson also has 72 miles of shared-use paths and more than 100 miles of residential bike routes. In fact, Tucson was named one of the “Top Five Best Cycling Towns” in the U.S., as well as the “Friendliest City” and one of the “Top 10 U.S. Cities to Visit” by *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine.

The U.S. Department of Transportation also designated General Hitchcock Highway – commonly known to residents as the Catalina



Highway – as one of “America’s Byways” and “one of the most scenic drives in the nation.” The road is a veritable nature drive of ecology, with a luscious display of saguaro and cholla cacti on its wind from the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains to Summerhaven, which is a charming mountain village on Mount Lemmon that sits at an 8,200-foot elevation.

The city’s rich cultural heritage has garnered honors as one of the top cities for Hispanics and boasts of their cultural diversity. Their thriving business community, especially in the technology field, has resulted in more than 1,200 companies employing in excess of 50,000 Southern Arizona residents, 150 of which are involved with optics and optoelectronics systems. This has garnered the city with the unofficial nickname of Optics Valley.

In addition, Tucson serves as the home of the University of Arizona, the state’s first university and an international hub of astronomical and technological research. UofA has maintained affiliated astronomy efforts, such as Kitt Peak National Observatory and Steward Observatory, a joint venture between the University and the Vatican Observatory Research Group. In fact, it manages multiple telescopes across Southern Arizona.

TUCSON’S RICH AND COLORFUL HISTORY

Known as the “Old Pueblo,” Tucson has a rich multicultural history with centuries-old traditions.

According to University of Arizona research, Tucson’s first residents hunted for bison and woolly mammoth between 12,500 and 6,000 B.C.E. Later, in 300 A.D., the Cochise and Hohokam Indian cultures came to farm the area’s rich valley terrain. In 1692, Spanish missionaries discovered the Indian village S-tukson, which means “black base,” and by 1804, roughly 1,000 people lived in traditional adobe villages.

The 1848 Gold Rush in California attracted even more residents to the area, and Arizona was finally named the 48th state of the U.S. in 1912. During World War II, Davis-Monthan Field served as an important training base, bringing an influx of military families to the city, many of who chose to stay, raise families, and retire here.

As for geography, Mexico is a close neighbor at just 60 miles south, and the city was originally part of Mexico when Mexico gained independence from Spain in 1821. Thanks to the Gadsden Purchase (or Treaty of La



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Mesilla) in 1853, however, when the U.S. bought parts of southern Arizona and New Mexico to make way for the construction of a transcontinental railroad, the city became part of the U.S. and was named the capital of what was then known as the Arizona Territory.

The epitome of the “Wild, Wild West” in the 1860s, Tucson was a rough-and-tumble frontier town coming into its own like many other western cities of the time. In fact, the town of Tombstone, where the famous “Shootout at the OK Corral” took place, is just 50 miles southeast of Tucson. The city is still known for its Western roots and culture.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Tucson sits atop a plain in the Sonoran desert, surrounded by five minor mountain ranges: the Santa Catalina Mountains and Tortolita Mountains to the north, the Santa Rita Mountains to the south, the Rincon Mountains to the east, and the Tucson Mountains to the west. The high point of the Santa Catalina Mountains is 9,157-foot Mount Lemmon, the southernmost ski destination in the continental U.S. The Tucson Mountains, on the other hand, feature the 4,687-foot Wasson Peak.

The city’s mild weather and warm, dry climate coaxes both residents and visitors outside to enjoy the sunshine. The surrounding mountains offer cooler

temperatures and an outdoor dichotomy that allows residents to swim, hike, and ski – all in the same day! The average minimum temperature is 54F (12C), and the average maximum is 82F (28C), while the rainfall is minimal at about 12 inches annually.

Summer is the warmest time of the year, with hot, dry temperatures in the 100s during the day and comfortable nights that lower to the 70s and 80s. The humidity is only about 10 percent in the spring and early summer and results in a much drier heat, a top reason why the state has long been known as a healing destination.

Summer also ushers in a monsoon period in Southern Arizona, which begins in mid-June and runs to the end of September. During this time, the humidity climbs with a buildup of daily cloud cover, followed by afternoon and evening thunderstorms or rainfall. Many Tucsonans welcome the monsoons, since it blocks the bright, warm afternoon sun experienced in early summer. In fact, monsoon season is typically regarded by residents as its own annual season and can actually drop temperatures by as much as 20 degrees or more.

During the cooler nights of fall and winter, it’s not unusual to experience temperature drops in the low 30s. It even snows every so often, with skiing and other snow sports a popular activity choice for residents near Mt. Lemmon.

Are you an avid park-lover? Tucson is home to several national parks, including Catalina State Park and Saguaro National Park, as well as more than 125 citywide parks for fun and recreation. The city’s climate also means that it’s a golfer’s paradise, with a mix of municipal, private, and unique desert courses designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., Tom Fazio, Tom Weiskopf, Jack Nicklaus, and other professionals.

As for spectator sports, Tucson is home to several professional sports clubs, including two minor league baseball teams, the Tucson Padres, a triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, and the Tucson Toros, a member-team of the independent Golden Baseball League that has made the historic Hi Corbett Field its home for much of the past 42 years.

A PLACE TO GROW: TUCSON’S THRIVING BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Economically, Tucson thrives on its vibrant tourist culture and attractions, as well as a healthy and diverse business climate.

Research indicates that more than 40,000 Tucson-area jobs are directly related to tourist activities, such as resorts, hotels, and attractions that account for more than 3.5 million annual visitors. In all, 10.4 percent of all Tucson MSA jobs are tourism-oriented, resulting in about \$2 billion in economic impact. Although it’s a relatively small city, Tucson celebrates the arts in style with ballet, symphony, live theater, and opera that also provide significant jobs and economic impact for the city.

Manufacturing and technology are also big business in Tucson, with companies like IBM, Raytheon Missile Systems, Honeywell, Texas Instruments, and others bolstering the city’s reputation as a thriving place to conduct business. Recent economic research estimates that the city’s technology industry employs about 50,000 people and generates a whopping \$4 billion in revenues.

In fact, the Milken Institute ranked Tucson 77th out of 200 on its Best Performing Cities Index, which takes into consideration each state’s research and development, ability

to attract workers, and the “dollar volume entrepreneurs are willing to risk spending.”

Many businesses have either relocated to or expanded within the Tucson area, leading *Expansion Management* magazine to name the entire county as the “Top Mid-Sized County in the Country for Business Recruitment and Attraction.”

The U.S. Small Business Administration’s Office of Advocacy ranks Tucson third among mid-sized metropolitan areas for “high-impact firms – those companies that have at least doubled their sales and employment in the past four years.”

There’s no doubt that Tucson continues to thrive in a challenging economy, and that it’s a great place to start and grow a business, perfect for any executive, entrepreneur, or professional.

TUCSON ARTS & CULTURE

The arts thrive in Tucson, thanks to resident demand and a passion for a stimulating creative community. In fact, *The Wall Street Journal* has even called Tucson a “mini-Mecca for the arts!” From chamber music to film, opera, ballet, and theater, there’s something for every artistic taste and persuasion in Tucson.

A vibrant performing arts sector includes the Arizona Opera; the Arizona Theatre Company; Ballet Arizona; Ballet Tucson; the contemporary Beowulf Alley Theatre Company; the Borderlands Theater that tells the unique stories of the southwest border and Mexican heritage; Broadway in Tucson/A Nederlander Presentations, which brings top musical productions to the city; the historical Fox Tucson Theatre; the Tucson Jazz Society; the Tucson Symphony Orchestra; and many others.

Tucson is also home to a number of public museums, both throughout the city and on college campuses, including the university and community colleges. The city also maintains a host of private galleries that cover a range of interests, from the arts and aerospace to children’s museums, cultural centers, and history. The Tucson Museum

of Art; Tucson Children’s Museum; Tucson Botanical Gardens; Arizona History Museum; Pima Air & Space Museum; and the La Fiesta de Los Vaqueros Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum are just a handful of the city’s diverse cultural offerings. (Visit www.TucsonMuseums.org to explore an interactive map of local Tucson museums.)

Tucson also hosts its share of fun festivals, including the Arizona Film Festival, the largest film festival in the state; the Tucson Folk Festival; the Tucson Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Showcase, which is the largest event of its kind in the world and attracts high-end jewelers and rock fans alike; and the Great Tucson Beer Festival, which benefits Sun Sounds, an organization that provides audio access to information for those who cannot read print because of a disability.

FINE FOOD & ECLECTIC SHOPPING

While Tucson is famous for its Mexican and Southwestern cuisine, including Janos, the Grill at Hacienda Del Sol, and award-winning El Charro Mexican Café, the city also has a lot to offer foodies of all palates and persuasions. Indulge in a five-star dining experience at the Anthony’s or enjoy a classic pit barbeque at Bubb’s Grubb. In Tucson, there is a restaurant for every food-lover.

Once you’ve satisfied your appetite, work it off with some unique shopping experiences. The city has a range of options, from artisan and craft malls to antique stores or the latest styles at area malls and shopping centers.

Major malls include the Tucson Mall; Park Place; El Con Mall, which is Tucson’s first enclosed shopping center; and the Foothills Mall, with outlet stores, specialty boutiques, and a 15-screen movie theater. There’s also the luxury outdoor La Encantada, with brands like St. John, Louis Vuitton, Cole Haan, Tiffany & Co., and Apple.

Don’t miss the charming boutiques and shops in downtown Tucson, where a historic trolley runs each weekend, and

be sure to explore the Casas Adobes Plaza with its Old World plaza and upscale specialty shops. Main Gate Square is an urban shopper’s paradise near the University of Arizona, positioned in the center of charming historic neighborhoods.

THRIVING TUCSON COMMUNITIES

Tucson is also a very livable city, especially for commuters. Recent city statistics found that the average commute time is just over 25 minutes each way, which is shorter than most cities of similar size and population.

Housing is also an affordable option in the Tucson area, with the median sales price hovering around \$193,000, as of August 2019.

Area communities in Pima County include the city of Tucson, Catalina, Green Valley, Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita, South Tucson, and Vail. In Cochise County, just southeast of the city, communities include Benson, Bisbee, Douglas, Sierra Vista, Tombstone, and Wilcox. There are also nearby communities in Santa Cruz County, including Elgin, Nogales, Patagonia, Rio Rico, Sonoita and Tubac.

Area attractions include Pena Blanca Lake and Patagonia Lake in Patagonia State Park, which includes a beach, picnic area, campground, tables, hiking trail, marina, and market. There are also several area wineries, including Callaghan and Sonoita Vineyards.

Choose from charming history-inspired living, downtown urban living, luxury developments around the city, or quiet suburban neighborhoods. There are plenty of diverse options for anyone moving within the area.

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

The business climate of Arizona is rich, expansive, and ever-growing, perfect for entrepreneurs and professionals alike. Opportunities for education in every field imaginable are available throughout the state at prestigious universities and local community colleges.

The business sector of Phoenix is rapidly accelerating in industries like renewable energy, biomedicine, manufacturing and distribution, aerospace, and aviation. Not to be overshadowed, the city of Tucson is also experiencing sustainable growth in key fields, including bioscience, solar energy, transportation and logistics, aerospace, and defense. All in all, Arizona is a booming state with a lot to offer anyone in the business sector.

With a small state government and modest taxes, Arizona offers emerging businesses inexpensive operational costs. Additional benefits include refundable tax credits, reimbursable grants, and property tax reductions, creating an ideal environment for start-up businesses or existing corporations.

Arizona is well-known for its educated work force. Large universities, as well as smaller, more specialized schools, foster a learned community of executives, employees and new

hires. This high concentration of educational institutions drives Arizona's research and development activities. Statewide, Arizona is a fantastic place to start a new career or business. Every year, industry leaders find a new home in the desert of the Wild West.

PHOENIX

Phoenix is at the top of the list for companies and people moving to the area. This growth is not surprising; with its healing climate, low cost of living, and high quality of life, Phoenix ranked first among metro areas for "recruitment and attractions" and listed as one of the "Best U.S. Cities for Future Job Growth," according to a report by *Forbes*.

These recognitions are not surprising, given the wealth of highly-educated graduates from the Valley of the Sun's many post-secondary education institutions. Arizona State

University, one of the largest public universities in the United States with just over 72,000 enrolled students, boasts four separate campuses across the Valley. Arizona's other two post-secondary public institutions, the University of Arizona in Tucson and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, also maintain a presence in Phoenix with small campuses supporting medical and non-medical academic disciplines. Whether you take to northern part of the state, reside in the south, or live in the heart of Arizona, educational opportunities are abundant for all fields of study, including STEM-related courses and the liberal arts.

Other post-secondary education institutions in the Phoenix area include the well-known University of Phoenix, as well as Grand Canyon University, American Indian College, Art Institute of Phoenix, Maricopa County Community Colleges, the internationally-recognized Thunderbird School of



Convention Center
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Global Management graduate school, and many others provide a talented workforce and a community that fosters an entrepreneurial spirit.

The Maricopa Community College District – one of the largest higher-education systems in the country with ten colleges and two skill centers – is Arizona's largest provider of job training, serving more than 200,000 students each year.

A 2016 Business Insider article ranked Arizona number 29 in "Best States to Start a Business." Arizona's large availability of employees are thought to be a huge benefit to small business owners; in fact, the state of Arizona has a high volume of start-up companies, indicative of a climate that is strong for potential enterprise.

Phoenix is also known as a great place to live. CNN Money named four Phoenix communities – Chandler, Scottsdale, Peoria and Gilbert – as some of the best small cities to live in.

With all these accolades, it's easy to see why the greater Phoenix area is among the nation's fastest-growing regions, consistently recognized for its strong job growth and entrepreneurial environment.

The city's location in the southwest United States, boasting a dry and temperate climate,

has turned it into a top choice for business, especially for aerospace, high-tech, bioscience, advanced business, and sustainable technology companies.

LABOR & UNEMPLOYMENT

Phoenix's long business history started in the 1800s, when citrus and agriculture became a burgeoning industry, resulting in the construction of the Roosevelt Dam to ensure ample irrigation during the state's hot months of the year.

This kind of capital still exists today, though Phoenix has grown to encompass rural farming businesses and booming corporations. One of the nation's fastest-growing regions, Phoenix has long been recognized for its strong job growth, especially for aerospace, high-tech, and bioscience companies. Intel is one of the area's largest employers, as well as Fortune 500 companies like Boeing and Honeywell.

Manufacturing and tourism are also important to the city's economy with more than 44 million visitors flocking to the area each year to admire the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon. Tourists and residents alike can enjoy the charm of towns like Sedona and relax at luxury resorts like the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired resort with modern amenities fine enough to attract several U.S. presidents throughout history.

Amidst slow economic recovery on a national level, the local job market continues to grow at a steady rate. According to the Office of the Governor of Arizona, the state of Arizona ranks second in the nation for job growth in 2019. As of this same year, the Greater Phoenix area ranks third of all major metropolitan employment centers in the country. Top industries in Arizona include aerospace and defense, technology, renewable energy, bioscience and health, optics/photonics, manufacturing and advanced business services.

PHOENIX: NURTURING BUSINESS GROWTH

People and businesses from around the world continue to flock to Phoenix. In addition to the city's beautiful and scenic surroundings, Phoenix also has a long history of

spearheading business development efforts and is ideal for any start-up or continuing corporation.

In fact, business owners organized the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce in November 1888. Now known as the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber is committed to making the Valley of the Sun a great place to live, work, and do business.

That commitment also includes funding and assistance for business development in the form of incentive programs and other resources. You can visit the Chamber of Commerce's website here to learn more information about its services and programs: www.phoenixchamber.com.

Assistance for business development in Phoenix is available through organizations like the Small Business Enterprise Program (SBE - www.phoenix.gov); the Business Development Finance Corporation (www.bdfc.com); the Southwestern Business Financing Corp. (www.swbfc.com); the Phoenix Industrial Development Authority (www.phoenixida.com); the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program (www.sbir.gov); and the Arizona Commerce and Economic Development Commission (www.azcommerce.com).

PHOENIX & INDUSTRY: DIVERSITY ALL AROUND

With origins in agriculture, and later evolving to manufacturing and high-tech fields, Phoenix businesses include a wide array of industries, including financial, healthcare, technology, and tourism.

American Express and JPMorgan Chase have a big presence here, and there are branch offices for numerous brokerage firms in addition to a host of financial planners, wealth managers, and other financial companies. Overall, the Phoenix area is home to nearly 600 bank and credit union branches, from local financial institutions to international powerhouses like Chase, Wells Fargo, Wachovia and Bank of America, all of which are eager to do their part in helping launch and nurture incoming Phoenix-area businesses.

Phoenix is also home to several top healthcare systems as well, including Scottsdale Health, Catholic Healthcare West, and Banner Health, all of which offer an array of employment opportunities. Arizona hospital employment growth has significantly outpaced the annual employment growth of hospitals nationwide. With new hospital facilities being newly constructed, or are at least on the horizon, the number of jobs available to those in the healthcare sector will continue to rise. The Valley of the Sun also houses major data centers and technology companies. Top technology employers in Phoenix include Intel, Honeywell, Boeing, and some defense contractors.

Where do U.S. residents go when its 20 degrees below freezing in their home state? Phoenix has become the go-to place for northerners to relax, unwind, and enjoy the beautiful winter weather and sun-stricken scenery, unmatched by anywhere else. For those highly-needed spa days, there are approximately 480 hotels in the Phoenix area running at full steam, with resort-like spas employed by aestheticians and masseuses for a perfectly relaxing day. Need a day outside to enjoy hitting the green with friends? Phoenix has numerous golf courses to keep golfers putting away and to fuel the industry humming alongside it.

THE ARTS

Arts and cultural organizations are also big contributors to the local economy, with an

estimated economic impact of over \$300 million. Art activity generates state and city tax revenue and contributes to job growth in critical support industries like restaurants, hotels, and retail businesses.

The city of Phoenix is one of 182 communities that participated in Arts & Economic Prosperity III, the most comprehensive study of its kind and documents the economic impact of the nonprofit arts and culture industry in 139 cities and counties, 31 multi-county regions, and ten states, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

SPORTS: CARDINALS, SUNS, DIAMONDBACKS, AND MORE

With just about every major sport represented, sports tourism is big business in Phoenix. Consider these impressive and interesting facts:

- Greater Phoenix has more than 200 golf courses.
- The University of Phoenix Stadium hosted Super Bowl XLII and Super Bowl XLIX.
- The Cactus League spring training baseball attracts 1 million fans each year.
- The annual Waste Management Phoenix Open attracts the largest galleries of any golf tournament in the world.

In fact, the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority, which owns and operates the

University of Phoenix Stadium, funds the promotion of tourism in Maricopa County, the construction and renovation of Cactus League Spring Training facilities, and youth and amateur sports projects.

Sports tourism activities contribute close to \$2 billion annually to the area economy, according to a report by *AZ Business Magazine*. Many nearby restaurants and local businesses benefit from the abundance of crowds that spring training brings to the area every spring. In fact, many shopping and eatery districts, such as Westgate in Glendale, are open on game days, specifically to attract revenue opportunities from nearby sporting events.

It's clear that Phoenix is an exciting and vibrant place to do business with a thriving entrepreneurial spirit and industries of all kinds. We're glad you're here.

TUCSON

With such industry leaders as Raytheon Missile Systems, IBM, Honeywell, Texas Instruments, Intuit, and Bombardier Aerospace, it's clear that Tucson has made a name for itself as a great place to grow a business.

In addition, Caterpillar, Inc. relocated their new regional headquarters to Tucson provided hundreds of jobs in its wake. Additionally, Vector Space Systems launched in Tucson that same year around the same time, providing multiple jobs to those within the community.

LABOR & UNEMPLOYMENT

Recent studies on economic indicators in Tucson show positive growth in personal income of about 4.8 percent in 2019, which is better than the overall growth seen nationwide, good news for those who are relocating.

While the Old Pueblo unemployment rate has been hit hard by challenging economic times, it has fared better than the rest of the country and is steadily recovering with strong opportunities in various job sectors.

In industry job growth news, experts report that the healthcare field is gaining about 1,000 jobs each month statewide, which is great news for those in that field.



Downtown Phoenix
Photo by Robert Silberblatt courtesy of Visit Phoenix



GROWING AND ATTRACTING ATTENTION

People and businesses from around the country, and even on an international level, continue to drift towards settling in Tucson. In addition to the city's beautiful and scenic surroundings, Tucson's cost of living is less than many major cities.

According to the ACCRA Cost of Living Index, Tucson has a composite index of 93.9 (as of Q2 in 2018), making it about 6 percent less than the national average, making it a very affordable place to live compared to the rest of the state and compared to metro areas of similar size.

Because Tucson has remained an affordable place to live and work, growth in the greater Tucson region has remained steady, offering a variety of employment opportunities, lower cost of living, and easy access to larger metropolitan areas.

As of the end of 2019, Pima County's population sits at roughly 1,022,769 people with the Tucson metro area, in particular, spawning suburbs and growing communities. According to the Office of Economic Opportunity in Arizona, Pima County's projected population for 2020 is 1,064,384.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Travel and tourism are big in Tucson, and it's the metro travel industry that has contributed significantly to the city's economy, thanks to the new spending it attracts and the jobs it supports. The Metropolitan Tucson Convention & Visitors Bureau estimates that out-of-town travelers help support close to 24,000 local jobs.

The travel and tourism industry generates close to \$2.24 billion in economic impact to the region, attracting more than 6.5 million overnight visitors each year and making it one of the area's top economic drivers.

Tucson's scenic desert terrain and outdoor-friendly weather also attracts competitors from all over the world for major sporting events, including the La Fiesta de Los Vaqueros Rodeo, an eight-day competitive rodeo festival, and the El Tour de Tucson Bicycle Race.

Because of its proximity to Mexico, Tucson has become more involved in international trade, developing close partnerships with the country. The region of Tucson and Pima County receive almost \$1 billion in sales from Mexican travelers a year. In fact, Mexican visitors generate more than 5% of the total taxable sales in Pima County.

The city and its officials have encouraged the growth of twin-plant or "maquiladora" industries that locate part of their operations in Tucson.

Tucson is also working toward increased expansion in manufacturing, including electronics, aerospace, and computer component products.

INDUSTRY: HIGH TECH, MANUFACTURING THRIVING

Tucson also has a growing high-tech industry environment, with roughly 1,300 companies that have some type of IT component in the region. While more than 340 local companies are directly involved in information technology, other growing tech areas include bio-industry/biotech, aerospace, environmental technology, plastics and advanced composite materials, and teleservices. Tucson is also home to Tucson Tech Corridor. This campus alone is home to about 150 tech-related businesses.

Top technology employers in Tucson include nationally-recognized companies, such as Raytheon Missile Systems, IBM, Honeywell, Texas Instruments and Intuit, and many other smaller companies.

Tucson is also a manufacturing hub for technology, with activity in this area nearly doubling in the last ten years because of the city's active promotion of expansion and growth in the industry. Tucson companies in this space include nationally-known companies like AlliedSignal, Weiser Lock, 3M, Burr-Brown, IBM, Environmental Air Products, Inc., Krueger Industries, Inc., and Raytheon Missile Systems.

With the creation and expansion of the Tucson Tech Corridor, opportunities abound for new high-tech entrepreneurs. Paired with low cost of doing business, affordable home prices, a fair tax structure and a lower cost of living, it's clear that Tucson is a great place for business, whether you're coming here for existing work or to start a new business venture. ●



How to Work HEALTHIER

By: Rachel Sellers, Content Writer

Advice from American Warehouse Furniture

A desk job doesn't have to be a literal pain in the neck

Whether working in an office or from home, a poorly set-up workspace can lead to back aches, a stiff neck, and eyes that feel like the Sahara Desert by the end of the day. If this describes you, it's time to brush up on your office ergonomics so that you're working healthier.

Ergonomics is an applied science concerned with designing and arranging things to fit the human body so that people can work in a healthy, comfortable, and efficient manner. An ergonomic workspace can help prevent repetitive strain injuries that are associated with working long hours at a desk, like carpal tunnel syndrome and tendonitis.

Create an Ergonomic Workspace

The goal in creating an ergonomic workspace is to arrange everything so that the body is in a neutral position. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), a neutral body position "is a comfortable working posture in which your joints are naturally aligned. Working with the body in a neutral position reduces stress and strain on the muscles, tendons, and skeletal system and reduces your risk of developing a musculoskeletal disorder."

According to the OSHA Good Working Positions guide and The Mayo Clinic, an ergonomic sitting position has a few key factors:

- The spine is relatively vertical, with the head and neck in line with each other. You aren't leaning forward or craning your neck.
- The elbows and legs are both at about 90° angles, with the forearms and thighs horizontal.
- The hands are at or below the level of the elbows and the wrists are straight.
- The feet are flat on the floor. If the desk is too high for this, the feet are on a footrest.

The guidelines for keeping a neutral body position are almost exactly the same for working while standing. The main difference is that the legs, torso, neck, and head should be kept more or less in-line and vertical.

Aside from sitting or standing in a neutral position, how things are arranged on a desk also contributes to how ergonomic a workspace is. An improperly positioned monitor or keyboard could be a major contributor to neck, arm, and wrist pain.

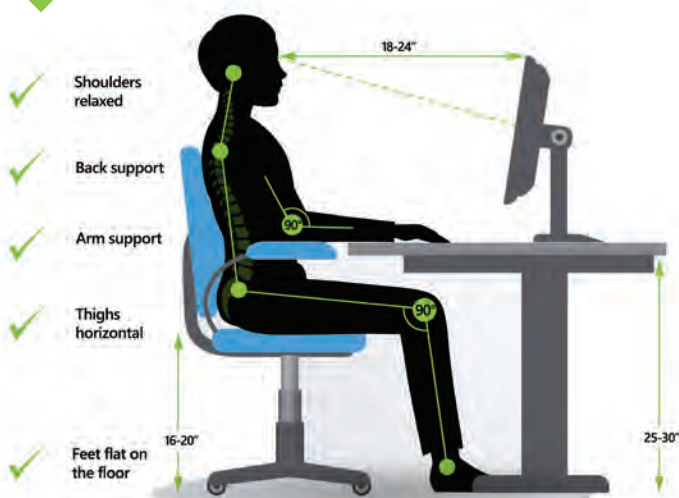
- The monitor should be 18-24" (about arm's length) away and at or slightly below eye level.
- The keyboard and mouse should be close together and at the right height and distance so that the arms can be kept in the correct position. If it's not possible to maintain the proper position with the keyboard on the desk, consider using a keyboard tray.
- Frequently used items should be close enough to access easily without reaching, things used occasionally should be within reach, and things that are not used very often should be out of the way.

While these guidelines may sound complicated, it's fairly simple to arrange a desk and a standard office chair to support a neutral body position. Look for a chair with at least an adjustable seat height (standard on most office chairs), then look for features like an adjustable back or armrests that allow fine-tuning the chair for maximum ergonomic comfort.

Working healthier by creating an ergonomic workspace will keep you working focused and pain-free. ●

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CORRECT SITTING POSTURE



ARIZONA'S COST *of* LIVING

Anyone planning to relocate needs to know just how far their paychecks will stretch in their new, adopted city. After all, if you're used to inexpensive mortgages or rental prices, reasonable grocery bills and affordable health care, you don't want to be surprised if the bills skyrocket when you choose to move to another city.

The good news is that, in Phoenix and Tucson, when compared to cities that are about the same size, your hard-earned dollar will likely stretch a bit further – and that attracts people to the area. In fact, in the last several years, Phoenix and Tucson have experienced thriving population growth leading the way with the highest and second-highest growth rate of any Arizona city or town.

The ACCRA Cost of Living Index ranks a range of living expenses in major cities. Compiled by ACCRA – a national organization dedicated to economic development and policy research – the index

measures differences between areas in the cost of consumer goods and services, minus taxes and non-consumer expenditures.

The index also measures relative price levels for consumer goods and services in participating areas, like groceries, housing, utilities and more. The average for a participating place – both metropolitan and non-metro – is 100, and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places.

In Phoenix and Tucson, you'll find yourself paying about the same for transportation, utilities, health care, and other goods and services as with other, similar-sized cities. And when it comes to necessities like housing and groceries, Phoenix and Tucson prices remain affordable.

Whether you're thinking about moving here, or are already here, it's easy to see that Arizona measures up not only in terms of quality of life, but also with its affordability. ●

When it comes to overall cost of living, Phoenix and Tucson are still quite affordable places to live and work. Here's how they ranked in comparison to other major U.S. cities (2019 1st Quarter).

City	Composite 100%	Grocery 13.40%	Housing 29.34%	Utilities 8.94%	Transportation 9.22%	Healthcare 4.26%	Misc. 34.84%
Atlanta	102.3	101.8	104.2	85.7	100.6	107	105.1
Austin	99.5	89.7	103.1	95.6	91.2	106.2	102.6
Boston	153.5	110.5	227.2	119.6	121.4	117	129.6
Chicago	120	96.8	150.9	93.6	128	100.9	109.8
Cleveland	95.7	106.4	81.7	96.9	92.3	104.2	103
Dallas/Fort Worth	106.7	101.9	112.8	107.9	93.5	105.2	106.7
Denver	111.1	98.6	137	83.6	102	102.6	104.5
New York (Manhattan)	238.4	139.7	487.6	123	142.2	111.9	136.9
Phoenix	97.4	97	96	109.2	113.2	92.9	92
Raleigh	94.5	90.8	85	96.3	97.7	101.3	101.7
San Francisco	200.1	135.6	359.4	122.2	150	130.5	132.4
Seattle	159.4	128.6	225.7	107.9	143.6	130	136.4
Tucson	96.7	98.8	87	98.6	109.9	99.3	99.8

Statistics Source: ACCRA

ARIZONA

by the NUMBERS

FROM ONE PAYCHECK TO THE NEXT

Want to know how living in Phoenix or Tucson compares to other cities in terms of how far your paycheck will get you? Assuming a \$60,000 salary in the city you're moving from and that you'd own a house in in one of the cities, we used a salary/cost of living calculator to help us figure out the rest. For example, if you made \$60,000 after taxes in Los Angeles, CA, you'd need to make just \$41,012 in Phoenix and \$39,686 in Tucson to maintain the same standard of living. Here are the results:

Source: Bankrate.com

Assuming a \$60,000/year salary -----

<i>If you're moving from here....</i>	<i>In PHX you'd need to make...</i>	<i>In TUC you'd need to make...</i>		<i>If you're moving from here....</i>	<i>In PHX you'd need to make...</i>	<i>In TUC you'd need to make...</i>
Atlanta	57,597.60	55,735.74		Los Angeles	41,012.12	39,686.39
Baton Rouge	62,272.73	60,259.74		Miami	51,237.76	49,581.48
Boston	39,875.26	38,586.28		Minneapolis	53,179.30	51,460.26
Chicago	49,518.07	47,917.38		New York City	25,303.43	24,485.49
Cleveland	56,857.71	55,019.76		Pittsburgh	58,357.00	56,470.59
Dallas	59,875.13	57,939.65		Portland	44,432.43	42,996.14
Denver	52,500.00	50,802.92		Raleigh	63,580.11	61,524.86
Detroit	60,377.75	58,426.02		San Francisco	32,619.05	31,564.63
Houston	58,594.70	56,700.61		Seattle	41,012.12	39,686.39
Las Vegas	53,179.30	51,460.26		St. Louis	62,205.41	60,194.59



PHOENIX'S TOP 25 EMPLOYERS

Phoenix has a diverse list of large employers in both the public and private sector – from education, government and healthcare to technology, manufacturing and the military, three of which (Wal-Mart, Wells Fargo and JPMorgan Chase) made *Fortune* magazine’s “World’s 50 Most Admired Companies” list. Here’s a list of Phoenix’s Top 25 Largest Employers, including a brief description of the organization.

Downtown Phoenix
Photo by Ron Niebrugge/wildnatureimages.com

1. State of Arizona

49,800 Employees
100 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix 85007
602-542-1500 (Phoenix main)
hr.az.gov/az-state-jobs/

The State of Arizona employs nearly 50,000 people in various state government offices.

2. Banner Health

39,858 Employees
1441 N. 12th St., Phoenix 85006
602-747-4000; www.bannerhealth.com

With more than eight locations valley-wide, Banner Health is a non-profit healthcare organization that encompasses many hospitals, imaging centers and several outpatient clinics, as well as a bariatric center.

3. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

34,856 Employees
702 SW 8th St., Bentonville, AR 72716
800-925-6278; www.walmartstores.com

Retail giant Wal-Mart, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, employs over 34,000 in the state of Arizona, many of whom work at its Phoenix-area supercenters, discount stores, neighborhood markets, Sam's Clubs and distribution centers.

4. Kroger

16,856 Employees
500 S. 99th Ave., Tolleson, 85353
623-936-2100; www.frysfood.com

A subsidiary of the Kroger Co., Fry's Food Stores operates more than 100 grocery stores that serve the Phoenix area and surrounding counties. Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Kroger (NYSE:KR) is one of the nation's largest grocery retailers.

5. Arizona State University

15,530 Employees
1151 S. Forest Ave., Tempe, 85281
480-965-2100; www.asu.edu

As one of the largest universities in the country, Arizona State University serves over 82,000 students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. ASU's main campus is in Tempe, with several other campuses in the Phoenix metro area,

including a large downtown campus. Academic offerings include more than 250 undergraduate and graduate programs, plus a range of certificate programs.

6. Wells Fargo

15,071 Employees
100 W. Washington St., Phoenix 85003
602-378-4644; www.wellsfargo.com

Wells Fargo operates bank branches, business banking offices, and an operations and support center, in addition to offering private client services in the region.

7. City of Phoenix

14,000 Employees
135 N. Second Ave., Phoenix 85003
602-262-6608; www.phoenix.gov/hr

Phoenix is not only rich in culture and history, but is also the fifth-most populous city in the U.S. with more than 1.6 million residents who call the city home, offering various employment opportunities with benefits.

8. Maricopa County

13,000 Employees
301 West Jefferson St., Phoenix 85701
602-506-3011; www.maricopa.gov

Maricopa County covers 9,224 square miles and ranks fourth in population among all counties in the U.S. In fact, more than half of Arizona residents live in Maricopa County.

9. Intel Corp.

11,300 Employees
5000 W. Chandler Blvd., CH7-301
Chandler, 85226
480-554-8080; www.intel.com

The world's largest semiconductor company has two large manufacturing and research complexes in Chandler, a nearby suburb of Phoenix, with a new manufacturing facility currently under construction.

10. Honor Health

10,600 Employees
8125 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale 85004
623-580-5800; www.honorhealth.com

Formed by a merger between Scottsdale Health and John C. Lincoln Health Network, Honor Health provides an integrated system of healthcare. In addition, they offer outpatient surgery centers, home health services and community education and outreach services, serving the community now and into the future.

11. American Airlines

10,000 Employees
3400 Sky Harbor Blvd. Suite 3300,
Phoenix 85034
800-223-5436; www.jobs.aa.com

American Airlines, along with American Eagle, operates more than 6,700 flights per day and serves over 350 destinations in the U.S., and over 50 in other countries. The airline has created over 900,000 jobs for aviation professionals worldwide.

12. Bank of America

9,800 Employees
100 N. Tryon St. #3120
Charlotte, NC 28202
www.bankofamerica.com

Bank of America is one of the world's largest financial institutions, serving individual customers, small- and middle-market businesses and large corporations with a full range of banking, investing, asset management and other financial and risk management products and services.

13. JPMorgan Chase & Co.

9,500 Employees
201 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix 85004
866-777-4690; www.careersatjpm.com

Headquartered in New York, JPMorgan Chase offers the following in the Phoenix metro area: Private Client Services; Chase Card Services, Chase Home Finance Loan Center and Chase Telephone Banking in Tempe, and more than 50 Chase Bank branches.

14. Mesa Public Schools/ Mesa Unified School District

8,500 Employees
63 E. Main St., Mesa 85201
480-472-0000; www.mpsaz.org

With 56 elementary schools; 11 junior high schools; 6 senior high schools; 4 “success” schools; and 8 “choice” programs/schools (including early learning and Head Start programs), the Mesa Unified School District, one of the state’s largest, serving close to 64,000 students in grades Pre-K-12.

15. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold
8,030 Employees
333 North Central Ave., Phoenix 85004
602-366-8100; www.fcx.com

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) is an international mining company with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona and several mining operations in the Tucson area. The company has a dynamic portfolio of operating, expansion and growth projects in the copper industry and is the world’s largest producer of molybdenum.

16. U.S. Postal Service
8,017 Employees
4949 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix 85026
800-275-8777; www.usps.com

An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that visits every address in the nation. It has 37,000 retail locations nationwide and over 100 locations in metro Phoenix, relying on the sale of postage, products and services – not tax dollars – to pay for operating expenses. The Postal Service has annual revenues of \$65 billion and delivers nearly half the world’s mail.

17. Dignity Health
8,000 Employees
350 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix 85013
602-406-3000; dignityhealthcareers.com

Founded in 1986 and headquartered in San Francisco, CA, Dignity Health is the fifth largest hospital provider in the nation, with more than 60,000 nurses, hospitals, clinics and physicians caring for the sick, poor and disadvantaged in California, Arizona and Nevada. The Phoenix metro area is home to four of the hospitals in his network.

18. American Express
7,079 Employees
20022 N. 31st Ave., Phoenix 85027
602-537-8500; www.americanexpress.com

Globally known for products ranging from personal finances to business success, American Express in Phoenix is home to technical, operational and customer service careers and the main data center, all located in various parts of the city. The Amex card accounts for almost 24% of total dollar volume of credit card transactions in the country.

19. Apollo Group, Inc.
5,700 Employees
4025 S. Riverpoint Pkwy., Phoenix 85040
800-990-APOL; www.apollo.edu

Apollo College offers degree and diploma programs in healthcare, dental and veterinary career fields, and operates nine campuses across the western United States – including two in the Phoenix area: Phoenix and Phoenix Westside.

20. Arizona Public Service
6,400 Employees
400 N. 5th St. (Talent Acquisition)
M.S. 8012; Phoenix 85004
800-253-9405; www.aps.com

Generating electricity for 11 of Arizona’s 15 counties, APS lights up over 1.1 million homes, businesses and neighborhoods across the state. With plans to add 700,000 more customers by 2030 through traditional means and innovative sustainable energy sources, APS offers a range of career opportunities in Phoenix and beyond.

21. Mayo Clinic Hospital
6,247 Employees
5777 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix 85054
480-515-6296 / 480-342-2000
www.mayoclinic.org/mchospital-sct/

Mayo Clinic, known worldwide for excellence in healthcare services and research, offers a clinic and hospital in Phoenix. The hospital provides care with hundreds of licensed beds and multiple operation rooms, while the clinic houses a variety of specialists for preventive and ongoing care.

22. Abrazo Health
4,490 Employees
8620 N. 22nd Ave., #200, Phoenix 85021
602-674-1400 *Regional Office*
www.abrazohealth.com

Part of the Tenet Healthcare system Abrazo is one of the largest health care organizations in Arizona; committed to helping people achieve health for life, Abrazo is a rising leader in the delivery of quality, personalized health care, operating six hospitals, a physician medical group, and several service-specific institutes and centers.

23. Maricopa County Community College District
4350 Employees
2411 W. 14th St., Tempe 85281
480-731-8000; www.maricopa.edu

Maricopa County Community College District is one of the largest in the largest in the nation serving more than 200,000 students annually. The provide innovative, award-winning programs by a faculty that has received national and international honors for teaching and program excellence.

24. Boeing Co.
3,838 Employees
5000 E. McDowell Rd., Mesa 85215
480-891-3000; www.boeing.com

Boeing is the well-known aerospace giant, headquartered in Chicago, making its Arizona home in Mesa. They offer a range of employment opportunities ranging from administrative, management to technical, providing commercial and defense related products worldwide.

25. Salt River Project
3,402 Employees
1521 N. Project Dr., Tempe 85281-1298
602-236-5900; www.srpnet.com

SRP provides reasonably priced and reliable electricity and water to over 2 million people in Central Arizona, making it one of the nation’s largest public power utilities. ●

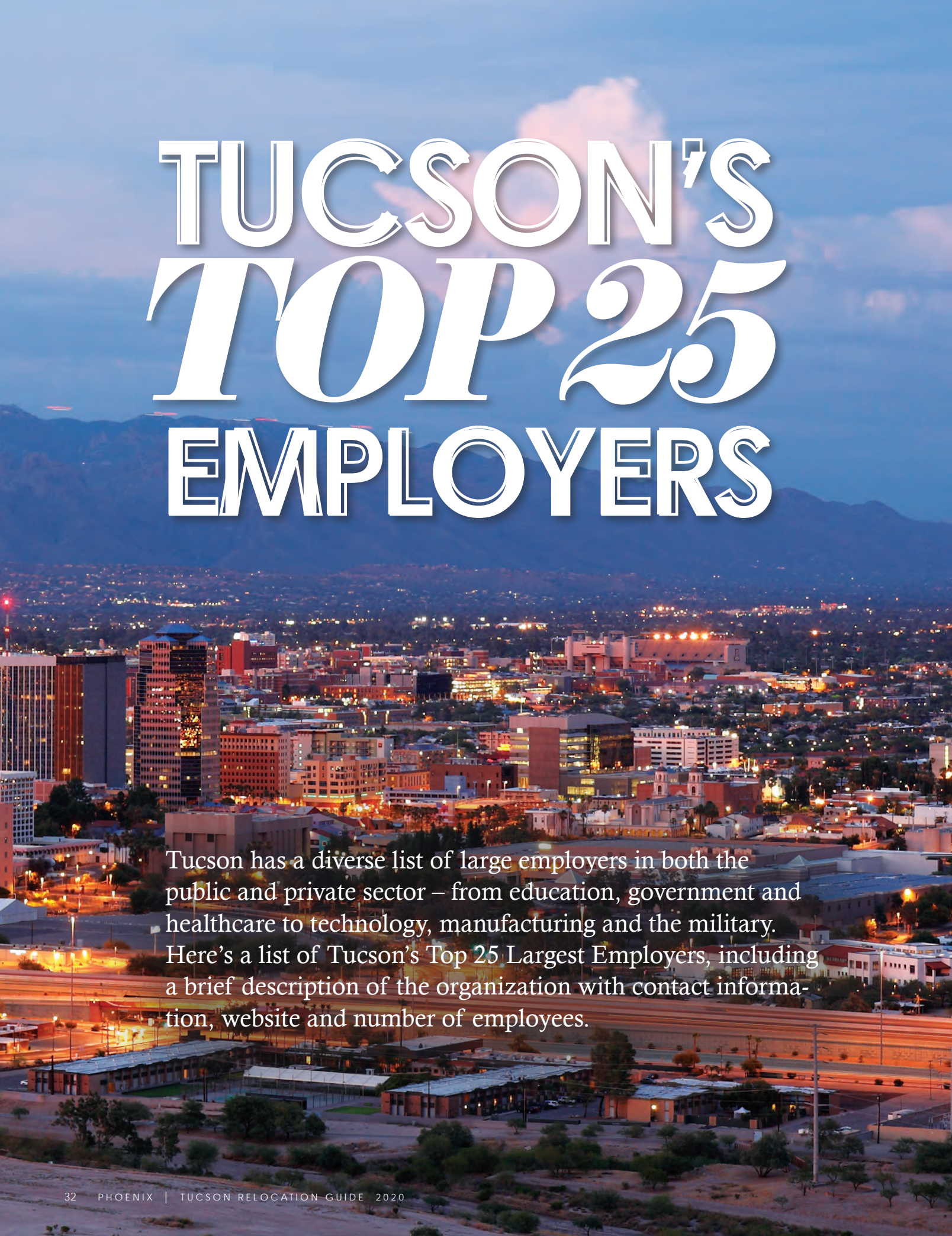
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PHOENIX AREA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce	480-753-7676	www.ahwatukeechamber.com
Carefree-Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce	480-488-3381	www.carefreecavecreek.org
Chandler Chamber of Commerce	480-963-4571	www.chandlerchamber.com
Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce	480-837-1654	www.fountainhillschamber.com
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce	480-892-0056	www.gilbertaz.com
Glendale Chamber of Commerce	623-937-4754	www.glendaleazchamber.org
Mesa Chamber of Commerce	480-969-1307	www.mesachamber.org
North Phoenix Chamber of Commerce	602-482-3344	www.northphoenixchamber.com
Peoria Chamber of Commerce	623-979-3601	www.peoriachamber.com
Phoenix Chamber of Commerce (Greater)	602-495-2195	www.phoenixchamber.com
Phoenix Metro Chamber of Commerce	800-958-8593	www.phoenixmetrochamber.com
Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce	480-888-1709	www.queencreekchamber.com
Scottsdale Chamber	480-355-2700	www.scottsdalechamber.com
Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce	623-932-2260	www.southwestvalleychamber.org
Tempe Chamber of Commerce	480-967-7891	www.tempechamber.org
San Tan Chamber of Commerce	480-788-7516	www.santanchamber.com
Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce	623-583-0692	www.surpriseregionalchamber.com

TUCSON AREA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry	602-248-9172	www.azchamber.com
Benson Chamber of Commerce	520-598-8031	www.bensonchamberaz.org
Bisbee Chamber of Commerce	520-432-6923	www.bisbearizona.com
Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce	520-836-2125	www.casagrandechamber.org
Greater Douglas Chamber of Commerce	480-268-6436	www.greaterdouglaschamber.com
Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce	520-625-7575	www.greenvalleysahuarita.com
Eloy Chamber of Commerce	520-466-3411	www.elaychamber.com
Marana Chamber of Commerce	520-682-4314	www.maranachamber.com
Maricopa Chamber of Commerce	520-568-9573	www.maricopachamber.org
Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce	520-287-3685	www.thenogaleschamber.org
Greater Oro County Chamber of Commerce	520-297-2191	www.orovalleychamber.com
Sonoita-Elgin Chamber of Commerce	520-471-6099	www.sonoitaelginchamber.org
Tombstone Chamber of Commerce	520-457-9317	www.tombstonechamber.com
Tubac Chamber of Commerce	520-398-2704	www.tubacaz.com
Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce	520-615-6436	www.tucsonglbtchamber.org
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	520-620-0005	www.tucsonhispanicchamber.org
Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce	520-792-1212	www.tucsonchamber.org
Tucson Southern Arizona Black Chamber of Commerce	520-623-0099	www.tsabcc.org
Wilcox Chamber of Commerce	520-384-2272	www.willcoxchamber.com



TUCSON'S *TOP 25* EMPLOYERS

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1. University of Arizona

11,251 Employees

1200 E. University Blvd., Tucson 85721

520-621-2211; www.arizona.edu

The University of Arizona is the leading public research university in the southwest and ranks among the top 20 public research universities in the nation. It's also the state's only member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, and offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

2. Raytheon Missile Systems

9,600 Employees

1151 E. Hermans Road, Tucson 85756

520-794-3000; www.raytheon.com

Raytheon Missile Systems, headquartered in Tucson, designs, develops, and produces missile systems for U.S. and allied forces, including "air-to-air, strike, naval weapon systems, land combat missiles, guided projectiles, exoatmospheric kill vehicles, and directed energy weapons." Other capabilities include electronic warfare, space solutions, naval solutions and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

3. State of Arizona

8,580 Employees

5441 E. 22nd St. #115, Tucson 85711

602-542-1500 *Phoenix main*

520-745-5802 *Tucson employment*

www.az.gov; www.azstatejobs.gov

The State of Arizona employs close to 8,600 in various state government offices in the Tucson area, including the Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety, Department of Medical Benefits and Eligibility, and many others.

4. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

8,406 Employees

2600 S. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85708

520-228-3900; www.dm.af.mil

Davis-Monthan (D-M) Air Force Base in Tucson is the home of the 355th Fighter Wing host unit, providing medical,

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logistical, and operational support to all D-M units. The wing's missions are to train A-10 and OA-10 pilots and to provide A-10 and OA-10 support to ground forces worldwide, as well as provide command, control, and communications countermeasures in support of tactical forces with its EC-130H aircraft.

5. Tucson Unified School District

7,700 Employees

1010 E. 10th St., Tucson 85719

520-225-6000; www.tusd1.org

The Tucson Unified School District is the second largest school district in the state of Arizona, serving over 45,000 PreK-12 students and employing 7,700.

6. Pima County

7,060 Employees

150 West Congress St., Tucson 85701

520-740-8028; www.pima.gov

Pima County is the second largest of the four original Arizona counties, covering

9,184 square miles. It was founded in 1864 and primarily includes South Tucson, some areas of southwest Tucson, and other cities in the Santa Cruz River Valley, making its population just over 1,039,073 residents.

7. Banner – University Medical Center

6,272 Employees

1501 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson 85724

520-694-0111; www.bannerhealth.com

Banner - University Medical Center Tucson is formerly known as University of Arizona Medical Center. Banner Health is nationally recognized for providing exceptional patient care, teaching future healthcare professionals and conducting groundbreaking research.

8. U.S. Border Patrol

5,739 Employees

2430 S. Swan Road, Tucson 85711

520-748-3000; www.cbp.gov

The Tucson Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol, part of the Department of Homeland Security, is among the busiest on the southwest border, covering 262 miles from the Yuma county line to the Arizona/New Mexico state line. Coverage includes eight stations: Ajo, Casa Grande, Tucson, Nogales, Wilcox, Sonoita, Naco, and Douglas.

9. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold

5,530 Employees
333 North Central Ave., Phoenix, 85004
602-366-8100; www.fcx.com

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) is an international mining company with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona and several mining operations in the Tucson area. The company has a dynamic portfolio of operating, expansion and growth projects in the copper industry and is the world's largest producer of molybdenum

10. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

5,500 Employees
702 SW 8th St.
Bentonville, AR 72716-8611
800-925-6278; www.walmartstores.com

Retail giant WalMart, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, employs staff all over the state

of Arizona, including more than 5,500 in Tucson at its supercenters, discount stores, neighborhood markets, Sam's Clubs and distribution centers.

11. U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca

5,477 Employees
1903 Hatfield St., Fort Huachuca, 85613
520-533-1850; www.army.mil/huachuca

Fort Huachuca's long history started in the 1870s, when the base served as a camp during the Indian Wars with the Apaches. In 1971, it became the home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and is now a major military installation in Arizona.

12. City of Tucson

4,595 Employees
City Hall
255 W. Alameda St., Tucson 85701
520-791-3112; www.tucsonaz.gov

Tucson started out as a rich mix of Hohokam Indian culture and continues today with the culture's modern-day descendants, the Pima and Tohono O'odham Indians. Today, the city is one of the largest in the U.S. and home to a top public university and several public and private sector employers.

13. Tohono O'odham Nation

4,350 Employees
P.O. Box 2425, Sells 85634
520-383-2028; www.tonation-nsn.gov

The Tohono O'odham Nation, which means "desert people," is a federally recognized Tribe in southwestern Arizona's Pima, Pinal and Maricopa counties. The main reservation is located between Tucson and Ajo and, at more than 4,400 square miles, is the second largest Indian reservation in Arizona, both in population and size.

14. Carondelet Health Network

3,860 Employees
1601 West St. Mary's Road, Tucson 85745
520-872-4357; www.carondelet.org

Carondelet Health Network in Tucson is a member of Ascension Health, the nation's

largest, religious-sponsored not-for-profit health care system. Its Tucson health network encompasses three hospitals – including St. Mary's, which opened in 1880 – with several centers and institutes meeting the healthcare needs of the Tucson area.

15. TMC HealthCare

3,162 Employees
5301 E. Grant Road, Tucson 85712
520-327-5461; www.tmc.az.org

TMC HealthCare is Southern Arizona's locally governed nonprofit hospital system and includes the Tucson Medical Center, Tucson Orthopaedic Institute, the Cancer Care Center of Southern Arizona and the Children's Clinics for Rehabilitative Services. Tucson Medical Center is also known as one of the nation's top neuroscience programs, and has been designated as a Neuroscience Center of Excellence.

16. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

2,464 Employees
3601 S 6th Ave., Tucson 85723
800-470-8262 / 520-629-4900
www.tucson.va.gov

Part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Southern Arizona VA Health Care (SAVAHCS) serves more than 170,000 veterans located in eight counties in southern Arizona and one county in western New Mexico. SAVAHCS is a 285-bed hospital that provides primary care and sub-specialty health care in numerous medical areas for eligible veterans.

17. Corrections Corp. of America (CCA)

2,413 Employees
10 Burton Hills Blvd., Nashville, TN 37215
615-263-3000; www.cca.com

CCA operates nearly 70 facilities in the nation making them the fifth largest correctional system in the nation. It founded the private corrections management industry more than three decades ago, establishing industry standards for future-focused, forward-thinking correctional solutions. A commitment to



innovation, efficiency, cost effectiveness and achievement has made the company the private corrections management provider of choice for federal, state and local agencies since 1983.

18. Fry's Food Stores of Arizona, Inc.

2,346 Employees
500 S. 99th Ave., Bldg A, Tolleson 85353
623-936-2100; www.frysfood.com

A subsidiary of the Kroger Co., Fry's Food Stores operates more than 100 grocery stores that serve the Tucson area and surrounding counties.

19. Pima Community College

2,235 Employees
4905 E. Broadway, Tucson 85709
520-206-4500; www.pima.edu

Since 1966, Pima Community College has been developing the Pima County community through learning. Through campuses strategically placed throughout the Tucson metro area, PCC offers convenient, affordable educational opportunities that can help you make its students' dreams a reality.

20. Asarco, LLC

2,200 Employees
5825 E. Williams Circle,
Ste. 2000, Tucson 85711
520-798-7500; www.asarco.com

Founded as the American Smelting and Refining Company in 1899, Asarco is a fully integrated miner, smelter and refiner of copper in the United States, producing about 350-400 million pounds of copper. Significant copper mines include the Mission, Silver Bell and Ray open-pit mines, all in Arizona.

21. Sunnyside Unified School District

2,100 Employees
2238 E. Ginter Road, Tucson 85706
520-545-2000; www.susd12.org

The Sunnyside Unified School District serves more than 17,000 students in 21 schools and is the second largest school district in Pima County, Arizona. It operates early childhood care centers,



elementary, middle, and high schools, all staffing full-time counselors, registered nurses, music teacher, art teachers, physical education teachers and librarians.

22. Afni Inc.

1,900 Employees
5451 E. Williams Blvd., Tucson 85711
877-913-2364; www.afni.com

Afni, Inc. is a leading provider of contact center solutions and receivables management services to many of the nation's largest companies. With three locations in Tucson, various opportunities for employment are available.

23. Pinal County

1,852 Employees
31 N. Pinal St., Florence 85232
520-866-6000 / 888-431-1311
www.pinalcountyaz.gov

Founded in 1875 and located in the central part of Arizona, Pinal County is the third most populous county in the state, with an estimated population of 389,350. It contains parts of four different Indian Reservations and is situated conveniently between the Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona's two largest metropolitan areas.

24. Amphitheater Unified School District

1,739 Employees
701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson 85705
520-696-5000; www.amphi.com

Amphitheater schools and facilities offer a place where students thrive academically; where parents want their children to go; where highly skilled people work; and places community members respect because of the high student achievement, caring environment, and focus on individual needs! Amphi strives to empower all students to become contributing members of society equipped with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world.

25. Vail Unified School District

1,705 Employees
13801 E. Benson Highway, Vail 85641
520-879-2000; www.vail.k12.az.us

The Vail School District is located southeast of Tucson. Vail is recognized as the top-performing school district in Arizona. They have won numerous awards and have even been highlighted across the country. Vail School Districts primary mission is serving the parent, which they feel is central to ensuring good communication between the staff and the family. ●



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EDUCATION in ARIZONA

Settled in the heart of the American Southwest, Arizona is home to over 650 public school districts. The state places a high importance on learning from early education through post-secondary schooling. Arizona recognizes the value of a globally competitive education and strives to keep its best and brightest students in the state. Local college and university graduates help keep the state economy flourishing.

To that end, Arizona has recently introduced programs to keep students engaged and active during summer breaks. The Arizona Education Association offers discounted continuing education for teachers further enhancing the educations of their students. In 1983, The Arizona Educational Foundation began working with schools in effort to reinforce educational standards and design challenging and stimulating curriculums. The Education Coalition of Arizona strives to improve parental and community involvement within schools and generate tax revenue for educational purposes. Educational development has numerous allies in The Grand Canyon State and Arizona legislators are consistently introducing new legislation to improve learning facilities and create new programs for students. Arizona

continues to be a rich environment for its students to grow, learn and thrive.

Arizona's steady growth has had a significant impact on education. The result is public school districts of all sizes that have earned strong reputations for both academic and extracurricular programs. There are 58 public school districts just in Maricopa County - the home of Phoenix. Two of Maricopa's bordering counties, Pinal and Yavapai, have over 40 districts between them. In Pima County, home to Tucson, there are 17 school districts and neighboring Cochise County includes 24. Additionally, there are numerous private and charter schools throughout the state. There are plenty of educational options for those relocating to Arizona.

PHOENIX

Like many growing cities, education is a central component when it comes to attracting residents, and Phoenix is no exception. With 30 school districts, a wealth of higher education choices that include the University of Phoenix, and a variety of trade, technical, private and parochial schools, there are plenty of educational opportunities for residents.

There are more than 325 public schools in Phoenix in both large and small districts, as well as more than 200 charter and private schools that serve students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The Phoenix metropolitan area includes the city itself, Maricopa County, most of Pinal County



and parts of southern Yavapai County. The Valley of the Sun is home to Mesa Public Schools, the largest school district in the state. Serving the cities of Mesa, Tempe and

Chandler, the district serves some 64,000 students in traditional grades K-12, as well as alternative schools based on nontraditional curriculums.

In all, education is a priority in Phoenix and throughout the state – and it shows. The Arizona Department of Education announced that Arizona students exceeded national averages on Arizona’s Measurement of Education Readiness. This year’s performance of Arizona’s students marks a six-year upward trend. Arizona students scored well above average in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science. Additionally, Arizona continue to rank above the national average on SAT scores.

Enrollment Requirements

PROOF OF RESIDENCY: Families must provide two proofs of residency to establish residence in a designated school attendance area, the district’s boundaries or the state. These can include:

- Motor vehicle registration
- Utility bill
- Property tax bill
- Lease agreement
- Tax return
- Bank account, paycheck, credit card bill, etc.
- Employer letter on letterhead
- Driver’s license or State ID
- Rent or mortgage payment receipt

PROOF OF AGE: Arizona students must be five years old before September 1 of the current school year for kindergarten, and 6 years old before September 1 to enter first grade. Proof of age can include:

- A certified copy of the child’s birth certificate.
- Other reliable proof of the student’s identity and age (must include birth date), including the student’s baptismal certificate, passport, a stamped application for a Social Security number, I94 with Federal stamp stating refugee status, or original school registration records, and an affidavit explaining the inability to provide the birth certificate.

IMMUNIZATION FORMS: Arizona state law requires school districts to show proof that every student through 12th grade has had immunizations, or is exempt from required immunization. Contact your school district for information on which immunizations they require.

COMMITTED TO EDUCATION

No matter where you’re moving – and whether you have children or not – education is an important consideration for anyone considering relocation. The quality of education in a community affects everything from resale value to the schools in your neighborhood.

With the area’s tremendous growth over the last several years, school districts have increased accordingly to accommodate more students, and the city has adopted several initiatives to foster educational excellence. One is the city’s Youth and Education Commission, which, in partnership with the Human Relations Commission, offers grants to Phoenix schools through its Focus on Results grants initiative.

Each year, the mayor and Phoenix city council support the Phoenix Youth and Teen Services to fund the programs and activities that provide constructive activities for teens. The city has also created The Dropout Prevention Program working with national, state and local organizations to encourage kids to stay in school, pursue post-secondary education or careers, and provide afterschool activities.

HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Phoenix is also known for its higher education opportunities. Area colleges and universities include the Arizona State University (in nearby Tempe), University of Phoenix, Argosy University, Maricopa Community Colleges/Phoenix College (plus several other major campuses), Grand Canyon University, Western International University, and the internationally renowned Thunderbird – The Garvin School of International Management.

In particular, the Arizona State University has over 350 undergraduate and more than 450 masters and graduate degree programs in 18 colleges and schools. One of the largest research-heavy institutions in the U.S., Arizona State University annually devotes over \$390 million in research and development expenditures.

And, the huge Maricopa Community Colleges network features 10 colleges that specialize in university transfer, continuing education, career and job training programs. Phoenix College, the system's main campus, is nationally known for its programs in gerontology, dental hygiene, fire science, emergency medical technology, mathematics, art, graphic design, creative writing, and administration of justice.

Recent research comparing Arizona to states of similar size found that Arizona ranked second for average Arizona student test scores on the ACT college entrance exam, and that Arizona is also ranked second among states of similar size for the number of bachelor's degrees in natural sciences and engineering.

Testing Our Students

Tests are part of school life anywhere you live, and it's no different in Arizona, where standardized testing to gauge student progress is taken seriously to encourage student success.

According to the Arizona Department of Education, the statewide educational assessment program includes the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test and the AzMERIT test, which are broken out into several tests, depending on grade level, and is designed to measure each student's progress in learning the Arizona Academic Standards.

These particular standards define what students should know and be able to do in reading, writing and mathematics through the course of a student's K-12 education, and are grouped into Readiness (Kindergarten), Foundations (grades 1-3), Essentials (grades 4-8), Proficiency (grades 9-12), and Distinction (9-12).

For more information about the AIMS test, include a description of content, guidelines and sample tests, visit www.ade.state.az.us/standards/aims. For information on the AzMERIT test, including content, guidelines and sample tests, visit www.azed.gov/assessment/azmerit.

Accountability: School and District Ratings

As far as school performance ratings for elementary and secondary education, schools in Arizona are rated according to the Arizona LEARNS rating/achievement profiles.

These ratings are determined by student performance on the AIMS test, adequate yearly progress (AYP) as defined by the federally mandated No Child Left Behind Act, and the state's measure of academic progress (MAP). Achievement profile categories include:

Excelling: Grades K-8: 90% of pupils achieved one year of academic progress in all subject areas of the Arizona measure of academic progress, and 90 percent passed all subject areas of the AIMS test.

Grades 9-12: 90% of pupils passed all subject areas of the AIMS test, the dropout rate is no more than 6 percent and the school's graduation rate is at least 90 percent.

Highly Performing: Exceeds state performance and state progress goals.

Performing Plus: Informal recognition of schools that have "shown improvement or have sufficient students demonstrating proficiency to earn a Highly Performing or Excelling profile, but do not have a sufficient number of students exceeding the standard."

Performing: Meets state performance goals, and needs to meet state progress goals.

Underperforming: Needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

Failing: Fails to meet academic standards.

Sources: Arizona Department of Education, CCSSO, District Websites

PHOENIX-AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SCHOOL DISTRICT	CITY	PHONE	WEBSITE	# OF SCHOOLS	GRADES SERVED
Agua Fria Union High School District	Avondale	623-932-7000	www.aguafria.org	5	9th - 12th
Aguila Elementary District	Aguila	928-685-2222	www.aguilaschool.org	2	PreK - 8th
Alhambra Elementary District	Phoenix	602-336-2920	www.alhambraesd.org	14	PreK - 8th
Arlington Elementary District	Arlington	623-386-2031	www.arlingtonelem.org	1	PreK - 8th
Avondale Elementary District	Avondale	623-772-5000	www.avondale.k12.az.us	9	PreK - 8th
Balsz Elementary District	Phoenix	602-629-6400	www.balsz.org	6	PreK - 8th
Buckeye Elementary District	Buckeye	623-386-4487	www.besd33.org	6	PreK - 8th
Buckeye Union High School District	Buckeye	623-386-9701	www.buhsd.org	5	9th - 12th
Cartwright Elementary District	Phoenix	623-691-4000	www.csd83.org	21	PreK - 8th
Cave Creek Unified District	Scottsdale	480-575-2000	www.ccusd93.org	7	PreK - 12th
Chandler Unified District	Chandler	480-812-7000	www.cusd80.com	44	PreK - 12th
Creighton Elementary District	Phoenix	602-381-6000	www.creightonschools.org	10	PreK - 8th
Deer Valley Unified School District	Phoenix	623-445-5000	www.dvUSD.org	39	PreK - 12th
Dysart Unified School District	Surprise	623-876-7000	www.dysart.org	24	PreK - 12th
East Valley Institute of Technology District	Mesa	480-461-4000	www.evit.com	2	7th - 12th
Fountain Hills Unified School District	Fountain Hills	480-664-5000	www.fountainhillsschools.org	4	PreK - 12th
Fowler Elementary District	Phoenix	623-707-4500	www.fesd.org	7	PreK - 8th
Gila Bend Unified School District	Gila Bend	928-683-2225	www.gbUSD.org	2	K - 12th
Gilbert Unified District	Gilbert	480-497-3300	www.gilbertschools.net	39	PreK - 12th
Glendale Elementary District	Glendale	623-237-4000	www.gesd40.org	17	PreK - 8th
Glendale Union High School District	Glendale	623-435-6000	www.guhsdaz.org	11	9th - 12th
Higley Unified District	Gilbert	480-279-7000	www.husd.org	15	PreK - 12th
Isaac Elementary District	Phoenix	602-455-6700	www.isaacschools.org	13	PreK - 8th
Kyrene Elementary District	Tempe	480-541-1000	www.kyrene.org	25	PreK - 8th
Laveen Elementary District	Laveen	602-237-9110	www.laveeneld.org	8	PreK - 8th
Liberty Elementary District	Buckeye	623-474-6600	www.liberty25.org	6	PreK - 8th
Litchfield Elementary District	Litchfield Park	623-535-6000	www.lesd.k12.az.us	18	PreK - 8th
Littleton Elementary District	Avondale	623-478-5600	www.littletonaz.org	7	PreK - 8th
Madison Elementary District	Phoenix	602-664-7900	www.madisonaz.org	8	PreK - 8th

SCHOOL DISTRICT	CITY	PHONE	WEBSITE	# OF SCHOOLS	GRADES SERVED
Maricopa County Regional School District	Phoenix	602-452-4700	www.mcrrsd.org	6	K - 12th
Mesa Unifed District	Mesa	480-472-0000	www.mpsaz.org	79	PreK - 12th
Mobile Elementary District	Maricopa	520-568-3947	www.mobileesd.org	1	K - 8th
Morristown Elementary District	Morristown	623-546-5100	www.morristowneld75.org	1	PreK - 8th
Murphy Elementary District	Phoenix	602-353-5002	www.msdaaz.org	4	PreK - 8th
Nadaburg Unified School District	Wittman	623-388-2321	www.nadaburgsd.org	3	PreK - 8th
Osborn Elementary District	Phoenix	602-707-2000	www.osbornschools.org	6	PreK - 8th
Palo Verde Elementary District	Palo Verde	623-327-3690	www.pvesd.org	1	PreK - 8th
Paloma School District	Gila Bend	928-683-2588	www.palomaesd.org	1	PreK - 8th
Paradise Valley Unified District	Phoenix	602-449-2000	www.pvschools.net	46	PreK - 12th
Pendergrast Elementary District	Phoenix	623-772-2200	www.pesd92.org	13	PreK - 8th
Peoria Unified School District	Glendale	623-486-6000	www.peoriaunified.org	43	PreK - 12th
Phoenix Elementary District	Phoenix	602-257-3790	www.phxschools.org	14	PreK - 8th
Phoenix Union High School District	Phoenix	602-764-1100	www.phoenixunion.org	18	9th - 12th
Queen Creek Unifed District	Queen Creek	480-987-5935	www.qcusd.org	9	PreK - 12th
Riverside Elementary District	Phoenix	602-477-8900	www.resdonline.org	3	PreK - 8th
Roosevelt Elementary District	Phoenix	602-243-4800	www.rsd.k12.az.us	19	PreK - 8th
Saddle Mountain Unified District	Tonopah	623-474-5100	www.smusd90.org	3	PreK - 12th
Scottsdale Unified School District	Phoenix	480-484-6100	www.susd.org	31	PreK - 12th
Sentinel Elementary District	Dateland	928-454-2474	www.sentinelesd.org	1	K - 8th
Tempe School District	Tempe	480-730-7100	www.tempeschools.org	22	PreK - 8th
Tempe Union High School District	Tempe	480-839-0292	www.tempeunion.org	8	9th - 12th
Tolleson Elementary District	Tolleson	623-936-9740	www.tollesonschools.com	4	PreK - 8th
Tolleson Union High School District	Tolleson	623-478-4000	www.tuhsd.org	7	9th - 12th
Union Elementary District	Tolleson	623-478-5005	www.unionesd.org	3	PreK - 8th
Washington Elementary School District	Glendale	602-347-2600	www.wesdschools.org	32	PreK - 8th
West MEC	Glendale	623-738-0000	www.west-mec.edu	8	7th - 12th
Wickenburg Unified District	Wickenburg	928-668-5350	www.wickenburgschools.org	8	K - 12th
Wilson Elementary District	Phoenix	602-681-2200	www.wsd.k12.az.us	2	PreK - 8th



TUCSON

There are 19 public school districts in Tucson and surrounding counties that include both large and small districts, as well as more than 85 private schools that serve students from kindergarten through 12th grade. There are also a wide variety of trade, technical, private and parochial schools. Tucson also has a vibrant, active and growing charter school community, with more than 95 schools and counting.

In Pima, Tucson's main county, there are 18 major school districts – the largest of which is the Tucson Unified School District, with an enrollment of more than 50,000 students. Other counties near Tucson include Cochise, with 14 districts, and Santa Cruz, with 3 school districts. The Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind is also based in Tucson.

Beyond the basics, Tucson-area school districts offer gifted, honors, advance placement courses as well as English-as-a-second-language, computer literacy, special education, extended school year, sports, music, theater, arts, and homebound programs. There are also vocational and business programs to prepare students for jobs or further occupational education.

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important consideration for anyone who is relocating. The quality of education in a community affects everything from resale value to the quality of life in your neighborhood.

With the area's tremendous growth over the last several years, school districts have increased accordingly to accommodate more students, and the city has adopted several initiatives to foster educational excellence. One of these is the Livable Tucson Vision Program whose job it is to define and track community goals – one of which is improving access to education from youth to adult, as well as vocational, life skills, cultural, and civic training.

Special programs include the Tucson-Pima Public Library's Homework Help program, which offers free drop-in homework assistance at forty-two locations (libraries, schools, and other youth-oriented agencies) throughout Pima County; and Project LIFT (Literacy Involves Families Together) – a family literacy program targeting teen parents who are enrolled in parenting or child development programs.

HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tucson is also known for its higher education opportunities; area colleges and universities include the University of Arizona, Pima Community College, Tucson

College of Business, and the University of Phoenix (Tucson).

In particular, the University of Arizona has more than 300 fields of study, including undergraduate, masters, doctoral and professional programs, in 21 colleges and 20 schools. One of the largest research-heavy institutions in the U.S., the University of Arizona is ranked 19th in research and development expenditures among 11 cities of similar size and 30th in the nation.

Pima Community College has eight campuses in southern Arizona that offer on-campus, alternative and online courses.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

No matter what your education needs – public, private, charter, higher education or trade schools – there are a wealth of options for those who choose to make Arizona their home. We've included a list of Phoenix and Tucson's largest school districts, both areas' 20 largest private schools, and a listing of area colleges and universities.

Browse through the Phoenix and Tucson Relocation Guide's Education section for a listing of schools, rankings and much more – and welcome to Arizona! ●

SOURCES: www.greatschools.org/arizona/; www.asu.edu/; www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/; www.schools.pima.gov/schools/public-schools/; www.cochise.az.gov/schools/home

TUCSON-AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SCHOOL DISTRICT	CITY	PHONE	WEBSITE	# OF SCHOOLS	GRADES SERVED
Altar Valley Elementary District	Tucson	520-822-1484	www.altarvalleyschools.org	2	PreK - 8th
Amphitheater Public School District	Tucson	520-696-5000	www.amphi.com	22	PreK - 12th
Ash Creek Elementary District	Pearce	520-824-3340	www.ashcreekschool.wordpress.com	1	PreK - 8th
Bobquivari Unified District	Sells	520-383-6746	www.busd40.org	5	PreK - 12th
Benson Unified School District	Benson	520-720-6700	www.bensonsd.k12.az.us	5	PreK - 12th
Bisbee Unified School District	Bisbee	520-432-5381	www.busd.k12.az.us	3	PreK - 12th
Bowie Unified School District	Bowie	520-847-2545	www.bowieschools.org	2	K - 12th
Catalina Foothills Unified District	Tucson	820-209-7500	www.cfsd16.org	8	PreK - 12th
Cochise Elementary District	Cochise	520-384-2540	www.cochiseschool.org	1	K - 8th
Continental Elementary District	Green Valley	520-625-4581	www.continentalesd.org	1	PreK - 8th
Double Adobe Elementary District	McNeal	520-364-3041	www.doubleadobeschool.org	1	PreK - 8th
Douglas Unified District	Douglas	520-364-2447	www.douglasschools.org	9	PreK - 12th
Elfrida Elementary District	Elfrida	520-642-3428	www.elfridaschools.org	1	PreK - 8th
Flowing Wells Unified District	Tucson	520-696-8801	www.flowingwellsschools.org	11	PreK - 12th
Marana Unified District	Marana	520-682-4749	www.maranausd.org	19	PreK - 12th
McNeal Elementary District	McNeal	520-642-3356	www.mcnealesd.org	1	K - 8th
Naco Elementary District	Naco	520-432-5060	www.naco.k12.az.us	1	PreK - 8th
Nogales Unified School District	Nogales	520-287-0800	www.nusd.k12.az.us	11	PreK - 12th
Palominas Elementary District	Hereford	520-366-6204	www.psd49.net	3	PreK - 8th
Patagonia Elementary District	Patagonia	520-394-3000	www.patagonia.k12.az.us	1	PreK - 8th
Pearce Elementary District	Pearce	520-826-3328	www.pearceschool.org	1	K - 8th
Pomerene Elementary District	Pomerene	520-586-2407	www.pomereneschool.org	1	K - 8th
St. David Unified School District	St. David	520-720-4781	www.stdavidschools.org	2	PreK - 12th
Sahuarta Unified School District	Sahuarita	520-625-3502	www.susd30.us	9	PreK - 12th
San Fernando Elementary District	Sasabe	520-823-4243	www.sanfernando35.org	1	K - 8th
San Simon Unified District	San Simon	520-845-2275	www.sansimon.org	1	K - 12th
Santa Cruz Elementary District	Nogales	520-287-0737	www.sced28.com	1	K - 8th
Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District	Elroy	520-466-2220	www.scvuhs.org	2	9th - 12th
Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District	Rio Rico	520-281-8282	www.scv35.org	5	PreK - 12th
Sierra Vista Unified School District	Sierra Vista	520-515-2714	www.svusd68.org	10	PreK - 12th
Sonorita Elementary District	Elgin	520-455-5514	www.elgink12.com	1	PreK - 8th
Sunnyside Unified School District	Tucson	520-545-2000	www.susd12.org	23	PreK - 12th
Tanque Verde Unified School District	Tucson	520-749-5751	www.tanqueverdeschools.org	4	PreK - 12th
Tombstone Unified School District	Tombstone	520-457-2217	www.tombstoneschools.org	3	PreK - 12th
Tucson Unified School District	Tucson	520-225-6060	www.tusd1.org	91	PreK - 12th
Vail Unified District	Vail	520-879-2000	www.vailschooldistrict.org	20	PreK - 12th
Valley Union High School District	Elfrida	520-642-3492	www.vuhs.net	1	9th - 12th
Willcox Union High School District	Willcox	520-384-8600	www.wusd13.org	3	PreK - 12th

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

As in all progressive cities, education is important to the people who live in them – and Phoenix and Tucson are no exception. Along with top colleges, universities, public, trade and specialty schools, both Phoenix and Tucson are home to more than 205 private schools with enrollment ranging from Pre-K through 12th grade, as well as an active home school community.



The following is a listing of the 25 largest private schools in both the Phoenix and Tucson areas with contact information, most current enrollment figures and website, if available.

PHOENIX

All Saints Episcopal Day School

602-274-4866; www.aseds.org
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 523

Atonement Lutheran School

623-374-3019; www.atonementlc.org
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 120

Bayer Private School

623-218-7070; www.bayerschool.com
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 148

Brophy College Prep

602-234-1669; www.brophyprep.org
Grades 9-12; enrollment 1,322

Bourgade Catholic High School

602-973-4000; www.bourgadecatholic.org
Grades 9-12; enrollment 391

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Christ Lutheran School

602-957-7010; www.clspnx.org
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 560

International School of Arizona

480-874-2326; www.is-az.org
Grades PK-8; enrollment 292

Joy Christian School

623-561-2000; www.joyschool.org
Grades PK-8; enrollment 662

New Vistas Center for Education

480-963-2313; www.newvistasaz.com
Grades Pre-K-6; enrollment 400

Northwest Christian School

602-978-5134; northwestchristianschool.org
Grades PK-12; enrollment 1,349

Notre Dame Preparatory High School

480-634-8200; www.notredamepreparatory.org
Grades 9-12; enrollment 904

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

623-939-9785; www.olphaz.org/school
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 300

Paradise Valley Christian Preparatory

602-992-8140; paradisevalleychristian.org
Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 365

Phoenix Christian Unified Schools

www.phoenixchristian.org; 602-265-4707
Grades PK-12; enrollment 315

Phoenix Country Day School

602-955-8200; www.pcds.org
Grades PK-12; enrollment 750

Pope John XXIII Catholic School Community

480-905-0939; www.popejohnxxiii.org
Grades K-8; enrollment 591

Scottsdale Christian Academy

602-992-5100; www.scottsdalechristian.org
Grades PK-12, enrollment 770

Scottsdale Country Day School

480-452-5777; www.scdaz.com
Grades K-8, enrollment 172

Seton Catholic High School

480-963-1900; www.setoncatholic.org
Grades 9-12; enrollment 578

Ss. Simon & Jude School

602-242-1299; www.simonandjude.org
Grades K-8; enrollment 485





Tesseract School

480-991-1770; www.tesseractschool.org
 Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 155

Valley Christian High School

480-705-8888; www.vchaz.org
 Grades 9-12; enrollment 353

Xavier College Prep

602-277-3772; www.xcp.org
 Grades 9-12; enrollment 1,206

TUCSON

Castlehill Country Day School

520-795-0008; www.castlehillschool.com
 Grades Pre-K-5; enrollment: 154

Casas Christian School

520-297-0922;
www.casaschristianschool.com
 Grades K-8; enrollment: 290

Cornerstone Christian Academy

520-529-7080; www.cca-tucson.org
 Grades K-6; enrollment: 600

Desert Christian Schools

520-885-4800;
www.desertchristianschools.org
 Grades K-12; enrollment: 365

Grace Christian School

520-886-6548
 Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 154

Green Fields Country Day School

520-297-2288; www.greenfields.org
 Grades K-12; enrollment: 125

Immaculate Heart Academy

520-297-6672; immaculateheartschool.org
 Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 241

Immaculate Heart High School

520-297-8251; immaculateheartschool.org
 Grades 9-12; enrollment: 93

Our Mother of Sorrows School

520-747-1321; www.omoschool.org
 Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 385

Palo Verde Christian School

520-327-6683; www.pvtucson.com
 Grades K-12; enrollment: 102

Pusch Ridge Christian Academy

520-797-0107; www.prca-tucson.org
 Grades K-12; enrollment: 700

Redeemer Lutheran School

520-572-8136; www.redeemertucson.org
 Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 143

Saints Peter and Paul School

520-325-2431; www.ssptucson.org
 Grades K-8; enrollment: 410

Salpointe Catholic High School

520-327-6581; www.salpointe.org
 Grades 9-12; enrollment 1,200

San Miguel High School

520-294-6403; www.sanmiguelhigh.org
 Grades 9-12; enrollment: 345

St. Ambrose School

520-882-8678; www.stambrosetucson.com
 Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 261

St. Augustine Catholic High School

520-751-8300; www.staugustinehigh.com
 Grades 9-12; enrollment: 188

St. Cyril of Alexandria Elementary School

520-881-4240; www.stcyril.com
 Grades K-8; enrollment: 327

St. John the Evangelist School

520-624-7409; www.stjohnscs.org
 Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment: 119

St. Joseph School

520-747-3060; www.stjoseph Tucson.org
 Grades K-8; enrollment: 306

St. Michael And All Angels Day School

520-722-8478; www.stmichael.net
 Grades K-8; enrollment: 331

Tucson Hebrew Academy

520-529-3888; www.tucsonhebrew.org
 Grades K-8; enrollment: 150

Tucson Waldorf School

520-325-5514; www.tucsonwaldorf.org
 Grades Pre-K-7; enrollment: 266 ●

St. Francis Xavier School

602-266-5364; www.sfxphx.org
 Grades K-8; enrollment 626

St. Mary's High School

602-251-2500; www.smknights.org
 Grades 9-12; enrollment 540

St. Theresa Catholic School

602-840-0010; www.StTheresaPhx.org
 Grades Pre-K-8; enrollment 406

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

602-954-9088; www.staphx.org
 Grades K-8; enrollment 552

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School

623-247-8595; www.svdpschool.org
 Grades Pre- K-8; enrollment 558



CHILD CARE RESOURCES

Anyone with children knows that finding a balance between working and raising kids is always challenging – and that part of the balance usually includes some type of childcare. Luckily, there are many organizations and options that can help families ease the burden of finding safe, quality care for their children.

PARENT TIPS FOR CHOOSING CHILD CARE

- Once you've narrowed down a list of providers, get details about their license to provide care. Each childcare facility's regulatory history of inspections and reports is available online.
- Visit the facilities. Go when children are in care so you can see how the caregiver treats children, what kinds of activities are available, and how problems are handled. See how well the caregiver provides a safe and healthy environment. Once you place your child in care, stay involved – and keep asking questions.
- Look carefully at home or apartments that have a pool or are near lakes, creeks, or other bodies of water. The caregiver can explain how she ensures the safety of children in and around these bodies of water.
- Discuss any concerns with the caregiver. Respect the caregiver's time. Her main responsibility is working with the children. Don't be offended if the caregiver can't spend much time talking with you when you drop off or pick up your child. If you need more time to talk about your child, set up a conference.
- It's normal for children to have some fears and misgivings about starting childcare outside the home. Children need time to get used to new situations. Prepare your child for the change as far in advance as possible. Discuss his or her concerns. It is important to let the caregiver know about things at home that may affect how your child is doing while in care.
- Talk to your child about his or her experiences in care. Watch for a time each day when your child is quiet and feeling secure and protected. Then gently ask questions about how he is doing. Share his excitement about new friends, skills, and abilities. Listen to his concerns. Give him a chance to boast about his achievements.

The Phoenix and Tucson areas have hundreds of childcare facilities, including nonprofit, church and other community childcare centers; private centers; company-sponsored childcare at work locations, plus nanny and au pair services and agencies; babysitters; in-home childcare; countless preschools; group homes; and other options. Waiting lists tend to be long at some centers, so it's important to make visiting facilities, narrowing down options and getting on waiting lists a priority.

Parents can get information on individual childcare facilities – such as licensing and other information – from the Arizona Department of Health Services' Division of Licensing Services – Office of Child Care Licensing. Call 602-364-2539 in Phoenix, 520-6228-6541 in Tucson, or 800-615-8555, for more information.

You'll also find a Consumer Information page on the division website for parents and caregivers about what the agency does, help with childcare costs, how to enroll your child in a program and much more. Visit www.azdhs.gov for more information.

Parents can also check for center or preschool accreditation by well-known organizations such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children (www.naeyc.org - see listing on the following page).

The following is a list of local and national resources for childcare information, plus tips for parents on how to choose the right childcare for their children:

Arizona Department of Economic Security
602-542-4248; des.az.gov

The Arizona Department of Economic Security promotes the safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of children, adults, and families.

Association for Supportive Child Care
3910 S. Rural Road, Suite E, Tempe, 85282
480-829-0500; 800-535-4599;
www.asccaz.org

The Association for Supportive Child Care has provided a variety of services to child care providers, families and children since 1976 to enhance the quality of care



for children in Arizona. Services include providing training and education to the childcare field; supporting quality childcare through accreditation programs; helping parents find childcare; and offering support and training to those who care for the children of family and friends, among many other services for parents and caregivers.

Child Care Aware

800-424-2246; TTY: 866-278-9428
www.childcareaware.org

A program of the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA; see listing below), Child Care Aware is a national initiative to “help parents find the best information on locating quality child care and child care resources in their community by connecting parents with the local agencies best equipped to serve their needs.”

Arizona Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R)

602-244-2678 PHX; 520-325-5778 TUC
800-308-9000; www.azccrr.com

Funded by Arizona’s Department of Economic Security – Child Care Administration, Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) is a statewide program that helps families find childcare via the Association for Supportive Child Care and Child & Family Resources, Inc. CCR&R also provides training and resources for childcare providers and information for the community. The CCR&R phone service is

available Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00 pm.

Child and Family Resources, Inc.

700 W. Campbell, Suite 3
Phoenix, 85013; 602-234-3941
2800 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85716
520-881-8940
www.childfamilyresources.org

Founded in 1970, Child & Family Resources, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, community-based organization whose mission is to “improve the well being of Arizona’s children and families through programs that strengthen child care, youth and families.” Agency programs include Child Care Resource & Referral; The Center for Adolescent Parents where teen mothers can earn their high school diploma or GED while receiving free, on-site child care; and KIDLINe (school age children can call a free hotline for information and other in-home programs that teach parents better coping skills). Headquartered in Tucson, the agency provides services in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Pima, Santa Cruz, Graham, Maricopa and Yuma counties.

ChildCare Aware of America

3101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 350
Arlington, VA 22201
703-341-4100; www.usa.childcareaware.org

ChildCare Aware of America wants to ensure that every family in the United States has access to a high quality, affordable child

care system. Not only does this support the child’s growth and development but they feel it creates positive economic impact for families and communities

National Association for the Education of Young Children

1313 L St. N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20005; 800-424-2460
www.naeyc.org

NAEYC is focused on “the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8,” including improving professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education; supporting early childhood programs by working to achieve a high-quality system of early childhood education; and building an organization of groups and individuals who are committed to promoting excellence in early childhood education for all young children.”

National Association of Family Child Care

5202 Pinemont Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84123
800-359-3817; www.nafcc.org

NACCRRRA is a national organization “dedicated to strengthening the profession of family child care by promoting high quality, professional early care and education and strengthening communities where providers live and work.” ●

A young man with dark, curly hair and glasses is shown in profile, looking down at a laptop screen. He is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt. The background is blurred, showing other people and greenery, suggesting a classroom or office setting.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Arizona has a wealth of higher education resources that provide plenty of opportunity – whether you’re looking for continuing education, customized training, a four-year or graduate degree program, or a technical school to learn valuable job skills.

More than 445,000 students are enrolled in institutions of higher education in Phoenix, which offers a variety of public and private universities, and a nationally recognized network of community colleges.

Arizona State University has several primary locations across the Phoenix metropolitan area (with its main campus in Tempe), and there are numerous private colleges that offer associates, bachelors and graduate degrees in many different specialty areas.

There are plenty of opportunities for higher education in Tucson as well, which offers a variety of public and private universities, a large network of community colleges, and a diverse offering of career and training schools.

In particular, the University of Arizona, which has its main campus in Tucson, is one of the largest research-heavy institutions in the U.S. The University of Arizona is also ranked second in research and development expenditures among 11 cities of similar size and 17th in the nation.

Pima Community College has six campuses as well as a variety of Learning/Education Centers in southern Arizona that offer on-campus, alternative and online courses. There are also numerous private colleges that offer associates, bachelors and graduate degrees in many different specialty areas. And, Arizona State University's main campus in Tempe is about 90 minutes away.

See below for a listing of higher education choices in the Phoenix and Tucson areas, including address, phone, website, college information, degree programs/specialties, tuition (if available), and enrollment (if available). For more information about specific programs and fees, contact the college.

PHOENIX

American Indian College of the Assemblies of God

10020 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix 85021
602-944-3335; www.aicag.edu

“Arizona has a wealth of higher education resources that provide plenty of opportunity – whether you’re looking for continuing education, customized training, [or] a

four-year or graduate degree program...” American Indian College (AIC) is “committed to the concept of education as developmental growth, specifically spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical. The Christian philosophy of learning is the center of educational philosophy at AIC.

AIC offers Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Christian ministry, business and elementary education.

Argosy University

2233 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix 85021
602-216-2600; 866-216-2777
www.argosy.edu

Argosy University has multiple locations across the U.S. as well as an online division, offering undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate degrees. The Phoenix location offers professional certificates, programs and doctoral, master's and bachelor's degrees in the college of psychology/behavioral sciences; college of education; college of business; and college of health sciences.

Arizona State University (ASU)

University Dr. and Mill Ave., Tempe 85287
480-965-9011; www.asu.edu

Arizona State University (ASU) is a “single, unified institution comprising four differentiated campuses positively impacting the economic, social, cultural and environmental health of the communities it serves,” with research that is “inspired by real world application, blurring the boundaries that traditionally separate academic disciplines.” ASU's main campus is in Tempe, with several other campuses in the Phoenix metro area, including a large downtown campus. Academic offerings include more than 250 undergraduate and graduate programs, plus a range of certificate programs.

Carrington College

8503 N. 27th Ave., A, Phoenix 85051
2701 W. Bethany Home, Phoenix 85017
602-864-1571; www.carrington.edu

Carrington offers degree and diploma programs in healthcare, dental and veterinary career fields, and operates several campuses across the western United States. Programs at the Phoenix campus include dental assistant,

fitness trainer, massage therapy, medical administrative assistant, medical assistant, pharmacy technician, and veterinary assistant, medical billing and coding, medical lab technician, medical radiography, nursing, physical therapy technician, and respiratory care. Tuition varies per program.

DeVry University

2149 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix 85021
602-749-4500; www.phx.devry.edu

With three campuses in the Valley of the Sun—Phoenix, Glendale and Mesa—DeVry University offers courses in business administration, computer information systems, engineering, network and communications management, and management as well as professional graduate certificates in business, office management and health information technology.

Fortis College

555 N. 18th Street, 110, Phoenix 85006
602-254-3099; www.fortis.edu

Fortis college offers education and certifications in a variety of vocations in medical disciplines, including emergency medicine; medical assisting, billing and coding; dentistry and practical nursing. With 10 of the 20 fastest growing occupations being healthcare related, a degree program from Fortis can get you employed in a field with promise.

Grand Canyon University

3300 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix 85017
602-639-7500; 800-800-9776; www.gcu.edu

Founded in 1949, Grand Canyon University is a small, private liberal arts university offering a full range of liberal arts and professional programs at the bachelor's level and master's degree level. Programs include online education, online degree programs, campus-based classes, MBA degree programs and an Executive MBA. The private university serves about 19,000 students on campus and another 60,000 online.

Maricopa Community Colleges

2411 W. 14th St., Tempe 85281
480-731-8000; www.maricopa.edu

One of the largest higher education systems in the nation with 10 colleges and two skill

centers, the Maricopa Community Colleges system – part of the Maricopa Community College District – serves more than 200,000 students each year.

The district's colleges offer approximately 1,000 occupational programs (degrees and certificates), 38 academic associate degrees, and 10,256 courses. The district is also the largest provider of health care workers and job training in Arizona – a major resource for business and industry, and for those looking for education and job training. Major campuses in the Phoenix area include Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, GateWay, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio Salado, Scottsdale, and South Mountain.

Arizona Summit Law School

One N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85004
602-682-6800; 888-749-5291
www.azsummitlaw.edu

The Arizona Summit Law School is a private law school located in Phoenix, Arizona. Arizona Summit is the only private law school in Arizona and the only one with both full-time and part-time (day and evening) programs. The school has received full accreditation from the American Bar Association. Recently, *The National Jurist* named Arizona Summit Law School one of the nation's most diverse law schools.

Thunderbird School of Global Management

1 Global Place, Glendale 85306
602-978-7000; 800-848-9084
www.thunderbird.edu

Founded in 1946 and located just west of Phoenix in the community of Glendale, the Thunderbird School of Global Management is the “first and oldest graduate management school focused exclusively on global business,” with operations in the U.S., Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Russia, Central and South America, Singapore and China. The school has been ranked No. 1 in international business by the *Financial Times*, *U.S. News & World Report*, and *The Wall Street Journal* and is the first school to focus exclusively on international business. “More than 445,000 students are enrolled in institutions of higher education in Phoenix, which offers a variety of public and private

universities, and a nationally recognized network of community colleges.”

Full-time programs include MBA in global management, masters of science in global management, masters of arts in global affairs and management, and masters of global management (a dual degree program and post-MBA studies), as well as a range of part-time programs for working professionals.

University of Advanced Technology

2625 W. Baseline Rd., Tempe 85283
602-383-8228; 800-658-5744; www.uat.edu

Founded in 1983, UAT is a university with multiple areas of study in technical fields, while retaining liberal arts requirements in the Fine Arts and Humanities. It purports a general education comparable to typical universities, with specific emphasis on how its specialized mission integrates technology into its general education requirements. The institution offers unique core classes (e.g., Information Research Strategies, Technology and Society, Project Management, Intellectual Property Law), as well as all traditional ones.

University of Arizona College of Medicine

550 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix 85004
602-827-2001;
www.phoenixmed.arizona.edu

The University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix campus opened in downtown Phoenix over a decade ago. Along with its sister campus in Tucson, they are the only MD degree-granting colleges in the state. The college offers full, four-year medical education programs in Phoenix, as well as at the University's main campus in Tucson. The College's MD curriculum is aimed at preparing students to be competitive for the residency of their choice, as well as to practice medicine in an ever-changing healthcare environment.

University of Phoenix

4635 E. Elwood St., Phoenix 85040
866-766-0766; www.phoenix.edu

A nationally known college headquartered in Phoenix, the University of Phoenix provides “campus locations, online degree programs and flexible scheduling for working adults.” Offerings include more than 100 degree

programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels in business and management, communications, criminal justice and security, education, general studies, nursing and health care, human services, psychology and technology.

“There are plenty of opportunities for higher education in Tucson as well, which offers a variety of public and private universities, a large network of community colleges, and a diverse offering of career and training schools.”

Western International University

1601 W. Fountainhead Pkwy., Tempe 85282
602-943-2311; 866-WIU-INFO
www.west.edu

Western International University (WIU), a part of Apollo Group, originated with the mindset to offer post-secondary education for adults. Starting out as a campus-based university, it quickly evolved with the times to offer programs online, and now educates more than 80% of students attend classes online. It also has sister schools in the United Kingdom, Chile and Mexico, creating a global educational network.

WIU offers associate, bachelor, and master degree programs, as well as a professional certificate in Accountancy, and most students are “working adults who thrive on the flexibility and convenience of course schedules and locations.”

Wilkes University

245 W. 2nd St., Mesa 85201
480-878-4412; 800-WILKES-U ext. MESA
www.wilkes.edu/Mesa

Wilkes University is an independent institution of higher education dedicated to academic and intellectual excellence through mentoring in the liberal arts, sciences and professional programs. Founded in 1933, the University provides its students with the experience, mentoring and education necessary for career and intellectual development as well as personal growth. Wilkes currently offers the following programs at its Mesa site: Bachelor's Degrees (accounting, entrepreneurship, finance, management, marketing, sports and event management),

Master's Degrees (M.B.A., M.S. Education., M.A./M.F.A. Creative Writing), Doctorate (Education). Many scholarships are available.

TUCSON

Arizona State University (ASU) School of Social Work – Tucson campus

340 N. Commerce Park Loop, Suite 250
Tortolita Building, Tucson 85745
502-884-5507; www.asu.edu;
socialwork.asu.edu

The Tucson Component of the ASU School of Social Work was established in 1978 “to offer the foundation year Master of Social Work (MSW) curriculum for full and part-time students in southern Arizona.” Today, Direct Practice MSW students can complete their professional degree entirely in Tucson. ASU’s main campus is in Tempe, with several other campuses in the Phoenix metro area, including a large downtown campus. Academic offerings include more than 250 undergraduate and graduate programs, plus a range of certificate programs.

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences – Mesa

5850 E. Still Circle, Mesa 85206
480-219-6000; www.atsu.edu

Founded in 1892 by the founder of osteopathy, Andrew Taylor Still, M.D., D.O., A.T. Still University began as the nation’s first college of osteopathic medicine and has evolved into a leading university of health sciences. Located about 115 miles from Tucson, the university offers “graduate level education in whole person healthcare” with more than 20 master’s degrees across allied health disciplines; doctorates in health education, physical therapy, and audiology; the doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.); and the doctor of osteopathy (D.O.).

Carrington College

3550 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson 85705
520-368-3028; 877-206-2106
www.carrington.edu/schools/tucson

Carrington College offers degree and diploma programs in healthcare, dental and veterinary career fields, and operates nine campuses across the United States – including one in



Tucson. Programs at the Tucson campus include dental assistant, fitness training, massage therapy, medical administrative assistant, medical assistant, medical billing and coding, medical lab technician, pharmacy technician, physical therapy technician, and veterinary assistant. Tuition varies per program.

Pima Community College

4905 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85709
520-206-450; 800-860-PIMA;
www.pima.edu

Founded in 1969, the mission of Pima Community College is to “develop our community through learning.” The college offers 186 transfer and occupational programs, including Business, Health-Related, Social Service, Applied Arts Technologies, Applied Service & Trade Technologies, Engineering & Science Technologies, Transportation Services, Information Technology, Legal and Protective Service, and Education. The school has five campuses in southern Arizona (Community Campus, Desert Vista Campus, Downtown Campus, East Campus, Northwest Campus, West Campus), and four education centers (Northeast Education Center, Southeast Education Center, Community Learning and Performing Arts Center in Green Valley, and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Education Center) that offer on-campus, alternative and online courses.

University of Arizona

1030 N. Mountain Ave., Tucson 85721
520-621-7807; www.arizona.edu

The University of Arizona is the leading public research university in the American Southwest, producing more than \$625 million in annual research. It’s also the state’s only member of the prestigious Association of American Universities. A Research I University, the University of Arizona has 130 undergraduate, and 242 master’s doctoral and specialist programs in 18 colleges and 12 schools, and the school currently serves 44,831 students.

University of Phoenix – Southern Arizona Campus

300 S. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85711
520-881-6512; www.phoenix.edu/campus-locations/az/tucson-campus.html

A nationally known college headquartered in Phoenix, the University of Phoenix provides “campus locations, online degree programs and flexible scheduling for working adults.”

Offerings include more than 100 degree programs at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels in business and management, communications, criminal justice and security, education, general studies, nursing and health care, human services, psychology and technology. ●



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HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

There's little doubt Arizona is an ideal destination for health-conscious individuals. With a storied history of a healing climate that attracts residents and visitors alike, Arizona is considered by many a healthy place to live.

Archived research from the University of Arizona shows the proliferation of health sanatoriums in brochures that advertised the “arid desert climate, higher elevations, and endless sunshine.” While cures for many early diseases came from scientific research, the Southwest climate – and particularly Arizona’s climate – gave “health-seekers a sense of relief and comfort.” That’s still the case today. In fact, Arizona was ranked the “8th Greenest State” in Business Facilities’ Report, based on nine eco-related criteria including incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency, and pounds of pollution released.

Healthcare also contributes significant economic impact to the state. More than 73,000 of the state’s citizens work in Arizona hospitals or health networks, and every job at an Arizona hospital generates an additional 1.5 jobs in the state. In fact, since 1990, Arizona hospital employment growth has significantly outpaced the annual employment growth of hospitals nationally. The following includes a list of healthcare resources in both Phoenix and Tucson, to

help you find a doctor, hospital, or immediate-care facility; a list of public health and community clinics; and a list of healthcare support and hospice services.

PHOENIX

HOSPITALS & HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

Abrazo Health – Arizona Heart Hospital
1930 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix
602-532-1000; www.azhearthospital.com

For many years, Arizona Heart Hospital has served as the area’s leading hospital for the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases. Arizona Heart Hospital, a Campus of Phoenix Baptist Hospital, has distinguished itself as one of the nation’s top 100 cardiovascular hospitals. These top-rated facilities are singled out for performing more surgeries and services, having lower cardiovascular-related costs, and providing better patient care resulting in shorter recoveries and fewer complications. Arizona Heart Hospital is proud to be one of these award-winning, life-saving hospitals.

Abrazo Health – Arrowhead Hospital
18701 N. 67th Ave., Glendale
623-561-1000; www.arrowheadhospital.com

Part of Abrazo Healthcare, Arrowhead offers inpatient, 24-hour emergency, ambulatory surgery, and outpatient services, including orthopedics, maternity, pediatrics, and rehabilitation. The hospital also has a Cardiac Cath Lab, Cardiac Rehab, Surgery Center, a cancer program, and the Wellness Connection program.

Abrazo Health – Peoria Emergency Center
26900 N. Lake Pleasant Parkway, Peoria
623-561-2022; www.abrazohealth.com

Peoria Emergency Center is a full service, 14-bed emergency care facility that offers around-the-clock medical care to outlying communities such as Vistancia, Surprise, and Lake Pleasant. Peoria Emergency Center is an extension of Arrowhead Hospital, where patients will experience a seamless integration of services and care between the hospital and the Emergency Center.

Abrazo Health – Scottsdale Campus

3929 E. Bell Rd., Phoenix
602-923-5000; www.abrazohealth.com

Abrazo Scottsdale Campus focuses on “the treatment of existing conditions and on preventative medicine for the entire family and range from state-of-the-art emergency care to women’s and senior services. Specialty centers include Wound Care, Hyperbaric Medicine, Wound Care, Orthopedics, Rehabilitation, and Bariatrics Weight Loss.

Abrazo Central Campus

2000 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix
602-249-0212; www.abrazohealth.com

Abrazo Central Campus is an acute care teaching hospital facility, and has served central Phoenix communities since 1963. The Joint Commission designated the hospital as a primary stroke center. The hospital is recognized for cardiovascular care, neuroscience services, orthopedics, women’s health, radiology, and 24-hour emergency care.

Abrazo West Campus

13677 W. McDowell Rd., Goodyear
623-882-1500; www.abrazohealth.com

Abrazo West Campus is an acute care hospital; services include the latest technology for diagnosis and treatment, state-of-the-art obstetrics and women’s diagnostic services, a full-service emergency department, Level 1 Trauma Center, Robotic surgery, Orthopedics, and cardiovascular care. Abrazo West Campus is a Joint Commission-designated primary stroke center and is certified as a cardiac arrest center.

Abrazo Medical Group Buckeye

525 S. Watson Rd., Buckeye
623-726-8750; www.amgbuckeye.com

Abrazo Medical Group Buckeye is a full-service medical care emergency facility located in Buckeye, AZ. This center is available 24/7 and offers CT scans, ultrasound and other diagnostic imaging services, and has an on-site laboratory. It is staffed by



board-certified physicians and specialty certified nurses. The center is operated by Abrazo Medical Group Buckeye, located just 13 miles away in Goodyear.

Arizona State Hospital

2500 E. Van Buren, Phoenix
602-244-1331; www.azdhs.gov

Arizona State Hospital, which is publicly funded and part of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), is the only long-term hospital in Arizona that provides services for those with severe mental illness.

Banner – Baywood Medical Center

6644 E. Baywood Ave., Mesa
480-321-2000; www.bannerhealth.com

Baywood Medical Center is a non-profit hospital offering complete acute care services including stroke, orthopedics, cancer, emergency, women’s health, and robotic surgery. The hospital also includes the John J. Rhodes Rehabilitation Institute, as well as a comprehensive joint replacement program.

Banner – Boswell Medical Center

10401 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City
623-832-4000; www.bannerhealth.com

Nonprofit hospital offers programs in heart services, orthopedics, stroke care, cancer

care, and rehabilitation, as well as community health services and education programs.

Banner Children’s Health Clinic

1450 S. Dobson Road Suite B220, Mesa
480-827-5044; www.bannerhealth.com

Located at Banner Desert Medical Center, Banner Children’s Hospital “provides comprehensive pediatric care from general pediatrics and intensive care to a dedicated pediatric emergency department and specialized services for specific childhood diseases.”

Banner – Del E. Webb Medical Center

14502 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West
623-524-4000; www.bannerhealth.com

A nonprofit hospital serving northwest Valley residents, Del E. Webb Medical Center offers a 24-hour emergency, comprehensive acute-care services, cardiac care, stroke care, women’s health, and community health education/support groups.

Banner – Desert Medical Center

1400 S. Dobson Road, Mesa
480-412-3000; www.bannerhealth.com

Desert Medical Center offers 24-hour emergency, women and infant care, heart care, cancer care, and pediatrics.

Banner – Estrella Medical Center
9201 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix
623-327-4000; www.bannerhealth.com

Banner Estrella is a non-profit community hospital offering heart care, general surgery, medical imaging, orthopedic surgery, emergency services, and a comprehensive women and infant service program.

Banner – Gateway Medical Center
Higley Road and US 60
1900 North Higley Rd., Gilbert
480-543-2000; www.bannerhealth.com

Banner Gateway Medical Center, which opened about a decade ago, is Banner Health's newest hospital, focusing on obstetrics, pediatrics, general surgery, emergency services, and other services according to community need. Banner Gateway has multiple private rooms, operating suites, and a state-of-the-art emergency department.

Banner – Good Samaritan Internal Medicine
1300 N. 12th Suite 508, Phoenix
602-839-3927; www.bannerhealth.com

Banner Good Samaritan, open since 1911, is a nonprofit community hospital offering heart care, cancer care, trauma, surgery, transplant services, and high-risk obstetrics.

Banner Heart Hospital
6750 E. Baywood Ave., Mesa
480-854-5000; www.bannerhealth.com

Located on the campus of Banner's Valley Lutheran Medical Center, Banner Heart Hospital is one of the largest freestanding heart hospitals in the U.S., offering such heart services as robotic heart surgery, open heart surgery, diagnosis, and rehab.

Banner – Thunderbird Medical Center
5555 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale
602-588-5555; www.bannerhealth.com

Thunderbird Samaritan is a nonprofit acute care hospital offering a range of services including heart care, surgery services, cancer care, orthopedics, pediatrics, critical care nursery, neurosurgery, and a comprehensive women and infant service program.

Barrow Neurological Institute
350 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix
800-227-7691; www.barrowneuro.org

Barrow Neurological Institute is a "private, not-for-profit center of clinical excellence and education" that houses Arizona's only Level 1 Trauma Center, and includes the internationally recognized Barrow Neurological Institute. Barrow's Neurological Institute also includes research facilities, cardiovascular services, high-risk obstetrics, pediatrics and rehabilitation programs, and a children's health center.

Dignity Health – Chandler Regional Hospital
1955 W. Frye Road, Chandler
480-728-3000; www.dignityhealth.org

A full-service hospital, Chandler Regional Hospital has an Emergency and Trauma II Center, Family Birth Center, the East Valley

Cancer Center, Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Oxygen Center, a Heart and Vascular Center, and an expanded outpatient imaging center. The hospital also offers community education programs.

Dignity Health – Mercy Gilbert Hospital
3555 S. Val Vista Dr., Gilbert; 480-728-8000;
www.dignityhealth.org

Mercy Gilbert is a full-service medical center and acute care facility offering an Emergency Department, a full range of surgical services, women's services, imaging (including MRI and CT scans), cardiac services, and cancer / oncology services.

HonorHealth – Deer Valley
19829 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix
623-879-6100; www.honorhealth.com

The Deer Valley location is a community hospital with all private rooms, as well as

FINDING A DOCTOR

Moving to a new city is exciting, but it also requires finding the schools your kids will attend, the stores you like — and the healthcare that fit the needs of your family. Here are some local and national physician resources, where you can search for physicians by location, specialty, and more.

American Medical Association Doctor Finder | www.ama-assn.org

Resources for general health information, as well as a search function for local physician resources under the "Patients" tab of the site.

American Academy of Pediatrics | www.aap.org | www.healthychildren.org

National website for children's health resources; separate "Parenting Corner" website is a comprehensive site for health-related news, questions, and other topics.

Healthgrades | www.healthgrades.com/find-a-doctor

Search for specialists in your area by condition, procedure, and doctors who have experience in the specific care you need. The site matches you with a doctor, where users can see reviews and ratings from other patients.

Arizona Medical Association Physician Finder | www.azmd.gov/DoctorSearch

Find Arizona Medical Association member physicians based on location and specialty.

a 35-bed emergency department, the Piper Pediatric Center for children's emergencies, Deep Vein Thrombosis Center, a critical care unit, cardiac care, Chest Pain Center, and diagnostic imaging services.

HonorHealth -

John C. Lincoln Medical Center

250 E. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix; 602-943-2381
www.honorhealth.com

John C. Lincoln Medical Center is a community hospital with a 24-hour Level 1 trauma center and emergency department, Birthing Center, Breast Care Center, Sleep Disorders Center, inpatient and outpatient surgery, cardiac care, outpatient rehab services, physical therapy, oncology services and radiology/digital imaging, and an extended care center.

Maricopa Integrated Health System

2601 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix
602-344-5011; www.mihs.org

The Maricopa Integrated Health System includes Maricopa Medical Center, the Arizona Burn Center, the Comprehensive Healthcare Center, the McDowell Healthcare Clinic, various community-oriented family health centers, and an attendant care program.

Mayo Clinic Hospital

5777 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix
480-515-6296; www.mayoclinic.org

The Mayo Clinic Hospital, cares for patients at Mayo Clinic's Campus in Arizona who need hospital care. The hospital has almost 300 licensed beds with multiple

operating rooms, full-service urgent care, emergency room, transplant center, diagnostic radiology, neurodiagnostics, non-invasive cardiac diagnostics, cardiac catheterization, pulmonary testing, and full-service clinical laboratory.

Mountain Vista Medical Center

1301 S. Crimson Rd., Mesa
480-358-6100; www.mvmedicalcenter.com

Mountain Vista Medical Center is a 178-bed, state-of-the-art hospital located in east Mesa, Arizona, offering comprehensive healthcare services including emergency care, heart care, advanced surgical procedures, weight loss surgery (bariatric surgery), orthopedics, breast care, maternity care, women's services, and help for a broad range of medical conditions.

OTHER MEDICAL FACILITIES

PHOENIX-AREA	Facility Name	Address	Phone	Website
	Banner Alzheimer's Institute	901 E. Willetta St.	602-839-6900	www.banneralz.org
	Banner Behavioral Health	925 E. MacDowell	800-254-HELP	www.bannerhealth.com
	Banner Home Care	9305 W. Thomas Road	623-327-5200	www.bannerhealth.com
	Banner Home Care & Hospice (Gilbert)	1325 N. Fiesta Blvd., Gilbert	480-497-5535	www.bannerhealth.com
	Banner Occupational Health	1920 N. Higley Rd. Ste. 108	602-230-2273	www.bannerhealth.com
	Mayo Clinic (Scottsdale)	13400 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale	480-301-8000	www.mayoclinic.com/scottsdale
	Phoenix Health Plan - Abrazo Health Care	7878 N. 16th St. Ste. 105	602-824-3700	www.phoenixhealthplan.com
TUCSON-	Arizona Community Physicians	5055 E. Broadway Blvd., Ste. A-100	520-327-0460	www.azacp.com
	Carondelet Medical Group	Multiple Locations	520-872-7324	www.carondeletmedicalgroup.com
	Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Tucson Home Health	1921 W. Hospital Dr.	520-325-1300	www.encompasshealth.com
	Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Tucson - Country Club Clinic	4001 E. Sunrise Dr.	520-323-7773	www.encompasshealth.com
	Northwest Healthcare - La Paloma Physicians Offices	6200 N. LaCholla Blvd.	520-209-7000	www.northwestmedicalcenter.com
	Northwest Health - Community Classes	6200 N. LaCholla Blvd.	866-694-9355	www.northwestmedicalcenter.com
	Northwest Health -Outreach	1200 N. El Dorado Pl., Ste. 670	520-469-8194	www.northwestmedicalcenter.com
	TMC - Healthcare Saguaro Physicians Group	7878 N. 16th St. Ste. 105	520-324-4774	www.tmcaz.com

Phoenix Children's Hospital

1919 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix; 602-933-1000
www.phoenixchildrenshospital.com

Phoenix Children's Hospital is the only hospital in Arizona just for kids, providing most of the pediatric care in the state. The hospital recently opened a 22-acre, all-pediatric campus in Phoenix, and it is now one of the 10-largest children's hospitals in the U.S. Phoenix Children's Hospital is also a regional referral center for children with highly specialized or life-threatening conditions.

Promise Hospital of Phoenix

433 E. 6th Street, Mesa
480-427-3000; www.promise-phoenix.com

Established in 2003, Promise Hospital of Phoenix is a 48-bed long-term acute care hospital (LTACH). With an interdisciplinary team approach, their treatment plans are specifically designed for patients who need a longer acute care recovery period. They specialize in the medical management of patients with complex, unresolved, acute, or chronic illnesses as well as multi-organ disease processes.

St. Luke's Medical Center

1800 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix
602-251-8100; www.stlukemedcenter.com

St. Luke's Medical Center is a hospital offering comprehensive healthcare services including emergency care, heart care, advanced surgical procedures, diagnostic imaging, orthopedic care, rehabilitation services, and help for a broad range of medical conditions.

Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center

7400 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale
480-882-4000; www.honorhealth.com

Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center is a full-service hospital, "noted for its trauma, cardiovascular medicine, radiologic technology, neurosurgery and orthopedics." The hospital is equipped with a 55,000 square-foot Emergency Department and Level 1 Trauma Center. The Osborn campus is also home to the Greenbaum Surgery Center, Novalis Shaped Beam Surgery Center, Scottsdale

Healthcare Wound Management Program, and the Family Practice Residency Program.

Scottsdale Shea Medical Center

9003 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale
480-323-3000; www.honorhealth.com

Scottsdale Healthcare Shea is a full-service hospital providing medical/surgical, critical care, obstetrics, pediatrics, surgery, cardiovascular, and oncology services, as well as the Sleep Disorder Center. The Emergency Department is a Level II Trauma Center, and the Radiology Department offers state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, including MRI, PET/CT scanning, nuclear medicine, and ultrasound. Also, located on the campus are the Piper Surgery Center, Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center, and several medical office plazas.

Thompson Peak Medical Center

7400 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Scottsdale
480-324-7000; www.honorhealth.com

The state-of-the-art facility that is Thompson Peak Medical Center is a full-service general hospital with 24-hour emergency rooms, outpatient and inpatient surgical centers, fully equipped obstetric units and home health care services, oncology, cardiology, diabetes, radiology, sleep disorder services, and geriatrics.

Tempe St. Luke's Hospital –

Iasis Healthcare

1500 S. Mill Ave., Tempe; 480-784-5500
www.tempestlukeshospital.org

A campus of St. Luke's main Phoenix location, Tempe St. Luke's Hospital offers comprehensive healthcare services including emergency care, orthopedic care, advanced surgical procedures, diagnostic imaging, maternity care, and women's services.

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HOSPITALS & HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

Carondelet – Holy Cross Hospital

1171 W. Target Range Road, Nogales
520-285-3000; www.carondelet.org

Holy Cross Hospital, Santa Cruz County's only inpatient medical center, is an 80-bed facility



providing general medical / surgical services, 24-hour emergency care, rehabilitation, mammography, ultrasound, chemotherapy, hospice, home health, and long-term care. Holy Cross also offers advanced technology such as renal dialysis, teleradiology, and lithotripsy programs.

Carondelet – St. Mary's Hospital

1601 W. St. Mary's Road, Tucson
520-872-3000; www.carondelet.org

Open since 1880, St. Mary's Hospital is southern Arizona's first and longest-serving hospital. A multi-specialty, acute care facility offering inpatient and outpatient services, St. Mary's Hospital includes one of the two Burn and Wound Care programs in Arizona, 24-hour emergency care, cardiology, imaging and diagnostic services, rehabilitation services, dialysis, behavioral health, diabetes care, inpatient hospice, and home care. St. Mary's also operates the Lifeline emergency response helicopter program.

Carondelet – St. Joseph's Hospital

350 N. Wilmot Road, Tucson
520-873-3000; www.carondelet.org

St. Joseph's offers 24-hour emergency care, as well as comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services including heart and vascular services, surgical weight loss, robotic surgery, a Regional Eye Center, and centers for



diabetes, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, stroke and trauma rehabilitation, sports medicine, physical rehab, and orthopedics.

Carondelet – Tucson Heart Hospital

4888 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson
520-696-2300; www.carondelet.org

The Tucson Heart Hospital in Oro Valley is the newest addition to the Carondelet Health Network. Opened in 1997, Tucson Heart Hospital is “dedicated to fighting heart and vascular disease” with 58 beds, three operating rooms, four cath labs, full-service emergency room, and an outreach clinic.

Cornerstone Specialty Hospitals Tucson

7220 East Rosewood Drive, Tucson
520-901-5544; www.chghospitals.com

Cornerstone Hospital of Southeast Arizona is an inpatient provider of long-term acute care; most patients stay, on average, for 25 days or more. Cornerstone Hospital is part of Dallas-based Cornerstone Healthcare Group.

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Institute of Tucson

2650 North Wyatt Drive, Tucson
520-325-1300; www.encompasshealth.com

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Institute of Tucson is an acute medical rehabilitation

hospital that offers “comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services for individuals with physical limitations from an illness or injury.”

HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern Arizona

1921 West Hospital Drive, Tucson
520-742-2800;
www.healthsouthernarizona.com

Southern Arizona Rehabilitation Hospital is an acute medical rehabilitation hospital offering comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services.

Kindred Hospital – Tucson (Kindred Healthcare)

6261 N. La Cholla Blvd., Tucson
520-742-4041; www.khtucson.com

Kindred Hospital Tucson is a facility licensed by the state of Arizona as a specialty hospital providing long-term acute care. Certified by Medicare and accredited by the Joint Commission (formerly JCAHO), Kindred offers a full range of services to medically complex and catastrophically ill patients. Most of Kindred’s patients are referred from local hospitals and require acute care for an extended time.

Northwest Healthcare Northwest Medical Center – Oro Valley

6200 N. La Cholla Boulevard., Tucson
520-742-9000; www.healthiertucson.com

Northwest Medical Center is a facility that offers inpatient and outpatient services including cardiology, orthopedics, surgery, surgical weight loss, neurology, oncology, emergency services, and a Women’s Center for obstetrics, gynecology, and diagnostics.

Oro Valley Hospital

1551 E. Tangerine Road, Tucson
520-901-3500; www.healthiertucson.com

Oro Valley Hospital is a hospital featuring inpatient and outpatient services including primary care, surgical weight loss, cardiology, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, neurology, oncology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, plastic surgery, podiatry, and urology.

TMC Healthcare – Palo Verde Hospital

5301 E. Grant Road, Tucson
520-327-5461; www.tmc.az.com

Palo Verde Hospital offers a comprehensive delivery system “dedicated to excellence, innovation and personalized behavioral health services, focusing on short-term crisis stabilization and rapid symptom reduction to quickly return the patient back to the community for outpatient care.” All programs include treatment planning, medication management, therapeutic activities, and treatment and discharge planning.

TMC Healthcare – Tucson Medical Center

5301 E. Grant Road, Tucson
520-327-5461; www.tmc.az.com

Founded in 1943, Tucson Medical Center (TMC) is a non-profit, locally governed hospital with 650 adult and skilled nursing beds. TMC has the region’s only emergency department specifically for kids; specialty areas include maternal and child health, cardiac care, hospice care, neuroscience, orthopedics, diagnostic services, behavioral health, and senior services.

University Medical Center of Tucson

1501 N. Campbell Avenue, Tucson
520-694-0111; www.bannerhealth.com

UMC provides a full range of services including inpatient and outpatient care, labor and delivery, and emergency/urgent care. UMC is Southern Arizona's only Level I trauma center, and is the major hospital for the UA College of Medicine and its Centers of Excellence including the AZ Arthritis Center, AZ Cancer Center, AZ Center of Aging, AZ Emergency Medicine Research

Center, Respiratory Sciences Center, Steele Children's Research Center, and Sarver Heart Center.

University Medical Center South
2800 E. Ajo Way, Tucson
520-874-2000; www.bannerhealth.com

University Medical Center South, located in south Tucson, offers inpatient

services that include medical, surgical, and intensive care units, as well as adult and senior behavioral health services. Outpatient services include surgery, lithotripsy, pharmacy, neurophysiology, rehabilitation services, and routine lab and x-ray, as well as CT scans, MRI, digital mammography, and cardiac diagnostic services. ●

NON-EMERGENCY CARE

GREATER PHOENIX

Banner Arizona Medical Clinic - Sun City Campus	13188 N. 103rd Dr., Ste 206	623-876-3800	www.bannerhealth.com
Banner Arizona Medical Clinic - Plaza Town Center	13640 N. Plaza Del Rio Blvd.	623-876-3800	www.bannerhealth.com
Banner Arizona Medical Clinic - Sunrise Terrace	8510 W. Deer Valley Rd.	623-825-8649	www.bannerhealth.com
Banner Arizona Medical Clinic - Thunderbird Prof. Bldg.	20325 N. 51st Ave., Bldg. 9	623-876-3800	www.bannerhealth.com
Good Night Pediatrics - Southwest Valley/Avondale	10320 W. McDowell Rd., Bldg. L	623-643-9233	www.goodnightpeds.com
Good Night Pediatrics - South Mountain/Phoenix	325 E. Baseline Rd.	602-824-4228	www.goodnightpeds.com
Good Night Pediatrics - East Valley/Gilbert	861 N. Higley Rd. B101	480-813-9600	www.goodnightpeds.com
Good Night Pediatrics - Northwest Valley/Arrowhead - Peoria	8801 W. Union Hills Dr.	623-241-9026	www.goodnightpeds.com
NextCare Urgent Care	Multiple Locations	888-381-4858	www.nextcare.com
StatClinix - Mesa	1151 N. Gilbert Rd.	480-610-0688	www.statclinix.com
StatClinix - Northsight	15223 N. 87th St., Ste 110	480-682-4100	www.statclinix.com
StatClinix - Show Low	3457 E. Beuces of Clubs, Ste B	928-537-2777	www.statclinix.com
StatClinix - Payson	101 E. Hwy. 260, Ste. G	928-478-8905	www.statclinix.com

GREATER TUCSON

NextCare Urgent Care	Multiple Locations	888-381-4858	www.nextcare.com
Northwest Health - Urgent Care (Tucson)	3870 W. River	520-219-6616	www.healthiertucson.com
Northwest Health - Urgent Care (Marana)	8333 N. Silverbell Rd.	520-202-7700	www.healthiertucson.com
Northwest Health (Oro Valley)	13101 N. Oracle Rd.	520-818-2000	www.healthiertucson.com
Northwest Health - Sunrise	4001 E. Sunrise Dr.	520-232-5280	www.healthiertucson.com
Northwest Health (Green Valley)	1295 W. Duval Mine Rd.	520-399-2027	www.healthiertucson.com
University Medical Center South - Urgent	2800 E. Ajo Way	520-874-9000	www.bannerhealth.com
Urgent Care Associates - Central	1622 N. Swan	520-795-8888	www.urgentcaretucson.com
Urgent Care Associates - Southeast	9348 E. Rita Rd.	520-382-8000	www.urgentcaretucson.com

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HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS

Ask residents what they love most about living in Arizona and you'll find as many answers as there are stars in the big, open desert sky. For some, it's the Sonoran Desert with its wild, open and beautiful vistas. For others, it's the lakes and golf courses that offer an exhilarating escape from the mundane workday.

Many claim the real reason to live here is the culture – Arizona's diversity combined with a lively arts scene keeps life vibrant and exciting. But whether Arizonian native or recent transplant, the one thing everyone seems to agree on is their love for Arizona itself.

PHOENIX

For thousands of years, people who have visited Phoenix and the Valley of the Sun, have decided to stay and make it their home. The Hohokam who first lived here developed the Valley's first canal system, which allowed the farming of beans, corn, squash and cotton. They also built a community that suited their needs: single family homes, apartment buildings, an outdoor neighborhood recreation center and a ceremonial spot for the celebration of special events. After a residency that lasted for more than 1,700 years, the Hohokam mysteriously left, leaving the area for others to discover and enjoy.

Just as the Hohokam adapted the area to suit their needs, so did the later inhabitants

of the area. Phoenix's modern history actually begins in 1868, when Jack Swilling organized the building of a canal and was able to divert enough water to raise a few crops. From there, Phoenix quickly developed into a town. Cotton, cattle, citrus and copper, known locally as the "Four Cs" were the cornerstones of its early twentieth-century economy.

Before World War II, Phoenix had been a sleepy little southwestern town best known for having a climate that offered relief to asthmatics. In 1940, the city's population was a mere 65,000 and the largest of the surrounding towns was Mesa, with 7,000 people.

With the advent of WWII and the ensuing military buildup, defense contractors searching for land, water and a willing work force, found everything they wanted in fledgling Phoenix. The defense contractors moved in, bringing educated employees and a wealth of new jobs. Farmland and desert scrub were cleared to build massive plants that flew the banners of Goodyear

Aircraft Corp., AiResearch, Motorola, Sperry Rand and General Electric, some of which are still among the city's largest employers today.

During the post-war years, word began to spread that contrary to Saturday matinee Westerns, Phoenix was a civilized city with abundant sunshine and recreational pleasures to spare. Phoenix began to see another boom – this time fueled not by cattle or the mining industry, but by lifestyle and economic opportunities.

New residents come to start a new job, go to school or make a fresh start continue to stream into the area – only now they drive SUVs and minivans instead of the covered wagons popular in the late 1800's. Phoenix's growth has exploded and just this year, became the nation's fifth most populous city with about 1.615 million residents. Unlike other cities that have grown slowly over time, Phoenix catapulted to this position in relatively short order. From a modest 17 square miles and population of 100,000 in 1950, Phoenix has grown to encompass more than



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430 square miles and the city's population has grown exponentially, even being named the country's fastest growing city.

A GREAT PLACE FOR A NEW BEGINNING

Many new to Phoenix are pleasantly surprised to find this city home to an international community. Many different languages can be heard on the streets, now reflective of modern-day Phoenix. Spanish is often spoken, indicative of a city where the Hispanic population comprises 40 percent of its total population; while the mix of other diverse languages commonly heard around Arizona State University in Tempe, attests to the college's international influence on the area. Hispanic and Native American heritage is especially influential and is expressed throughout the region.

Phoenix is also a critical location for the semiconductor industry, being the third largest semiconductor city in the nation. Many high-tech manufacturers including Bull Worldwide Information Systems are based in northwest Phoenix, while Honeywell is located near Sky Harbor International Airport. South Phoenix is also home to Sitix

of Phoenix, which is found in Paradise Valley. The result is a friendly and eclectic mix of cultures that complement and add to an already thriving business scene.

Leading private sector employers include Motorola Inc., US Airways, Chase Bank, Banner Health systems, American Express travel related services, Avnet, Apollo Group and Wells Fargo. Among the many companies with corporate or regional headquarters in the Valley are Intel Corp, U-Haul International, Phelps Dodge Corp., MicroAge Inc., Allied Signal and Boeing.

In addition, the Valley has a reputation as a popular retirement destination and the retirement community scene here continues to grow. Arizona has over 2 million residents 55 years old and older, with a combined economic impact of about \$22 billion.

SUNNY DAYS AHEAD

The three primary reasons people move to the Valley of the Sun are wages, weekends and the warm weather. The sun does more than just generate a great tan: it attracts industries searching for a warm, dry climate that won't interfere with their distribution networks, telecommunications systems or administrative operations. Nine months out of the year, Valley residents enjoy pleasant, spring-like temperatures. Summer brings the heat with temperatures often breaking 100 degrees during July and August, with little humidity until the monsoon season begins in late August. The returning thunderstorms replenish the water table and help bring back more moderate temperatures.

While the city of Phoenix is situated in the desert, Arizona is far from being a dry, desolate land. Vast canal works, including the Central Arizona Project Canal, brings water from the Colorado River located 200 miles away. The reserves of runoff water provided by rain and snow in the northern mountain range of Arizona are accessible thanks to the Roosevelt Dam just northeast of the Valley. As a result of the efficiency of the city's waterworks, landscaping designs for parks, golf courses, homes and boulevards often include palm, olive, pine and citrus trees. The sweet scent of orange

blossoms fills the air in March and April. Roses, poppies and hundreds of other flowers bloom almost all year.

In addition to being economically, ethnically and culturally diverse, Phoenix's 300-plus days of sunshine a year make it a perfect match for an active, on-the-go lifestyle. Those who call Phoenix home are often found outdoors enjoying the city's natural beauty including the area's parkland, outdoor exercise and recreation facilities, roughly 2,000 tennis courts and more than 200 golf courses, as well as municipal parks, bicycling routes, running paths, and equestrian trails. Dozens of hiking clubs lead the way through the mountain ranges that surround the city, while softball, baseball and soccer leagues for all ages and skill levels are abound.

Phoenix is home to the largest municipal park in the world, the 16,500 acre South Mountain Park, serves as the city's southern border. A Mecca for hiking, biking and horseback riding, South Mountain Park is the largest link in the chain of desert mountain parks, known as the Phoenix Mountain Preserve, that encircle the city. After-work hikes to the top of Piestewa Peak and Camelback Mountain are a popular pastime, while another 1,900 acres of traditional city parks, some with golf courses, serve as oases of green throughout the city.

Trailer boats are a common sight as they zip along the Valley's thoroughfares on their way to one of the five lakes that are just within a short drive from metropolitan Phoenix. Waterskiing, power boating, sailing and fishing are popular water sports, while raft trips down the alternately tranquil and turbulent Verde and Salt rivers are also popular.

TOURISM

New residents aren't the only ones who flock to Phoenix. Tourism is one of the metropolitan area's leading businesses and employs about 300,000 people year-round to support this thriving industry. Those who live here find the relationship with tourism is a profitable one both financially and personally – as a result, restaurants, retail centers and recreational outlets targeted to tourists are available to them all year. Large-scale



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conventions and trade shows are held in the Phoenix Civic Plaza as well as the Cardinals Stadium, when they are not playing of course. The convention and meeting industry is an important one, injecting more than \$7 billion into the area economy.

The ease of getting to and from the Valley boosts its status as a popular vacation and convention destination. Once visitors find they have arrived there are approximately 60,000

motel and hotel rooms available in properties ranging from five-star resorts in Scottsdale to genteel bed and breakfast inns to sleek business hotels in downtown Phoenix. The airport system includes Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, which is the eleventh busiest in the country for passengers and takeoffs and landings. Nearby Deer Valley and Goodyear airports are also busy, and contribute to the more than 400,000 jobs that are provided by the Phoenix airport system.

COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA

Just as Phoenix is the hub of commercial activity in the Southwest, it has also become the center around which more than twenty communities have grown in an area collectively known as the “Valley of the Sun.” Some of the Valley communities are well known beyond the Arizona state line: Scottsdale is a popular resort destination, Tempe is the home of Arizona State University, Paradise Valley is a town as idyllic as its name, and Sun City is home to active retirees.

Two communities with large populations that deserve a second look are Mesa and Glendale, the state’s third and fourth largest cities after Phoenix and Tucson. Just to the southeast, Chandler and Gilbert are becoming well known magnets for both young families and high-tech manufacturing firms.


Located above the Valley to the northeast in the McDowell Mountains and only fifteen minutes from the nearest city is Fountain Hills, prized by its residents for its solitude. The sister communities of Cave Creek and Carefree to the north comprise another secluded area, with rustic ranch spreads and million-dollar adobe homes.

The West Valley communities of Peoria, Avondale, Tolleson and Litchfield Park offer family-oriented lifestyles and affordable housing. The outlying farming communities of Goodyear, Buckeye and Surprise are rapidly mirroring the expansion of the closer-in West Valley communities.


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FINDING THAT DREAM HOME

With the constant influx of newcomers to Phoenix and the Valley of the Sun come new ideas and new ambitions, creating a vibrant atmosphere that frees people to pursue their vision of the American Dream. Finding a place to live is one of the most exciting experiences a newcomer to the Phoenix area can have. With the help of a trained real estate

professional, those new to the area can be assured of making an informed decision about one of the most important investments ever made in their lives – the purchase of a home.

Realtors can be found through recommendations from friends, coworkers, family, contacting your local board of realtors and more importantly – the partners and realty companies represented in this publication. Using a realtor’s expertise and knowledge to become educated about the Phoenix area and the amenities offered in the different neighborhoods will go a long way toward making the house-hunting experience an enjoyable one.

TUCSON

The Tucson of today embraces a future full of promise and opportunity while paying homage to a past whose influence can still be felt. Tucson offers a beautifully diverse tapestry of cultures and experiences, with a heritage that stretches back beyond recorded

history. Combine this with the Old Pueblo’s easy charm, add a dash of sophistication and “cowboy up” with friendliness often found only in a small town, and the result is a city unlike any other.

Many new to Tucson are pleasantly surprised to find this city of the American Southwest home to so many different cultures. The different languages heard on the street reflect the global perspective of modern-day Tucsonans. Spanish is the primary language due to the city’s close proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border, while other languages commonly heard attest to the city’s “college town” status as the home of The University of Arizona.

Tucson’s high-tech industry is responsible for recruiting in talent from all over the world to keep on top of cutting edge technologies. The result is a friendly and eclectic mix of cultures that complement and add to an already thriving arts scene. Proof is simply listening to the local music scene with its sounds of mariachi, country

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Further evidence of Tucson's cultural mix is in the cityscape itself, with its downtown of adobe buildings surrounded by modern buildings. The distinctly Southwestern styles of St. Augustine Cathedral, the Pima County Courthouse, the Veterans Administration Hospital and dozens of turn-of-the-century homes delight the eye and hearken to days gone past.

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Finding a place to live is one of the most exciting experiences a newcomer to the Tucson area can have. With the help of a trained real estate professional, those new to the area can be assured of making an informed decision about one of the most important decisions in their lives: the purchase of a home. A knowledgeable realtor can help homebuyers make an intelligent choice about "location, location, location" and select a community that will best suit the buyer's needs and lifestyle.

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At 226 square miles, Tucson is more than four times the size of San Francisco, but its smaller population means residents enjoy all the perks of a large city, while being able to navigate the territory with the ease of a small town. The variety of communities and

housing designs means there's a home here for every taste, lifestyle and pocketbook.

Older, well-to-do neighborhoods such as El Encanto that were once on the outskirts of the city are now located in midtown. East Tucson offers established neighborhoods with mature landscaping and clear views of the Rincon Mountains. Many communities have sprung up around country clubs in the winding foothills of Tucson's mountains, while new subdivisions on the city's periphery offer energy. Tucson's northeast side features large house-property lots and affordable family homes, while rural-style homes on bigger, open lots are found on the west side.

When it comes to selecting the perfect home, it all comes down to the individual buyer's particular set of circumstances that will most affect the decision of where and what to buy. While single-family homes are readily available in Tucson, today's buyers want to know all the options available to them. Duplexes, townhomes, condominiums and zero-lot line homes are available to those who want to choose a particular style of home or homeownership that suits their needs best. To select the best housing option, prospective buyers need to have a realtor that is knowledgeable about the differences in ownership.

Single-family homes, condominiums, and zero-lot line homes are built on individual lots with surveyed and plotted boundaries. Depending on the development, these homes may be subject to certain legal rules and restrictions regarding the physical specifications of the home, including later housing alterations made to the home. Like single family homes, zero lot line homes are built on individual lots, but have little or no yard and therefore no yard maintenance. Instead, these homes offer their owners small terraced areas or patios they can choose to landscape.

Two attached single-family homes on one lot are considered a duplex, and give residents options to use one of the property's homes for rental property. Townhomes are one- or two-story homes constructed in rows that share sidewalls, with unobstructed front and back entries and small lawns or patios. (Often, townhomes are constructed as two

story homes to avoid a "bowling alley" feeling in the design.)

Condominiums offer a homeowner even less outdoor upkeep: while the homeowner is responsible for indoor maintenance, the exterior of the dwelling is the responsibility of a management company appointed by the homeowner's association of the condominium complex.

Some homeowners look forward to hours spent on putting in the yard, while others believe picking up the Sunday newspaper off the lawn is home maintenance. Whereas it used to be that single-family homes were the predominant choice among home buyers, many now want homes that will accommodate busy work and recreation schedules. Those making home purchases include busy executives, empty nesters and students who don't want the responsibility of yard work and prefer to let the homeowners association take care of it.

The University of Arizona is among the country's top twenty research universities, and plays an important role in attracting and supporting local business. The largest private employer in the area is Raytheon Missile Systems, which develops tactical and strategic defense missile systems. Tucson's defense and aerospace sector is further enhanced by Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, located on the city's southeast side. Other major employers include the reservation center for American Airlines and GEICO, while high-tech companies such as Sunquest Information Systems, Intuit, AOL, IBM, Bombardier and Texas Instruments.

Health care, one of Tucson's original attractions, continues to draw people from around the nation and provides thousands of jobs. Tucson has ten hospitals and the University of Arizona is the only medical school in the state. Many of the physicians who treat patients here are known throughout the world as the best in their particular specializations. Tucson is also known to those who seek a more holistic approach to their health, with several internationally known health and spa retreats and alternative health care centers, such as Miraval and Canyon Ranch luxury resorts in the Catalina Foothills. ●

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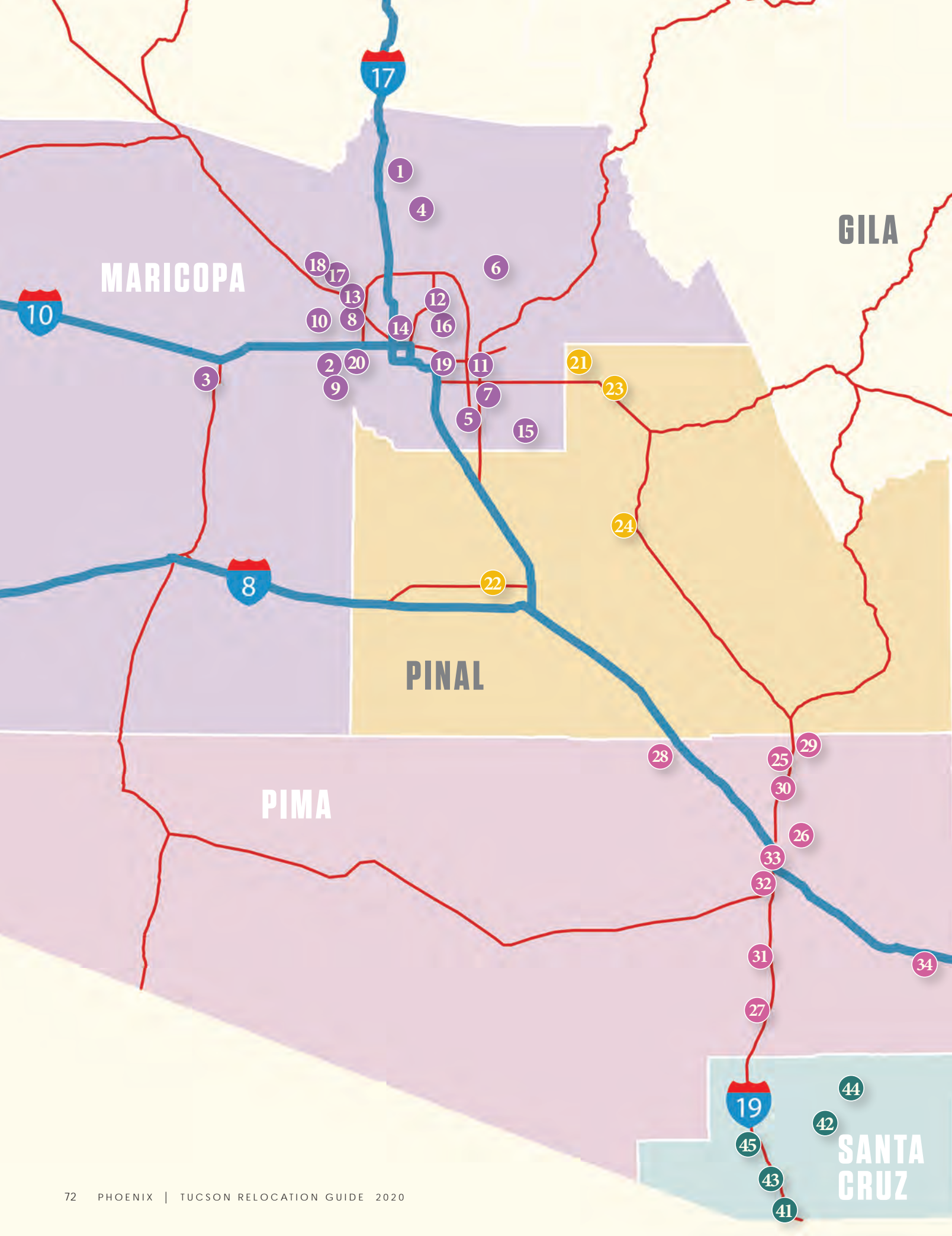
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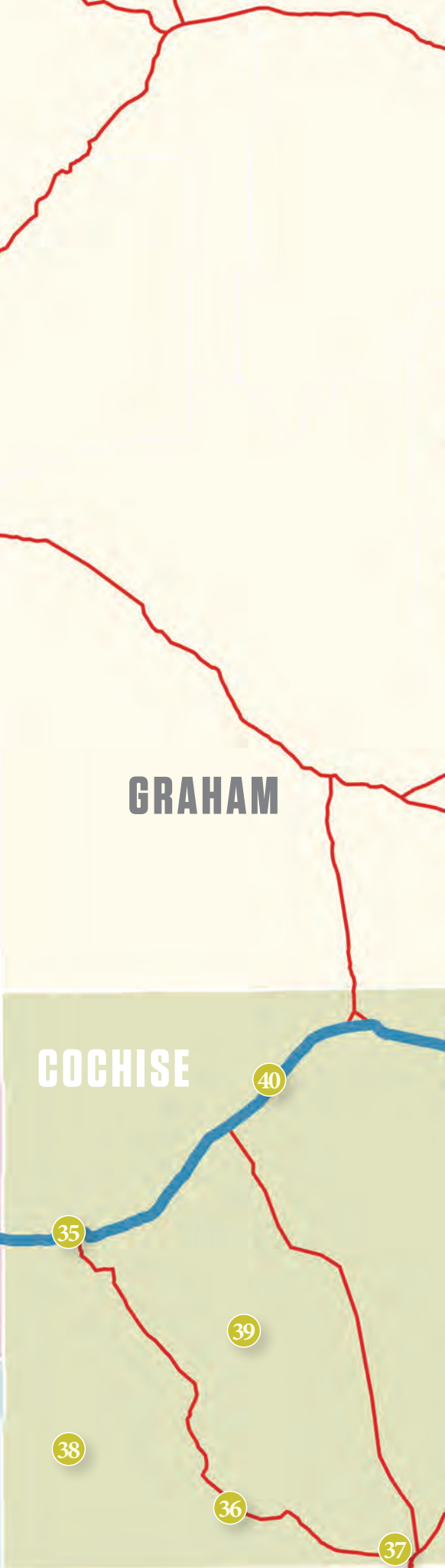
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AHWATUKEE FOOTHILLS

Ahwatukee is an Indian word meaning “house of my dreams” or “magic place of my dreams,” and for many, the popular housing development known as Ahwatukee Foothills is exactly that. Located to Phoenix’s south and within its city limits, well-established Ahwatukee (pronounced Ah-wah-too-key) Foothills hugs the southeastern border of South Mountain Park and is a 4,100-acre master-planned community that features an 18-hole golf course designed by Tom Weiskopf, and has been named “Best Master-Planned Community” three times by the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona.

The Foothills are distinguished by their scenic desert-mountain environment and abundant opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. More than forty miles of recreational trails wind through the Foothills’ petroglyph-marked hills in the shadow of South Mountain.

Prized by residents for its proximity to South Mountain’s hiking and biking trails, Ahwatukee is primarily a bedroom

community for commuters to commercial centers in Phoenix and its surrounding cities. Housing options include single-family homes, apartments, townhomes and patio homes to custom estates. Ahwatukee also has a well-established retirement area with recreation and community activities, and five nearby golf courses.

Bordered on the east by Interstate 10, Ahwatukee also features retail and light commercial components. Arizona Mills Mall is located nearby in Tempe. Recently, construction of the South Mountain Freeway should improve the Foothills’ accessibility to Phoenix and Tempe.

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Anthem is a Del Webb master planned community that has won a number of awards, including "Best Master Planned Community for Children" by AZ Foothills Magazine (2016), "Outstanding Facility" for the 10-acre Opportunity Way Park by the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (2017), "Best Outdoor Facility" for

the new 10-court Pickleball complex by the American Sports Builders Association (2019), and the "Hottest Neighborhood" for Parkside's Midwestern and friendly appeal by Phoenix Magazine (2017). It's also home to the award winning and world renowned Anthem Veterans Memorial.

A host of special events bring surrounding communities to Anthem to experience its hometown pride. Anthem Days (March), Music in May (May), an Independence Day Celebration (July) and Autumnfest (October), as well as ceremonies at the Anthem Veterans Memorial for Memorial Day (May) and Veterans Day (November), shine a spotlight on this community's hospitality throughout the year.

The Community Center is the perfect place for neighbors to meet and families and have fun. The three-story rock climbing wall, fitness center, indoor basketball and volleyball courts, lighted outdoor tennis courts, a newly built 10-court Pickleball complex, and a skate park offer ways to stay in shape.

Residents also have access to the Big Splash Water Park. Kids can cool off in the water features and zip down the water slides, or join competitive or recreational dive or swim teams. There's also a 25-meter heated lap pool and diving well for the more serious swimmers, and swimming lessons offered by 5-Star Elite Certified lifeguards. A new dog park joined the list of impressive amenities in 2019, and an expansion to the skate park will be complete by 2021.

Life in Anthem offers affordability and convenience. Access to the 101 and I-17 makes commuting easy. Loop 303 has made travel time from the I-17 to Route 60 a breeze, and in turn has brought many commercial businesses to the thriving area. Development continues to creep north, and as a result, home prices in Anthem are stable, and continue to maintain or increase in value.

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Association, with 202 more being added as part of Pulte's new Circle Mountain neighborhood by the end of 2020. The gated Country Club community is well-suited for both families and empty nesters, with two top-rated Greg Nash-designed golf courses, Persimmon and Ironwood, and more than 2,800 homes.

Two retirement communities have made a mark in Anthem in the last two years – Merrill Gardens and The Enclave at Anthem. Together, they offer more than 230 one- and two-bedroom units, as well as new cottages, for the older generation, allowing residents to age into independent and assisted living options in order to remain at home in Anthem.

Discover all the ways to live, work and play in Anthem, a jewel in the heart of the Sonoran Desert.

AVIANO

Aviano at Desert Ridge is located in north central Phoenix less than a mile from Loop

101. This upscale community offers several styles of architecture. The community features semi-custom homes with a variety of prices and styles. The Desert Ridge Market Place Shopping Mall is a few blocks away. Amenities: community center, sport courts, pool, hiking, biking, walking trails.

MOUNTAIN PARK RANCH

Mountain Park Ranch, just south of Ahwatukee, is a 2,700-acre master-planned community that draws families looking for good value for their housing dollars. Mountain Park Ranch offers diverse housing options in each of their 9 sub-communities, from patio homes to large single-family estates. It has three community centers featuring tennis, swimming pools and picnic areas.

SONORAN FOOTHILLS

Nature is a priority at the Sonoran Foothills community in north Phoenix. Classic desert sunsets, dramatic mountain views and easy access to north Phoenix trails and other outdoor activities are among the natural

amenities driving residents to the community. Panoramic views are afforded by Union Hills and Middle Mountain to the south and Pyramid and Daisy Mountains to the north. The 800-acre community is south of the Carefree Highway, east of Interstate 17 at 27th Drive and North Valley Parkway. And if you wander west out of the community, that puts you directly in line with the new portion of loop 303.

Among the amenities at Sonoran Foothills is a trail system throughout the community which takes residents through arroyos harboring saguaro, prickly pear and cholla cactus, brittlebush and creosote, and indigenous critters like quail, cactus wrens, javelina and desert tortoises. The system will eventually connect to the trails of the proposed Sonoran Preserve.

A 4,000-square-foot clubhouse has a lap and leisure pool, children's wading pool and splash fountain, playground and sand lot as well as two tennis courts, a volleyball and basketball court, expansive turf activity areas and a great lawn. A new soccer park and other



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pocket parks provide additional recreational opportunities.

Desert Vista at Sonoran Foothills is a quiet enclave rising with the foothills adjacent to the proposed northern mountain preserve, and presents a rare opportunity to live in harmony with the desert. This beautiful new desert community offers panoramic views of the nearby mountains and natural wash corridors. The proposed mountain preserve will be connected to Sonoran Foothills via a system of trails that knit together the many community amenities and provide the ideal way to enjoy the desert experience unique to Arizona.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

South Mountain Village represents one of the “urban villages” designated by the Phoenix Planning Commission, a citizen-based planning committee. The goal of each village in the city of Phoenix is to offer a unique choice of lifestyle in which residents may live, work and enjoy leisure activities within close proximity.

South Mountain Village extends from the Rio Salado to the South Mountain Park Preserve, the largest municipal park in the country. Although considered a barrier to southward development, the massive, 16,500-acre South Mountain Park, once viewed as a boon by the developers who have created new communities that border its edges, will be getting a \$23 million makeover to make room for the

overwhelming amount of hikers, bikers and horseback riders that trek through it. In many ways South Mountain Village is a young, developing area containing established neighborhoods, and from the ridgeline of South Mountain to farm fields and urban neighborhoods, the village offers many different living environments.

NORTHEAST VALLEY

Carefree, Cave Creek

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Carefree and Cave Creek are neighboring communities that share the same piece of the beautiful Sonoran Desert overlooking the Valley of the Sun, but have distinctly different personalities.

Cave Creek was settled in the 1870s as a mining and ranching community, and finally

became incorporated in 1986. Only 32 miles from downtown Phoenix, residents of Cave Creek enjoy their community that has an old timey, small town feeling. Carefree was founded in the 1950s, and was one of the earliest planned communities in Arizona. Known for its famous giant sundial (the largest in the Western Hemisphere), as well as its unique rock topography, Carefree lives up to its name with its very laid-back atmosphere.

With Cave Creek’s elevation being the lowest at about 2,130 feet, and carefree topping out at 2,830 feet, the two communities share temperatures of about five to six degrees cooler than Phoenix. Low humidity and cooler temperatures lure outdoor enthusiasts to such activities as hiking bicycling, horseback riding, golfing and jeep touring. The serene, saguaro-studded landscape, decorated with natural outcroppings of massive sand-colored boulders and teeming with jack-rabbits and other desert dwellers are a huge attraction for new residents.

Golf courses here and in the surrounding foothills are woven into the landscape, making them some of the most scenic in the state.

Other nearby recreational outlets include Tonto National Forest, which borders the towns on the north side, and the Verde River, a favorite of river runners. Both towns offer unique shopping and dining opportunities, as well as accommodations that range from beautiful resorts to quaint bed & breakfast inns.

Fountain Hills

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Tucked into the McDowell Mountains at an elevation several hundred feet above

Phoenix, Fountain Hills residents enjoy cooler temperatures and a more secluded feeling than their counterparts in metropolitan Phoenix. Designed by Charles Woods, Jr., the same visionary who designed Disneyland, the community of Fountain Hills is loaded with small town charm.

Fountain Hills takes its name from its celebrated fountain found at the heart of the city. Woods wanted to find a way to differentiate his newly designed city from others in the area, and hit upon the idea of having the world's tallest man-made fountain as a centerpiece. The fountain shoots water 560 feet into the air and creates a geyser five feet taller than the Washington Monument.

Once named by *Parenting Magazine* as one of the "Ten Great Places to Raise a Family," Fountain Hills has also found a unique niche by catering to the needs of its active retiree population. The area is especially attractive to older families and young professionals.

Fountain Hills strives to support neighborhoods and commercial development that are sensitive to the environment and improves the overall quality of life for its residents and visitors. Home sizes are as diverse as its community, with homes from 1,600 square feet to 10,000 square feet, from condominiums to custom homes. With several of the neighborhoods being gated, families are sure to find the perfect neighborhood to meet their specific needs and wants.

Part of what makes Fountain Hills so sought-after is its awe-inspiring views and higher elevation. From sunrises to sunsets and at every point in town, it's understandable why so many weddings happen in this special community.

Housing options include the 950-acre Sun Ridge Canyon and 500-acre Community of Eagle Mountain. Both master-planned communities feature scenic golf courses and recreational facilities and a selection of custom homes. The Firerock Country Club and the CopperWynd Tennis and Health resort, both offering single-family homes,

condos and custom homes. The community center features convention, banquet and wedding reception facilities. Other neighborhoods include North Heights, CrestView Estates, WestRidge Estates, StoneRidge Estates, Eagle Ridge, Eagles Nest and several other neighborhoods plus a variety of condominium developments throughout the town and several around the Lake.

The option for an active lifestyle is certainly available here. Life centers on the golf courses located around the community, with tee times at the three local golf courses in great demand. The McDowell Mountain Regional Park, one of the largest parks in the Maricopa Parks system, offers excellent hiking, sightseeing and camping. The park is adjacent to Fountain Hills' northern border. | CONTINUED PAGE 84 >



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In the emerging West Valley, homebuyers can find Mattamy communities

spanning the area, from Buckeye to Goodyear, Avondale and Phoenix.

Reflection Bay offers gated, lakeside living in the top-ranked masterplan of Estrella in Goodyear with a limited number of single-story homes remaining, priced from the mid \$300s. Residents enjoy a resort-caliber lifestyle including resort-style pools, fitness center, parks, and even a Yacht Club.

Crestwood at Canyon Trails, located in Goodyear, offers six home choices, spanning to over 2,700 square feet, priced from the mid \$200s nearby established shopping, dining and entertainment options, as well as offering close proximity to area freeways.

Within the Sienna Hills masterplan in Buckeye, Solano features diverse floorplans priced from the mid \$200s. Residents enjoy the masterplans' community parks, Swim Club and fitness center, as well as the natural surroundings of the area offering opportunities for hiking, biking and more.

Also, in Buckeye, Brookside at Arroyo Seco can be found in one of the valley's newest planned communities, located off of the I-10 and Jackrabbit Road. Brookside features single-family homes up to 2,400 square feet, with prices from the upper \$200s.

If convenience is what you're looking for, Roosevelt Park is a must see.

Located in Avondale, just off of the I-10 at 107th Avenue and Van Buren, this gated community features 15 floorplans, priced from the mid \$200s. Residents enjoy a private community pool with shaded lounge chairs and tables, plus a large central community park with play equipment and shaded ramadas.

Vista Diamante is one of Mattamy's newest communities to open in the valley, with a great location off of the Loop 101 and Camelback, adjacent to the Camelback Ranch - Glendale Spring Training Facility. This community is comprised of two different collections of homes with 11 diverse floorplans to choose from, up to nearly 3,500 square feet.

Mattamy Homes continues to expand its presence in the Phoenix valley with new communities opening often. Two brand-new communities expected in late 2020 include Azure Canyon in Goodyear and Malone Estates in Queen Creek. Interest lists are forming for both communities.

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Bordered by the McDowell Mountains on the west, the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation on the east and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to the south, Fountain Hills will likely remain at its present size of 11,640 acres.

Paradise Valley

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There are actually two Paradise Valleys: one is the more secluded Town of Paradise Valley comprised of upscale homes nestled in against the sides of the Sonoran Desert hills or hidden behind oleander-covered estate walls, while the other is Greater Paradise Valley, a larger, more diverse community that includes businesses and the Paradise Valley Mall at its center.

The Town of Paradise Valley is located just north of the landmark Camelback Mountain and is almost entirely residential. Among its amenities are the Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa, and the Marriott Mountain Shadows Resort, as well as the Doubletree La Posada Resort. There are also exclusive shops and restaurants located near the town's border with Scottsdale. The neighborhood is the home of a number of celebrities, including baseball's Joe Garagiola and rocker Alice Cooper.

The neighborhood of Greater Paradise Valley is located within Phoenix city limits, but is considered its own village. Around the edges of Paradise Valley Mall are retail shops, apartments, condos and healthcare facilities as well as Paradise Valley Hospital. Outside of this area are townhomes, single-family homes, small estates with horse privileges and a few golf courses. The area is known for its excellent housing and schools.

Desert Ridge is one of Arizona's largest master planned community, and although it was under development for a long time, it is said to now hold more than 50,000 residents in the northern area of Greater Paradise Valley. At more than 5,700 acres, it includes residential housing, an 800-room resort, two 18-hole golf courses and a 1,000-acre commerce park.

Residents here find it is easy to get around via the Pima Freeway from I-17 and the Piastewa Parkway that has been extended to the Pima Freeway to give better accessibility to Sky Harbor Airport and downtown Phoenix.

Scottsdale

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Pity the shortsighted Phoenix real estate salesman who moved to Scottsdale in 1949 and left two years later, declaring the land inhospitable and Scottsdale's future unpromising. These conclusions would surely surprise the nearly 240,000 people who live here and the estimated six million visitors who come to this resort destination every year. Since its founding in 1888 by United States Army Chaplain Winfield Scott, Scottsdale has grown from a collection of cattle ranches and citrus farms into a cosmopolitan community of young professionals, families and retirees. The city's resort lifestyle extends far beyond the grounds of its expansive hotels. Many housing developments feature golf courses and recreational complexes, with shopping and other amenities just a bike ride away.

Although the days of cattle ranching in the area are long past, the names of vast multi-development neighborhoods, such

as McCormick Ranch and Gainey Ranch, still pay homage to the area's early days. These neighborhoods are often a mix of residential homes that include single-family homes, condominiums, patio homes and townhomes. More than 40 percent of Scottsdale's residents fall into the over 40-year age bracket, which has helped build a growing medical community that includes the western campus of the Mayo Clinic.

For a city in the middle of the Sonoran Desert, Scottsdale is remarkably green, with nationally acclaimed golf courses and Indian Bend Wash, the centerpiece of Scottsdale's extensive recreational amenities. This miles-long ribbon of greenbelt, which extends down the middle of the vertically drawn city, is bordered by several parks that feature bike paths, small fishing lakes and recreation complexes.

With zoning ordinances in place to protect the city's "destination" atmosphere, commercial buildings in downtown Scottsdale were once restricted in height to four stories. This caused the city to expand outward, and increased its territory from one square mile in 1951 to 185 miles today. Because the city is bordered by Phoenix to the west, Tempe to the south and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to the east, new commercial and residential construction has expanded toward Scottsdale's northern city limits.

The hospitality business is big here, with more than 70 hotels and award-winning luxury resorts ready to host leisure travelers and convention-goers year-round. To cater to visitors and satisfy the desires of its resident, much of the city's development is retail oriented. Central Scottsdale streets are lined with clothing boutiques, art galleries, restaurants and retail stores, many of which have been in business in the same location for decades. Just north of Fifth Avenue and Old Town Scottsdale is the modern shopping Mecca of Scottsdale Fashion Square, featuring three levels of locally owned and national chain stores. Interest in culture and the arts is especially strong in Scottsdale. The Scottsdale Center for the Arts hosts an eclectic mix of intimate classical

and modern concerts, as well as other live performances.

NORTHWEST VALLEY

Glendale

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Glendale is Arizona's third largest city, and the financial and business hub of the rapidly growing Northwest Valley. A friendly city with a reputation for maintaining its small town charm and character, Glendale is an important player in the area's future.

The vibrant community embraces an active, outdoor lifestyle, complete with scenic mountain views, desert vistas and wideopen spaces to golf courses and lakes. Glendale's recreational opportunities abound with it's 1,682 acres containing 56 parks, including Thunderbird Regional Mountain Peak.

From a residential perspective, Glendale features master planned communities, luxury executive homes, older residences in quiet, tree-lined neighborhoods and affordable starter homes. Apartments, townhomes and condos are available as well.

Old Towne Glendale and Historic Catlin Court Shops District are home to more than 100 antique stores, specialty shops and eateries, all found around Historic Murphy Park, the town square. Recent additions include the Bead Museum and the American Museum of Nursing. Gaslight street lamps, brick walkways, tree-lined streets and quaint specialty shops add charm to downtown's

turn-of-the-century atmosphere. With the largest concentration of antique shops in a walkable area, Glendale has earned the reputation of Antique Capital of Arizona, and has been rated one of the top ten antique destinations by *USA Today*.

The newly finished development Westgate City Center, features around 6.5 million square feet of offices, theaters, shops, restaurants and residential units, and is anchored by the multi-purpose sports and entertainment center, Jobing.com Arena, which serves as the home to the Phoenix Coyotes NHL hockey team and the Arizona Lacrosse teams. The University of Phoenix Stadium is home to the Arizona Cardinals and popular annual college football Fiesta Bowls.

Restaurant and shopping opportunities are available not only in Glendale's downtown area, but also on Bell Road, one of the hottest retail areas in the Valley. Arrowhead Towne Center, a 1.3-million-square-foot



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super regional mall, anchors this retail corridor that has more than 900 businesses and provides entertainment, shopping and dining venues.

Arrowhead Community Hospital and Medical Center and Banner Thunderbird Medical Facility are state-of-the-art medical treatment centers that serve the Glendale community. Glendale also is home to four institutes of higher learning: Thunderbird American Graduate School of International Management, Midwestern University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Peoria

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Located in Northwest Phoenix, the City of Peoria is a one of the most desirable cities to live in Arizona. Peoria currently boasts over 160,000 residents who enjoy the vast variety of recreation, entertainment and housing options available. Recently WalletHub.com, a leading finance outlet, ranked Peoria as the Ninth Least Stressed City in America. In addition, Yahoo Finance recently ranked Peoria as the Number 7 Top Places to live in the United States. These rankings are a result of Peoria having among one of the lowest crime rates in the country, a growing city economy, a 10% growth in population over the last five years and housing costs that are 14% lower than the national average.

In the West Valley, Shea Homes recently opened the Reserves at Cantilena in Peoria. Located near Lake Pleasant, homeowners at Cantilena will enjoy easy access to outdoor activities as well as the area's top notch shopping and dining. Evolve, Latitude and The Reserves are three distinct communities within Cantilena, offering a selection of homes with thoughtfully designed floorplans

and amenities including BBQ's, ramadas, benches, play equipment, and more.

For both residents and visitors, The City of Peoria is the perfect place for outdoor, sports and recreation enthusiasts. Each spring, the Peoria Sports Complex is the home to two major league baseball spring training teams, the San Diego Padres and the Seattle Mariners. For those who love outdoor recreation, Peoria offers two regionally recognized community parks and 33 neighborhood parks. Located in Northwest Peoria, Lake Pleasant Regional Park offers 10,000 acres of water and 116 miles of shoreline including hiking and biking trails, hundreds of campsites and two full service marinas.

Peoria is also home to one of the largest unified school districts in Arizona, the Peoria Unified School District. The district has a 93 percent graduation rate and prides itself on excelling schools, award-winning teachers and specialized programs. Peoria is also home to BASIS charter school which has been consistently awarded in the Top 10 schools in the Country. BASIS in Northwest Peoria was recognized by *US News and World Report* as the 5 high school in the ranking of Best High Schools in the US.

Peoria continues to be a first choice for families and adult adults relocating to Arizona. With so many outstanding housing options, great schools and parks and recreation options, Peoria has something for everyone to enjoy.

VISTANCIA

Set amongst the natural Sonoran desert foothills of the Northwest Valley, Vistancia's 7,100-acre master plan in Peoria offers a spectacular medley of desert living at its best - three unique lifestyle communities, a large selection of new home options, state-of-the-art resident amenities, and a wealth of community-enriching experiences – all in one place.

Vistancia's signature panoramic mountain views of White Peak, Twin Buttes and the Bradshaw mountains provide a perfect setting. But it's the community's focus on connecting neighbors through a distinctive mix of community programming, excellent schools, parks and trails, daily fee and

private golf courses, and retail that sets the award-winning community apart from other surrounding residential offerings.

Vistancia's master plan is currently comprised of three distinctive new home communities. The Village at Vistancia, a family-friendly multi-generational community; Blackstone at Vistancia, a gated luxury golf course community featuring the Northwest Valley's premier private golf course – Blackstone Country Club; and Trilogly at Vistancia, an active adult resort community. Vistancia opened in 2004 and has sold nearly 6,000 homes to date among all three communities, with an estimated 14,500 residents today. At final buildout, Vistancia will include up to 10,500 homes and 30,500 residents.

Vistancia features a selection of neighborhoods by award-winning new home builders throughout each of the community's three actively selling new home communities – The Village at Vistancia, Blackstone at Vistancia and Trilogly at Vistancia and an exclusive selection of custom homesites range from 0.80 to 0.9 acres.

Vistancia residents can bike, rollerblade, run or walk the 3.5-mile Discovery Trail connecting the entire community, providing adventure and education with interactive gardens and walkways, while linking neighborhoods to schools and other amenities for enjoying the great outdoors. A cultural walk, wildlife viewing area and solar garden are among the trail's distinctive themes.

Two K-8 elementary schools, Vistancia Elementary and Lake Pleasant Elementary, are located in the community and within close proximity for neighborhood children to walk to school. Sunset Park and Westland Park are two city park accessible to Vistancia residents for recreation.

Recognized by RCLCO Real Estate Advisors as one of the top selling Master Planning Communities in the country and has also been ranked number one "Best Master Planned Community Arizona" by Ranking Arizona.

Future development within the master plan includes an additional 3,450 acres north of



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the community that is envisioned to include up to 3,500 homes offering a wide variety of residential styles, an additional K-8 elementary school and a variety of amenities including indoor/outdoor centers, a 900-acre mountain preserve, recreational parks and trails, and retail components.

An additional 320-acre commercial core will also be developed offering a modern and unique lifestyle center including a diverse culture of shopping, dining, recreation, education, entertainment and employment.

Sun City

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A mid-day traffic jam in Sun City is like a traffic jam nowhere else. First, the jam will consist of no more than five vehicles. Secondly, the participants probably know each other by first name. And finally, they're likely to involve street-legal golf carts.

Stress-free "traffic jams" are part of the daily routine in this model retirement community by Del Webb that began in 1960. Webb picked an 8,900-acre plot in the Sonoran Desert that was just a half-hour drive from downtown Phoenix. Before

the community was constructed, most of the area was of farmland mainly growing cotton. Sun City West was constructed by Del Webb starting in the late-1970s as Sun City had outgrown its boundaries. Sun City West was completely built out in 1998 and a sister city, Sun City Grand, to the west of Grand Avenue was started. Sun City has now grown to more than 46,000 residents. The community offers everything for the active adult 55 and older, from more than 100 chartered clubs and seven golf courses to state-of-the-art bowling and countless activities. To ensure its residents that the communities maintain their positions as haven for retirees, no one under 18 years of age are allowed to live in the Sun Cities for more than 90 days.

Surprise

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Founded in 1929, Surprise has transformed itself from the sleepy little farming community it was into a growing city that has drawn the notice of *Money* magazine, which placed Surprise at the top of its national job growth list.

One reason for this growth is Sun City Grand, a Del Webb active adult community that has called for about 10,000 homes. A full slate of recreational facilities, including four golf courses, a fitness center, a day spa and the Rio Salado Community College Sun Cities Livelong Learning Center is also available to Sun City Grande residents.

Surprise has also experienced growth in the business, retail and service sectors, and has annexed land north of the White Tank Mountains that link with up the city of Buckeye. It is also located within Surprise. Economic growth has also developed in the Surprise Medical Center, which includes a

medical campus, emergency medical facilities and medical office buildings. Surprise Point is a 290-acre complex of restaurants, shops, industrial warehouses and office space that has been developed recently and has brought an estimated 6,000 additional jobs to the area.

SOUTHEAST VALLEY

Chandler

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P.T. Barnum may have been a more well-known master of marketing, but he had nothing on A.J. Chandler. As the Arizona territory's first veterinary surgeon in 1887, Chandler parlayed the profits from his practice into a landholding known as the Chandler Ranch. In 1911, he divided the land into agricultural plots and advertised them for sale.

Knowing that wherever celebrities went, others were sure to follow, Chandler built the San Marcos Hotel. This lavish golf course resort became a popular getaway for such early stars as Errol Flynn, Gloria Swanson, Fred Astaire, Al Capone and Herbert Hoover.

Together, agriculture and tourism built Chandler into a thriving community. While both remain important contributors to its economic base, the open land that once drew farmers and ranchers is now a magnet for high-tech manufacturing companies, including Intel Corp, Motorola and Microchip Technology. The arrival of these companies fueled phenomenal population growth.

In 1980, Chandler had close to 30,000 residents, it then skyrocketed to more than

235,500 by mid-2006, and now boasting 253,000 residents as of 2017. Many who move to Chandler count affordable housing and its small town appeal among the main reasons to move here. Because much of the city's infrastructure was built to accommodate its recent population explosion, there is a sense of renewal in the air, culminating in the city's cultural crowning glory: The Chandler Center for the Arts.

Every March the annual Ostrich Festival is celebrated as part of Chandler's heritage. This annual event is one of the largest festivals west of the Mississippi and features live ostrich races, hundreds of great exhibits, big name entertainment, and a downtown parade.

Corporate sponsorship is a part of the community here and throughout the Phoenix metro area, demonstrating the commitment of business to improving a community lifestyle. It should come as no surprise, then, that Shea Homes has designed homes in more than fifty new home communities throughout the region, from Peoria and Phoenix and Gilbert to Glendale. Choices range from lock and leave condominiums to luxury gated communities. Shea Homes offers a selection of homes around the Valley to suit individuals and families at all stages of life.

Shea Homes is committed to the community, and the family-owned company shows its support in a variety of ways. Through its partnership with the Arizona Cardinals, the Shea team, along with its dedicated Trade-Partners, recently spearheaded a complete renovation of a South Phoenix community center that provides after-school programming to neighborhood youth.

"We really wanted to do something big to support this organization that gives so much back to the community," said Ken Peterson, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Shea Homes Arizona. It was our pleasure to take the home down to its foundation and rebuild the entire center into a clean, safe, special place that will be a resource in the community for years to come."

Gilbert

Town of Gilbert:

480-980-7483

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Gilbert Chamber
of Commerce

480-503-6865

www.gilbertaz.com

Located in the southeast valley of the Phoenix metropolitan area, Gilbert Arizona has a high quality of community life fueled by a strong economy. Thriving in business and leisure activities, the community has been named a Best Place to Live in the U.S., one of America's Top 20 Thriving Cities, a Top Place in the Nation to Live and Learn, a Best Places for Job Seekers in Arizona, the 1 City in the Nation for Working Parents, 17th in the Nation for First-Time Home Buyers and the second Safest City in the U.S. The town has met the many challenges of preserving the small-town atmosphere while promoting an atmosphere that fosters

growth in science, technology, engineering and math-related jobs.

Gilbert's population has a median age of 32.7, boasts one of the highest median incomes in the state of Arizona at \$85,187 and has a dense volume of educated residents with 40.9 percent of residents holding a bachelor's degree or higher. Gilbert's border is within a half a mile to Arizona State University's Polytechnic campus and Chandler-Gilbert Community College and there are over 69 other colleges, universities and technical schools within a 30-minute commute. Additionally, Gilbert has a nationally A-ranked K-12 system through the public school districts and unique magnet and charter programs - students attending Gilbert schools have a graduation rate of over 85 percent, surpassing the Arizona graduation rate by 10 percent.

As a community of excellence, Gilbert homes have retained their value within the Greater Phoenix area. Gilbert has an array of homes from urban condos and apartments to starter homes to executive housing with large lots, some for equine enthusiasts.

Photo courtesy of The Town of Gilbert



Gilbert is proud of a lifestyle that focuses on raising a family and quality education while also offering 9.8 million square feet of retail and more than 700 acres of designated open space for recreation and entertainment, providing a quality of life that translates to a thriving and diverse community. Gilbert is home to an enviable downtown with locally-unique dining options, seven golf courses, six major parks, four community pools, four community recreation centers, a performing arts center, a privately-owned theatre, an indoor ice arena, a USA BMX facility and the Big League Dreams Sports Complex. Throughout the year, Gilbert is host to numerous festivals, youth and amateur sporting events, academic conferences, sports tournaments and a bi-weekly art walk.

For those looking for a new home in the East Valley, Shea Homes has some great options as well. Situated at the southwest corner of Ray and Recker Roads in Gilbert and only half mile from the San Tan/Loop 202 Freeway, Recker Pointe offers three new communities, Ambition, Compass, and Inspire. Here, homeowners will find the homes, amenities, and most importantly, the ultimate homebuying and homebuilding experience at Shea Homes. Find a full list of Shea Homes communities around the Valley at sheahomes.com.

POWER RANCH

Power Ranch, a development located in Gilbert, is designed as a blend of residential, retail and commercial properties. The nearby Superstition Freeway, makes this community assessable to Phoenix areas sports and entertainment facilities. Amenities include a two-acre lake, pool, several green belt areas and walking trails.

From its long history as a family-run farm with neat, linear fields and formal citrus orchards, Power Ranch has become the area's foremost planned community especially attractive to growing families. The 2,084-acre community is located in Gilbert at Power and Germann roads just south of the San Tan Loop 202.

Chief among the community's attractions are the 200-plus acres of open space and greenbelts that include 110 acres of turf, 25 central neighborhood and greenbelt parks and a 10-acre state-of-the-art soccer complex providing unlimited areas for neighborhood get-togethers and gathering spaces. A 26-mile trail system with a loop weaves for over three miles through five neighborhoods and is heavily used by residents.

Power Ranch offers two community club-houses: the 4,000-square-foot Ranch House featuring a swimming pool, kids' play pool, and basketball and sand volleyball courts surrounded by a 7.5-acre park; and The Barn, a 7,000-square-foot facility situated in the 7.3-acre Trailside Community Park with a resort pool and picnic pavilions. Each club-house has a catch-and-release fishing lake with lakeside trails.

Power Ranch offers 12 home collections featuring floor plans range from 1,294 to 4,602 square feet. The community also features Trilogy at Power Ranch an age-qualified lifestyle resort community by Shea Homes.

SEVILLE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Seville Golf & Country Club in Gilbert is a virtual "wish list" for families. Here, every detail has been thoughtfully planned to provide a warm, friendly setting where neighbors can become friends and families can grow and flourish.

"In the valley where there are so many builders to chose from, it is challenging to find one you trust, one who will be there from the start of construction to the close of escrow," says Dana and Mike Mondie, homeowners in the Escala II development. "If you want quality, craftsmanship, experienced sales staff, and excellent warranty service, then buy a Shea Home. They don't just build houses, they build neighborhoods people can call home"

"We thought we were buying a great home but realized that what we got was an amazing lifestyle," says Daryl & Carrie Stewart, homeowners in La Mirada. "All

of our friends visit us from California and are amazed that we live in such a resort like setting with so many amenities. This doesn't exist in California anywhere near a price point a family could afford. We have met so many people in our neighborhood that moved here for the exact same reasons we did: Family and quality of life. When we meet people now we often joke, 'what part of California are you from?'"

HEIRLOOM AT MORRISON RANCH

3402 E. Bloomfield Pkwy. Gilbert, AZ 85296
www.camelothomes.com/community/heirloom-morrison-ranch/

This coming-soon location features beautiful homes ranging from 3100 to 6000 sq. ft., perfect for any need that may arise. This community boasts front patios, play areas, lake, and greenbelts, and is one of the most family-friendly neighborhoods in Arizona.

This development is planned for 56 homes on ¼ acre lots and will maintain both single and two-story plans with options for up to six bedrooms, 5.5 bathrooms, 3-4 car garages, and more. This beautiful, luxury location is perfect for any new resident looking to experience the finer side of Arizona.

Mesa

City of Mesa:

480-644-2011

www.mesaaz.gov

Mesa Chamber
of Commerce

480-969-1307

www.mesachamber.org

Mesa's growth has been fueled by the "Three A's": affordability, amenities and the annual migration of "snow birds," the winter weary retirees from the Midwest who flock to Mesa' sundrenched RV and mobile home parks. In the 1980's, Mesa's population grew by an incredible 89%, making it the third largest city in Arizona. By the year

2020, it is estimated that more than 530,000 will call Mesa home.

Mesa's shopping, recreational, educational and cultural amenities are some of the most extensive in the Valley. More than 20 golf courses and 47 city parks are within Mesa's expansive 122-square-mile city limits. The symphony orchestra, several cultural and historical museums and theater troupes for children and adults add to the arts scene here. An excellent school system, a varied economic base and an active city government add to the welcoming atmosphere here, and make it an excellent place to raise a family.

MOUNTAIN BRIDGE

480-641-1800

www.mountainbridgecommunity.com

Dubbed the "last signature master planned community ever build in this area," Blandford Homes offers beautiful, gated communities in East Mesa with a great view of the Superstition Mountains and a short drive to Tortilla Flats with Mountain Bridge. This master-planned community has options ranging from the high \$300s to the low \$700s and offers community-wide amenities such as pools, spas, fitness centers, events, parks, and tennis courts.

This resort-style neighborhood maintains several subdivisions, including the Estancia, Eagle Ridge, Sanctuary, Summit Neighborhoods, and many more. Although this master-plan community is quite a large project, most homes do not back to one another, allowing residents the opportunity for privacy in their own backyard. In addition, this neighborhood offers great hiking and horseback riding trails and exists in a revegetated desert landscape. It is also within a short driving distance to the Mesa Community College and the Las Sendas Golf Club.

Many of the neighborhoods have been purchased by other residents, but there is still plenty of availability in the Sanctuary, Eagle Ridge, Summit, and Estancia Neighborhoods with possible plans for a future village and office marketplace with direct

access without ever having to leave the community.

MULBERRY

Crismon & Signal Butte in Mesa, AZ
www.mulberryneighborhood.com

Blandford Homes offers another beautiful community at Mulberry Park, located in East Mesa between Crismon Rd. and Signal Butte in the Gilbert School District. These homes are perfect for anyone looking for an affordable price point with the amenities and beauty of living in Mesa, Arizona.

Mulberry offers four collections, including the Arbor, Americana, Centennial, and Heritage, each with several floorplans to choose from. This community also boasts parks and common areas that are specifically reserved for Mulberry residents, leaving homeowners with a peace of mind and exclusivity. With a clubhouse, pool, sport courts, fitness center, playground, and green lawns, Mulberry residents will have resort-like amenities at their fingertips.

Mulberry is dubbed the "New Old-Home Neighborhood" and has pricing options starting from the mid \$200s to the mid \$300s with homes ranging from 1700 sq. ft. to just over 4000 sq. ft. If residents are so inclined to leave the beauty of this community, shopping centers, restaurants, movie theaters, and more are within a short, 1-mile drive.

VILLAS AT MONTANA VISTA

480-624-0255

www.richmondamerican.com/arizona/phoenix-new-homes/mesa/villas-at-montana-vista

Richmond American Homes is offering the Villas at Montana Vista, a new, gated community in Mesa with versatile floor plans and a plethora of personalization options. The community offers a neighborhood pool and playground with nearby access to shopping, dining, and other recreational activities.

Some homes are already under construction, but many can be built to the custom

taste of the homebuyer. With the prices starting in the mid \$200s, these homes are perfect for any budget and offer floorplans ranging from 1420 to 2690 sq. ft. and anywhere from 2-5 bedrooms. Both one and two-story options are available.

There are models that potential homebuyers can peruse through online or visit in person and a sales center that can handle questions about the community. These popular homes are currently up for sale – grab yours today!

Queen Creek

Town of Queen Creek:

480-888-1709

www.queencreek.org

Queen Creek Chamber
of Commerce

480-488-6613

queencreekchamber.com

Queen Creek is one of the best-kept secrets in Arizona. Located in the southeast corner of Maricopa County, this small town oasis is within 10 minutes of Williams Gateway Airport and 40 minutes of Sky Harbor International Airport. Exceptional climate, natural recreational areas and rural lifestyle combine to fulfill the vision of those who relocate to one of America's best small towns.

Superstition Mountain trails satisfy the outdoor enthusiasts as well as the four nearby 18-hole golf courses. The Town Hall, Founders' Park Community Center, and local schools offer ball fields and sports courts for the outdoor sports enthusiast.

The Queen Creek Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Queen Creek High School, offers plays, concerts, comedy shows, art exhibits and other cultural experiences for the community. The Queen Creek Unified School District 95 serves the largest portion of the students in the area.

Tempe

City of Tempe:

480-967-2001

www.tempe.gov

Tempe Chamber
of Commerce

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www.tempechamber.org

Tempe offers a quality of life unparalleled to any place in the country. It is Arizona's sixth largest city and has successfully blended the dynamics of a high-tech business center, the fun and excitement of a resort community, the warmth and comfort of a residential neighborhood, and the small town atmosphere of a college community.

Tempe is ideally located in central Maricopa County adjoining the cities of Scottsdale to the north, Mesa to the east, Chandler to the south and Phoenix to the west. Tempe's strategic location is a boon to both businesses and residents who have convenient access to all areas of the Valley of the Sun, as well as major cities throughout the Southwest.



Tempe Rail Bridge

Direct access to I-10, State Route 60, and the new 101 and 102 freeways put Tempe within 15 minutes of Sky Harbor International Airport. With such convenient access to surrounding freeways, Tempe commuters find it is less than a 20-minute commute to work in downtown Phoenix.

TEMPE RAIL BRIDGE

Tempe is home to Arizona State University, ASU, which was established in 1885, today welcomes students from all fifty states and from around the world. The university is

one of the premier research universities in the nation, and is committed to excellence in teaching research, and public service. In addition to watching the action provided by the Arizona State University Sun Devils, sports fans can also watch the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim as they train during the spring in Tempe Diablo Stadium. Downtown Tempe is a cultural center in its own right and is pedestrian-oriented with paths to ASU. As the city's principal business district, it is also considered a premier entertainment center featuring a wide variety of restaurants, shopping, movie theaters, hotels, corporate offices and condos. More than two million people visit the 2.5 mile Tempe Town Lake each year for such special events as fireworks over the Mill Avenue Bridge, 5K runs, October Fest, the Ironman Triathlon and the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour. The Spring and Fall Festival draw nearly 250,000 people during its three-day run.

Neighborhoods throughout Tempe feature every style of home, from turn-of-the-century adobe homes to luxury homes on acre lots. Many housing developments are centered around Tempe's extensive network of parks, which is anchored by Kiwanis Park. This 125-acre recreational spot includes softball and soccer fields, volleyball and tennis courts, playground and picnic ramadas, a 12-acre stocked lake with paddleboats and a recreation center with an indoor, heated wave and swimming pool.



Tempe Center for the Arts. Photo by Tim Trumble

SOUTHWEST VALLEY

Buckeye

Town of Buckeye:
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Buckeye Chamber
of Commerce
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buckeyevalleychamber.org

Named for the home state of one of its early settlers, Buckeye is proud to be one of the most rural communities in the Phoenix metro area. Buckeye residents appreciate the hometown charm it has developed over its years of existence. Many of those who leave Buckeye to attend college later return to raise their own families.

Buckeye is the third fastest growing community in Maricopa County with a population exceeding the 50,000 mark this year. The master planned community of Verrado is the proposed site of a large vacation resort that will be the second largest in the Valley of the Sun. With the completion of multiple new communities and industrial developments underway, the population of Buckeye is expected to continue its growth explosion.

One of Arizona's largest adult living developers, Del Webb, introduced its fourth Sun City project in north Buckeye on Sun Valley Parkway. Sun City Festival covers 3,300 acres and have added 7,200 homes to the area.

**Avondale,
Goodyear,
Litchfield
Park, Tolleson**

City of Avondale:
623-333-1000
www.avondaleaz.gov

City of Goodyear:
623-932-2260
www.goodyearaz.gov

City of Litchfield Park:
623-935-5033
www.litchfieldpark.org

City of Tolleson
623-936-7117
www.tollesonaz.org

Located in one of the fastest growing areas in the Valley, the cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson have undergone some major changes in recent years.

Gone are the cotton fields that once were the economic backbone of the area. Now, in their place are new residential communities, as well as businesses, both large and small, who have found the potential of the area exciting. Department stores, shopping centers, restaurants, auto dealerships, merchandising giants, home improvement emporiums, new hospitals, light industry, and many others are

tapping into a new vein of wealth in these burgeoning communities.

The education community offers excellent opportunities. Estrella Mountain Community College, the Southwest Valley Skill Center, and the Universal Technical Institute offer academic and vocational training.

Recreation is a big part of the Southwest Valley's package. County parks such as Estrella Mountain Regional Park and nearby White Tank Regional Park offer hiking, biking and equestrian trails, picnic areas and other outdoor activities. Phoenix International Raceway draws thousands to its NASCAR events and Wildlife World Zoo has the largest collection of exotic animals in the state. A variety of golf courses ranging from public courses to championship play, allow golfers of every skill level, the opportunity to enjoy a game of golf.

Although each city has its own personality, Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson have each been a strong contributor to making life in the Southwest Valley what it is today.

**ESTRELLA BY NEWLAND
COMMUNITIES**

The Estrella™ community, in Goodyear, features many new-home communities of such as: Mountain Ranch, Montecito and CantaMia® to choose from. Most recently the community unveiled Tranquility, Estrella's newest neighborhood by William Ryan Homes. Pool houses, casitas, executive-style single-story living with amazing mountain views. Plus Estrella showcases two beautiful lakes and the scenic golf course framed by the Sierra Estrella Mountains, in a lush oasis. It's a close-knit community that has embraced over 14,000 families over the past 25 years. Estrella has an engaging community life, rich in tradition with annual events, monthly socials and weekly club gatherings. Whether it's at Starpointe Residents Club, the Golf Club of Estrella, Mountain Ranch Marketplace, on the miles of trails, parks, playing fields, or lakes, it's all framed by the picturesque Sierra Estrella Mountains and inspiring Sonoran Desert wilderness. Homes from the mid \$100,000s.





PIMA COUNTY

Tucson

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520-792-1212

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Tucson Chamber
of Commerce:

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www.tucsonchamber.org

Located in Pima County just 50 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border and 103 miles south of Phoenix, Tucson has built quite a solid reputation as much for the excellent quality of life as for its “must see” status for visitors to the area. Known as “The Old Pueblo,” there’s nothing old about Tucson’s cutting edge tech industries that have settled here, with their emphasis on fiber optics, aeronautics and bioscience, and is also home to The University of Arizona, the state’s first post-secondary education institution.

The city is located in a valley virtually at the feet of four different mountain ranges, with the Santa Rita Mountains to the city’s south, the Rincon Mountains to the east, the Tucson Mountains to the west, and the Santa Catalina to the north. Tucson’s elevation of 2,548 feet above sea level means that

its temperatures cool quite a bit during the peak of summer, offering welcome relief from sizzling daytime temperatures.

Despite having just over one million residents, Tucson maintains a small town coziness and appeal that delights residents and thrills visitors. Central neighborhoods such as the historic University, Sam Hughes and Fort Lowell districts are excellent examples of early Spanish-influenced architecture, while upscale communities such as Colona Solona and El Encanto provide luxury living options just a short commute away from Tucson’s downtown.

Catalina

City of Catalina:

520-829-1111

www.catalinaaz.org

Founded in 1950 and home to more than 7,000 residents, Catalina is perfect for those

Photo courtesy of Casino Del Sol Resort and Visit Tucson

who enjoy rural living. An unincorporated community with no annexation plans, it is located about 12 miles north of Tucson on Hwy. 77, Catalina enjoys an altitude of about 3,000 feet, a full 1,000 feet higher than Tucson’s, and residents here enjoy cooler temperatures and more rainfall than found in the Old Pueblo.

The community’s borders with the Coronado National Forest and Catalina State Park make it extremely popular with those who want to stop at this last point of civilization before continuing on with their journey. Catalina is an extremely popular starting point for those who wish to explore the Santa Catalina Mountains by foot or horseback, with adventurers passing through seven climate zones on a day’s outing as they climb from the Sonoran Desert to the forests of the mountain range. Hohokam Native American artifacts and petroglyphs are found in abundance here, and provide residents and visitors alike a direct connection to the area’s first inhabitants.

SADDLEBROOKE

In Pinal County just north of Catalina, Saddlebrooke was designed by Robson

Photo by David Jewell courtesy of Visit Tucson



Communities and named one of the top 100 Best Master Planned Communities in the country by *Where to Retire* magazine. Saddlebrooke features several private championship golf courses and multi-million dollar country clubs nestle in among its more than 7,000 homes, while a little further to the north The Preserve at Saddlebrooke Ranch, another master planned retirement community also by Robson Communities, has just opened..

Catalina Foothills

City of Tucson:
520-792-1212
www.tucsonaz.gov

Home to the strongest concentration of luxury housing in the metro area and situated in the southern foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, lifestyles here run the gamut from estates in the shadow of the mountains that surround the area to ranchettes in the pristine high Sonoran Desert to some of the finest in internationally-ranked

country club communities, all boasting the highest median property value in the area. Catalina Foothills is one of the most affluent communities in Arizona and the U.S., with the sixth highest per-capita income in Arizona, and the 14th highest per capita income in the U.S. of communities with population of comparable size.

Green Valley

City of Green Valley:
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greenvallychamber.com

Located at the base of the Santa Rita Mountains, Green Valley was originally established as a retirement community in 1964, and is now known as an “Active Adult Community” with a strong reputation for volunteerism and participation in the community’s daily affairs. Located only 23 miles south of Tucson just off I-19 in the Santa Cruz River Valley, the community is unincorporated, but has more than 45 homeowners associations to keep things

running smoothly. Green Valley was listed as “Best Places to Retire” in 2014 according to Yahoo Finance.

Also an unincorporated retirement community composed of 59 Homeowner Associations, Green Valley’s 12 social centers are constantly busy with different recreational activities that include tennis, swimming, shuffleboard and billiards, as well as more than 200 specialized clubs that appeal to all interests. The city’s close location to nearby Madera Canyon, one of the world’s best bird watching areas, also spells hours of delight for those who enjoy observing their fine feathered friends in their natural habitat. And, with the combination of sunny weather year-round and its quality golf courses, golf lovers will find Green Valley is a perfect paradise in which to enjoy their favorite pastime.

With an area 11 miles long and two miles wide, Green Valley has managed to maintain its accessibility for residents by creating special travel lanes on its community streets dedicated to bicycles and golf carts.

Marana

City of Marana:
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Marana Chamber
of Commerce:
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www.maranchamber.com

Marana has grown up from the sleepy little farming and ranching community it used to be into a town of 121 square miles spread over Pima County, filled with shopping centers, residential neighborhoods and industrial areas. Only 30 minutes north of Tucson, Marana has become home to a variety of communities that are as popular with young families as well as empty nesters. As a growing rural community, Marana offers a wide variety of neighborhoods tailor made for the homebuyer’s lifestyle.

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Originally, the area was inhabited by the Hohokam Indians, who used the dependable water supply of the Santa Cruz River and the Brawley Wash to water their crops. Later, with the arrival of the Spanish in 1700, the area became home to the first cattle ranches. But it wasn’t until 1881, when the town that would become Marana was founded by the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Later, in 1977, the area’s population of 1,500 decided to incorporate as a town to protect the water rights of cotton growers in the area, little guessing at that time that Marana was destined to grow to its current population of nearly 42,000. Current speculations are that it is likely the city’s population will exceed more than 76,000 residents by the year 2020. Still, this is a place where old-fashioned small town values are strong, and residents feel a fierce pride.

As part of this growth and development, Marana partnered with landowners and developers to establish what is now the town center in northern Marana around the Municipal Complex. The Marana Single Central Business District has created an active center of commerce for Marana where residents can live, work, shop and enjoy recreational activities. Located along I-10, the district reflects Marana’s history and served as an economic foundation and springboard before the town transitioned from a predominantly agricultural-based

community to the active urban center it is today.

To the north, Marana has a wide array of established and new communities from which prospective homeowners may choose.

Continental Ranch is a master planned community located in the heart of Marana at the foothills of the Tucson Mountain and on the former cotton fields of northern Marana. Residents here enjoy amenities such as two pool facilities, a baseball field, parks and a soccer field. The Continental Ranch Community Association is actively involved in daily life and promotes local events that involve the entire community. Dove Mountain, with its location in the foothills of the Tortolita Mountains, offers golf course homes and other luxury accommodations, as well as magnificent views overlooking Tucson and Marana. Dove Mountain is a premier active adult community complete with golf courses, tennis courts, and other amenities.

To its south along the I-10 corridor, Marana is becoming a commercial and retail district that is home to many large, national chain stores and smaller, locally owned establishments. The industrial park on I-10 features several corporate businesses and the local CBS affiliate station. Marana is also pursuing land for industrial use around the Marana Regional Airport.

Marana is also known as a “golf friendly” community, with three golf courses within its city limits, making it a real favorite among golf enthusiasts searching for a tee time. The town’s many other outdoor amenities include 68 acres of parks, six

miles of finished walking paths and trail, the Tortolita Preserve and the Western Heritage Arena. In addition, Marana is also developing a new 50-acre district park and library in the Continental Ranch area and a 200-acre Heritage Park with cultural displays, historical exhibits and “hands on” educational farming demonstrations in northern Marana.

GLADDEN FARMS

Miles of walking and biking trails connect the residents of Gladden Farms to neighborhood pocket parks and lush, orchard-landscaped paseos, acres of green grass, playgrounds for all ages, picnic areas, and even a basketball court. This 1,348-acre master planned community in the heart of Marana also features the 15-acre Gladden Farms Regional Park with Little League and soccer fields, ramadas, barbecue pits and playgrounds.

Families will find Gladden Farms gives them the opportunity to enjoy peaceful country living at a relaxed pace, with the hustle and bustle of the city far away. School-age children attend the award-winning Marana Middle School and Marana High School – both were designated A schools by the Arizona Educational Foundation. And we cannot forget the Gladden Farms elementary school that will be located just within Gladden Farms.

The Gladden Farm Marketplace is a 22-acre shopping complex that offers terrific local shopping and bargains. In addition to a Fry’s Marketplace and a Wells Fargo Bank, the complex also features a full service grocery store, pharmacy, restaurants and other retail stores.



Oracle
City of Oracle:
520-385-9322
www.oracletown.com

Beginning as a mining town during the 1870s, Oracle is an unincorporated



Photo by Ron Watkins courtesy of Sun City Oro Valley

community just 38 miles away from downtown Tucson, and home to the Biosphere 2, a closed ecological system experiment. Oracle has enjoyed increased popularity with those who seek to escape the busy city scene of Tucson for the placid tranquility of Oracle.

Oracle is an outdoor enthusiast's delight. Oracle State Park features 4,000 acres for hikers, campers and mountain bikers to explore, while golfers will appreciate the town's close proximity to nearby Oro Valley's golf courses. In addition, the community sits literally at the back side to Mount Lemmon, and many off-roaders use East Mount Lemmon Road off East American Avenue as an alternate route to the Catalina Highway as a means to reach the top.

Oro Valley

Town of Oro Valley:

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Oro Valley Chamber:

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www.orovalleychamber.com

Splendid views of the Tortolita Mountains to the north and the Catalina Mountains to

the east were enjoyed by the first settlers who came to this area, and are still enjoyed by the generations who have settled here since. Located about six miles north of Tucson, Oro Valley sits at an elevation of 2,600 feet and enjoys cool evening breezes even during the hottest of Arizona summers.

Once considered a bedroom community of Tucson, Oro Valley has grown to become a city in its own right. Since its incorporation as a town in 1974, Oro Valley has been on the move, with a significant increase in population over the past few years, jumping from 29,700 in 2000 to over 43,000 today.

Oro Valley is home to more than 10 high tech firms. The success of Ventana Medical Systems and Sanofi-Aventis, two internationally known leaders in the pharmaceutical research field, and the resort industry represented by The Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort, have helped build on Oro Valley's reputation as an excellent place to do business. Because of all these high tech firms, research facilities and even the amount of lab coats walking around, the locals often refer to Oro Valley as "biotech Valley."

The success of Oro Valley's economy has helped support the town's thriving cultural arts scene, performing centers and many parks and recreation centers. In fact, Oro Valley was recently given the honor of being named one of "America's Top-Rated Smaller Cities" by Grey House Publishing,

and one of the "100 Best Places to Live and Launch" by CNNmoney.com.

Oro Valley is known as a family-friendly community that offers an incredible quality of life for its residents. *Family Circle* magazine once spotlighted Oro Valley as one of the top ten best towns in America for families.

SUN CITY ORO VALLEY

Positioned beautifully at the foot of the Catalina Mountains in NW Tucson, Sun City Oro Valley is changing the face of active adult living. Currently, more than 4,500 residents call Sun City Oro Valley home, and love the atmosphere and amenities offered by this tranquil community.

Sun City Oro Valley features an 18-hole championship golf course, miles of clean wide streets perfect for sharing with bicycles and sidewalks ideal for walking. Three recreational facilities offer many programs and clubs for the community's active residents including a state of the art aquatic center, tennis and pickle ball courts, artisan center, hiking in the Catalina's and an on-site restaurant.

Prospective homebuyers find the combination of single-family homes, garden villas and patio homes found here create perfect options for finding the right home suited to their lifestyle. Established in 1986 by the Del Webb Corporation, control was turned over to Sun City Vistoso Community Association, Inc. in 1995. Currently named Sun City Oro Valley, the community is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the residents with day-to-day operations managed by professional staff.

Sahuarita

City of Sahuarita:

520-822-8800

www.sahuaritaaz.gov

A former mining and ranching community possessing a rich history and a striking natural

beauty, Sahuarita has found itself becoming one of the fastest growing communities in the state. Encompassing more than 30 square miles, the housing developments that popped up around Sahuarita now provide strong evidence of the city's dramatic increase in population.

While the city plans for its future, it maintains ties to its rich and storied past. Just to the south of Sahuarita is Tubac, an active artist colony and the oldest Spanish settlement in the Southwest. Built by the Jesuits in the early 1700's, the Spanish missions of San Xavier del Bac and Tumacacori National Monument are well known historic destinations for tourists and residents alike. And each year more than 50,000 visitors tour the Titan Missile Museum, the only museum of its kind in the world, featuring the only Titan Missile site accessible to the public and with actual Titan II on display.

Despite the growth of modern housing developments, Sahuarita is a community with very deep connections to agriculture. The town is still home to the largest pecan orchard in the world, with more than 106,000 trees on its 6,000-acre farm. Sahuarita Lake, an artificial lake created in 2001, is a managed lake regularly stocked with fish by the Arizona State Department of Game and Fish, and is an attraction to ducks and various kinds of birds. Fishermen regularly troll the waters of this man-made, mile long lake.

For those who love the great outdoors, nearby Madera Canyon rises over Sahuarita at 5,500 feet, and residents here know that a trip to the canyon offers welcome relief from the heat, as well as the opportunity to hike its extensive trails or enjoy a day of bird watching.

South Tucson

City of South Tucson:
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Located just south of downtown Tucson at the juncture of I-19 and I-10, and with a

total area of only one square mile, the City of South Tucson is a small, incorporated town that is an absolute giant in the world of art, architecture and culinary delights. Known as "The Pueblo Within a City," the City of South Tucson has managed to maintain its own inimitable identity by holding fast to the cultural, language and beliefs of its residents as the environment around them undergoes constant change.

The City of South Tucson is known for its architectural styles, Native American and Hispanic artwork, and colorful surroundings. The City has become known for its public art and tile mural works created by artists, craftsmen and youth at its Las Artes Youth Arts Center. Most of the redesigned South Fourth Avenue is an artistic showcase with extensive pedestrian areas.

Boosted by recent infrastructure improvements, including the redesign and reconstruction of the City's two major thoroughfares, and the repaving of all residential streets, the City has enjoyed a renaissance as new single-family homes and new businesses began to spring up on South Avenue, which now hold fast to the same styles and unique lifestyle that the City of South Tucson boasts.

Vail

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Vail enjoyed a brief heyday during the 1900s, and then settled into its current status as a small, tight-knit cattle ranching and farming community, while also experiencing a surge in residential and suburban living.

Located about 21 miles southeast of Tucson off I-10, Vail is known for its beautiful mountain ranges and incredible views, and enjoys an elevation of 3,237 feet. Vail residents and visitors enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle with recreational opportunities such

as great golf courses and skiing at nearby Mt. Lemmon. Vail borders on the Saguaro National Monument (also called the Rincon Mountain District). Colossal Cave, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is only a few miles away.

The award-winning Vail School District has kept true to its motto of "where education is a community effort" — the district made headlines in 2005 when the Empire High School went bookless and provided each high school student with a laptop computer. Because of this, it is also recognized as the top-performing school district in Arizona.

The area is growing with expanding housing development and supporting retail stores and services. Affordable housing, highly rated schools and a natural, rural setting make Vail an excellent choice for families, while its close proximity to Tucson makes an easy commute to work in downtown.

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PINAL COUNTY

Pinal County, south and east of Maricopa County, has a number of rural cities that are poised for growth, and several that are already gaining stature as up and coming cities with rising economic and population growth. Three of the fastest growing suburban cities in Pinal County are Casa Grande to the south, Apache Junction/Gold Canyon to the east, and Florence, southeast of the Metro Phoenix area.

Cities with expected growth potential include Coolidge, Eloy and Maricopa. Due to the ever-expanding number of people looking for more rural communities for their retirement years, and families seeking to raise their children in smaller towns, these cities are target areas for further growth.

The Pinal Freeway, now called the Apache/Coolidge Corridor links the U.S. 60 at Apache Junction to Interstate 10 at Eloy and will provide access to a county expecting 2 million residents by 2025.

The Pivotal Group has donated acreage to the Coolidge Unified School District for three K-8 schools and one high school. All

four schools were built within the master planned community of Sandia, near Arizona 87 and Signal Peak Road. This community now features an estimated 9,000 homes, of which 4,000 are family oriented homes and the balance is active adult housing.

Apache Junction, Gold Canyon

City of Apache Junction:

480-474-5066

www.ajcity.net

City of Gold Canyon

www.goldcanyon.net

Close in, but far enough away from the big city hustle and bustle, Apache Junction still offers the rural feel that many families and retirees are looking for. The Apache Junction area is an inviting oasis in the stress filled environment of today, and is fast

becoming a popular destination for families, vacationers and business.

The Superstition Freeway brings the pristine foothills of the Superstition Mountains within reach of downtown Phoenix and the Southeast Valley. Approximately eight miles southeast of Apache Junction, nestled at the foot of the mountains, is the growing community of Gold Canyon. This unincorporated community, often described as part of Apache Junction, was created from a working cattle ranch and the Gold Canyon Hotel was built in the 1980s. Today, the Gold Canyon Hotel is the home of two of Arizona's finest golf courses, Dinosaur Mountain and Sidewinder. More than 10,000 residents live in the area, where million dollar homes can be found. Wonderful hiking trails are available, and the area is considered "horse friendly," with horseback riding allowed throughout the area.

The community has attracted retirees, families, and nature lovers from all over the world, but still manages to retain its rural lifestyle. This area includes the residential

subdivisions of Superstition Mountain, Mountain Brook Village, Gold Canyon, Peralta Road, and Queen Valley. The attraction of new housing developments, golf courses, outdoor recreation and rural lifestyle will make this city a major growth area.

An average of more than 300 sunny days per year, and moderate temperatures of 93 degrees in mid-summer and 53 degrees in January allow for many hours of hiking and horseback riding the trails in and around Superstition Mountain. These historic and beautiful mountains offer a chance to step back in history, with trails that start at the Lost Dutchman State Park and takes hikers to historic trails through elevations of 5,000 feet up the mountain.

Casa Grande

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Greater Casa Grande
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Casa Grande is a modern city, strategically located halfway between Tucson and Phoenix and at the Interstate hub of I-10 and I-8. It offers all of the amenities of a larger city; yet it still has the feel of a small town, with friendly residents, accommodating business professionals, low-volume traffic and laid-back lifestyle.

Newcomers considering making Casa Grande their new home are discovering the superb local economy, the wide range of services, fantastic location and proximity to metropolitan areas, relaxed way of life, and seven months of incredible weather. Most importantly, the progressive, positive community spirit and friendly, relaxed lifestyle that have brought Casa Grande through hardship and prosperity for the past

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132 years helps people relocating to Casa Grande immediately feel that this is the hometown they have been looking for.

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The story of Casa Grande begins in the dust of the vast low desert from which the community first took root in 1879. Crews working on the Southern Pacific railroad couldn't take the heat and stopped working. Supplies stacked up and when the work on the railroad moved on, the new settlement stayed. After moving the post office that Southern Pacific had been carting around, this end-of-the-line spot in the middle of Arizona was appropriately named “Terminus.” It was later renamed Casa Grande for its location to the Casa Grande Ruins, 20 miles to the east.

The same hardy community spirit that binds Casa Grande, was first evident when the downtown business district burned three times in the late 1880s, and was rebuilt each time by merchants and townspeople who rallied together to save the town. A mining slump in the early 1900s again nearly destroyed Casa Grande. The business district dwindled to only a mercantile, a saloon and two smaller stores. The agricultural industry rescued the town and it has continued to develop and thrive.

Today, there are hundreds of businesses and industries in Casa Grande and more are relocating or opening their doors in the city every day. The city government's excellent plan for long-range growth is very effective. The area offers many fine schools, houses of worship, medical facilities, and every amenity a citizen or visitor might want.

Casa Grande sponsors a variety of lush area golf courses, parks, restaurants, and shopping. From the small specialty shops of the beautifully restored historic downtown district to the Outlets at Casa Grande, this city has everything for both its residents and visitors. The gorgeous fall, winter and spring weather is the perfect backdrop for jam-packed schedule of festivals, celebrations and events to area residents and visitors.

Florence

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Florence is often referred to as the best little western town in the state. The fifth oldest



settlement in the state of Arizona, Florence is located in central Arizona at the junction of US Highway 79 and Arizona 287, just 60 miles southeast of Phoenix and 70 miles north of Tucson. An Indian agent, Colonel Levi Ruggles, staked and platted the area in 1866. The town was incorporated in 1908 and today is the Pinal County seat. The Territorial Prison was moved from Yuma to Florence in 1909, and is presently a large employer for the surrounding town. Irrigation from the nearby Gila River, and the completion of the Coolidge Dam allowed this area to become the agricultural center of the county throughout the 1900's.

Today, with some improvements, Main Street is much as it was in the late 1800's, and Florence is a town of historical landmarks for both visitors and residents. It is said that Florence has more buildings listed on the National Register than any other town or city in Arizona. The population in 2000 was 17,054, shot up to just over 30,000 and is projected to be an estimated 50,000 by 2020.

Florence offers the convenience and lifestyle available in a small western community, yet is less than an hour away from the larger cities of Phoenix and Tucson. The public school district offers an elementary, a junior

high and high school. The Central Arizona College District, located 18 miles west of Florence serves all of Pinal County, and is also a large employer in the area.

GROWTH COMMUNITIES

Coolidge: As with Florence, the opening of the Coolidge Dam transformed this desert area into rich farmland, and it is the commercial center of Arizona's cotton industry. Located halfway between Phoenix and Tucson, Coolidge is a regional trade and service center providing agricultural producers, cattle ranchers and farm families with equipment, supplies and services. Many jobs are created by the Municipal Airport, city services and Central Arizona College. Large numbers of visitors each year are drawn to the many historical attractions nearby in both Florence and Coolidge. The Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, The Coolidge Historical Society, McFarland State Park, The Pinal County Historical Society Museum and the 1891 Pinal County Courthouse are among many historical sites.

Eloy: Located in the heart of Pinal County, along old Arizona Highway 84, just off Interstate 10, about 15 miles southeast of Casa Grande is the town of Eloy. Founded in 1902, and named by the Southern Pacific

Railroad, the city's name was changed in 1919 to Cotton City due to the influx of the large cotton industry, but was changed back to Eloy in 1919 and later became incorporated in 1949. Agriculture and cattle ranching have replaced the cotton crops that once covered the land as the economic staples for the area today. The area offers a variety of housing options. Along with the older adobe homes, there are new homes and condos being built and there are rentals available.

The City of Maricopa: This city became Arizona's 88th incorporated city in 2003 and is located 20 miles south of Phoenix and 20 miles northwest of Casa Grande. In the mid 1800's, then known as Maricopa Wells, the town became a stage stop for the Butterfield Overland Mail Line that stretched from San Antonio to San Diego. In the late 1870's a spur line was built from Maricopa to a small village on the Salt River called Phoenix. Maricopa settled into a slower paced agricultural area and created a hearty farm economy after rail use was halted in the 1930's. Today, the City of Maricopa is one of the most productive farming areas in the state, with cotton, grains, vegetables, and beef contributing to its continued economic growth.



COCHISE COUNTY

Cochise County in Southeast Arizona is home to a diverse geography that includes mountain ranges, grasslands and high desert terrain, and two major rivers, the Santa Cruz and the San Pedro, helped contribute to the area's development as a cattle and agricultural region.

The history of Cochise County dates back to archeological finds along the San Pedro River. The county was named after the renowned Apache chief in 1881, and many Cochise County towns began as mining towns during the area's mining boom, settling in along the Santa Cruz and San Pedro rivers. Forty percent of the county land is owned by individual and corporate entities, while the State of Arizona owns 35 percent of the area, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management accounts for 32 percent, and the remaining three percent are owned by other public land entities.

Sierra Vista is the largest city in the county, and maintains a close relationship with nearby Huachuca City. Fort Huachuca is

the largest civilian employer in southern Arizona, and is noted for its major economic impact on the southern cities and towns of Arizona.

Douglas, the second largest city in Cochise County, is located 116 miles southeast of Tucson at the U.S.-Mexico border. International commerce is crucial to the area's economy.

Bisbee, located close to the Mexican border in the southeastern corner of the state, is 206 miles southeast of Phoenix and 93 miles southeast of Tucson. The weather is moderate, and at an elevation at 5,558 feet above sea level, the air quality is always clear and clean.

Benson, located 46 miles southeast of Tucson, was founded in the late 1880's and became the transportation hub between the Eastern U.S., California and Mexico. Benson shipped copper and silver from Tombstone and Bisbee via its Southern Pacific station.

Willcox was an important cattle shipping

and supply point for the military forts and miners in the late 1880's and today is a large cattle and agricultural community.

Tombstone, known as "the town too tough to die," served as the area's county seat until 1929, when it was moved to Bisbee. Both communities were mining towns and enjoyed their heyday during the early 20th Century.

Sierra Vista

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Sierra Vista means "Mountain View" in Spanish, and is aptly named for the

breathtaking background of mountain ranges surrounding the area. At an elevation of 4,600 feet, Sierra Vista has outstanding views of the Mule, Huachuca, and Whetstone mountains, and is accessible via I-10 and SR 90. Located in the southeastern corner of Arizona, the Sierra Vista is noted for its natural beauty, wildlife and bird watching, with hundreds of species of birds flying to or through the Sierra Vista area during their seasonal migration.

One of the fastest growing cities in Arizona as well as the largest city in Cochise County, Sierra Vista is located 186 miles southeast of Phoenix and 72 miles southeast of Tucson.

Fort Huachuca was established in 1877 when the 6th United States Cavalry established a camp along the mouth of Huachuca Canyon in order to protect settlers from Apache raiding parties. Initially, the areas around the fort were sparsely populated with a few small ranches along the San Pedro River. Between World War II and 1954 the fort was inactive, and then was reopened for testing electronic and communications equipment, becoming an active army post and a vital contributor to national defense.

A small community began to grow east of the fort, named Sierra Vista, and was incorporated in 1956. With the annexation of Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista's area now covers more than 152 square miles.

Fort Huachuca's 11,000 military and civilian employees make a major contribution to Sierra Vista's economy. Other major employers here include Sierra Vista Regional Health Center, Aegis Communications, KE&G Construction, Ilex systems and Wal-Mart. Major public employers include the City of Sierra Vista, Cochise County, the Sierra Vista Unified School District, the U.S. Army, Fort Huachuca, and the U.S. Border Patrol.

The weather in Sierra Vista is moderate, with winter temperatures ranging from the mid 30's to the 50's in the winter with a small amount of snow. Summer temperatures range from the 60's to the mid 90's, with an average rainfall of about 15.00 inches per year.

The area's great weather, booming economy and good schools offer opportunities for a high quality of life. The Sierra Vista Unified School District 68 has six elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school, and a community college. Add to this the rich historical background an abundance of recreational and cultural activities amid beautiful scenery and newcomers to this area find Southern Arizona is a beautiful place to live and raise a family.

In the 1999 the first major mall in southeastern Arizona was built in Sierra Vista. Dillard's and Sears are the two anchor stores with more shopping and dining facilities around the perimeter of the mall, including Best Buy and Home Depot.

Benson

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Benson Chamber
of Commerce:

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www.benson-chamber.com

Known as the "Home of the Kartchner Caverns State Park," the city of Benson was founded in 1880, when the Southern Pacific Railroad opened lines into the area for the transportation of copper and silver from the area's mining towns. The use of railroads to the West Coast port cities allowed shipment of goods via the Pacific Ocean, rather than overland. When mining declined and the railroading hub was moved to Tucson, cattle ranching and the opening of the Apache Powder Company became the community's major economic boosters.

With its close proximity to Interstate 10, Benson benefits from the services and amenities it provides travelers as well as the large winter population of retired people who enjoy the rural atmosphere and the moderate temperatures. Nearby is the world

famous "Kartchner Caverns State Park," Tombstone and other attractions that bring tourists as well as residents to this beautiful area of southeastern Arizona.

Residents of Benson regularly commute to both Tucson and Sierra Vista for shopping and for work. Benson enjoys a relatively stable economy thanks in part to its retirement community, the steady tourist and winter visitor trade and steady employment opportunities in the greater Southern Arizona area.

Benson major private employers include AEPSCO, Benson Hospital, SEABHS, Apache Nitrogen and Gas City, the Benson Unified School District and the City of Benson.

Bisbee

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520-432-3554

www.cityofbisbee.com

Bisbee Chamber
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Founded in 1880, Bisbee was once known as the "Queen of the Copper Camps" in tribute to its rich mineral deposits. At its peak, Bisbee was producing nearly three million ounces of gold and more than eight billion pounds of copper, not to mention the silver, lead and zinc that came from the Mule Mountains. By the early 1900s, the Bisbee community was the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco, and in 1929, the county seat was relocated from Tombstone to Bisbee. In the mid-1970's the mines had been depleted of ore and were deemed unprofitable, officially putting an end to a once thriving area industry. However, beginning in 2007 with the purchase of Phelps Dodge by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, preliminary steps have been made to bring mining back to the area.

Today, Bisbee is known for its artist colony, retirement community, and many attractions. The city has maintained its architectural and historic heritage and has become one of Arizona's most visited cities. Many of the old office buildings, saloons, and landmarks still stand and most of the town is a registered National Historic District.

The visitor as well as residents can enjoy art galleries, antique stores, museums, the Queen Mine tours and the Bisbee Mining & Historical museum. In addition to Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, major employers include Arizona Southern Distributors, Copper Queen Community Hospital, Copper Queen Hotel (which was featured on an episode of the SyFy Channel's "Ghost Hunters"), Safeway, Bisbee Unified School District, City of Bisbee and Cochise County.

Douglas

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Nestled along the U.S.-Mexico border, Douglas is a captivating cultural crossroads where Hispanic, Anglo and Native American cultures have mixed for hundreds of years. Dubbed the "Premier Southwestern Border Community" of the Southwest, Douglas has been named one of the "Top 100 Places to Live in America" by Bizjournals.com.

Originally named "Black Water," (a name that lives on in Agua Prieta, its sister city across the border in Mexico) Douglas was founded in 1901 and was incorporated in 1905. In the early 1900's, the smelter in the town of Bisbee could not handle the large amounts of ore coming from Mexico.

To handle the overflow, the Phelps Dodge Company opened a new smelter site in Sulphur Springs Valley, which eventually became the town of Douglas, named after the president of the company. In 1987, the Phelps Dodge smelter was closed, however, and Douglas diversified into other industries that still make a large economic impact on both sides of the border.

Cattle ranches and agriculture are still major contributors to the Douglas area economy. Economic diversity has been increased with shopping, sightseeing, tourism, retirement and the ease of crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. The city has been named as one of the nation's best "micropolitan areas" with its growing economics and moderate costs of living. Construction has been completed on a new Advance Call Center Technologies (ACT) call center, which has brought new jobs and economic opportunities to the city. New home developments in the area include Rancho Perilla Estates, a 500-acre gated community featuring more than 1,000 homes, a gas station, and retail stores. Another area home development is the Coronado Hills currently with about 60 houses.

Major private employers in the area include Safeway, Wal-Mart, and the Southeastern Arizona Medical Clinic. Major public employers are Arizona State Prison, the City of Douglas, Cochise College, the U.S. Border Patrol, and the Douglas Unified School District.

The Douglas Unified School District 27 is one of the larger school districts in Southern Arizona. The district is comprised of five elementary, one pre-kindergarten, two middle schools and one high school. Other educational facilities include a community college and a number of private schools.

Douglas boasts several nationally registered historic landmarks, including the Southern Pacific Depot, the opulent Gadsden Hotel, and the Downtown historical District. Nearby attractions include the town of Tombstone, historic Old Fort Bowie, and Texas Canyon.

Tombstone

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The most renowned of Arizona's old mining camps, "The Town Too Tough To Die" got its name from a prospector who was told by his comrades that he'd find his tombstone rather than silver. He named his first





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Photo by Fred Hood courtesy of Visit Tucson

claim the Tombstone, the rush of prospectors arrived, and the boomtown named the settlement Tombstone.

The infamous Earp-Clanton gunfight, known in popular culture as “The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral,” was fought in 1881. For the next seven years the mines produced millions of dollars in silver and gold. In 1888, rising underground water forced the suspension of all mining activity.

During World Wars I and II, Tombstone produced manganese and lead for the government. As time went by, the town's dependence on mining faded and it was decided the town would invest in restoration and tourism efforts.

Tombstone today is known as a Historical American Landmark, and America's best example of the country's western heritage. Many of the 1880's original buildings have been preserved and old artifacts can be seen in a number of museums.

Tombstone is open year round and is probably one of the most visited attractions in all of Arizona. Tombstone's residents are

primarily employed in support of its tourist industry and a small retirement community.

Willcox

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In 1854, railroad surveyors, trying to find the easiest rail route to the West, discovered the road could be routed around the Dos Cabezas Mountains near the present location of Willcox. In 1880, the railroad arrived and became an important cattle shipping and supply point for the military forts and miners in the area, and 1915 Willcox became an incorporated city. By 1936

Willcox shipped more cattle by railroad than any other shipping point in the nation.

Today, with the abundance of grazing land and water, Willcox remains one of the largest ranching and agricultural towns in south-eastern Arizona, while still retaining and preserving its railroad heritage. The 1881 Southern Pacific Depot is now the Willcox City Hall and houses a railroad exhibit in the lobby. The renovated downtown area and the Chiricahua Regional Museum, with its many artifacts and exhibits from the era of the great Apache Chief Cochise, attract many visitors and tourists to Willcox.

Willcox was a major player in the cotton and grain industry of Arizona. In recent years the area's agriculture has undergone a diversification with crops such as apples, pistachios, pecans and grape vineyards. Other public sector employers include Eurofresh Farms, Simflow Manufacturing, the Rip Griffin Trucking Center and normal retail and services businesses.



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Bordering Mexico in South Central Arizona, Santa Cruz County serves as an important North America port of entry from Nogales, Mexico. Although it is the smallest county in Arizona, its cultural diversity makes it one of the most interesting areas of the state in which to live in and visit. The area offers artist colonies, historical monuments and the twin border towns of Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Mexico. Arizona's growing wine country is centered around the Sonoita and Elgin area.

The abundance of water from the Santa Cruz River, Harshaw Creek and Sonoita Creek has always attracted settlers, beginning with the Hohokam, who established their agricultural communities here. In the 1600s the Spanish came to the region with the intention of establishing missions to spread the Catholic faith, while teaching farming techniques and mapping the territory for Spain. In 1853, the Gadsden Purchase made the area a territory of the United States. In 1899, Santa Cruz County was established and named after the Santa Cruz River.

Nogales, founded in 1880, is the established business center of Santa Cruz County. Early settlers included the Hohokam and Pima

Indians, Spanish missionaries, prospectors, ranchers and soldiers. Today, Nogales and its sister city in Mexico join together in an effort to boost the dual economies of both cities.

Rio Rico is a 39,830-acre luxury resort community founded in 1969 on land that was originally a land grant from Spain. Surrounded by mountains, Sonoran landscapes and pleasant year round weather, this community has become a haven for both residents and visitors.

Tubac, like Nogales, was first inhabited by Indian nations, the Hohokam in 300 AD and the Tohono O'odham in the 1500's. When the mining industry faded, Tubac diversified its economy by encouraging artistic communities and launching a heritage preservation effort, earning the motto, "Where Art and History Meet."

Patagonia, with its higher elevation and abundance of rainfall, has become one of the most profitable cattle ranching areas in the southwest. The area is very popular with bird watchers, with many visitors stopping by to see more than 200 species of rare and exotic birds during their annual migration from Mexico.

Sonoita & Elgin, were founded in 1882 as the result of the emergence of the Santa Fe Railroad between Benson and Nogales. The area is sometimes called "Arizona's Wine country," with a reputation of having the best wines outside of France.

Nogales

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For several thousand years, Nogales Pass was used by the Hohokam Indians as migration and trade routes on the way to the Gulf of California. The Pima Indians, believed to be descendants of the Hohokam, settled in the Santa Cruz River Valley area after 1500.

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Spanish missionaries, prospectors, ranchers, soldiers and Apache raiding parties used the pass as a means to travel through the valley. Spanish traders called the area Los Nogales, due to the abundance of walnut trees in the Valley. One year after the Gadsden Purchase in 1884, a survey team marked the international boundary line between the twin towns of Nogales.

The City of Nogales was founded in 1880 and serves as the both the county seat and the economic center of the county. In 1882, Nogales was the site of the first rail connection between Mexico and the United States. International commerce with its sister city Nogales in Sonora, Mexico provided both cities with favorable operating costs expanding their rail and distribution services.

Today, Nogales is one of the busiest port of entry cities in the southern United States. Serving as one of the major entry points between the U.S. and Mexico, The North American Free Trade Agreement was a further economic boost for the area. Nogales Arizona and Nogales Sonora are home to a large cooperative manufacturing cluster. Manufacturing plants located in both cities take advantage of favorable operating costs and excellent distribution connections. The Nogales airport is said to be classified as an international airport with a 7,200-foot runway. Although, us locals know better. It's really 7,199-feet. But who is counting right?

By the mid 1940s, tourism was making its contribution to the mutual economy of the two Nogales cities. As a natural gateway between the United States and Mexico,

tourists from both countries travel through the sister cities as they visit other U.S. or Mexico destinations. The area offers its own attractions with more than 200 Nogales and Santa Cruz County properties listed in the National Register of Historic Sites..

Rio Rico

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Rio Rico is a 39,000-acre planned community that was once part of a 100,000-acre land grant from the King of Spain. The community was founded in 1969 as a luxury planned community with a resort lifestyle, affordable housing and a close proximity to Mexico. The Rio Rico Resort and Country Club is surrounded by gorgeous views of the mountains and Sonoran Desert, with panoramic views of the Santa Cruz River Valley.

In the summer months many Tucson and Phoenix residents escape to Rio Rico to enjoy horseback riding, hiking, the mountain views, a few rounds of golf and best of all, the chance for a reprieve from the summer heat. The higher altitude and late summer monsoons provide temperatures 10-20 degrees below those in larger Arizona cities.

Rio Rico's 256-acre South Industrial Park is home to distribution and produce warehouses, with some light manufacturing. A commercial center offers a supermarket, restaurants, specialty shops and services such as insurance and travel agencies. Recreation facilities include parks,

sports courts, ball fields, riding stables and swimming pools.

The Rio Rico community has grown from a population of 1,400 in 1990 to nearly 20,000 residents. This controlled growth provides the resources for affordable services and facilities, while maintaining a high quality of life and preservation of the area's natural beauty.

Tubac

City of Tubac:
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Located just 40 minutes south of Tucson and 20 minutes from Nogales, Tubac became a center for art and history in 1948 with the creation of its Artists School. In 1959, the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park was established and in 1964 the Tubac Museum opened. The first Tubac Festival of the Arts took place in 1960, and the Tubac Center of the Arts opened its doors in 1972. The Festival, a nine day affair held in February, is the oldest art fair in Arizona.

Resident artists, a small retirement community and tourism drives Tubac's economy and culture. Listed as a census designated place (CDP) by the U.S. Census Bureau and located near the well-traveled I-19 corridor between Tucson and Mexico, Tubac offers a unique experience to travelers visiting the natural and historic attractions in Southern Arizona, and lives up to its motto, "Where Art and History Meet."

Patagonia

City of Patagonia:
888-794-0060
www.patagoniaaz.com

Founded in 1898, Patagonia is a hamlet nestled in the foothills between the Santa Rita and the Patagonia Mountains. In its earlier years, Patagonia's rich ore deposits attracted the mining industry, while its abundance of grasslands made it a paradise for cattle ranching. At an elevation of 4,044 feet and with some of Arizona's highest summer monsoon activity providing abundant rainfall, the area is home to some of the finest ranches in the Southwest.

Located approximately 61 miles south of Tucson and 18 miles north of Nogales. Patagonia is a paradise for "bird watching" enthusiasts from around the world, with more than 200 species of rare and exotic birds passing through the area during their annual migration from Mexico. The historic Arizona Trail winds through Patagonia, connecting to hiking paths in the Santa Rita Mountains. Patagonia's outdoor paradise also offers great fishing, biking and four-wheel drive off-road trails for a day of adventuring.

Sonoita & Elgin
 City of Sonoita and Elgin:
www.sonoitaelginchamber.org
www.sonoitaaz.com

The settlements of Sonoita and Elgin were founded in 1882, when the 88 mile long rail line of the Santa Fe Railroad was built between Benson and Nogales. Located approximately 60 miles south of Tucson, the area is considered one of the most beautiful in Southern Arizona, surrounded by mountains, canyons and the dominating presence of Mount Wrightson, one of the highest peaks in Arizona.

Sonoita has several wineries and a reputation for producing award-winning wines. After four decades in the Sonoita Valley, these vineyards have become a growing industry. Students attend the Elgin Elementary School and Patagonia Union High School. ●

ESTIMATED POPULATION FOR INCORPORATED CITIES		
Cochise County Population 126,770	Benson	4,873
	Bisbee	5,208
	Douglas	15,978
	Huachuca City	1,755
	Sierra Vista	44,420
	Tombstone	1,300
	Willcox	3,522
Maricopa County Population 4,410,824	Avondale	85,835
	Buckeye	74,370
	Carefree	3,876
	Cave Creek	5,760
	Chandler	257,165
	El Mirage	35,670
	Fountain Hills	24,987
	Gila Bend	2,094
	Gilbert	248,279
	Glendale	250,702
	Goodyear	82,835
	Guadalupe	6,177
	Litchfield Park	6,310
	Mesa	508,958
	Paradise Valley	14,502
	Peoria	172,259
	Phoenix	1,660,272
	Scottsdale	255,310
	Surprise	138,161
Tempe	192,364	
Tolleson	7,299	
Youngtown	6,836	
Maricopa City	50,024	
Pima County Population: 1,039,073	Marana	47,007
	Oro Valley	45,395
	South Tucson	5,697
	Tucson	545,975
Pinal County Population 447,138	Sahuarita	30,282
	Apache Junction	41,739
	Casa Grande	57,232
	Coolidge	12,993
	Eloy	19,391
	Florence	26,419
Santa Cruz County Population 46,511	Nogales	20,188
	Patagonia	881

Source: United States Census Bureau - Based on 2018 Estimates

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LEISURE & RECREATION

Arizona receives almost 300 days of sunshine and is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. But if nature isn't calling your name, the Grand Canyon state has plenty of indoor activities to offer.

Hiking, biking, cycling and golfing are just the tip of the iceberg. Between Phoenix and Tucson, you can take part in more than 250 organized races that can bring the community together for either a cause or just for the fun of it.

Both cities are packed with mountains and buttes, trails and parks perfect for hikes, biking and for outdoor events. Resorts abound in both cities, boasting acres of rolling greens for golfing aficionados. If golfing, hiking or biking are not your scene, hit the luxurious spas that offer a plethora of pampering—from simple facials, manis and pedis, to opulent all-day getaways. Once you've finished your day, get out at night to attend one of the many arts and entertainment venues that are sprinkled throughout both cities. If arts are not your thing, you could attend a sporting event. Phoenix is home to professional basketball, football, hockey and baseball teams. Off season, Spring

Training is in full swing—giving you the chance to see teams you might otherwise not be able to watch. Other great activities for families include exploring these two cities various museums. From science and technology to art and children's museums where kids can be kids and adults can be, well, kids too. No matter what you're in the mood for, there is always something to do in the two major metros of Arizona.

PHOENIX

The most difficult choice Phoenix residents have to make when it comes to answering that age-old question of "What to do?" is actually "Where to begin?" Factor in the city's revitalized downtown, and it's tough to decide what to do given the abundance of exciting activities Phoenix has to offer. Outdoors or indoors, a sporting event or an evening at the ballet, Phoenix and its surrounding communities have more than enough choices to satisfy everyone.

Start, perhaps, with a day of shopping, or maybe even consider spending the afternoon at the Phoenix Zoo. Bike along the numerous trails crisscrossing the area, or take a scenic drive around the area to explore. Cap off the evening with dinner and drinks at one of Phoenix's top restaurants.

Phoenix offers golf enthusiasts a true paradise. Lush, green fairways and landscaping featuring native desert plants and grasses make for a beautiful settings where golfers can tee off. Golfers can hit the links at the area's nearly 200 private and public courses and country clubs, most of which are nationally certified, making the area a Mecca for golfers.

Phoenix also is known for its numerous museums, theaters and galleries. Arizona's largest city is home to a diverse and thriving cultural scene devoted to celebrating the different cultures found regionally and globally. A lively music scene supports

everything from traditional and classical to jazz and rock. From homegrown productions to touring professional companies, Phoenix supports the arts in a big way. Check out the listings that follow for just a small sampling of what Phoenix and the surrounding communities have to offer.

And for those who delight in the culinary arts, Phoenix possesses a veritable treasure trove of foodie destinations. From the neighborhood eatery specializing in classic comfort food to the very best of ethnic cuisine to high-end avant-garde bistros presenting the latest in gastronomic art, the Valley of the Sun caters to every taste imaginable.

Phoenix can also satisfy hardcore sports fans. The area provides residents with year-round spectator opportunities. Phoenix residents can watch nationally ranked college and all four of the professional teams duke it out. Phoenix is also one of just two areas in the country where sports fan can catch professional baseball spring training.

TUCSON

Tucson is a city of delightful opposites. Consider, for example, that while Tucson is the largest city in Southern Arizona, it also retains its small town charm and friendliness.

This city is known as “The Old Pueblo” for its deeply rooted sense of history and heritage and keeps its finger on the pulse of the future with its fiber optics business, earning it the nickname of “Optics Valley.”

While Tucson is one of the oldest cities in the United States, it has a youthful take on living life to the fullest, with no lack of activities.

The cultural scene is alive and kicking as well, with dance, drama, comedy and music performances that bring the world to Tucson’s doorstep.

Music lovers have their choice of everything from classical, jazz, mariachi, pop, opera and rock. Looking for a chance to learn more about Tucson’s past, or perhaps explore its future?

Check out Tucson’s history and science museums, which offer world-class exhibits, displays and opportunities for interactive learning. And Tucson shows off its good taste, literally, with an outstanding restaurant scene featuring a wide array of dining options guaranteed to please the palate.

Tucson is also teeming with natural bounty. Tucson is located in the Sonoran Desert, but is also a virtual oasis for golf. Golfing enthusiasts are thrilled to discover that Tucson is home to a number of golf courses. These courses feature gorgeous, green fairways, many of which are landscaped using native Arizona plants and grasses to create naturally beautiful settings for a round of play.

Tucson has a virtual love affair with recreational and team sports. Hiking and biking trails abound in Tucson, and tennis courts are plentiful. The University of Arizona’s Wildcats bring baseball, basketball and football action to the city.

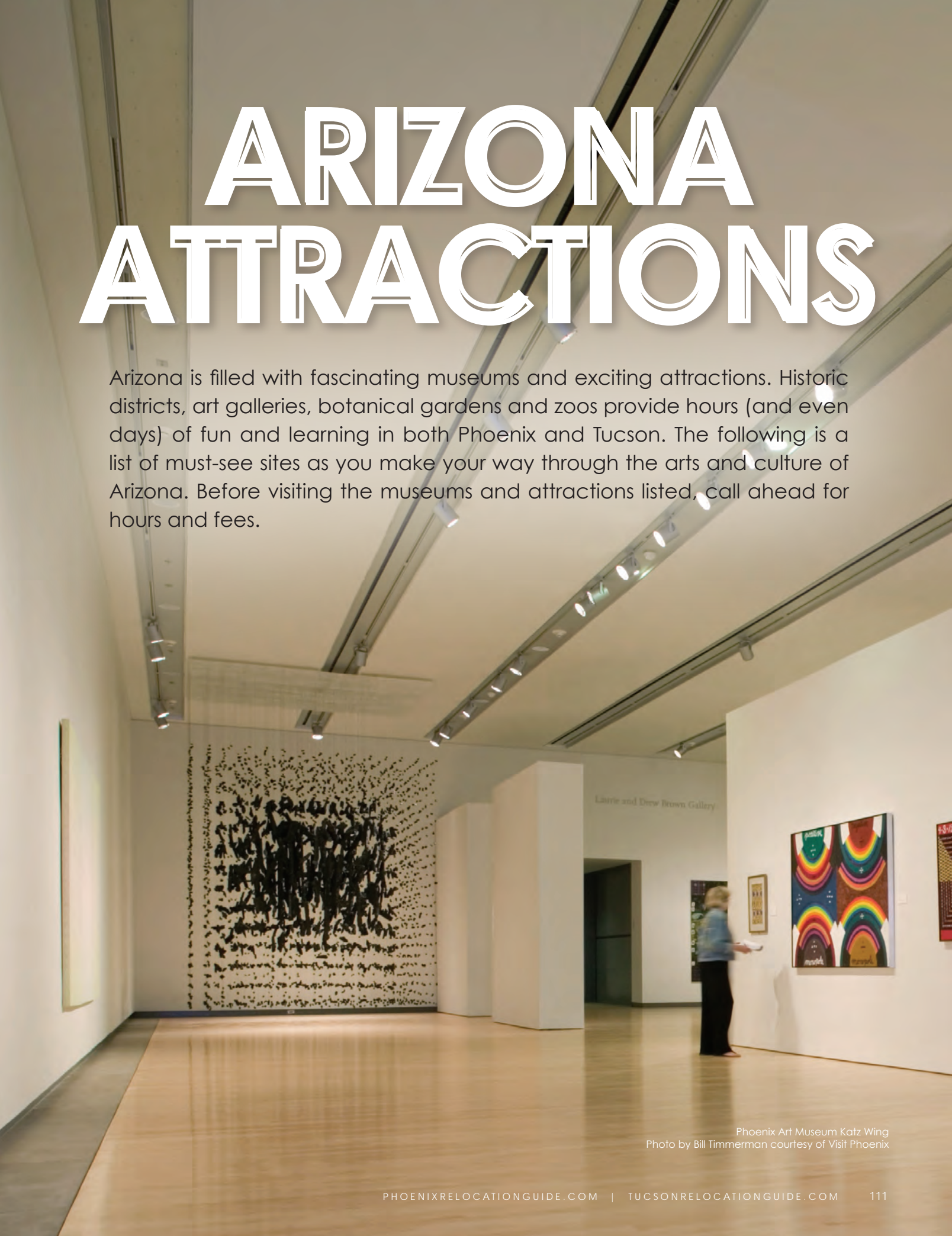
So, get up, get out and go explore! Discover what makes people fall in love with this warm and welcoming city that is at once old and new, homey and worldly, and combines casual with classy to create its own unique identity. Enjoy this sampling of things to do and places to visit in this rich and diverse city. ●

GAMING & CASINOS

Apache Gold Casino	777 Geronimo Spring Blvd	Cutter	800-272-2438
BlueWater Casino	11222 Resort Drive	Parker	888-243-3360
Bucky's Casino	1500 E. Hwy. 69	Prescott	800-756-8744
Casino Arizona at Salt River	524 N. 92nd St.	Scottsdale	480-850-7777
Casino Arizona at Talking Stick	9700 E. Indian Bend Rd.	Scottsdale	480-850-7777
Cliff Castle Casino	555 W. Middle Verde Rd.	Camp Verde	800-381-7568
Cocopah Casino	15138 S. Avenue B	Somerton	800-237-5687
Desert Diamond Casino	7350 S. Nogales Hwy.	Tucson	520-294-7777
Desert Diamon II	1100 W. Pima Rd.	Sahuartia	866-332-9467
Fort McDowell Casino	10424 N. Fort McDowell Rd.	Fountain Hills	800-843-3678
Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino	15406 Maricopa Rd.	Maricopa	480-802-5000
Hon-Dah Casino	777 Hwy. 260	Pinetop	923-369-0299
Lone Butte Casino-Gila River	1077 S. Kyrene Rd.	Chandler	800-946-4452
Mazatzal Casino	Hwy. 87, Mile Marker 251	Payson	800-777-7529
Paradise Casino	540 Quechan Dr.	Yuma	888-777-4946
Vee Quiva Casino-Gila River	15091 S. Komatke Ln.	Laveen	800-946-4452
Wild Horse Pass Casino-Gila River	5040 Wild Horse Pass	Chandler	800-946-4452
Yavapai Gaming Center	1505 E. Hwy. 69	Prescott	800-756-8744

ARIZONA ATTRACTIONS

Arizona is filled with fascinating museums and exciting attractions. Historic districts, art galleries, botanical gardens and zoos provide hours (and even days) of fun and learning in both Phoenix and Tucson. The following is a list of must-see sites as you make your way through the arts and culture of Arizona. Before visiting the museums and attractions listed, call ahead for hours and fees.



Phoenix Art Museum Katz Wing
Photo by Bill Timmerman courtesy of Visit Phoenix

PHOENIX

Arizona Science Center

600 East Washington St., Phoenix 85004
602-716-2000; www.azscience.org

The Arizona Science Center is home to more than 300 hands-on exhibits. This popular four-story museum designed by Antoine Predock's planetarium has undergone a major renovation and has a new seamless dome. The IMAX theatre with its giant screen is an ideal setting for watching the latest 3D movie.

Arizona State Capitol Museum and Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza

1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix 85007
602-936-3620; www.azlibrary.gov/azcm

Check out the old home of the Arizona Legislature, and view memorials to veterans of different wars as well as the extraordinary murals depicting Arizona's history and its progress from a U.S. territory to a state.

Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve

3711 W. Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix 85308
623-582-8007; <https://shesc.asu.edu/dvpp>

This archaeology museum and 47-acre Sonoran Desert preserve is home to the

largest concentration of Native American petroglyphs in the Phoenix area. The museum is open to the public and serves as the primary space for the Center of Archaeology and Society.

Desert Botanical Garden

Papago Park
1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix 85008
480-941-1225; www.dbg.org

The Desert Botanical Garden reveals that the Sonoran Desert is home to its own kind of Eden and is filled with native trees, succulents, cacti, grasses, shrubs and flowers. Walk along one of the four trails that cross these gardens dedicated to the flora of the Southwest, and explore a new world of desert beauty. Rare desert plants, endangered desert plants and threatened desert plant species are all on display.

Fountain Hills Botanical Garden

11300 N. Fountain Hills Blvd., Fountain Hills 85268; 480-816-5100;
www.fh.az.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Fountain-Hills-Desert-Botanical-Garden-5

The Fountain Hills Botanical Garden was founded by Jane Haynes in 1975 as a wild-life preserve and garden. The Garden is 8 acres with an elevation ranging from 1,696 to 1,800 feet. Visitors can spot 29 Sonoran

Desert plants along the half-mile trail that's located on desert slopes. The trail provides views of rock formations, desert flora, animal life and an abandoned P-Bar Ranch campsite next to the April 25, 1941 constructed dam wall. Free admission.

Goldfield Ghost Town & Mine Tours

4650 N. Mammoth Mine Rd.,
Apache Junction 85119
480-983-0333;
www.goldfieldghosttown.com

Revisit the boomtown days of Goldfield during the 1890s, when a gold strike made Goldfield a lively mining town. Visitors can explore shops and historic buildings, tour the Mammoth Gold Mine, pan for gold, and ride the state's only operating narrow-gauge railroad to take a short tour of the area. Staged gunfights on the weekends from November through April complete the picture of life in the Old West.

Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting

6101 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix 85008
602-275-3473; www.hallofflame.org

The Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting is the world's largest museum dedicated to firefighters. Housed in a warehouse building and sponsored by the National Historical Fire Foundation, the museum features six large exhibit galleries featuring restored and vintage firefighting equipment circa 1725 to 1969.

Heard Museum

2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85004
602-252-8840; www.heard.org

The Heard Museum is internationally acclaimed for its collection of Native American fine arts, artifacts and crafts, with special emphasis on the people of the Southwest. The museum also features an Nichols Sculpture Garden, 12 exhibition galleries, amphitheater and an auditorium.

Heritage Square

113 N. Sixth St., Phoenix 85004
602-261-8063; www.heritagesquarephx.org

A trip downtown offers the chance to step back in time. Visit the pedestrian-only block



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WE SAY, THAT'S OUR BEST FEATURE.



There's something about a sunset atop South Mountain, or the bluesy tunes in a cozy dive bar, or the cactus blooms in a tucked-away garden that encourages wandering spirits to get comfortably lost. So come, and let Phoenix surprise you. Discover more at [visitphoenix.com](https://www.visitphoenix.com) and [#MYPHX](https://twitter.com/MYPHX).


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of restored Victorian homes that comprise the only residential structures left of the original town of Phoenix. The homes are open to the public. The Rosson House is a restored 1895 Queen Anne Victorian house that offers glimpses of lifestyles of early Phoenix families. Nobuo at the Teeter House is a popular restaurant helmed by James Beard award-winning chef Nobuo Fukuda.

L. Alan Cruikshank

River of Time Museum

12901 N. La Montana Dr.,
Fountain Hills 85268
480-837-2612; www.rotmuseum.org

The River of Time Museum leads visitors through creative, informative exhibits that recount the captivating past of the Lower Verde Valley through water.

Mystery Castle

800 E. Mineral Rd., Phoenix 85040
602-268-1581; www.mymysterycastle.com

Built in the foothills of South Mountain Park in the 1930s from auto parts, old bricks and pieces of granite, the Mystery Castle has been named a Phoenix Point of Pride. Visitors can explore the 18 rooms of this bizarre structure created as an expression of a father's love for his daughter.

Out of Africa Wildlife Park

3505 W. SR-260., Camp Verde 86322
928-567-2840; www.outofafricapark.com

Four animal shows, tours and more await visitors here at Out of Africa Wildlife Park, where animals may be seen in a garden-like setting. View big cats such as rare white tigers and lions, while other park inhabitants include bears, wolves and exotic birds. Family-friendly activities include safari jeep tours for up-close and personal viewing of exotic animals.

Phoenix Art Museum

1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85004
602-257-1880; www.phxart.org

THE PERFORMING ARTS

GREATER PHOENIX	Organization	Address	Phone	Website
	Ak-Chin Pavilion	2121 N. 83rd Ave.	602-254-7200	
	Arizona Opera	1636 N. Central Ave.	602-266-7464	www.azopera.com
	Ballet Arizona	2835 E. Washington St.	602-381-1096	www.balletaz.org
	Black Theatre Troupe	1333 E. Washington St.	602-258-8129	www.blacktheatretroupe.org
	Chandler Center for the Arts	250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler	480-782-2680	www.chandlercenter.org
	Evelyn Smith Music Theater	50 E. Gammage Pkwy., Tempe	480-965-3371	music.asu.edu/about/venues-facilities/evelyn-smith-music-theatre
	Fountain Hills Theater	11445 N. Saguaro Blvd., Fountain Hills	480-837-9661	www.fhct.org
	Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium	1200 W. Forest Ave., Tempe	480-965-3434	www.asugammage.com
	Herberger Theater Center	222 E. Monroe St.	602-254-7399	www.herbergertheater.org
	Kerr Cultural Center	6110 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale	480-596-2660	www.asukerr.com
	Lyceum Theatre	901 S. Forest Mall, Tempe	480-965-5337	www.tours.asu.edu/tempe/lyceum-theatre
	Mesa Encore Theatre	1 E. Main St., Mesa	480-834-9500	www.mesaencoretheatre.com
	Orpheum Theatre	203 W. Adams St.	602-495-7139	www.fotophx.org
	Phoenix Theatre	100 E. McDowell Rd.	602-254-2151	www.phoenixtheatre.com
	Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	22149 E. Ocotillo Rd., Queen Creek	480-987-7469	www.qcpac.com
	Stagebrush Theatre	7020 E. Second St., Tempe	480-949-7529	
	Symphony of the Southwest	213 N. Morris, Scottsdale	480-827-2143	www.symphonyofthesouthwest.org
	The Arizona Theatre Company	222 E. Monroe St., Mesa	602-256-6995	www.aztheatreco.org
	The Scottsdale Philharmonic	13430 N. Scottsdale Rd. Ste 300	480-945-8071	www.scottsdalephilharmonic.com
	Tempe Center for the Arts	700 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Scottsdale	480-350-2822	www.tempecenterforthearts.com
	Veteran's Memorial Coliseum	1826 W. McDowell Rd.	602-252-6771	
	Wells Fargo Arena	600 E. Veterans Way, Tempe	480-727-0000	



Tempe Center for the Arts. Photo by Tim Trumble



SkySong Center in Scottsdale

The Phoenix Art Museum boasts of a collection of more than 18,000 pieces of art from several centuries representing important art eras and styles, all housed within the museum’s acclaimed galleries featuring exciting and groundbreaking exhibitions from around the world.

Phoenix Police Museum

17 S. Second Ave., Phoenix 85003
602-534-7278;
www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com

The Phoenix Police Museum features an array of displays and equipment used to keep the peace by police officers—from a 1919 police car to a three-wheeled motorcycle used by meter readers. One highlight here includes a crossbeam from one of the World Trade Center towers attacked on Sept. 11, 2001 and on permanent display as part of the museum’s 9-11 memorial.

Phoenix Zoo

Papago Park
455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix 85008
602-286-3800; www.phoenixzoo.org

Come spend the day at Papago Park, home of the Phoenix Zoo. At 125 acres and more than 3,000 animals, the Phoenix Zoo is the largest privately owned nonprofit zoo in the

country with exhibits designed to closely recreate the animals’ natural habitats. Of special note are the zoo’s four trails: The Tropics Trail offers birdwatching, the Africa Trail features tigers, lions and elephants, the Children’s Discovery Trail and Harmony Farm offer views of farm animals and the Arizona Trail showcases Arizona’s native animals.

Taliesin West

12621 Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.,
Scottsdale 85259
480-627-5340; www.franklloydwright.org

Taliesin West was the winter home of Frank Lloyd Wright from 1937 until his death in 1959, and is a perfect example of Wright’s ability to create living space that meshes naturally with its surroundings. Surrounded by suburban development, Taliesin West is one of the few estates in the Phoenix metropolitan area that has preserved desert, mountain and open space for the benefit of its undergraduate and graduate programs in Architecture, K-12 students, scholars and visitors. Guided tours are available to those who want to experience Wright’s genius of architectural design.

TUCSON

Arizona Historical Society Museum

949 E. 2nd St., Tucson 85719 (near entrance to the University of Arizona)
520-628-5774; 520-628-5695;
www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org

The Arizona Historical Society Museum focuses on state history from Spanish times to the present. In addition to the Arizona mining hall (complete with an underground copper mine) the museum features fascinating exhibits that bring to life the history of Tucson and southern Arizona. The museum also features a gift shop and a research library.

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

2021 N. Kinney Rd., Tucson 85743
520-883-2702; www.desertmuseum.org

A living museum, the 98-acre Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum displays over 1,200 kinds of plants and 230 animal species native to the Sonoran Desert. One highlight here includes an underground limestone cave galleries exhibit subterranean life and geology. The museum features two gift shops and restaurants.

Arizona State Museum

1013 E. University Blvd., Tucson 85721

520-621-6302;

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Emphasizing the archaeology and ethnology of Arizona, the Arizona State Museum's anthropology collections illustrate the cultures of the Southwest and are considered the most comprehensive

in existence. Dioramas depict ancient and modern Indian lifestyles.

Center for Creative Photography

1030 N. Olive Rd., Tucson 85721

520-621-7968; ccp.arizona.edu

Located on the campus of The University of Arizona, the Center for Creative Photography is home to one of the most

comprehensive collections of photographic fine arts in the world. The Center features changing photographic exhibits drawn from its archives of major 20th-century photographers in addition to traveling exhibitions.

DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun

6300 N. Swan Rd., Tucson 85718

520-299-9191; www.degrazia.org

DeGrazia Chapel in the Sun is a memorial to Tucson artist of Ettore "Ted" DeGrazia. His paintings, bronzes and ceramics are displayed in the unique adobe building, which he designed. Works of local artists are also on display.

Arizona Historical**Society Downtown Museum**

140 N. Stone Ave.; Tucson 85701

(in the Wells Fargo Bank building)

520-770-1473;

www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org

The Downtown Museum depicts Tucson's past and features exhibits of early Tucson homes and businesses including drug-stores, police and fire departments, and the Romero barbershop.

Fort Lowell Museum

2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85712

520-318-0219;

www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org/museum/fort-lowell-museum/

Established in 1873 on the then-outskirts of Tucson, Fort Lowell Museum is a branch of the Arizona Historical Society's museum system and is located in Old Fort Lowell Park. The museum is a reconstruction of the commanding officer's quarters and features three rooms that are furnished as they were in 1885. It is surrounded by the ruins of the fort's hospital and enlisted men's barracks.

The International Wildlife Museum

4800 W. Gates Pass Rd., Tucson 85745

*(off Speedway Boulevard)*520-629-0100; www.thewildlifemuseum.org

Housed in a replica of a French Foreign Legion Fort in Africa's Sahara Desert,

LIGHTS, CAMERA, *Action!*

The bright glint of the hot noonday sun off the barrel of a Peacemaker. The acrid stench and billowing smoke of gunpowder as the shooting iron is discharged. The confident strut of John Wayne, "The Duke," making his way through tumbleweeds and clouds of dust.

Out of any other film genre, these and so many other iconic images of the great American Western have been seared into the soul of our culture. Magnificent vistas, muscled horses, mobs of cattle being driven across the expanse of the wilderness all clearly speak to what it means to be free, to be an American.

And where did many of these brilliant images originate? Right here in the Old Pueblo's backyard, at Old Tucson Studios.

Since first being built in 1938 to serve as the backdrop for the film "Arizona," Old Tucson has become the cornerstone for the movie industry in Southern Arizona. More than 400 movies and television productions—of both Western and non-Western genres—have been filmed in and around the facilities, including "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral," "Rio Lobo," "McClintock!," "Death Wish," "The Outlaw Josey Wales," "Cannonball Run Part II," and "Little House on the Prairie." Still a working film location, it continues to host year-round cinema production.

Yet what makes Old Tucson really great to Tucson-area communities is that, beginning in 1960, it began a second career as an open-to-the-public western theme park that provides visitors with live-action entertainment from its ensemble cast of actors and stunt men, historical tours and services and support for special events. One of the most popular events includes Nightfall, an annual month-long Halloween event for the public.

Despite a tragic fire in 1995 that destroyed many important cinematic artifacts and sound stages of great historical value, Old Tucson rebounded with an ambitious rebuilding plan and continues to improve upon itself. One of the renovations is its Heritage Square, a section at the center of its old west town area that features three new streets and 12 new sets.

Old Tucson Studios is located on 201 S. Kinney Rd., Tucson, 85735. Reach the studios via phone 520-883-0100 or www.oldtucson.com.

the museum features dioramas depicting more than 400 species of animals and birds from around the world in their natural habitats. Wildlife films are shown and guided tours are offered.

Pima Air and Space Museum

6000 E. Valencia Rd., Tucson 85756
520-574-0462; www.pimaair.org

The Pima Air and Space Museum is where “history takes flight.” Take a tour of this facility featuring more than 350 aircraft and spacecraft located within the largest non-government funded aviation museum, and one of the most significant air and space museums in the world. Experience

the museum’s collection of display aircraft, or arrange for a visit to the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group’s “The Boneyard,” located adjacent to the museum at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Pima Air & Space Museum displays over 200 vintage aircraft representing the nation’s aviation history in addition to a full-scale replica of the Wright Brothers’ 1903 plane plus several rare planes.

Reid Park Zoo

3400 E. Zoo Ct., Tucson 85716
520-791-3204; www.tucsonzoo.org

Twenty-four acres of the 160-acre Gene C. Reid Park are devoted to Tucson’s Reid Park

Zoo. Visitors can observe hundreds of exotic animals, fish, reptiles and birds from all around the world in natural settings.

Sosa-Carrillo-Frémont House Museum

151 S. Granada Ave., Tucson 85701
(in the Tucson Convention Center complex)
520-622-0956;
www.arizonahistoricalociety.org

Built in 1870, the Arizona Historical Society’s Sosa-Carrillo Fremont House has been restored to its original appearance circa 1870s when it was occupied by Territorial Governor of Arizona John Charles Fremont. Featured exhibits include period furniture, memorabilia and period room settings.

THE PERFORMING ARTS

GREATER TUCSON

Arizona Opera Company	260 S. Church Ave.	520-293-4336	www.azopera.com
Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona	33 S. 5th Ave.	520-624-0595	www.artsfoundtucson.org
Borderlands Theater	151 S. Granada Ave.	520-882-7406	www.borderlandstheater.org
Centennial Hall at The University of Arizona	1020 E. University Blvd.	520-621-3341	www.uapresents.org
Fox Theatre	17 W. Congress St.	520-547-3040	www.foxtucsontheatre.org
Gaslight Theatre	7010 E. Broadway	520-886-9428	www.thegaslighttheatre.com
Invisible Theatre	1400 N. 1st Ave.	520-882-9721	www.invisibletheatre.com
Pima Community College Center for the Arts	2202 W. Anklam Rd.	520-206-6986	www.pima.edu/community/the-arts/center-arts
Professional Arizona Theatre Company at Temple of Music and Art	330 S. Scott Ave.	520-662-2823	www.arizonatheatre.org
Reid Park DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center	Gene C. Reid Park 900 S. Randolph Way	520-837-8074	
The Temple of Music and Art	330 S. Scott Ave.	520-622-2823	
Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus	5770 E. Pima St.	520-296-6277	www.boyschorus.org
Tucson Convention Center	260 S. Church Ave.	520-791-4101	www.tucsonconventioncenter.com
Tucson Expo Center	3750 E. Irvington Rd.	520-750-8000	www.tucsonexpocenter.com
Tucson International Mariachi Conference	504 W. 29th St.	520-838-5300	www.tucsonmariachi.org
Tucson Jazz Society	P.O. Box 41071	520-903-1265	www.tucsonjazz.org
Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra	P.O. Box 41882	520-623-1500	www.tpyo.org
Tucson Pops Orchestra	7739 E. Broadway #286	520-722-5853	www.tucsonpops.org
Tucson Symphony Orchestra	2175 N. 6th Ave.	520-882-8585	www.tucsonsymphony.org
UA Presents	888 N. Euclid Room 203	520-621-3341	www.uapresents.org



The Titan Missile Museum

1580 W. Duval Mine Rd., Sahuarita 85629
520-625-7736;
www.titanmissilemuseum.org

Experience a simulated launch at the Titan Missile Museum, the world's only ballistic missile complex that has been preserved as a museum. Guided tours of the facility, which is the only publicly accessible Titan II missile site in the nation, are conducted daily. Visitors have opportunities to see the three-ton blast doors, the eight-foot thick silo walls and an actual Titan II missile in the launch duct.

Tohono Chul Park

7366 N. Paseo del Norte; Tucson 85704
520-742-6455; www.tohonochulpark.org

Tohono Chul Park is another site where cacti and other succulents can be observed in a natural desert environment. This private park features ramadas, various gardens, a stream and nature trails. There is also an exhibition hall, museum and a garden bistro. Guided tours are offered.

Tucson Botanical Gardens

2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson 85712
520-326-9686; www.tucsonbotanical.org

Tucson Botanical Gardens is home to more than 500 different native desert

plants, herbs and flowers. Over five acres are covered with a collection of gardens including an herb garden, cactus garden, wildflower garden and an iris garden, among others. Also, visitors can check out the city's only tropical butterfly greenhouse or take a private guided tour.

Tucson Children's Museum

200 S. 6th Ave., Tucson 85701
520-792-9985; www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

It's hands-on learning at the Tucson Children's Museum, with activities and programs focused on the arts, math, science, health and technology. Check out the interactive exhibits, which includes everything from a vet's office to the Gravity exhibit illustrating the laws of motion, can be found here. The Tankersley Imaginarium Art Studio and Discovery Garden play area add to the fun along with special programs.

Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block

140 N. Main Ave., Tucson 85701
520-624-2333;
www.tucsonmuseumofart.org

Tucson Museum of Art & Historic Block visitors can check out pre-Columbian artifacts and Western American art along with Spanish Colonial, Asian and Modern and Contemporary art. Visiting exhibitions are also on

display. In addition to the main museum building is the John K. Goodman Pavilion, devoted to Western American and related art.

University of Arizona

Gem & Mineral Museum

1601 E. University Blvd., Tucson 85719
520-621-7827; www.uamineralmuseum.org

Located on the campus of The University of Arizona, the Gem & Mineral Museum is well known for exhibits that emphasize the vast variety of Arizona's minerals and meteorites plus its displays of fine gem stones and fossils from around the world.

University of Arizona Museum of Art & Archive of Visual Arts

1031 N. Olive Rd., Tucson 85721
520-621-7567;
www.artmuseum.arizona.edu

The University of Arizona Museum of Art houses the Samuel H. Kress Collection of more than 3,000 European paintings from the 14th through the 17th century, including the 26-panel altarpiece of the Cathedral of Ciudad Rodrigo, Spain, by Fernando Gallego and Maestro Bartolomé. The museum's 20th-century collection of art and sculpture features models by Jacques Lipchitz and works by Henry Moore and Andrew Wyeth. Visiting exhibits are also on view. ●

SPORTS & ATHLETICS

Arizona offers a wide variety of sports and recreational activities to please everyone: couch potatoes, weekend warriors, full-on athletes and die-hard fans will find plenty to love about the Phoenix and Tucson sports scenes. With year-round mild temperatures, getting up and getting out has become a way of life.



Spring Training at Salt River Fields, Courtesy of Visit Phoenix

PHOENIX

SPECTATOR SPORTS

BASEBALL

Arizona Diamondbacks

401 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix 85004
602-514-8400;
arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com

Buy some peanuts and Cracker Jack, and get in on the pro-baseball action with the Arizona Diamondbacks when they play in Chase Field. The Arizona Diamondbacks franchise began in 1998. The team won its first World Series in 2001, when the D-Backs defeated the New York Yankees in game seven.

Cactus League Baseball

120 N. Center St., Mesa 85201
www.cactusleague.com

An Arizona springtime tradition for more than 50 years, the Cactus League has grown to include 15 teams playing in 10 different facilities throughout the state during baseball training season. Games are scheduled throughout the end of February and most of March. See the Cactus League Spring Training chart for more details regarding teams and locations, and visit the Cactus League website for game information.



BASKETBALL

Phoenix Suns

Talking Stick Resort Arena
201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix 85004
602-379-2000; www.nba.com/suns

From a rocky start when the franchise first began in 1968, the Phoenix Suns have since assembled a top-notch roster that over the years has included Shaquille O'Neal, Charles Barkley and Steve Nash. The Phoenix Suns are part of the Pacific Division of the Western Conference in the National Basketball Association.

Phoenix Mercury

201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix 85004
602-252-9622; www.mercury.wnba.com

Named for the closest planet to the sun, the Phoenix Mercury began in 1997 as one of the eight original teams of the Women's National Basketball Association. The Phoenix Mercury play from the end of May through August.

Arizona State University Sun Devils

Wells Fargo Arena
600 E. Veterans Way; Tempe 85281
480-965-3482; www.thesundevils.com

CACTUS LEAGUE SPRING TRAINING

Surprise Stadium	623-594-5600	Kansas City Royals and Texas Rangers
Peoria Sports Complex	623-878-4337	San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners
Maryvale Baseball Park	623-245-5500	Milwaukee Brewers
Scottsdale Stadium	480-990-7972	San Francisco Giants
Phoenix Municipal Stadium	602-392-0074	Oakland Athletics
Hohokam Park	480-964-4467	Chicago Cubs
Tempe Diablo Stadium	480-796-4250	Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim
Salt River Fields at Talking Stick	480-270-5000	Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies
Camelback Ranch	623-302-5000	Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers
Goodyear Ballpark	800-745-3000	Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians

Put on that maroon and gold T-shirt, and get out to the Wells Fargo Arena to support the Arizona State University Sun Devils as both the men's and women's basketball teams compete in the Pac-12 Conference Division.

FOOTBALL

Arizona Cardinals

University of Phoenix Stadium
1 Cardinals Dr., Glendale 85305
602-379-0102; www.azcardinals.com

The Arizona Cardinals are the oldest, continuously operated pro sports franchise (established in 1898!), and are members of the Western Division of the National Football Conference in the National Football League. The Cardinals hosted and won their first NFC Championship game in 2009 against the Philadelphia Eagles and went on to play in Super Bowl XLIII.

Fiesta Bowl

University of Phoenix Stadium
1 Cardinals Dr., Glendale 85305
480-350-0911; www.fiestabowl.com

Since 1971, college football teams have competed in the Fiesta Bowl. Originally held in Tempe, Arizona before moving to its current home at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale in 2007.

Arizona State University Sun Devils

Sun Devil Stadium
500 E. Veterans Way; Tempe 85287
480-965-3482; www.thesundevils.com

Get in on the Pac-12 Conference action with the Arizona State University's Sun Devils football team as they compete in the NCAA Division I. Home games are played in the Sun Devil Stadium.

Arizona Rattlers – Indoor Football

Talking Stick Resort Arena
201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix 85004
602-514-8383; www.azrattlers.com

The Arizona Rattlers have been playing in Arizona since 1992. In February 2017, the Arizona Rattlers began its season by moving from the Arena Football League to the Indoor Football League

HOCKEY

Phoenix Coyotes

Gila River Arena
9400 W. Maryland Ave.; Glendale 85305
480-563-7825; www.nhl.com/coyotes/

Hockey fans can catch all the action watching Phoenix Coyotes take the ice at the Gila River Arena, a multi-purpose sports and entertainment center. The Phoenix Coyotes compete in the National Hockey League.

Batter Up!

PHOENIX'S CACTUS LEAGUE BRINGS PRO BALL TO ARIZONA

Arizona's temperate spring weather has made the Valley of the Sun a veritable nexus for Major League Baseball's (MLB) spring training program. Currently, the region's spring training season, known locally as the Cactus League, generated more than \$544 million for Arizona, according to a 2015 study. It is one of just two such "leagues" in the United States. The other being the Grapefruit League in Florida.

For Valley baseball fans, the Cactus League is the perfect way to watch the MLB teams they idolize play the National Pastime without travelling to the teams' home cities or purchasing expensive regular season tickets. It also means being immersed in one of America's great athletic traditions: the seventh-inning stretch, hot dogs, roasted peanuts and rally hats. Attendance in 2016 reached close to 3.4 million people over the 41 games played.

Fifteen MLB teams frequent the area: Phoenix's Arizona Diamondbacks, Chicago Cubs, Colorado Rockies, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Angels, Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland Athletics, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants, Seattle Mariners, Texas Rangers, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox and Cincinnati Reds.

More recently one of the Cactus League teams, the Cleveland Indians, went on to play in the 2016 World Series versus the Chicago Cubs. Though the Indians did not grab the championship this last year. In the decade prior to prior to the 2016 World Series many other Cactus League teams have made it to the final game: San Francisco Giants (2014, 2012 and 2010), Texas Rangers (2010 and 2011), Kansas City Royals (2014 and 2015).

Cactus League improvements in the Phoenix area include eight new stadiums and renovations to two more totaling more than \$500 million. Cactus League venues are dispersed throughout the Valley and include: Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, Hohokam Park, Camelback Ranch, Goodyear Ballpark, Surprise Stadium, Tempe Diablo Stadium, Maryvale Baseball Park, Sloan Park, Peoria Sports Complex and Scottsdale Stadium.

The latest, biggest addition to Cactus League venues is the \$99 million spring training center in Mesa for the venerable Chicago Cubs, Sloan Park. Opened in 2014, the facility will serve as the ballclub's western headquarters in addition to the focal point for player development, drafting and other operations. For more, visit www.cactusleague.com.

HORSE RACING

Turf Paradise

1501 West Bell Rd.; Phoenix 85023
602-942-1101; www.turfparadise.com

October through May catch live thoroughbred racing and betting on simulcast races are featured at Turf Paradise, one of the Southwest's premier racing facilities including a clubhouse, dining and a picnic area complete with a playground. In addition to the racing action, visitors can enjoy the tranquil beauty of the track's olive grove, floral gardens, lakes and waterfall.

GREYHOUND RACING

Phoenix Greyhound Park

3801 E. Washington St., Phoenix 85034
602-273-7181; www.phoenixgreyhoundpark.com

Year-round racing can be enjoyed from the climate-controlled comfort of the glass-enclosed grandstand with a great view of the action at the Phoenix Greyhound Park. This track has clubhouse dining and several lounges where spectators can relax.

AUTO RACING

Wild Horse Pass Raceway

20000 S. Maricopa Rd., Chandler 85226
520-796-5601; www.racewildhorse.net

On most Friday nights, the sound of drag racing, funny cars and jet dragsters can be heard at one or another of the three tracks at Wild Horse Pass Raceway. The Wild Horse Pass Raceway hosts National Hot Rod Association drag races.

Phoenix International Raceway

7602 S. Avondale Blvd., Avondale 85323
623-463-5400; www.phoenixraceway.com

The Phoenix International Raceway has been described as the fastest one-mile oval in the world, and is the place to be for excitement during the IndyCar races and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, held every spring and fall.



GOLF AND TENNIS

Waste Management Phoenix Open

Tournament Players Club
17020 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale 85255
www.wmphoenixopen.com

One of the Valley's biggest events of the year, the Waste Management Phoenix Open usually attracts more than 700,000 spectators annually in late January/early February. The stadium course located next to the Scottsdale Princess Resort offers excellent opportunities for catching the action, with events including celebrity sightings, a junior golf clinic and Pro-Am events.

FOR THE PARTICIPANT

GOLF

The Valley of the Sun has more than 200 golf courses and is home to some of the best courses in the country. (See the golf course directory within this article for more information.)

TENNIS

Tennis is also a popular pastime with over 800 courts across the Valley. Call area city parks department for the location of public, school and park courts. Listed below are a few of the top-rated Tennis Centers in the Valley.

Phoenix Tennis

6330 N. 21st Ave., Phoenix
602-249-3712

Mountain View Tennis Centers

1104 E. Grovers Ave., Phoenix
602-534-2500

Kiwanis Recreation Center

6111 S. All-American Way, Tempe
480-350-5201

Gene Autry Sports Complex

4125 E. McKellips Rd., Mesa
602-644-3874

SOARING AND BALLOONING

Experience the thrill of soaring over the desert and mountains in a glider held up by the strong thermals that form in the Valley of the Sun. Or, sip champagne and enjoy the varied scenery while leisurely drifting across the Valley in a brightly colored hot air balloon.

SWIMMING

Big Surf

1500 N. McClintock Dr., Tempe 85281
480-994-2297; www.bigsurffun.com

Although much of Arizona is considered arid or semi-arid, the Metro Phoenix area has a 2.5-acre "ocean." Big Surf offers swimming, one of the largest wave pools in the country, surfing, and boogie boarding.

Wet 'n' Wild Phoenix

4243 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd., Glendale 85310
623-201-2000; www.wetnildphoenix.com

One of Arizona's largest water parks, Wet 'n' Wild Phoenix, is situated on 35 acres.

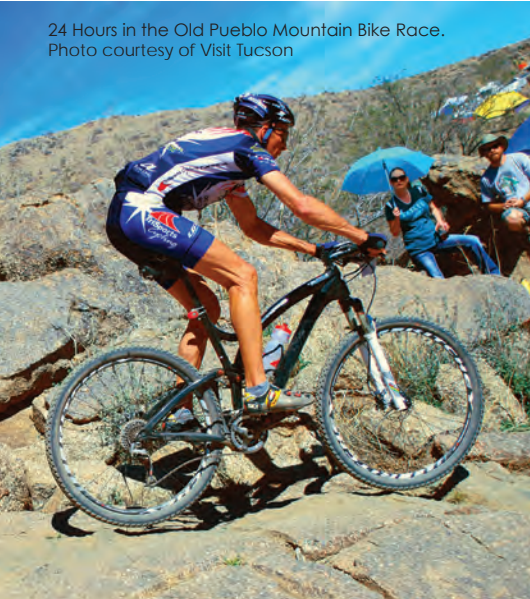
PRIVATE GOLF COURSES - GREATER PHOENIX				HOLES/ PAR	USGA RTG/ SLOPE	LENGTH (YARDS)
Desert Forest G.C.	Carefree	480-488-4589	www.desertforestgolfclub.com	18/72	73.8/149	7,011
Tatum Ranch G.C.	Cave Creek	480-585-2399	www.tatumranchgc.com	18/72	71.8/127	6,856
Sheraton San Marcos C.C.	Chandler	480-963-3358	www.sanmarcosgolfresort.com	18/72	71.0/124	6,640
FireRock C.C.	Fountain Hills	480-836-8100	www.firerockcc.com	18/72	73.5/138	6,984
Arrowhead C.C.	Glendale	623-561-9600	www.arrowheadccaz.com	18/72	73.2/124	7,001
Alta Mesa C. C.	Mesa	480-827-9411	www.altamesagolf.com	18/72	73.5/130	7,132
Apache Wells C.C.	Mesa	480-830-4725	www.apachewellscountryclub.com	18/71	67.9/114	6,038
Fountain of the Sun	Mesa	480-986-3128	www.foscc-az.com	18/62	60.2/93	4,224
Leisure World C.C.	Mesa	480-634-4370		18/73	70.0/120	6,437
Mesa C.C.	Mesa	480-964-1797	www.mesacountryclub.com	18/72	70.7/125	6,594
Red Mountain Ranch C.C.	Mesa	480-985-0285	www.rmrcc.com	18/72	73.0/146	6,797
Paradise Valley C.C.	Paradise Valley	602-952-7232	www.paradisvalleycc.com	18/72	72.0/132	6,802
Arizona C.C.	Phoenix	480-889-1529	www.azcountryclub.com	18/72	72.3/133	6,735
Moon Valley C.C.	Phoenix	602-942-1278	www.moonvalleycc.com	18/72	74.3/131	7,210
Phoenix C.C.	Phoenix	602-263-5208	www.phoenixcc.org	18/71	72.0/130	6,500
Rio Verde C.C.	Rio Verde	480-471-9420	www.rioverdecc.com	18/72	70.6/121	6,602
Ancala C.C.	Scottsdale	480-391-1000	www.ancalacc.com	18/72	73.6/152	6,841
Desert Highlands G.C.	Scottsdale	480-585-7444	www.deserthighlandsscottsdale.com	18/72	73.9/151	7,072
Desert Mountain G.C.	Scottsdale	800-362-5827	www.desertmountain.com	18/72	73.9/137	7,211
Estancia Club	Scottsdale	480-473-4400	www.estanciaclub.com	18/72	73.7/137	7,146
Pinnacle Peak Golf & C.C.	Scottsdale	480-585-0385	www.pp-cc.org	18/72	73.5/136	7,030
Terravita	Scottsdale	480-488-7962	www.terravita.com	18/72	74.4/139	7,186
Troon Golf & C.C.	Scottsdale	480-585-4310	www.trooncc.com	18/72	73.7/148	7,041
Gainey Ranch Golf Club	Scottsdalle	480-951-0022	www.gaineyranchcc.com	9/36	71.9/128	3,424
PalmBrook C.C.	Sun City	623-977-8583	www.palmbrookgolf.com	18/72	70.2/122	6,529
Quail Run G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3035	www.sunaz.com	9/31	59.0/90	2,092
Riverview G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3025	www.sunaz.com	18/72	71.7/118	6,729
Sun City C.C.	Sun City	623-933-1353	www.suncitycountryclub.org	18/72	68.4/115	6,223
Sun City Lakes East (SP)	Sun City	623-561-4600	www.sunaz.com	18/60	56.8/84	3,310
Sun City Lakes West (SP)	Sun City	623-561-4600	www.sunaz.com	18/72	69.1/118	6,195
Sun City North G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3010	www.sunaz.com	18/72	69.7/115	6,423
Sun City South G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3015	www.sunaz.com	18/72	71.8/119	6,811
Union Hills C.C.	Sun City	623-974-5888	www.unionhillsc.com	18/72	72.4/129	6,827
Willowcreek G.C. (SP)	Sun City	623-876-3030	www.suncitygolfing.com	18/72	69.7/122	6,357
Briarwood C.C.	Sun City West	623-584-5301	www.briarwoodcc.com	18/72	71.5/128	6,576
Echo Mesa G.C.	Sun City West	623-544-6014	www.suncitywestgolf.com	18/60	60.6/95	4,145
Grandview G.C.	Sun City West	623-544-6013	www.suncitywestgolf.com	18/72	72.0/128	6,775
Hillcrest G.C.	Sun City West	623-584-1500	www.hillcrestgolfclub.com		72.7/126	7,002
Pebblebrook G.C.	Sun City West	623-544-6010	www.rcscw.com	18/72	70.1/119	6,460
Stardust G.C.	Sun City West	623-544-6012	www.rcscw.com	18/60	60.6/96	4,267
Trail Ridge G.C.	Sun City West	623-544-6015	www.rcscw.com	18/72	71.3/127	6,618
Cottonwood C.C.	Sun Lakes	480-895-9449	www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com	18/72	71.7/129	6,737
Palo Verde C.C.	Sun Lakes	480-895-0300	www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com	18/62	59.7/94	4,060
Sun Lakes C.C.	Sun Lakes	480-895-9274	www.sunaz.com	18/60	55.1/99	3,811

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The Boulders Club (R)	Carefree	480-488-9028	www.thebouldersclub.com	18/72	73.3/138	6,959
Dove Valley	Cave Creek	480-473-1444	www.dovevalleyranch.com	18/72	72.7/131	7,011
Rancho Mañana Golf Club (R)	Cave Creek	480-488-0398	www.ranchomanana.com	18/70	67.8/125	6,004
Bear Creek G. C.	Chandler	480-883-8200	www.bearcreekaz.com	18/71	71.6/122	6,825
Ironwood C. C.	Chandler	480-895-0614	www.sunlakesofarizona.com/ cc_ironwood.html	18/67	64.1/99	5,500
Lone Tree G. C.	Chandler	480-219-0831	www.lonetreegolf18.com	18/71	71.7/120	6,894
Ocotillo Golf Resort	Chandler	888-624-8899	www.ocotilogolf.com	18/72	72.2/133	7016
Sheraton San Marcos C. C. (R)	Chandler	480-963-3358	www.sanmarcosgolfresort.com	18/72	71.0/124	6,640
SunBird Golf Resort (R)	Chandler	480-883-0820		18/66	61.3/96	4,350
Whirlwind G.C.	Chandler	480-940-1500	www.whirlwindgolf.com	18/72	73.4/132	7,218
Desert Canyon Golf Club	Fountain Hills	480-837-1173	www.desertcanyongolf.com	18/71	69.9/125	6,415
SunRidge Canyon G.C.	Fountain Hills	800-562-5178	www.sunridgegolf.com	18/71	73.4/140	6,823
The G.C. at Eagle Mountain	Fountain Hills	866-863-1234	www.eaglemtn.com	18/71	71.7/139	6,800
We Ko Pa Golf Course	Fountain Hills	480-836-9000	www.wekopa.com	18/72	73.4/138	7,225
Kokopelli Golf Resort (R)	Gilbert	480-926-3589	www.kokopelligc.com	18/72	72.2/132	6,716
Trilogy G.C.	Gilbert	480-988-0004	www.trilogygolfclub.com	18/71	71.5/126	6,730
Western Skies Golf Club	Gilbert	480-545-8542	www.westernskiesgolf.com	18/72	70.3/123	6,744
Adobe Dam Family Golf Course	Glendale	623-581-2800	www.adobedamfamilygolfcenter.com	9/31	45.0/86	1,757
Bellair Golf Course	Glendale	602-978-0330	www.bellairgolf.com	18/59	28.1/90	3,493
Glen Lakes Golf Course	Glendale	623-930-1111	www.glenlakesgolfaz.com	9/33	31.0/98	2,403
Legends At Arrowhead	Glendale	623-561-1902	www.legendatarrowhead.com	18/72	73.0/131	7,005
Eagles Nest Golf Club	Goodyear	623-935-6750	www.robson.com	18/72	72.6/130	6,790
Palm Valley Golf Course	Goodyear	800-475-2978	www.palmvalleygolf.com	18/62	62.4/100	4,745
Tres Rios Golf Club at Estrella Mountain Golf Course	Goodyear	623-932-3714	www.estrella-golf.com	18/71	70.9/118	6,866
Wigwam Golf Resort (R)	Litchfield Park	623-935-9414	www.wigwamgolf.com	18/72	74.5/135	7,430
Arizona Golf Resort	Mesa	480-832-3202	www.azgolfresort.com	18/71	70.8/120	6,542
Desert Sands Golf Course	Mesa	480-832-0210	www.desertsandsgc.com	18/65	58.9/89	4,029
Dobson Ranch Golf Course	Mesa	480-644-4181	www.dobsonranchgolfcourse.com	18/72	71.1/123	6,630
Dreamland Villa G. C.	Mesa	480-985-6591	www.dreamlandvillagc.com	9/31	28.8/0	1,936
Freedom Golf Course	Mesa	480-969-0377	www.freedomgolfcourse.com	9/29	35.0/113	1,503
Las Sendas Golf Club	Mesa	480-396-4000	www.lassendas.com	18/71	73.8/149	6,836
Longbow G. C.	Mesa	480-807-5400	www.longbowgolf.com	18/70	71.8/128	6,750
Painted Mountain Golf Course	Mesa	480-832-0156	www.paintedmountaingolf.com	18/70	67.2/104	6,021
Riverview Golf Course	Mesa	480-644-3515	www.riverviewgolfcourse.com	9/36	35.0/114	3,200
Royal Palms Golf Course	Mesa	480-964-1709	www.royalpalmsgolfcourse.com	9/30	26.1/98	1,453
Sunland Village East Golf Club	Mesa	480-986-4079	www.svegolf.com	18/62	56.6/80	3,579
Sunland Village Golf Club	Mesa	480-832-3691	www.sunlandvillagegolfcourse.com	18/62	56.5/80	3,623
Superstition Springs Golf Club	Mesa	480-985-5622	www.superstitutionspringsgc.com	18/72	74.1/135	7,005
Toka Sticks Golf Course	Mesa	480-988-9405	www.tokasticksgolf.com	18/72	71.1/119	6,685
Viewpoint Golf Resort (R)	Mesa	888-527-4004	www.viewpointgolfresort.com	18/71	68.8/116	6,224
The 500 Club	NW Phoenix/ Glendale	623-492-9500	www.the500club.com	18/72	72.2/122	6,867
Camelback Golf Club	Paradise Valley	480-596-7050	www.marriott.com	18/72	72.2/130	6,903
Peoria Pines	Peoria	623-972-1364	www.peoriapines.com	18/63	59.4/88	4,292
The Lakes at Westbrook Village	Peoria	623-566-3439	www.westbrookvillagegolf.com	18/71	68.2/114	6,016
The Vistas Golf Club	Peoria	623-566-1633	www.westbrookvillagegolfclub.com	18/72	70.3/121	6,544
Ahwatukee Country Club	Phoenix	480-893-9772	www.ahwatukeegolf.com	18/72	70.8/120	6,713
Arizona Biltmore Country Club	Phoenix	602-955-9655	www.azbiltmoregc.com	18/72	70.3/123	6,430

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Cave Creek Golf Course	Phoenix	602-866-8076	www.phoenix.gov/parks/golf/phenix-golf-courses/cave-creek	18/72	71.1/122	6,876
Club West	Phoenix	480-460-4400	www.clubwestgolf.com	18/72	18/72	7,142
Continental Golf Course	Phoenix	480-941-1585	www.continentalgc.com	18/60	18/60	3,766
Encanto Nine Golf Course	Phoenix	602-262-6870	www.phoenix.gov/golf	9/30	9/30	1,730
Encanto Park Golf Course	Phoenix	602-253-3963	www.phoenix.gov/parks/golf/phenix-golf-courses/encanto-18	18/70	18/70	6,404
Foothills Golf Club	Phoenix	480-460-4653	www.thefoothillsgc.com	18/72	18/72	6,968
Grand Canyon University Golf Course	Phoenix	866-865-4653	www.phoenix.gov/golf	18/72	18/72	6,500
Lakes At Ahwatukee G.C.	Phoenix	480-893-3004	www.golfink.com/golf-courses/course.aspx?course=1479056	18/60	18/60	4,019
Legacy Golf Resort (R)	Phoenix	888-828-3673	www.golflegacyresort.com	18/72	18/72	6,816
Marriotts Wildfire G.C. (R)	Phoenix	888-705-7775	www.wildfiregolf.com	18/71	18/71	6,846
Palo Verde Golf Course	Phoenix	602-249-9930	www.phoenix.gov/golf	9/30	9/30	1,820
Papago Golf Course	Phoenix	602-275-8428	www.papagogolfcourse.net	18/72	18/72	7,333
Paradise Valley Park G.C.	Phoenix	602-992-7190	paradisevalleygc.com	18/61	18/61	4,082
Pointe at Lookout Mountain (R)	Phoenix	602-866-6356	www.pointehilton.com	18/72	18/72	6,617
Stonecreek Golf Club	Phoenix	602-953-9111	www.stonecreekgc.com	18/71	18/71	6,871
The Raven G.C. at S. Mountain	Phoenix	602-243-3636	www.ravenphx.com	18/72	18/72	7,078
Villa de Paz Golf Course	Phoenix	623-877-1171	www.villadepazgolf.com	18/72	18/72	6,140
Johnson Ranch Golf Club	Queen Creek	480-987-9800	www.johnsonranchgc.com	18/72	18/72	7,141
Las Colinas Golf Club	Queen Creek	480-987-3633	www.lascalinasgolfclub.com	18/71	18/71	6,655
The Links at Queen Creek	Queen Creek	480-987-1910	www.linksqueenreekgolfclub.com	18/70	18/70	6,061
Tonto Verde Golf Club	Rio Verde	480-471-2710	www.tontoverde.org	18/72	18/72	6,744
Verde River Golf Course	Rio Verde	800-233-7103	www.verdesrivergolf.com	18/72	18/72	7,058
Coronado Golf Course	Scottsdale	480-947-8364	www.coronadogolfscottsdale.com	9/31	9/31	1,850
Grayhawk Golf Club	Scottsdale	480-502-1800	www.grayhawkgolf.com	18/72	18/72	7,135
Kierland Golf Club (Acacia)	Scottsdale	480-922-9283	www.kierlandgolf.com	9/36	9/36	3,435
Legend Trail Golf Club	Scottsdale	480-488-7434	www.legendtrailgc.com	18/72	18/72	6,845
McCormick Ranch Golf Club (R)	Scottsdale	480-948-0260	www.mccormickranchgolf.com	18/72	18/72	7,044
McDowell Mountain Golf Club	Scottsdale	480-502-8200	www.sanctuarygolf.com	18/71	18/71	7,072
Mountain Shadows Golf Club	Scottsdale	800-782-2123	www.mountainshadowsgolfclub.com	18/56	18/56	3,081
Orange Tree Golf Club (R)	Scottsdale	800-228-0386	www.orangetreegolfcourse.com	18/72	18/72	6,762
Scottsdale Silverado	Scottsdale	480-778-0100	www.scottsdalesilveradogolfclub.com	18/70	18/70	6,313
Starfire C.C. at Scottsdale	Scottsdale	480-948-6000	www.starfiregolfclub.com	18/70	18/70	6,106
Talking Stick G.C.	Scottsdale	480-860-2221	www.talkingstickgolfclub.com	18/70	18/70	7,133
The Phoenician Golf Club (R)	Scottsdale	480-423-2450	www.golfthephoenician.com	9/35	9/35	2,312
TPC of Scottsdale	Scottsdale	888-400-4001	www.tpc.com	18/71	18/71	7,235
Troon North G.C.	Scottsdale	888-876-6687	www.troonnorthgolf.com	18/71	18/71	7,009
Oakwood Golf Club	Sun Lakes	480-895-1159	www.sunlakesofarizona.com	9/36	9/36	3,259
AZ Traditions G. C.	Surprise	623-584-4000	www.arizonatraditionsgolfclub.com	18/70	18/70	6,235
Cimarron Golf Club	Surprise	623-975-5654	www.grandinfo.com/page/23983~393062/Cimarron-Golf-and-Pro-Shop	18/72	18/72	6,809
Coyote Lakes G. C.	Surprise	623-566-2323	www.coyotelakesgolfclub.com	18/71	18/71	6,088
Sun Village Resort & Golf Club	Surprise	623-584-5774	www.sunvillage.org	18/54	18/54	2,019
ASU-Karsten Golf Course	Tempe	480-921-8070	www.asukarsten.com	18/70	18/70	7,002
Ken McDonald Golf Course	Tempe	480-350-5250	www.tempe.gov/city-hall/public-works/golf-tempe/ken-mcdonald	18/72	18/72	6,743
Rolling Hills Golf Course	Tempe	480-350-5275	www.golftempeaz.com	18/62	18/62	3,828
Shalimar Golf Course	Tempe	480-838-0488	www.shalimarcountryclub.com	9/33	9/33	2,417

(SP) Semi-Private (R) Resort; All Others are Public

24 Hours in the Old Pueblo Mountain Bike Race.
Photo courtesy of Visit Tucson



Highlights include the not-so-lazy Crazy Cactus Roaring River, seven water slides, two pools and three children's areas.

Golfland-Sunsplash

155 W. Hampton Ave., Mesa 85210
480-834-8319; www.golfland.com

Sunsplash is a 12-acre family action park featuring water slides, a giant wave pool, a kiddie pool and a river for rafting and tubing. In addition to the fun on the water, three miniature golf courses, bumper boats, race cars and a video arcade with more than 200 games provide a full day of amusement.

Kiwanis Recreation Center

6111 S. All America Way, Tempe 85283
480-350-5201; www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/community-recreation-centers/kiwanis-recreation-center

Open year-round, the Kiwanis Recreation Center has an indoor heated wave pool with a giant water slide. Tennis courts and a gymnasium are also part of the complex.

Salt River Tubing and Recreation

9200 N. Bush Hwy., Mesa 85215
www.saltrivertubing.com

To spend a relaxing day, enjoying the sun and floating down the Salt River, head for Salt River Tubing and Recreation in Mesa.

Tube rentals and shuttle bus service are available starting in May.

TUCSON

SPECTATOR SPORTS

AUTO RACING

Tucson Speedway

11955 S. Harrison Rd., Tucson 85747
520-762-1600; www.tucsonspeedway.com

Experience some of the most exciting stock car racing in the Southwest and head for Tucson Speedway Park. Races take place every Saturday night from March through November.

BASEBALL

University of Arizona Wildcats

Frank Sancet Field
640 N. National Championship Dr.,
Tucson 85719
520-621-2287; www.arizonawildcats.com

Collegiate baseball fans can watch the University of Arizona's Wildcats at Frank Sancet Field. The Arizona Wildcats baseball team competes in the Pacific Ten Conference of NCAA Division I.

BASKETBALL

University of Arizona Wildcats "The Basket Cats"

McKale Memorial Center
1721 E. Enke Dr., Tucson 85721
520-621-2211; www.arizonawildcats.com

Arizona Men's Basketball fills the need for those who enjoy watching a good game of hoops. Tucson fans are completely devoted to their Wildcats, who slam dunk their way under coach Sean Miller. The team won the NCAA championship in 1997. Games take place at the McKale Memorial Center on campus.

FOOTBALL

University of Arizona Wildcats

Arizona Stadium
545 N. National Champion Dr.,
Tucson 85719
520-621-2287; www.arizonawildcats.com

For up close and personal football excitement, catch the Wildcats for intercollegiate football at the Arizona Stadium as they play in the Pacific 12 Conference.

GREYHOUND RACING

Tucson Greyhound Park

2601 S. 3rd Ave., Tucson 85713
520-884-7576; www.tucsongreyhound.com

Year-round greyhound racing can be enjoyed in climate-controlled comfort at the Tucson Greyhound Park inside its climate-controlled clubhouse with dining plus a grandstand.

HOCKEY

Arizona Wildcat Hockey

Tucson Convention Center
260 S. Church Ave., Tucson 85701
520-791-4101;
www.arizonawildcathockey.org

Hockey fans can catch all the action with the University of Arizona's Wildcats at the Tucson Convention Center. The University of Arizona Wildcats compete as a D-I Team in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

RODEOS

La Fiesta de los Vaqueros

4823 S. 6th Ave., Tucson 85714
520-741-2233, 1-800-964-5662;
www.tucsonrodeo.com

The Tucson Rodeo Administration hosts one of the largest mid-winter outdoor rodeos in the United States and is a not-to-be-missed event. This rodeo draws some of the best riders and ropers on the circuit.

FOR THE PARTICIPANT

BALLOONING

Sip champagne and enjoy the scenery while leisurely drifting across the desert in a brightly-colored hot air balloon at sunrise or sunset. There are a number of companies that offer the opportunity to take flight via this exhilarating sport.

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES - GREATER TUCSON				HOLES/ PAR	USGA RTG/ SLOPE	LENGTH (YARDS)
Canoa Hills Golf Course	Green Valley	520-393-1966	www.canoaranchgolfclub.com	18/70	70.3/127	6,552
Haven Golf Club	Green Valley	520-625-4281	www.havengolf.com	18/72	72.0/123	6,905
Quail Creek C.C.	Green Valley	520-393-5802	www.quailcreekhoa.org/web/quail-creek-hoa/golf-club	18/72	73.0/133	6,965
San Ignacio Golf Club	Green Valley	520-822-8313	www.sanignaciogolf.com	18/71	72.0/135	6,704
Torres Blancas Golf Club	Green Valley	520-625-5200	www.torresblancasgolf.com	18/72	71.6/125	6,894
The Highlands at Dove Mountain	Marana	520-579-7000	www.heritagehighlands.com	18/72	72.5/136	6,904
The Ritz Carlton G.C., Dove Mountain	Marana	888-603-7600	www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/arizona/dove-mountain	18/72	72.5/136	6,904
Kino Springs C.C.	Nogales	800-732-5751	www.kinospringsgc.com	18/72	70.1/126	6,445
Rio Rico Resort & Country Club	Rio Rico	520-281-8567	www.rioricogolfclub.com	18/72	72.9/128	7,119
Pueblo Del Sol Golf Course	Sierra Vista	520-378-6444	www.pdscountryclub.com	18/72	73.1/128	7,074
Tubac Golf Resort	Tubac	800-848-7893	www.tubacgolfresort.com	18/71	69.9/124	6,435
Arizona National Golf Course	Tucson	520-749-4089	www.arizonanationalgolfclub.com	18/71	73.2/144	6,785
Crooked Tree G.C.	Tucson	520-744-3322	www.crookedtreegc.com	18/72	71.8/130	6,896
Dell Urich	Tucson	520-791-4161	www.tucsoncitygolf.com	18/70	68.1/101	6,663
Dorado C.C.	Tucson	520-885-6751	www.doradogolfcourse.com	18/62	58.9/88	3,751
El Conquistador C.C.	Tucson	520-544-1800	www.elconquistadorcc.com	18/72	69.7/132	6,288
El Rio Golf Course	Tucson	520-791-4229	www.tucsoncitygolf.com/el-rio	18/70	72.3/123	6,418
Fred Enke Municipal	Tucson	520-791-2539	www.tucsoncitygolf.com	18/72	71.3/135	6,809
Hilton El Conquistador G.C.	Tucson	520-544-5000	www.hiltonelconquistador.com	18/71	72.7/126	6,801
Lodge & Club at Ventana Canyon	Tucson	800-828-5701	www.thelodgeatventanacanyon.com	18/72	72.3/140	6,819
Mountain View Golf Club	Tucson	520-818-1100	www.golfatmountainview.com	18/72	71.3/127	6,728
Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa	Tucson	520-297-2271	www.tucsonnational.com	18/70	70.9/130	6,529
Preserve G.C.	Tucson	520-825-9022	www.thepreservegolfcourse.com	18/72	72.4/139	7,006
Quail Canyon Golf Course	Tucson	520-887-6161	www.quailcanyongolf.com	18/54	52.0/99	2,311
Quarry Pines	Tucson	520-744-7443	www.thepinesgolfclub.com	18/71	72.1/123	6,318
Randolph North Municipal	Tucson	520-791-4161	www.tucsoncitygolf.com	18/72	72.5/128	6,863
Silverbell Municipal	Tucson	520-791-5235	www.tucsoncitygolf.com	18/70	72.2/123	6,936
Starr Pass Golf Club	Tucson	800-503-2898	www.jwmarriottstarpas.com	9/36	74.8/144	3,512
The Golf Club at Vistoso	Tucson	520-797-9900	www.vistosogc.com	18/72	72.1/145	6,935
Trini Alvarez El Rio G.C.	Tucson	520-791-4229	www.tucsoncitygolf.com	18/70	69.7/121	6,418
Voyager G.C.	Tucson	520-574-5700	www.voyagerrv.com	9/27		1,003
Del Lago Golf Club	Vail	520-647-1100	www.dellagogolf.net	18/72	73.9/135	7,206

BICYCLING

There are many bicycle paths in the Tucson area. *Bicycling* magazine listed Tucson as the 23rd best cycling city in the U.S. in 2016. Check out the Tucson chapter of the Greater Arizona Bicycling Association's website at www.bikegaba.org for more information about local rides and routes.

Fort Lowell Park

2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85712
520-791-5930

Randolph Center Complex

200 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson 85711
520-791-4650

Rillito River Park

4200 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson 85719
520-293-5011

Santa Cruz River Park

Santa Cruz River Park, Tucson 85745
520-274-5000

Spanish Trail Bike Path

Old Spanish Trail and Broadway Blvd.

GOLF

Unique and breathtakingly beautiful, the panoramic vistas of Tucson and Southern Arizona golf courses set against the breathtaking backdrop of mountains are more than enough to inspire a great round of golf. In Tucson, there's a course that offers the perfect challenge for every skill level – from beginner to pro. These exciting and challenging courses designed by some of the best golf course architects in the business can be counted on to bring out the best in a player's game, and make it especially difficult to choose a favorite. With 350 sunny days per year, Tucson is a perfect destination for golfers of all abilities. There are more than 40 courses – public and private – either in Tucson or within a short driving distance. See golf course listings on the following pages.

HIKING

Hiking is a great way to enjoy the desert environment. Trails are abundant in Tucson Mountain Park, The Santa Catalina, Rincon and Santa Rita mountains also offer hundreds of miles of hiking trails.

Coronado National Forest Office

300 W. Congress St., Tucson 85701
520-388-8300

Santa Catalina Ranger

District Office
5700 N. Sabino Canyon Rd., Tucson
85750; 520-749-8700

HORSEBACK RIDING

Many enjoy horseback riding into the mountains or desert countryside, and it's another way to enjoy the beauty surrounding Tucson. Many stables offer horse rentals and trail rides with guides.

HUNTING

Deer season opens in mid-October, while dove hunting starts September 1. For information on permits and required licenses, call 520-628-5376.

LAKES

Tucson has several lakes nearby for boating, fishing and water sports.

PRIVATE GOLF COURSES - GREATER TUCSON

				HOLES/ PAR	USGA RTG/ SLOPE	LENGTH (YARDS)
Country Club of Green Valley	Green Valley	520-625-8806	www.countryclubofgreenvally.org	18/72	71.3/126	6,628
Desert Hills Golf Club	Green Valley	520-625-5090	www.deserthillsgolfclub.org	18/72	70.5/128	6,445
The Gallery Golf Club	Marana	520-744-4700	www.gallerygolf.com	18/72	74.6/138	7,412
Forty Niner Golf & C.C.	Tucson	520-749-4925	www.fortyninercc.com	18/72	71.3/124	6,630
La Paloma C.C. Resort	Tucson	520-299-1500	www.lapalomacc.com	18/72	71.9/144	7,017
Oro Valley C.C.	Tucson	520-297-1121	www.orovalleycountryclub.com	18/72	73.6/129	6,964
Rolling Hills Golf Course	Tucson	520-298-2401	www.rollinghillsgolftucson.com	18/63	58.4/84	4,146
Saddlebrooke C.C.	Tucson	520-825-2505	www.saddlebrooke.org	18/72	70.8/130	6,513
Skyline C.C.	Tucson	520-299-1111	www.skylinecountryclub.com	18/71	68.9/124	6,137
Sun City Vistoso Golf Club	Tucson	520-825-3110	www.suncityvistoso.com	18/72	71.8/137	6,723
The Stone Canyon G.C.	Tucson	520-219-1500	www.stonecanyon.com	18/72	72.0/135	6,704
Tucson C.C.	Tucson	520-298-6769	www.tucsoncountryclub.com	18/72	73.1/132	6,833



Lake Patagonia is located about four miles north of Highway 82 halfway between Patagonia and Nogales. Camping and fishing are the attractions, especially in the winter when the lake is stocked with trout.

Parker Canyon Lake is east of Nogales and is also stocked with trout. Other catch includes bass, catfish and sunfish. Camping sites and boat rentals are available.

Peña Blanca Lake and Arivaca Lake are other popular spots in addition to Rose Canyon Lake near Mount Lemmon.

RUNNING

Tucson's public parks are home to numerous city running trails. For more details regarding city running paths, call Tucson Parks and Recreation Department at 520-791-4873.

Fort Lowell Park Tennis Center

2900 N. Craycroft Rd.
520-791-2584

McCormick Park

2950 N. Columbus Blvd.

Southern Arizona Roadrunners Club

4625 E. Broadway Blvd. 102,
Tucson 85711; 520-326-9383

The 10K Cinco de Mayo is a popular running event in Tucson, and one of many running events in Southern Arizona the Southern Arizona Roadrunners Club sponsors.

SKIING

Mount Lemmon Ski Valley

10300 Ski Run Rd.,
Mt. Lemmon 85619
520-576-1321; www.skithelennon.com

Forty miles north of Tucson is the Mount Lemmon Ski Valley, the southern-most ski area in North America. Located in the Santa Catalina Mountains, Mt. Lemmon offers a variety of runs along with snowboarding and cross-country skiing. The season usually begins in late December and runs to early April. Off season, a sky ride on the ski lift is offered.

SWIMMING

Tucson Department of Parks and Recreation

520-791-4873

The Tucson Department of Parks and Recreation has just under 20 swimming pools. For locations call the department for locations and schedules.

TENNIS

The Tucson area is dotted with courts—lighted, hard surface and clay. There are public courts at the University of Arizona, Pima Community College and high schools. The city of Tucson oversees three public tennis centers:

Fort Lowell Park Tennis and Racquetball Center

2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85712
520-791-2584

Himmel Park Tennis Center

1000 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson 85716
520-791-2584

Reffkin Tennis Center

50 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson 85711
520-791-4896;
www.reffkintenniscenter.com

You also can find courts at Pima County parks and private tennis clubs in the area. Sponsored by the city Parks and Recreation Department, tennis leagues in a range of categories (mens, womens, mixed, juniors, and seniors). ●



PARKS & RECREATION

NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS

The Grand Canyon is in the northern part of the state and 20 other national monuments are scattered throughout the state. Plus, there are over 14.6 million acres of national forests, parks and recreation areas.

Canyon de Chelly National Monument is near Chinle on the Navajo Reservation. Five periods of Indian culture are represented in these fascinating cliff dwellers' ruins situated within red sandstone walls. From Phoenix: 314 miles northeast. From Tucson: 431 miles northeast. 928-674-5500.

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is off AZ 87 in Coolidge. A four-story structure, built by the Hohokam Indians over 650 years ago, represents the best of Hohokam architecture. Village sites and irrigation canals are evident. From Phoenix: 50 miles southeast. From Tucson: 70 miles northwest. 520-723-3172.

Chiricahua National Monument, I-10 to AZ 186, features the "Wonderland of Rocks" – giant formations carved by nature from volcanic rock. This is land was once controlled by Apaches under Chief Cochise. From Phoenix: 229 miles southeast. From Tucson: 115 miles east. 520-824-3560.

The Grand Canyon National Park is one of the seven wonders of the world and is absolutely breathtaking. The Colorado River runs through the canyon which is 277 miles long and averages 10 miles in width. The South Rim is open year-round while heavy snows close the North Rim during late October until mid-May. There are numerous nature trails and viewing points plus the Tusayan Ruin and Museum (a small prehistoric pueblo), the Yavapai Geology Museum, which offers regional, geological exhibits and the Visitor Center. From Phoenix: 225 miles north. From Tucson: 338 miles north. 928-638-7888.



Marble Canyon is on the Colorado River, marks the beginning of the Grand Canyon and has nearly vertical walls, some 3,000 feet high. From Phoenix: 270 miles north. From Tucson 386 miles north. 928-638-7888.

Montezuma Castle National Monument, off I-17, is a five-story cliff dwelling with 20 rooms, built by the Sinagua Indians. It is considered to be one of the best-preserved dwellings of its kind in the country. Visitors can check out displays of artifacts found in the area at the Visitor Center. From Phoenix: 96 miles north. From Tucson: 226 miles north. 928-567-3322.

Navajo National Monument, off US 160, is the site of the largest of Arizona's cliff dwellings, which are the remains of the Anasazi Indian culture from the 13th century. Located on the Navajo Reservation, the most accessible ruin – Betatakin – had 135 rooms. From Phoenix: 280 miles northeast. From Tucson: 396 miles north. 928-672-2700.

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is off AZ 85. This section of the Sonoran Desert is the primary location of the organ pipe cactus. Other varieties of cactus and desert plants also contribute to the beauty of this monument. From Phoenix: 128 miles southwest. From Tucson: 129 miles west. 520-387-6849.

Petrified Forest National Park, off I-40, features a high concentration of colorful petrified wood. There are five separate areas within the park for viewing the agatized wood. Special points of interest are: Agate Bridge – a petrified log that spans a 40-foot-wide ravine; Newspaper Rock – bears Indian petroglyphs; Puerco Ruin – remains of an Anasazi pueblo; and Rainbow Forest Museum – contains polished petrified wood, crystals, minerals and fossils plus exhibits about the forest. A drive through the park offers scenic overlooks to view the Painted Desert – an area of sand and stone that displays colors at various elevations. From Phoenix: 252 miles northeast. From Tucson: 271 miles north. 928-524-6228.

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Pipe Spring National Monument is on the Kaibab-Paiute Indian Reservation off AZ 389. A preserved, 1870s-Mormon fort and other structures can be found here. From Phoenix: 352 miles northwest. From Tucson: 467 miles northwest. 928-643-7105.

Saguaro National Park comprises two areas – The Rincon Mountain District east of Tucson and the Tucson Mountain Unit west of Tucson that total 92,000 acres. The majority of the park is covered with stands of saguaro cacti. This area is beautiful in April and May when the cacti bloom. A Visitor Center contains plant and animal exhibits. From Phoenix: 129 miles southeast. From Tucson: 14 miles west. 520-733-5153.

Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, off US 89, is a volcanic cone – 1,000 feet high with shades of red, orange and yellow cinders leading to its summit – resembling a sunset. From Phoenix: 162 miles north. From Tucson: 278 miles north. 928-526-0502.

Tonto National Monument, off AZ 88, is a 14th-century Salado Indian pueblo, visible from the Visitor Center. This two-story cliff dwelling is well preserved and a second 40-room dwelling is also accessible by a ranger-led tour. From Phoenix: 108 miles east. From Tucson: 136 miles north. 928-467-2241.

Tumacacori National Monument, off I-19, was once a Pima Indian village which became a Spanish mission in 1691 when Jesuit Father Kino arrived. The ruins of a massive adobe church which was never

completed are here, along with a museum. From Phoenix: 162 miles southeast. From Tucson: 53 miles south. 520-377-5060.

Tuzigoot National Monument is north off AZ 279. The ruins of a 110-room pueblo are situated here on top of a limestone and sandstone ridge. The Visitor Center displays the artifacts excavated from the site. From Phoenix: 106 miles north. From Tucson: 224 miles north. 928-634-5564.

Walnut Canyon National Monument is north off I-40. More than 300 Sinagua Indian cliff dwelling ruins from 1120 A.D. are on ledges in a 350-foot-deep gorge. These single-family dwellings are visible from the Visitor Center and a self-guiding trail leads past 25 of them. From Phoenix: 152 miles north. From Tucson: 271 miles north. 928-526-3367.

Wupatki National Monument is north off US 89. Hundreds of ruins, from the eleventh to the thirteenth centuries, are located in this large settlement built by ancestors of the Hopi Indians. The area was a farming community and was one of the most densely populated areas of northern Arizona. Self-guiding trails run through this 35,693-acre monument. From Phoenix: 180 miles north. From Tucson: 267 miles north. 928-679-2349

STATE PARKS

Arizona's parks feature everything from swimming, fishing and boating to camping and picnicking. But that's not all. Visitors



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can also enjoy prehistoric Indian writings and century-old military posts to beautiful desert scenery.

HISTORICAL PARKS

Fort Verde State Historic Park is in Camp Verde on I-17. Three furnished officers' quarters and the administration building of this fort along with historical military exhibits are on view. From Phoenix: 92 miles north. From Tucson: 208 miles north. 928-567-3275.

Yuma Territorial Prison Museum & Park is in the city of Yuma off I-8. From 1876 to 1909 this historic prison housed some of the West's worst criminals. Strap iron cells, crude bunk beds, ball and chains and the "hole" can be viewed inside the prison along with displays of the criminals' histories. From Phoenix: 186 miles southwest. From Tucson: 241 miles west. 928-783-4771.

Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park is in the town of Tombstone off US 80. Built in 1882, during the wild west days of Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday and surrounded by saloons, the O.K. Corral and Boot Hill, the courthouse is now a museum exhibiting artifacts of Tombstone's lively past. From Phoenix: 185 miles southeast. From Tucson: 70 miles southeast. 520-457-3311.

Jerome State Historic Park is off US 89A in Jerome, a one-time copper mining town that has been restored. The park museum was a mansion designed to house visiting mine officials. Antique mining equipment and exhibits and the mansion are all on view. From Phoenix: 112 miles north. From Tucson: 227 miles north. 928-634-5381.

Riordan Mansion State Historic Park is in Flagstaff at 406 West Riordan Road. This lavish 40-room mansion was home to the Riordan brothers, lumber and railroad tycoons. Visitors can see original furnishings, period antiques and personal family items during a guided tour. From Phoenix: 144 miles north. From Tucson: 259 miles north. 928-779-4395.

McFarland Historical State Park is in Florence off US 89 and AZ 287. Named after former U.S. Senator, Arizona Governor and State Supreme Court Justice Ernest W. McFarland, the park features the first Pinal County courthouse which was later used as a hospital. Displays include a replica courtroom, hospital artifacts and historical exhibits. From Phoenix: 63 miles southeast. From Tucson: 70 miles northwest. 520-868-5216.

Tubac Presidio State Historic Park is in Tubac off I-19. In 1752, the Spaniards established a presidio (fort) and mission in Tubac. The park encompasses the old presidio site

and features a restored 1880 schoolhouse, Indian and Spanish artifacts and an underground exhibit of the fort's foundation. From Phoenix: 157 miles southeast. From Tucson: 48 miles south. 520-398-2252.

DESERT PARKS

Lost Dutchman State Park is at the base of the Superstition Mountains on AZ 88, also known as the Apache Trail. The park serves as a base for campers and hikers who are exploring the mountains – the site of the supposed Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine. From Phoenix: 40 miles east. From Tucson: 106 miles north. 480-982-4485.

Catalina State Park is at the base of the Catalina Mountains on US 77. With 5,493 acres, this park has campgrounds and picnic areas. A special birding trail for viewing over 150 species runs through the park. From Phoenix: 119 miles southeast. From Tucson: 18 miles north. 520-628-5798.

Picacho Peak State Park on I-10 is the site of Arizona's only Civil War battle. There are picnic and camping facilities. From Phoenix: 75 miles south. From Tucson: 42 miles northwest. 520-466-3183.

EDUCATIONAL PARKS

Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park on US 60 has self-guided tours on trails through 323 acres of a variety of semi-desert

plants collected from around the world. This is Arizona's largest and oldest botanical garden. Visitors can check out a Visitor Center, two greenhouses and a large picnic area. From Phoenix: 61 miles east. From Tucson: 96 miles north. 520-689-2811.

Homolovi Ruins State Park is off I-40 near Winslow. Homolovi means "place of the little hills." This area is one of the last prehistoric stopping places of the Hopi Indians. Seven pueblos or dwellings are the focal point of this park. Guests can take educational research tours. From Phoenix: 208 miles northeast. From Tucson: 326 miles north. 928-289-4106.

Oracle State Park is off E. Mt. Lemmon Hwy. Set within the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, this wildlife refuge is an environmental education center open to the public and accredited educational groups for nature study, bird watching, hiking and picnicking. From Phoenix: 118 miles southeast. From Tucson: 40 miles north. 520-896-2425.

Red Rock State Park is off Red Rock Loop Road near Sedona. It sits next to Oak Creek among red cliffs and is a photographer's delight. From Phoenix: 119 miles north. From Tucson: 234 miles north. 928-282-6907.

Kartchner Caverns State Park is located off I-10 in Benson. Guests can take tours of the 2.4-mile-long cavern. From Phoenix: 167 miles southeast. From Tucson: 53 miles southeast. 520-586-4100.

WATER-BASED PARKS

Dead Horse Ranch State Park off US 89A is set in the Verde Valley. The park offers camping, picnicking, fishing and canoeing. From Phoenix: 105 miles north. From Tucson: 235 miles north. 928-634-5283.

Slide Rock State Park off US 89A is located in Oak Creek Canyon. A natural water slide provides plenty of entertainment. Picnicking, fishing and relaxing are

“Arizona’s parks feature everything from swimming, fishing and boating to camping and picnicking and from prehistoric Indian writings and century-old military posts to beautiful desert scenery.”

favorite pastimes here. From Phoenix: 124 miles north. From Tucson: 238 miles north. 928-282-3034.

Buckskin Mountain State Park is in Parker on AZ 95 and is on the Colorado River. Waterfront cabanas, tent sites and trailer areas are available at this popular park for water sports and fishing. Hiking trails wind into the Buckskin range and provide panoramic overlooks. From Phoenix: 167 miles northwest. From Tucson: 282 miles northwest. 928-667-3231.

Lake Havasu State Park is off AZ-95. Lake Havasu was formed by Parker Dam and is 45 miles long, offering plenty of space for all water sports. This state park offers campsites, some only accessible by boat, and fishing. The London Bridge is alive and well in Lake Havasu. From Phoenix: 195 miles northwest. From Tucson: 311 miles northwest. 928-855-2784.

Roper Lake State Park is one-half mile off US 191 in Safford. Located at the foot of Mt. Graham, the park has camping and picnicking facilities. The lake is stocked seasonally and is off limits to gasoline-powered boats. From Phoenix: 171 miles southeast. From Tucson: 122 miles northeast. 928-428-6760.

Painted Rock Petroglyph Site is off I-8 on Rocky Point Road. Visitors can view an outstanding collection of rocks covered

with ancient Indian writings known as petroglyphs. Both areas have campgrounds, shelters and picnic areas. From Phoenix: 94 miles southwest. From Tucson: 150 miles northwest. 623-580-5500.

Lyman Lake State Park is off US 191 in St. Johns. A 1,500-acre lake, at an elevation of 6,000 feet, offers boating, canoeing, swimming and fishing. Hiking, rock-hounding and camping are also popular activities. From Phoenix: 229 miles northeast. From Tucson: 247 miles northeast. 928-337-4441.

Patagonia Lake State Park is off AZ 82 and is situated in the hills of the Sonoita Creek area. The park features modern campsites and fishing – the lake is stocked with trout, but also has bass, bluegill, catfish and crappie. Visitors can enjoy swimming, a beach marina in addition to a launching ramp and boat rentals. From Phoenix: 185 miles southeast. From Tucson: 71 miles south. 520-287-6965.

Alamo Lake State Park is on Alamo Road off US 60 at Wenden. This state park offers camping, swimming, boating, hiking, canoeing and bass fishing at this large reservoir set on 4,900 acres. The park offers campsites, an RV lot, picnic area and two boat ramps. From Phoenix: 133 miles northwest. From Tucson: 248 miles northwest. 928-669-2088. ●

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

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JANUARY

PHOENIX

Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction

Westworld of Scottsdale • 480-421-6694
www.barrett-jackson.com

Six days of high energy auctions featuring vintage and rare cars. Established in 1971 in Scottsdale and celebrated its 47th anniversary in 2018, Barrett-Jackson Auction Company specializes in providing products and services to collector car buyers, sellers and automotive enthusiasts worldwide.

Fiesta Bowl

University of Phoenix Stadium
480-350-0911 • www.fiestabowl.org

The Fiesta Bowl celebrated its 47th year hosting the top college football teams of the Big 12 Conference this year, and is commonly regarded as one of the top bowl games in the nation.

Rock'n'Roll Arizona

Marathon & 1/2 Marathon

Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe
800-311-1255

www.runrocknroll.com/Events/Arizona

More than 25,000 runners participated in the 2018 Rock'n'Roll Arizona Marathon. The rock concert that followed was headlined by the rock group Everclear.

PGA Waste Management Phoenix Open

TPC Scottsdale • 602-870-0163
www.wmphoenixopen.com

Hosted by the Ak-Chin Indian Community, PGA's WM Phoenix Open is one of the five oldest non-championship events on the PGA tour. The 2018 WM Phoenix Open champion was Gary Woodland and attendance during the week reached an all-time high of 719,179.

Arizona Balloon Classic

Goodyear Ballpark
www.abcfest.com

Watch as hot air balloons take flight and "compete" in the warm Arizona sun. A fireworks show and live music are provided Saturday evening. Over 20 local and national pilots participate and attract a crowd of over 15,000.

TUCSON

American Indian Arts Exposition

Flamingo Quality Inn / Ballroom
520-248-5849 • www.usaindianinfo.com

An official event of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (see below), this annual event hosts one of the most comprehensive and finest collection of American Indian art, craftsmanship and food catering to the most exacting collectors of indigenous artifacts.

FEBRUARY

PHOENIX

Arizona Renaissance Festival

12601 East Highway 60
520-463-2600 • www.arizona.renfestinfo.com

Relive days gone by at the Arizona Renaissance Festival. This Festival transports visitors to a European-style country fair filled with an agreeable rabble of knights, rogues, royalty and craftsmen. All the participants roam throughout a 30-acre, charm-filled village with 200 quaint shops, 12 stages of non-stop entertainment, an arena for full-contact armored jousting, kitchens, pubs and people-powered games and rides.

TUCSON

La Fiesta de los Vaqueros

Tucson Rodeo Grounds
520-741-2233 • www.tucsonrodeo.com

Since its inception in 1925, La Fiesta de los Vaqueros has become one of the top 25 professional rodeos in North America. It features over a week of rodeo events, family-friendly activities, special meals and meetings. The Tucson Rodeo Parade featured during the event is billed as the world's longest non-motorized parade.

Tucson Gem & Mineral & Show

Tucson Convention Center
520-322-5773 • www.tgms.org/show

The acclaimed Tucson Gem and Mineral Show sets the standard for gem and mineral shows around the world, and is now the largest gem and mineral show in the United States. The Show is open to the public and presents retail dealers only. Proceeds from the Show remain in the Tucson economy and are used to support mineral knowledge and appreciation.

MARCH

PHOENIX

Cactus League Baseball

Various Venues
480-270-5000 • www.cactusleague.com

For decades, Arizona has hosted Major League Baseball spring training promising an incredible month of sunshine, scenic beauty and warm hospitality paired with America's favorite pastime.

Chandler Chamber Annual

Ostrich Festival

Tumbleweed Park
480-588-8497 • www.ostrichfestival.com

2018 marked the 30th Annual Chandler Chamber Ostrich Festival. The event grows bigger seemingly every year with national and local entertainment, amazing acts, great food, beverages and of course ostriches!

Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affaire

Fountain Hills
480-837-5637 • www.thunderbirdartists.com

Presented by Thunderbird Artists and the Sunset Kiwanis of Fountain Hills, the Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affaire is three days of fine art, fine wine and fine musical entertainment.

TUCSON

Tucson Cine Mexico

Multiple Venues
520-626-9825 • www.tucsoncinemexico.org

Tucson Cine Mexico is a premiere film festival in the US focusing entirely on the work of Mexican directors and producers. The festival is dedicated to presenting the best in contemporary Mexican cinema to a diverse audience and is the longest-running festival of contemporary Mexican film in the United States.

Tucson Festival of Books

University of Arizona Campus
520-621-0302 • www.tucsonfestivalofbooks.org

This massive, two-day event is a celebration of everything that has to do with books and reading. Visitors can meet their favorite authors, attend panels, participate in activities for all ages and

enjoy great food from local vendors. Just some notables who have attended include J.A. Jance, Terry Brooks, Casy Susan and Louis Bayard. Proceeds from this event go to local literacy efforts.

PHOENIX

Maricopa County Home Shows

Various Venues

602-485-1691

www.maricopacountyhomeshows.com

These events show the latest and greatest in home improvement. The largest home shows in the state, they have helped the industry thrive for the past 19 years.

6th Street Market

Tempe

480-355-6019 • www.downtowntempe.com

Enjoy the live music, arts and the heart of Downtown Tempe community at this weekly market. The popular 6th Street Market has just about everything from community yoga to food vendors. The market is open Sundays only from October through April. Visit their site for more details.

TUCSON

Fourth Avenue Street Fair (Spring)

Fourth Ave. between Ninth & University Blvd.

520-624-5004 • www.fourthavenue.org

The first of two Street Fairs happening every year, the Spring Fair is free to the public and brings together more than 400 arts and crafts booths, 35 food vendors, two stages, street musicians, food, jugglers, street performers, the Free SPIKE kids hands-on-art Pavilion, face painting, balloons and tons of other fun activities.



APRIL

PHOENIX

Scottsdale Culinary Festival

www.scottsdalefest.org

Celebrating its 40th year in 2018, the Scottsdale Culinary Festival is a fabulous opportunity for expanding one's culinary horizons. Proceeds benefit the Scottsdale League for the Arts.

TUCSON

Spring Fling

University of Arizona Campus East Mall

20-621-5610 • www.springfling.arizona.edu

Spring Fling is the largest student-run carnival in the nation, with over 30,000 people attending each year. The carnival features rides, midway games, food and both amateur and professional entertainment. Spring Fling serves as a fund-raising opportunity for University of Arizona campus clubs and organizations.

Oracle Artists Studio Tour

Multiple Locations, Oracle

520-896-2079 • www.oraclestudiotour.com

Just northeast of Tucson, the Oracle Artists Studio Tours features dozens of artists, working in nearly every medium, showcasing their work in their studios, galleries, and historic venues.

MAY

PHOENIX

Arizona Special

Olympics Summer Games

Various Venues: 602-230-1200 • www.specialolympicsarizona.org

Special Olympics Arizona is made up of passionate, committed individuals from every walk of life, who recognize the

value and unique gifts of people with various disabilities. Together, they share the common belief in dignity, equality and opportunity for ALL people.

Various events are run throughout the month.

Cinco de Mayo

Various Venues

This special event, which is a national holiday in Mexico but also is celebrated through the southwestern United States, commemorates the Battle of Puebla when, on May 5, 1862, Mexican army units defeated a French army twice their size. Independent special events are conducted on and around May 5 every year throughout the region.

TUCSON

Music Under the Stars

DeMeester Outdoor Performance

Center, Reid Park

520-722-5853 • www.tucsonpops.org

Now in its sixth decade of great performances, the Tucson Pops Orchestra continues this tradition by entertaining city residents with this outstanding annual live concert series, which takes place May-June every year and is free and open to the public.

Wyatt Earp Days

Multiple Locations, Tombstone

520-266-5266 • www.wyattearpdays.com

See the "Old Wild West" come alive in the town "Too Tough to Die" with a weekend honoring Tombstone's most notable and legendary lawman, Wyatt Earp. Just some of the great activities included in this three-day event include day-long entertainment, a costume and re-enactment competition and chili cook-off.

MAY: Cinco de Mayo / Various Venues

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Willcox Wine Country Festival

Railroad Avenue Park, Willcox

1-800-200-2272

www.willcoxwinecountry.org

The festival is a two-day event that includes food, music and, of course, wine. The event features over a dozen wineries from Willcox Wine Country. The Willcox Wine Festival is one of the top 10 wine festival ins North America, according to Fodor's Travel.

JUNE

PHOENIX

Chandler Art Walk

Downtown Chandler

480-855-3539 • www.chandlerartwalk.com

The Art Walk occurs the third Friday of every month and provides a fun family atmosphere where you can browse the many different types of art available from our talented artists. It's a great opportunity to visit all of the unique establishments in downtown Chandler and hear live music from local talent.

TUCSON

Summer Art Cruise

Downtown Tucson

520-629-9759 • www.ctgatucson.org

The Summer Art Cruise is an opportunity for art lovers to examine firsthand Tucson's wonderful art scene by perusing multiple galleries specializing in a wide variety of contemporary art disciplines, including paintings, paper art, photography and performance.

Summer Saturday Evenings

Arizona Sonora Desert Museum

520-883-1380 • www.desertmuseum.org

Taking place at the world-renowned Arizona Sonora Desert Museum every Saturday between 6:00 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summer Saturday Evenings begin the last weekend in May and runs until September. Visitors are encouraged to discover the wonders of the desert at night, with its celestial wonders, fluorescent minerals, night pollinators, animal eye-shine, Sonoran Desert insects, night sounds, bats, kissing bugs, scorpions, or rattlesnakes.

JULY

PHOENIX

Fabulous Phoenix Fourth

602-262-6011 • www.phoenix.gov

Phoenix's premier Independence Day family event, it features great local entertainment, a giant misting area to cool off, inflatable rides, three stages of entertainment, a Classic Car exhibit and one of the biggest fireworks displays in the state! Festivalgoers also can enjoy a variety of food and beverage vendors.

TUCSON

Tucson International

Children's Film Festival

The Loft Cinema,

3233 E. Speedway Boulevard

520-795-0844 • www.loftcinema.com

Super summer excitement returns to the Old Pueblo with its annual Tucson International Children's Film Festival. Each morning, kids and their parents can experience some of the best children's films of all-time, along with fun games, interactive activities, free giveaways, tonso-pop-corn and crazy surprises. And best of all, it's FREE!

AUGUST

PHOENIX

Arizona Cardinals Football

Glendale • 602-379-0102 • www.azcardinals.com

August marks the beginning of preseason for the Arizona Cardinals NFL football team. Home games are played at University of Phoenix Stadium.

TUCSON

Eleventh Annual Colossal

Cave 5K Road Race

Vail, AZ • 520-820-6447 • www.taggrun.com

The beauty of the Sonoran Desert and gorgeous mountain ranges will surround you. With views of the Stone Ramada at the Cave and the City of Tucson to the west. All preregistered participants will receive a free t-shirt.

SEPTEMBER

PHOENIX

Ballet Under the Stars

Various Venues

602-313-6520 • www.balletaz.org

Free and open to the public, Ballet Under the Stars allows Arizona communities to enjoy dance in a unique outdoor setting complete with a stage, lighting, costumes, and beautiful Arizona weather.

TUCSON

Annual Bisbee Blues Festival

Bisbee, 520-227-6547

www.bisbeebluesfoundation.com

Now in its 14th year, the Bisbee Blues Festival continues to feature outstanding blues performers from around the United States.

Saguaro National Park Labor Day Run

Saguaro National Park East

520-991-0733 • www.azroadrunners.org

Some 1,200 participants enjoy this regional favorite that combines beautifully scenic eight-mile and 5k courses along with post-race festivities. Taking place for more than 48 years, this event was featured as a Runner's World Race of the Month.

Roasted Green Chili Festival

12500 E. Old Spanish Trail, Vail

520-591-2276 • www.rinconinstitute.org

As many as 2,000 people annually visit the Annual Roasted Chile Festival at the Rincon Valley Farmers & Artisans Market in Vail to sample its many fresh roasted green chilies, chile ristas, locally grown pesticide-free and organic fresh produce and fruit, artisans, fresh hot food, kids' activities and games, and a beer garden.

OCTOBER

PHOENIX

Arizona State Fair

State Fairgrounds

602-252-6771 • www.azstatefair.com

First envisioned in 1884, hundreds of thousands of residents from across the state now flock to the fair each year to enjoy its foods, exhibits, and entertainment.

AZ EVENTS

Phoenix and Tucson are filled with festivals and events year-round. To add an event to our online events calendar, create an account at PhoenixRelocationGuide.com/My-Account/ and submit your event for approval.

Autumnfest Arts & Crafts Fair

Anthem

623-742-6050 • www.onlineat anthem.com

Anthem residents and visitors from far and wide come together to celebrate all things fall at ACC's Autumnfest. This family-friendly event celebrates the season with fall-flavored festivities including arts & crafts vendors, carnival rides (fee), pumpkin picking (fee) and live entertainment.

The Great Pumpkin Festival

Desert Botanical Garden

480-941-1225 • www.dbg.org

Celebrate a fall tradition with Desert Botanical Garden. Take a hayride out to the Pumpkin Patch, where children 12-and-under can find a perfect pumpkin! Attempt the hay bale maze, decorate your pumpkin and visit the Community Garden to see how pumpkins and vegetables grow. Test your skills on carnival-style games, dance to folk, country and bluegrass music, and meet adorable farm animals.

Tour de Scottsdale

480-538-2541 • www.tourdescottsdale.net

The Tour de Scottsdale is a grueling and rewarding one-day cycling event limited to 2,000 cyclists. The 70-mile course circumnavigates the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, which at completion will be the nation's largest urban land preserve, while the 30-mile ride traverses north Scottsdale and Cave Creek.

TUCSON

Nightfall

Old Tucson Studios

520-883-0100 • www.nightfallaz.com

An Old Pueblo Halloween staple, Nightfall provides its visitors with creepy live shows, spooky attractions, grotesque live characters, lethal libations, vicious victuals, and terrifying trinkets. It is a two-time winner of *Hauntworld Magazine's* Top Ten amusement park Halloween Events in the United States.

Tucson Meet Yourself

Multiple Locations

520-621-4046 • www.tucsonmeetyourself.org

An annual event devoted to celebrate and explore Tucson's myriad cultural diversity, Tucson Meet Yourself continues to grow since its first came into being 40 years ago. Dancing, singing, artwork and food from more than 30 different ethnicities are featured in the downtown area. In fact, the food segment has become so popular that many Tucsonans have come to call the event "Tucson Eat Yourself".

NOVEMBER

PHOENIX

Arizona International Car Show

Phoenix • www.autoshowphoenix.com

From car geeks to casual enthusiasts, the Arizona International Auto Show offers something for everyone including ultra-high-end exotics, plug-in electric vehicles, pre-production models, hot customs and more.

Fantasy of Lights

Tempe

480-355-6060 • www.downtowntempe.com

The Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade and Boat Parade have become family traditions in Downtown Tempe. For over 20 years, the Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade kicks off the holiday season in downtown Tempe. The event brings over 35,000 people downtown to enjoy the parade, tree lighting ceremony, holiday shopping and a visit with Santa.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Anthem • 623-742-6050 • onlineat anthem.com

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony is held at the Anthem Veterans Memorial. Special speakers and music are featured as veterans and their families are honored. The ceremony will conclude with the solar spotlight on the Great Seal of the United States at 11:11 a.m.

TUCSON

All Souls Procession Weekend

Multiple Locations • www.allsoulsprocession.org

All Souls Procession is one of the largest festivals in Tucson. Celebrated since 1990, it is held on the first Sunday in November. Modeled on the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos, it combines elements of African, Anglo, Celtic, and Latin American culture.

El Tour de Tucson

Tucson perimeter

520-745-2033 • www.perimeterbicycling.com

Held annually the Saturday before Thanksgiving, El Tour is a fundraising adventure ride attracting over 9,000 cyclists of all ages and abilities from throughout the United States and worldwide, consisting of novice, intermediate, advanced, and professional cyclists.

DECEMBER

PHOENIX

Arizona Asian Festival

Mesa • www.aaaa-az.org

This festival—which is free and open to the public features ethnic cuisine, arts and crafts, and such diverse entertainment as martial arts demonstrations, cultural dances and music from nearly a dozen Asian countries.

Insight Bowl

Sun Devil Stadium
480-350-0911 • www.fiestabowl.org

The Insight Bowl annual football game, which is played at Sun Devil Stadium, pits the third pick from the Big 12 Conference and the third or fourth pick from the Big Ten Conference.

Gilbert Art Walk

Downtown Gilbert
480-329-9619 • www.gilbertartwalk.com

Gilbert Art Walk is a family- and pet-friendly art show with live music that is free to the public. They have a large array of art mediums such as jewelry, painting, ceramic, woodworking, photography and more.

Holiday Concerts and Shows

Various Venues

The Valley of the Sun hosts a huge variety of other entertainment and celebrations during the holiday season.

Zoolights

Phoenix Zoo
602-286-3800 • www.phoenixzoo.org

ZooLights is one of the largest holiday light shows in the southwest with 2.5 million lights, hundreds of custom lighted animal displays, carousel rides, camel rides, wagon rides and more.

TUCSON

Fourth Avenue Street Fair (Fall)

Fourth Ave. between Ninth and University Blvd.
520-624-5004 • www.fourthavenue.org

The second of two Street Fairs happening every year, the Fall Fair is free to the public and brings together more than 400 arts and crafts booths, 35 food vendors, two stages, street musicians, food, jugglers, street performers, the Free SPIKE kids



hands-on-art Pavilion, face painting, balloons and tons of other fun activities.

Winterhaven Festival of Lights

Winterhaven neighborhood, central Tucson
www.winterhavenfestival.org

Now in its 62nd year of operation, the Winterhaven Festival of Lights is one of Tucson's truly iconic holiday traditions. Every year hundreds of thousands of people from throughout southern Arizona visit the neighborhood to view its many inventive holiday lights displays on foot, by car or via the many hayrides available.

Oro Valley Holiday Festival of the Arts

Oro Valley
520-229-4700 • www.orovalleyaz.gov

The Oro Valley Holiday Festival of the Arts has quickly become one the largest regional art events in Southern Arizona. This two-day festival features up to 150 artists and exhibitors in all mediums, live music, food vendors, tree lighting family arts activities and a chalk art walk.



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SHOPPING & DINING

Arizona's shopping scene is bursting with color and life. It is known for its variety and vibrancy. Phoenix and Tucson are both splendid combinations of old and new; traditional and cutting edge. Whether it's an afternoon of leisurely shopping or venturing out for a weekend of finding the best bargains, take advantage of the wide array of delights to be found in Phoenix and Tucson.

PHOENIX

Antique Gatherings

3601 East Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85018
602-956-8203

Several antique dealers have gathered under one roof to display their antiques and collectibles at this tasteful showplace of times gone by.

Arizona Center

455 East Van Buren St., Phoenix 85004
602-340-9772; www.arizonacenter.com

The Arizona Center is an open-air market of beautiful gardens and retail stores set in the heart of downtown Phoenix. Located within easy walking distance of all major

downtown attractions, the Arizona Center's four acres feature shopping, dining and entertainment options. Enjoy shopping at more than 30 stores, stroll along beautifully landscaped gardens and waterways, dine al fresco at a café or catch a quick bite to eat at a fast food establishment, or even catch a movie at the 24 screen, stadium seating AMC Movie Complex.

Biltmore Fashion Park

24th Street and Camelback Rd.
Phoenix 85016
602-955-8400; www.shopbiltmore.com

Lush and luxurious, Biltmore Fashion Park features one-of-a-kind shops amid the Old World elegance of striking storefronts, fountains and outdoor cafes. The Biltmore's

enchanting gardens make for a perfect place to meet and catch up with friends before beginning a relaxing afternoon of shopping. Major anchor stores are Macy's, Gucci, and Saks Fifth Avenue, in addition to more than sixty stores and boutiques.

Brass Armadillo Antique Mall

12419 North 28th Dr., Phoenix 85029
602-942-0030; www.brassarmadillo.com

This antique mall features 39,000 square feet devoted solely to the collections of more than 600 antique dealers. Whether shopping or simply browsing, visitors to the Brass Armadillo will be amazed by the wide variety of goods featured here, ranging from furniture to toys, glassware to fine china, vintage jewelry and clothing to sports cards and memorabilia.

Camelback Colonnade

18th Street and Camelback Rd.
Phoenix 85016; 602-274-7642

The Colonnade is one of Phoenix's oldest open-air shopping centers and has a loyal following of shoppers who remember coming here as children. Old Navy, Best Buy and Famous Footwear are featured stores here in addition to other stores featuring music, appliances, computers and more.

Cofco Chinese Cultural Center

668 North 44th St., Phoenix 85008
602-273-7268; www.phxchinatown.com

The Cofco Chinese Cultural Center offers a feast for the eyes with Chinese gardens, replicas of pagodas and beautiful landscaping, not to mention shopping delights such as traditional and difficult-to-find-anywhere-else Asian foods, gifts and a variety of western and traditional Chinese style clothing.

Desert Sky Mall

75th Ave. and Thomas Rd., Phoenix 85033
623-245-1404; www.desertskymall.com

Two courts featuring huge skylights give a light, airy atmosphere to this community mall located near the popular Cricket Pavilion. Department stores include Dillard's and Sears as well as smaller stores, as well as a movie theater.

Metrocenter

Interstate 17 between Dunlap and Peoria Ave., Phoenix 85021
602-944-0470; www.metrocentermall.com

Built in 1971, the Metrocenter has gone through several makeovers through the years to keep pace with current shopping trends. Today, with more than two million square feet of shopping space housing more than 200 shops, a food court and three departments stores, the Metrocenter is one of the largest shopping centers in the Valley of the Sun.

Outlets at Anthem

I-17 at Anthem Way, Phoenix 85086
623-465-9500; www.outletsanthem.com

Enjoy bargain hunting at this outlet mall featuring more than 90 stores and only 30

minutes from downtown Phoenix. Designer stores include Ann Taylor, Polo Ralph Lauren, Bose Factory Store, and more. A food court and playground allows everyone to take a well-deserved break before picking up the pace once more.

Phoenix Premium Outlets

4976 Premium Outlets Way, Chandler 85226
480-639-1766; www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/phoenix

Phoenix Premium Outlets features extraordinary savings of 25% to 65% off exceptional brands including: Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5th, Polo Ralph Lauren, Kate Spade New York, Coach, and Nike. With over 90 stores in one convenient location.

Town and Country Shopping Center

Camelback Corridor at 20th and Camelback
Phoenix 85016; 602-955-6850
www.townandcountryshops.com

A charming, open air Southwestern styled market invites exploration at the Town and Country Shopping Center, located in the heart of the Camelback Corridor. More than 50 shops ranging from small and eclectic shops and mom and pop cafes to larger retailers and restaurants are set amidst courtyards and fountains.

EAST VALLEY**Arizona Mills Mall**

5000 Arizona Mills Circle, Tempe 85282
480-491-7300; www.arizonamills.com

Arizona Mills is the state's largest value and entertainment megamall, with more than 175 retail store and restaurants plotted out in a circular pattern and accessible with easy to walk on wooden floors. With outlet stores, theaters and events, the mall is designed around a two-thirds mile long racetrack. Anchor stores include Neiman Marcus and Off 5th-Saks Fifth Avenue.

Superstition Springs Center

U.S. 69 and Power Rd., Mesa 85206
480-832-0212; www.superstitionsprings.com

One of the largest regional shopping centers in the East Valley, Superstition Springs Center features more than 150 stores and assorted

restaurants in its 1.3 million square feet of space. Anchor stores include Dillard's, J.C. Penney, Macy's and Sears. The mall also features an eight screen Super Saver Cinema. A beautiful carousel with thirty hand-carved horses, a botanical garden and an amphitheater seating 1,500 for concerts and programs are also available. Children visiting the center love to wander through the Play Canyon and the Mining Camp

Fiesta Mall

Superstition Freeway and Alma School Rd
Mesa 85202; 480-833-4121

With plenty of variety to suit any shopper's needs, Fiesta Mall features more than 135 specialty stores arranged on two floors and with a food court and children's play area. Anchor stores include Macy's, Dillard's and Sears.

Mill Avenue

Downtown Tempe, Tempe 85281
480-967-4877 www.downtowntempe.com

Galleries, craft shops, boutiques, and jewelry stores flourish along Mill Avenue in downtown Tempe, with its historic buildings and restaurants. College students from Arizona State University make Mill Avenue come alive on the weekends.

SOUTHEAST VALLEY**Chandler Fashion Center**

Chandler Boulevard and Loop 101
Chandler 85226; 480-812-8488
www.chandlermall.com

One of the newest kids on the block, Chandler Fashion Center is spread over 320 acres, and features more than 180 shops and restaurants. Anchor stores include Nordstrom, Dillard's and Macy's, as well as small, eclectic boutiques. More than 50 restaurants and cafes give ample dining choices, while the 20 screen theater makes for great "dinner and a movie" entertainment.

SanTan Village

Williams Field Rd and Loop 202
Gilbert 85295; 480-282-9500
www.shopsantantovillage.com

Fresh and alive, SanTan Village is one of the newest shopping centers in the area,

with 130 shops that include Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Macy's, The Apple Store and Old Navy. Children should enjoy an outdoor stage with a flower mosaic pop-up water fountain and an interactive play area.

NORTHEAST VALLEY

The Borgata

Lincoln Dr. and Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale 85253; 602-953-6311
www.borgata.com

The 30 stores of this posh shopping paradise are all nestled within a replica of a 14th century Italian village. Choose from upscale children's clothiers, jewelry store and high-end boutiques featuring the latest fashions, visit art galleries or dine at one of the Borgata's exquisite restaurants.

Kierland Commons

1520 South Kierland Blvd., Scottsdale 85254
480-348-1577; www.kierlandcommons.com

With a broad plaza and natural colored stone, Kierland Commons has been designed to look like the typical Main Street found in a traditional small town, but actually is quite forward thinking. This mixed-use development is the first urban village center built in the greater Phoenix area, featuring retail and restaurant spaces, as well as office developments.

Fifth Avenue

Downtown Scottsdale, Scottsdale 85251
www.downtownscottsdale.com

Also known as Old Town Scottsdale, Fifth Avenue is celebrated by both tourists and locals for its unique galleries selling artwork by Southwestern artists as well as its many boutiques and shops featuring goods and crafts that cannot be found anywhere else. Fifth Avenue actually includes much more than its namesake street – it also extends along Marshall Way, Stetson Drive, Third Avenue, Sixth Avenue and Craftmans Court. An open-air shopping area featuring a Southwestern-style garden is enchanting, with shaded walkways and lush landscaping. Plan to spend some time viewing outdoor sculptures, browsing through art galleries, checking out the menus of the different fine restaurants and leisurely exploring Fifth Avenue shops.

Scottsdale Pavilions

Pima and Indian Bend Roads
Scottsdale 85250
www.scottsdalepavilions.com

Operated on land owned by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, a portion of store revenues goes to the tribe. The open air mall features a Target, as well as smaller retail stores and several restaurants. Entertainment options include catching a movie or a visit to Fiddlesticks Family Fun Park, located next to the mall.

El Pedregal at The Boulders

34505 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85266
480-488-1072; www.elpedregal.com

El Pedregal is a shopping center nestled in among the rugged foothills of the Sonoran Desert. This colorful, two level retail center resembling an adobe village features upscale galleries, boutiques, restaurants and shops filled with artisan treasures, apparel, jewelry and more. The natural beauty of the area is enhanced with the addition of a courtyard, waterfalls, fountains and pools. A 300-seat amphitheater and the Heard Museum are also located here.

The Promenade

16427 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85254
480-385-2820

Dubbed "The Gateway to Scottsdale," The Promenade has become one of the Valley's busiest shopping centers. The center's one million square feet of space features specialty retailers, restaurants, and nationally recognized brands including the state's first Great Indoors, Fox Sports Grill, Maggiano's Little Italy, Benihana and Nordstrom Rack. Visitors to The Promenade will also find a 125-foot spire designed by world famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright at the intersection of Scottsdale Road and Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.

WEST VALLEY

Arrowhead Towne Center

Bell Rd and 75th Ave., Glendale 85308
623-979-7720; arrowheadtownecenter.com

This comfortable and upscale shopping center serves the Northwest Valley with 170 top retailers and eateries, and features major



anchor stores such as Macy's, JC Penney, Sears, and more. Restaurants and a food court, the AMC 14 movie theatre and the close location to the Peoria Sports Complex provide dining and entertainment options.

TUCSON

The Antique Mall

3130 E. Grant Rd. at Country Club

The Antique Mall is the perfect hunting ground for antique lovers, with more than 100 dealers in the heart of Tucson's antiquing district.

Broadway Village

Southwest corner of Broadway Blvd. and Country Club Rd.

Find everything from the latest in kitchen gadgetry and locally-made jewelry to international clothing and furniture at this Mission-styled shopping complex.

Crossroads Festival Shopping Center

Northeast corner of Grant and Swan Roads

An elegant center set in Tucson's foothills, shoppers will find gift and clothing boutiques as well as gourmet food shops and a six-screen movie theater.

El Con Mall

3601 E. Broadway and Alvernon
www.shopelcon.com

El Con Mall is Tucson's first enclosed shopping mall featuring 1.4 million square feet

of retail space that houses Macy's, Target, JCPenney, and Home Depot, and are joined by more than 120 specialty shops, a six-screen movie theater and restaurants.

El Mercado Shoppes

6336 E. Broadway

Shops, galleries, and restaurants line the flow-ered porticos and offer shoppers variety. A custom jeweler and an exclusive art gallery add interest to this unique shopping center.

Foothills Mall

7401 N. La Cholla Blvd. (at Ina Rd.)

Tucson's northernmost shopping center is home to a Saks Fifth Avenue Outlet, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Donna Karan Company Store, Mikasa and Nike factory stores, and many specialty boutiques. The Foothills Mall also features restaurants and a 15-screen movie theater.

Fourth Avenue

www.fourthavenue.org

The downtown shopping scene on Fourth Avenue between Congress Street and University Boulevard features a historic shopping and arts district with more than 100 unusual shops featuring everything from vintage and boutique shops, artisans galleries and sidewalk cafes. Get around on one of the trolleys that run on Friday evenings and on weekends.

La Encantada Shopping Center

2905 E. Skyline Dr. and Campbell Ave.
www.laencantadashoppingcenter.com

With spacious patios, meandering walkways, scenic views of the Catalina Foothills Mountains, and the on-site seven-acre community park, La Encantada blends in with the area's natural surroundings and invites shoppers to relax and enjoy the experience of this upscale shopping center. Retail stores include Pottery Barn, Williams-Sonoma, Crate & Barrel, Coach, Tommy Bahama, Cole Haan, Adrienne Vittadini, St. John Sport, Anthropologie, and Apple.

La Plaza Shoppes

6500 block of East Tanque Verde Rd.

Find specialty craft shops, gift boutiques, and restaurants at this shopping center in East Tucson.

Main Gate Square

University Blvd. between Park and Euclid Avenues; www.maingatesquare.com

More than 50 shops, restaurants, coffeehouses and brew pubs are located in this pedestrian-friendly area near The University of Arizona.

Old Town Artisans

El Presideo Neighborhood
201 N. Court Ave.
www.oldtownartisans.com

Find shops, a café and a marketplace featuring the works of hundreds of local artists and artisans in this restored adobe. Baskets, kachina dolls, jewelry, Pueblo pottery and Navajo rugs are just a few of the items that can be found here.

Park Place Mall

5870 E. Broadway
www.parkplacemall.com

Surrounded by major hotels, resorts and attractions and anchored by Sears, Eddie Bauer, Nordstroms, a newly renovated Dillard's and Macy's, Park Place Mall with its park-like setting is aptly named. The mall has more than 100 specialty shops, restaurants and movie theaters.

Plaza Palomino

2970 N. Swan Rd.

This Southwestern hacienda-style shopping center features a serene setting complete with fountains, palm trees and courtyard boutiques, creating a relaxing shopping atmosphere for sophisticated fashions, Indian jewelry, art, accessories and fine crystal.

The Plaza at Williams Centre

Craycroft Road and Broadway Blvd.

Located in the heart of Tucson's corporate and financial center, the thirty shops in this outdoor mall setting offer fine arts and upscale clothing.

The River Center

Northeast corner of River and Craycroft Rds.

A palm-lined plaza in the shape of the state of Arizona is the highlight of this shopping center that features specialty shops, craft supplies, a salon and restaurants.

St. Philips Plaza

Corner of N. Campbell Ave. and River Rd.

Complete with an outdoor plaza and courtyards reflecting Tucson's Spanish heritage, St. Philip's Plaza is plush with trending shopping boutiques and superb dining. A variety of art galleries are joined by shops offering women's apparel, leather goods, men's wear and custom-designed jewelry.

Santa Fe Square & Galleria

7000 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

The Pueblo-style architecture and cobblestone features charming walkways to meander around its grounds while visiting the numerous galleries and specialty shops, restaurants and playhouse.

Trail Dust Town

6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

Resembling nothing less than a circa 1880s town straight out of the Old West, Trail Dust Town offers patrons the chance to stroll down the boardwalk, browse through shops, watch craftsmen work and enjoy dining at one of the restaurants.

Tucson Mall

4500 N. Oracle Rd.

With over 200 stores on two levels, Tucson Mall is the city's largest shopping center. Anchored by Macy's, Dillard's, JCPenney and Sears, Tucson Mall features restaurants and a food court, plus high-fashion boutiques, many filled with unique Southwestern merchandise. Hours can be spent roaming through the mall which is beautifully landscaped. Fountains and vaulted ceilings add to the ambience.

Unique Antique

5000 E. Speedway Blvd.

Unique Antique is a mall exclusively dedicated to antiques and collectibles being offered by ninety dealers. ●



ARIZONA'S *Delicious* DINING SCENE

There's no doubt Phoenix and Tucson have a natural zest for life, and their residents have the hearty appetites to match. It stands to reason, then, that cities possessed of such excellent taste should have thriving restaurant scenes to handle those hungry for a meal that does more than nourish, it satisfies those special cravings.

From spunky upstart bistros to mom and pop eateries to classic haute cuisine dining, Phoenix and Tucson are virtual paradises waiting to be discovered. Arizona's global cuisine allows diners to sip and sample the best of edible delights from around the world without ever leaving. Exotic fare and dishes from faraway Asia, the Pacific Rim, Europe, the Middle East are just a few of the choices on the menu. Those whose tastes run a little closer to home, will find plenty of places to choose from when searching for Sonoran, Mexican, barbecue or even home cooking like mama used to make.

Look around, and find every imaginable fare, and even a few never thought of before. Get out and see what the fuss is all about in Phoenix and Tucson. Allow taste buds the opportunity to explore new culinary delights, and find new favorite dishes while savoring old favorites.

PHOENIX

Arena Bar & Grill

6245 E Bell Rd # 101, Scottsdale, 85254
480-948-0008; www.arenasportgrills.com

The Arena Sports Grill is a local, Scottsdale family oriented neighborhood restaurant that offers great food in a fun environment. From personal-sized pizza and wings, to steak, pasta & salads, the Arena offers something for everyone. The Arena has over 20 high-def televisions to watch all your favorite College & NFL Football Sports Teams. With a great selection of draft and bottle beer, off-track horse betting, pool tables and dart, you are guaranteed for a great time at The Arena Sports Grill.

Barrio Café

2814 N. 16th St., Phoenix 85006
602-636-0240; www.barriocafe.com

Chef Silvana Salcido Esparza's take on exotic Mexican food has caught the attention of Phoenix diners at this cozy little eatery. This definitely is not your abuela's home cooking: Esparza's Mayan-inspired



Tapacubo.
Photo by Doug Stremel
courtesy of Visit Phoenix

cuisine with influences from the Yucatan has created a menu worth investigating.

Benihana

3025 W.Chandler Blvd., Chandler 85226
480-812-4701
16403 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale 85254
480-444-0068; www.benihana.net

Where else does dinner come with a show? Masterful chefs prepare your dinner right at the table in this traditional Japanese-style hibachi steakhouse. Diners can choose from a variety of fresh sushi and other Japanese favorites, while the chef performs his culinary art in a way that has to be seen to be believed.

Carolina's Mexican Food

1202 E. Mohave, Phoenix 85034
602-252-1503

A landmark in South Central Phoenix, Carolina's excellent tortillas are worth the trip alone. The plain atmosphere in this place totally belies the fabulous foodie find that awaits inside, with delicious tamales, tacos and enchiladas. The salsa here is the real thing – made fresh daily, and residents here know to pick up a pound of chorizo to take home.

China Chili

3501 North Central Ave., Phoenix
602-266-4463

China Chili lives up to its name as it serves spicy Chinese that has won the hearts and the taste buds of Phoenix. While the spicy garlic eggplant is definitely a menu favorite, feel free to explore the rest of the menu featuring soups, meat and seafood dishes.

Cheesecake Factory

2502 E. Camelback Rd # 114
Phoenix 85016; 602-778-6501
www.thecheesecakefactory.com

The Cheesecake Factory serves so much more than just its world-famous cheesecake desserts. Diners can choose from a wide and varied menu that includes pizza, pastas, fish and seafood, steaks and salads. The Cheesecake Factory also hosts a delicious Sunday Brunch until 2 p.m. that includes such breakfast delights as Belgian Waffles and a Smoked Salmon Platter.

Eddie V's Edgewater Grill

20715 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale 85255
480-538-8468; www.eddiev.com

Bringing together an award-winning combination of the freshest seafood, prime steaks

and live music, Eddie V's is sure to please. Specializing in Gulf Coast Cuisine, Eddie V's is famous for their oysters, gulf snapper, fresh tuna, and lobster. Enjoy live music while you dine.

Farm & Craft

4302 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, 85251
480-568-8980; www.ilovefarmandcraft.com

Farm & Craft is focused on healthy and sustainable food in a community-style atmosphere. Think modern farm with a contemporary twist. F&C boasts a seasonal "Wellness-Menu" featuring sustainable, gluten-free, organic, and hormone-free ingredients. Farm & Craft also features an indoor/outdoor bar with organic spirits, lead by signature "Cold Pressed Cocktails", local beers and eclectic wines on tap. F&C's juice program includes cold pressed juices, pressed juices & nourishing "Kombucha Drinks". Don't pass up this fun and modern restaurant in the heart of bustling Old Town Scottsdale.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar

905 N. 54th St., Chandler 85226
480-940-1900
20753 N. Pima Road, Building R
North Scottsdale 85255; 480-538-8000
9712 W. Northern Ave., Peoria 85345
623-772-9463
6333 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85250
480-596-8265
www.flemingssteakhouse.com

Known for their cooked-to-perfection steaks, Fleming's also offers a superb wine list, boasting more than 100 wines available by the glass, and another 100 available by the bottle. Wine lovers agree that an evening at Fleming's leaves them feeling a little bit like kids in a candy store. The darkly elegant atmosphere makes Fleming's the perfect place to linger over dessert and order an after-dinner cappuccino.

Fogo E Brasa

4909 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix 85028
480-783-6060; brazilianbullsteakhouse.com

Quickly becoming a favorite Phoenix destination, Fogo E Brasa is an authentic

Southern Brazilian steakhouse that offers a pre-fixe menu. The menu includes an unlimited selection of more than 30 salads, vegetables and cheeses from around the world, several side dishes, as well as the main course: a wide selection of meat served tableside. In addition to exceptional food and service, the restaurant also serves its signature "Caipirinha," a Brazilian cocktail made of sugarcane rum and lime.

Honey Bear's

5012 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix 85005
602-273-9148
2824 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85020
602-279-7911
7670 S. Priest Dr, Tempe 85284
480-222-2782; www.honeybearsbbq.com

For many in Phoenix, the words, "barbecue" and "Honey Bear's" are synonymous. Specialties of the house include pork ribs, chicken, and hot-links with traditional tangy Tennessee-style barbecue sauce.

The Melting Pot

Multiple Locations
Ahwatukee, Arrowhead, Scottsdale, Tucson
www.meltingpot.com

Whether you're celebrating a birthday, anniversary, a night out on the town or hosting a corporate event- The Melting Pot is the perfect celebration destination for any occasion! Guests enjoy different fondue cooking styles and a variety of unique entrees paired with dipping sauces that they can cook table-side. Savor every minute of your next night out at The Melting Pot, where Arizona goes to celebrate!

MacAlpine's Soda Fountain

2302 N. Seventh St., Phoenix 85006
602-262-5545

Go back in time with a visit to MacAlpine's Soda Fountain, which has been serving up hamburgers, tuna sandwiches, homemade pie and cherry and vanilla cokes since 1928. The old-timey drugstore soda fountain and jukebox lend to the atmosphere.

Old Heidelberg Bakery and Euro Market

2210 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix 85016
602-224-9877

For more than 30 years, the Old Heidelberg Bakery has been a local favorite, and with its recent move to a location closer to downtown, it's more popular than ever. Find out why Phoenix loves to shop at this traditional German bakery for favorite sweets such as strudels, Danishes and cookies, as well as its excellent selection of specialty artisan bread. As a bonus, pick up a German language magazine or newspaper in the Euro Market to read while you munch.

Phoenix City Grill

5816 N. 16th St., Phoenix 85016
602-266-3001; www.phoenixcitygrille.com

Set in an adorable adobe building, the Phoenix City Grill offers up great American fare with a Southwestern flair. Try the little appetizers, such as the pork carnitas, or go straight for the enticing entrees, such as the cedar plank salmon or the home-style pot roast.

Pizzeria Bianco

623 E. Adams St., Phoenix 85004
602-258-8300

A wood-burning oven is the not-so-secret secret to Pizzeria Bianco's pizza. Chef Chris Bianco's Neapolitan-style pizza has earned rave reviews, as has his menu featuring salads and sandwiches. Expect to find a crowd here at this popular spot located in a historic downtown building in Heritage Square next to the Arizona Science.

Roy's

7151 W. Ray Rd., Chandler 85226
480-705-7697
5350 E. Marriott Dr., Phoenix 85054
480-419-7697
7001 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85258
480-905-1155

Brought to Arizona by Iron Chef Roy Yamaguchi, the founder of Roy's restaurant chain, this large and yet somehow intimate restaurant serves Hawaiian fusion cuisine featuring a perfect mélange of European,

Wildflower American Cuisine
Photo courtesy of Fox Restaurant Concepts



Pacific Rim and Hawaiian influences. Savor the difference that fresh ingredients can make, when seasoned with the bolder flavors of the Asian Pacific Rim and served with the sauces and textures of European cooking. Chefs in Roy's kitchen have received special tutelage from the master himself, ensuring that every bite will be absolutely delectable.

Upper Crust Pizza

20235 N. Cave Creek Road # 111
Phoenix, 85024
602-923-2389; www.uppercrustwinebar.com

Upper Crust Pizza Patio & Wine Bar is a Phoenix hot spot whether you are considering a fun, casual dinner of pizza or an intimate evening out. Enjoy a fantastic plate of pasta paired with over 90 select bottles of wine in the patio, lounge, or bar. Upper Crust Pizza Patio & Wine Bar is also big on atmosphere with a hip interior of weathered, corrugated metal and exposed brick walls, as well as a comfortable patio complete with conversation piece fire pits and elegant lighting. Featuring a state-of-the-art audio / visual system with an impressive 27 large flat-panel TVs hung throughout the entire restaurant, you're assured an entertaining culinary experience.

Vincent on Camelback

3930 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix 85018
602-224-0225
www.vincentoncamelback.com

Chef Vincent Guerithault won the James Beard Foundation's "Best Chef Southwest" award and is perhaps the most well known and respected chef in Phoenix. He has now opened this small restaurant with an unpretentious exterior in east Phoenix. Step inside and find out what all the fuss is about, as typically Southwestern fare is prepared in classic French style. Try the duck tamales, or go for the wonderfully prepared lamb or wild boar. Don't forget to order the Jack Daniels pecan pie for dessert.

Vincent's Market Bistro

3930 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix 85018
602-224-3727

Sample the excellent country French cuisine in the intimate, casual elegance of Chef Vincent Guerithault's bistro-style restaurant with its little flower garden. Located just behind its larger sister restaurant, Vincent on Camelback, seating is limited in this smaller establishment to only 10 tables, but consider ordering your gourmet meal to go if Vincent's happens to be a little busy.

TUCSON

Agave Restaurant at Desert Diamond Casino

1100 W. Pima Mine Rd., Sahuarita 85629
520-393-2720

Try the famous tortilla soup, known for its rich indulgence of chicken, tomatoes, avocado, cilantro, queso fresco and epazote. Taqueria-Sonoran cuisine and American favorites round out the Agave's reasonably priced menu.

Arizona Inn

2200 E. Elm St.; 520-325-1541

Tucson's Arizona Inn features an award-winning classic and contemporary fine dining experience with international flavors served in the Inn's Main Dining Room. The Dining Room features a cathedral-ceiling, fireplace and courtyard, while the Audubon Bar serves lunch and dinner with live piano entertainment nightly.

Doc's Casual Western Grill

3755 W. Conrads Way (*inside Saguaro Ranch*)
520-579-2100

From the Argentinian grill to the stone fireplace, Doc's is sure to delight the eye almost as much as it delights the palate with its southwestern fare. Slowly grilled meats, fish and veggies bring together friends, family and loved ones for an incredible meal to remember.

Dolce Vita

7895 E. Broadway Blvd.; 520-298-3700

Family owned and loved by all, Dolce Vita is known for its excellent Italian fare, featuring traditional pasta dishes and tiramisu. Tucsonians have a special place in their hearts for this warm and welcoming favorite.

El Charro

Various locations; www.elcharrocafe.com

Beloved by many, El Charro has been continuously owned by the same family since 1922. El Charro serves Sonoran-Tucson Mexican fare, and has been named a top restaurant by *USA Today* and *Gourmet Magazine*.

El Corral

2201 E. Rover Rd., Tucson 85718
520-299-6092; www.elcorraltucson.com

There's a reason why Tucson Culinary Award-winning El Corral has been a Tucson restaurant staple for more than 60 years: great food at a great price! Be it juicy, mesquite-grilled steaks or prime rib that has rightfully been described as "legendary," El Corral is a must for visitors and residents alike. Be sure to try its Adobe Mud Pie, too. It's a right of passage.

The Lookout Bar & Grille

245 E. Ina Rd. (Westward Look Resort)
520-917-2930; www.westwardlook.com

Anyone who's anyone in the Catalina Foot-hill's neighborhood knows that The Lookout Bar & Grille is the place to get together. Live music every Friday and Saturday in this friendly, casual place is a huge draw, but it's the comfort food served up here that keeps them coming back.

Miss Saigon Bar

4650 W. Ina Rd., 520-572-6560
1075 N. Campbell Ave.; 520-320-9511

Authentic Vietnamese and Thai cuisine is flavorful and delectable using fresh spices and ingredients, while the full bar and wine list offer perfect complements to the dining experience.

Paradise Bakery & Café

845 N. Park Ave., #125
520-219-5003; www.paradisebakery.com

Made from scratch and made with love, muffins, cookies, brownies, and plain and filled croissants are baked to perfection at the Paradise Bakery and Café. Other offerings from the Paradise include soups, salads and sandwiches.

Pinnacle Peak

6541 E. Tanque Verde
520-296-0911
www.pinnaclepeaktucson.com

When people come to Pinnacle Peak, home of the world famous Cowboy steaks, they should bring their appetites, but not their ties! Nestled near the center of Tucson's historic Trail Dust Town, visitors will discover why mesquite-broiled steaks are the best. Other culinary masterpieces

of note are Pinnacles Peak's savory beans, soft bread and mammoth potatoes.

Sakura Japanese Restaurant

6534 E. Tanque Verde Rd.
520-298-7777; www.sakuraticucson.com

This authentic Japanese restaurant is sure to please. Enjoy the skillfully prepared and Teppan-style beef, seafood and chicken amid a traditional Japanese setting. An expansive selection of seafood is air freighted from around the world to bring a dining experience as perfect as perfect could be.

Sullivan's Steakhouse

1785 E River Rd.; 520-299-4275
www.sullivansteakhouse.com

The emphasis is on style at this upscale 1940's style steakhouse, known for their warm, relaxed atmosphere, superior food and excellent service. Sullivan's is also the perfect place to take that VIP client, or host that next office party.

Tavolino Ristorante Italiano

2890 E. Skyline Dr. (Plaza Colonial)
520-531-1913; www.vintabla.com

Enjoy the casual atmosphere of Tavolino and try their hand-made pastas, signature pizzas or even the rotisserie meats cooked Tuscan style in the brasserie fireplace. Chef's Table provides seating for up to 14 guests, or enjoy their private dining room for events.

Trattoria Pina

5541 N. Swan Rd.; 520-577-6992

A wood-burning oven is the not-so-secret secret to Trattoria Pina's pizza. Family owned and operated, Trattoria Pina also features a wide sampling of Italian cuisine, including antipasti, salads, pastas as well as veal, chicken and seafood dishes.

Wildflower

7037 N. Oracle Rd., 520-219-4230

The chic and intimate, cool and hip Wildflower serves New American Cuisine faves with just a touch of European and Asian influence to create a unique dining experience. ●



Chelsea's Kitchen Park
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ACTIVE ADULTS + senior living

The times of aging in America, they are a-changing – and many senior Arizona residents couldn't be happier about it. Long gone are the days of mandatory retirement at age 65. And with it, the idea that senior citizens' golden years are best spent sitting quietly on the front porch in a rocking chair as they watch life go by. These retirement communities offer seniors dynamic housing options where they can live out their best years.

Forget about that rocking chair. How does a morning working out in the gym or pedaling along a trail sound? As for the front porch, seniors in Arizona will find that they have a wide variety of housing options that can accommodate their budget, while enjoying their lifestyle in a community that encourages the development and pursuit of their personal interests, goals and activities.

While aging is inevitable, medical advances and healthy lifestyle choices can increase a person's longevity and improve their lifestyle. Arizona seniors have undergone some significant changes: the term "senior" may describe an active person in her late 50s or

someone in her early 80s. Baby Boomers now entering the senior arena are faced with the responsibility of preparing not only for their own retirement, but with making retirement and housing plans for their elderly parents as well.

Fortunately, both Phoenix and Tucson offer a wide array of options to accommodate seniors' different requirements and lifestyles. From upscale retirement communities offering residents a choice of social, cultural, travel and sporting opportunities to active seniors and full-care facilities specializing in caring for the elderly with mental and physical disabilities, there is a senior citizen living solution to fit every need.

TAKING STOCK OF YOURSELF

When making retirement housing plans, there's no denying that the number and diversity of choices available might make the process feel overwhelming. Begin by taking a personal inventory that takes into account personal living expenses, health, interests and expectations.

Budget Inventory: Make a list of monthly expenses to help yourself budget accurately. From rental or housing fees to day-to-day living expenses such as dry cleaning and energy bills to current or anticipated medical expenses. The point is to be realistic about everyday expenses now, so there are no rude surprises later.



Lifestyle Inventory: Active golf enthusiasts, for example, might want to live in close proximity to a local golf course. Those who want to use this time for community involvement might want to reside close by schools, churches or community center. While others who want to continue developing and pursuing an active lifestyle might want easy access to hiking and biking trails or fitness centers and the like. Again, being realistic on the front end helps determine smart choices that can only benefit later.

SHOULD YOU STAY OR SHOULD YOU GO?

Staying Put: Packing up and selling a beloved home with so many memories is a difficult decision for many longtime Arizona residents. One viable option open to senior homeowners is the reverse mortgage, which allows homeowners to turn the value of their home into cash without having to move or repay the loan each month. Guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HUD offers seniors a federally insured private loan as a way to provide financial security and supplement social security, meet unexpected medical expenses and make home improvements.

The money from a reverse loan may be paid to the borrower in a variety of ways: a lump sum to a regular monthly cash advance,

a credit line account or a combination of the above options. Typically, borrowers do not have to pay anything back until they permanently move out of the home, sell it or die. Eligibility for most reverse mortgages requires that the home should be owned outright by the applicant and that the applicant is 62 years of age or older.

A reverse mortgage offers retirees a distinct advantage. Since most lenders require that borrowers have some sort of income so they can determine a borrower's ability to pay back the loan, many retired seniors simply cannot qualify for a traditional home equity loan. But a reverse mortgage does not require monthly payments, and therefore no minimum amount of income is required for the loan application. Most reverse mortgages require no repayment as long as the owner or any co-owner lives in the home.

The best way to determine if a reverse mortgage is the best fit for one's retirement plan is to honestly assess the following:

- How much would the home sell for in today's market?
- What would the cost be to buy and maintain or rent a new home?
- Would there be any money left over from the purchase of a new home that could be safely invested?

- What are the options for downsizing into a less expensive home, renting an apartment or moving into an assisted living or alternative senior housing community?

Jumping into borrowing money for a reverse mortgage is not advised until looking into all of these senior living options. By being honest about current needs and housing trends and exploring all the options, seniors can rest easy that they have selected the best housing choice that fits their particular budget and lifestyle needs.

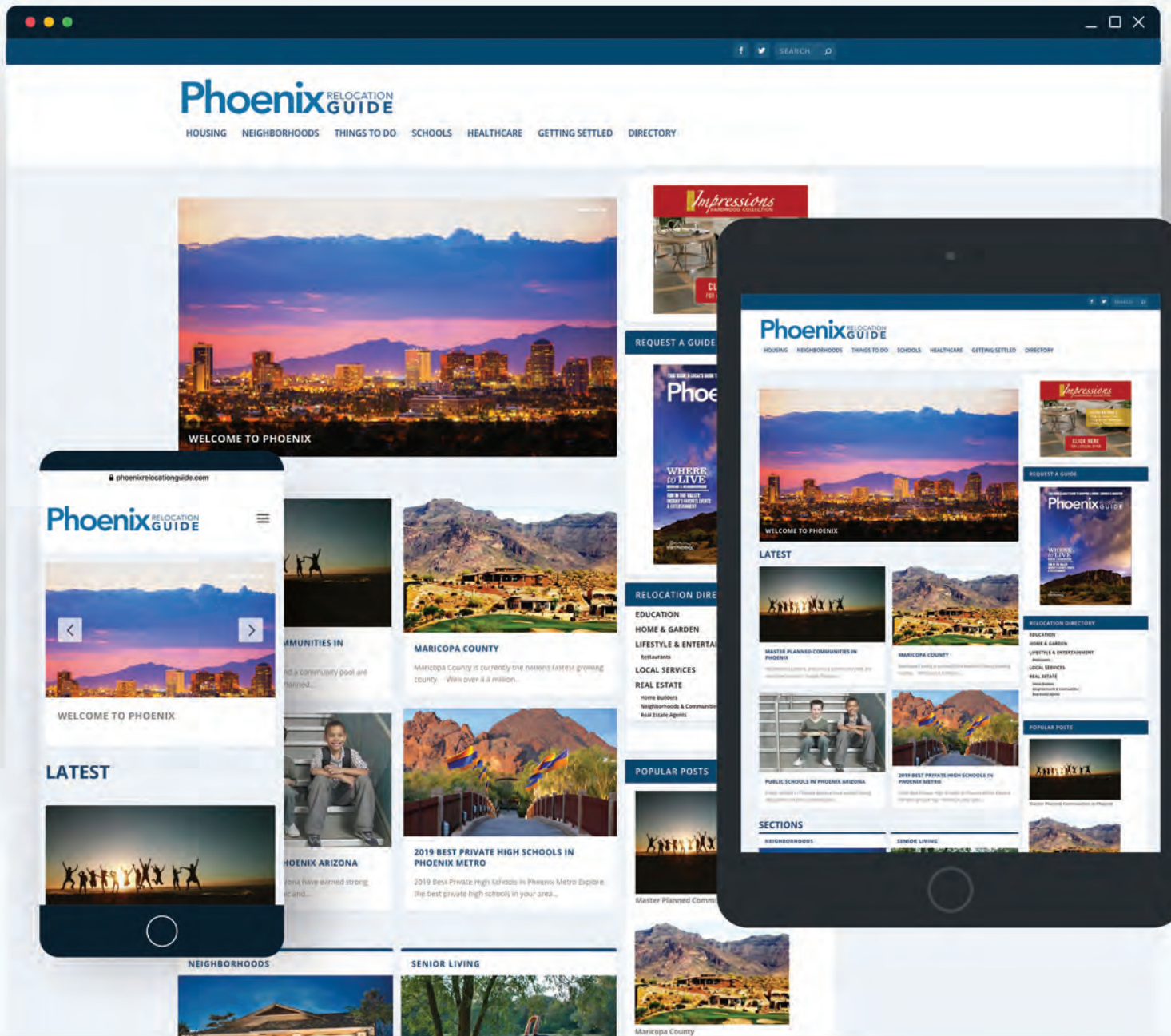
Pack It Up: Being realistic about one's life, finances and longevity is a must when deciding to move to another community. Retirees have to think about their health and future, and expand their thinking beyond the average life expectation. They need to consider the need to be close to hospitals and doctors that can provide them with the best care. They also need to inquire to see if the nearby doctors and hospitals accept their health insurance. Seniors need to take their medical concerns seriously when moving from a current circle of friends and community to a new area. This is where a real estate agent can really help a person or family trying to find a retirement situation. Real estate agents have access to the most current facts and figures to help seniors make an informed decision.

Many who are making these decisions need to learn to be a little bit selfish. But selfish in a good way by moving to community or area that they love. Many seniors are downsizing their lifestyles and selling a home they've owned for 30 years. They are trading down in price range, want to be in a good area and need to select a home that's a good investment for them. If their health is good, and they are reasonably active, they also will want an area with residents of a similar age and situation – just like them, their new neighbors have raised kids, have a variety of interests and plenty to talk about and can help each other.

Why Not Both – Be a Snowbird: A third option is to enjoy nice weather all year long. If you enjoy or have ties to a northern region, that can still be home during that area's best seasons. The ideal

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PHOENIX SENIOR CENTERS

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Adam Diaz Senior Center	4115 W. Thomas Rd	602-262-1609
Chinese Ctr	734 W. Elm St.	602-262-6411
Deer Valley Ctr	2001 W. Wahalla Lane	602-495-3714
Desert West Senior Center	6501 W. Virginia Ave	602-495-3711
Devonshire Ctr	2802 E. Devonshire Ave	602-262-7807
Goelet A.C. Beuf Sr Center	3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Road	602-534-9743
Helen Drake Sr Center	7600 N. 27th Ave	602-262-4949
Jewish Center	1118 W. Glendale Ave	602-943-2198
Marcos de Niza Ctr	305 W. Pima Rd	602-262-7249
McDowell Place Ctr	1845 E. McDowell Rd	602-262-1842
New River Senior Center	48606 N. 17th Ave	623-465-0367
Paradise Valley Ctr	17402 N. 40th Street	602-495-3785
Pecos Senior Center	17010 S. 48 St.	602-534-5366
Salvation Army Laura Danieli Ctr	2707 E. Van Buren St.	602-251-2005
Shadow Mountain Ctr	3546 E. Sweetwater Ave	602-534-2303
Squaw Peak Ctr	2802 E. Devonshire Sve	602-262-7807
South Mountain Ctr	212 E. Alta Vista Rd	602-262-4093
Sunnyslope Ctr	802 E. Vogel Ave	602-262-7572

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CTR

Sunnyslope Ctr	5001 E. Sheyenne Dr.	480-893-2549
Senior East Ctr	1818 S. 16th St	602-262-7305
Westside Senior Ctr	4343 W Thomas Rd	602-262-1609
Chicanos Por La Causa Ctr	1617 N 45th Ave	602-272-0054
Desert West Ctr	6501 W Virginia Ave	602-495-3709
Westside Ctr	1220 S. 7th Ave	602-262-6610

EAST VALLEY

Chandler Senior Center	202 E. Boston St	480-782-2720
Civic Ctr - Scottsdale	7375 E 2nd St	480-312-2375
Concord Community Ctr - Tempe	2600 N. Saratoga St.	480-946-2670
Escalante Community Ctr - Tempe	2150 E. Orange St	480-350-5800
Fountain Hills Ctr - Fountain Hills	13001 La Montana Dr	480-816-5226
Gilbert Ctr - Gilbert	130 N. Oak St	480-503-6060
Guadalupe Ctr - Guadalupe	9241 S. Avenida del Yaqui	480-730-3092
Mesa Ctr East - Mesa	7550 E. Adobe RD	480-218-2221
Mesa Active Adult Ctr - Mesa	247 N. Macdonald St	480-962-5612
Via Linda Ctr - Scottsdale	10440 E Via Linda	480-312-5810

WEST VALLEY

Avondale Ctr - Avondale	1007 S. 3rd St	623-932-9440
Buckeye Ctr - Buckeye	2101 E Centre Ave	623-386-2588
El Mirage Ctr - El Mirage	14010 N. El Mirage Rd	623-876-4232
Japanese Ctr - Glendale	5414 W Glenn Dr	623-931-7436
Banner Olive Branch Ctr - Sun City	11250 N. 107th Ave	623-974-6797
Peoria Ctr - Peoria	8335 W Jefferson	623-773-7436
Surprise Ctr - Surprise	15832 N. Hollyhock St	623-222-1500
Tolleson Ctr	9555 W Van Buren	623-936-2760
West Valley Ctr - Glendale	8561 N 61st Ave	623-931-7436

climate in Phoenix and Tucson begins in late October and continues into early May. This period has been home to the “Snowbird” lifestyle for years. Seniors can partake in a variety of many major events and activities when they’re in the Valley during those months. Chief among them is Spring Training. The Phoenix area is home to the Cactus League, the spring training league for 15 Major League Baseball teams. Play begins in late February and typically finishes up in late March.

Senior Snowbirds are generally more active retirees. They face many of the same needs and concerns as full-time residents, but are less likely to be interested in assisted or long-term care alternatives. However, many of the facilities and services in place for the permanent senior residents are also available to part-time residents.

Although some retirees are able to maintain multiple full-time residences, Phoenix and Tucson offer many options for winter-only accommodations. Homes and condos are available throughout the area under short-term lease, usually one to six months. Two very popular options are RV/trailer parks and manufactured home parks. RV/trailer parks are plentiful and offer affordable rates for multiple month stays. Manufactured homes are generally an ownership-only option, but are much more affordable than the traditional home or condo. Many manufactured home parks offer the amenities associated with apartment or condo living, including facility and yard maintenance.

SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that private senior care housing can range in cost from \$20,000 to \$200,000 per year, depending on the services and degree of care a facility offers. Many senior care housing communities employ medically-trained staff, provide housekeeping and meal preparation services in addition to transportation for shopping, medical visits and social outings. HUD also notes that as Baby Boomers approach their retirement years, the trend toward creating active retirement communities where residents

are involved and physically active will continue as seniors are encouraged to live as independently as they can.

The time to begin thinking about a retirement community isn't when you have to have it. There are not enough retirement communities to keep up with the demand, and you want to be sure that you know your options and what's available beforehand. The Internet is a good source for families to learn more about retirement communities and check on specific programs and associated costs.

When you're trying to stay within a particular price range, be sure to match your living requirements with services offered. If you are very independent and don't need assistance – you just want a meal plan, for example – then the associated costs are much less than for someone who requires more care.

Medicare generally does not pay for long-term care, only for services deemed medically necessary that are provided by a skilled facility or home health care that meets certain conditions. Medicaid will pay for certain health services and nursing home care for older people with low incomes and limited assets. Optimally, the selected community should have someone on staff familiar with the requirements and criteria of both programs.

ACTIVE SENIOR HOUSING COMMUNITIES

Many seniors find that they simply do not want to worry about the upkeep and maintenance of a home, preferring to spend their leisure time in other ways. Independent seniors in good health may find they need nothing more than a community where they can fully enjoy pursuing their personal interests. For them, moving to an active independent living retirement community might be the best fit for their budget and lifestyle, where options include renting an apartment or the outright purchase of a property in a senior community.

Many active senior communities have information packets that may be requested in advance, and offer tours of the community. A personal visit will give valuable, first-hand information and provides seniors with



an opportunity to meet with current residents who can give potential residents an insider's view of the community. Be sure to determine that personal interests and pursuits that are offered, such as health and fitness programs, organized activities and sports. Other day-to-day living arrangements should also be considered. Key questions to ask about a community include: Are shopping centers and grocery stores within easy walking distance? Are transportation services provided? Where is the community located in proximity to major health care providers? What security measures are in place for residents? For ultimate peace of mind, some seniors may want to consider renting a home under a short-term agreement at first to ensure the community provides for their needs and lives up to their expectations.

CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

A Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) offers 360-degree care in residential community for seniors, with a full menu of services and living situations. Residents at a CCRC may move between independent living, assisted living and nursing home care, depending on their individual and changing needs. Seniors electing to live in a CCRC (also known as "Continuing Care Retirement Facilities," "Life-Care Facilities" and "Life-Care Communities") contract with the

community in advance for a lifetime commitment to provide care, regardless of their future health and needs. They then live in the residential community for the remainder of their lives and are placed within a living situation that can meet their needs and abilities.

Seniors or family members of seniors who are concerned about future security find CCRCs a safe bet, addressing any worries about future health problems down the road and alleviating any concerns about hidden costs along the way. A CCRC generally offers seniors a contract or contracts that provide a continuum of care that includes access to housing, services and health care for more than one year or the balance of their lives. Usually, it is a wise idea for seniors to move into a CCRC sooner rather than later, as most CCRCs require that new residents be capable of living independently when they first move in.

CCRCs offer a number of contract options for seniors and their families. An extensive-care contract is the most expensive, but affords the least risk, providing unlimited long-term nursing care at little or no additional cost for as long as nursing home services are needed by the client. A modified-care contract comes with medium financial risk and provides long-term health or nursing services for a specified period of time. After that time, the senior or his or her guardian is responsible for the additional



cost. A fee-for-service contract offers an a la carte approach, requiring that residents pay separately for all health and medical services provided by the facility in addition to long-term care. While a fee-for-service contract is the least expensive contract, it does have the highest risk. Costs can run very high for seniors who require unanticipated extensive care.

The most common element in a CCRC contract is an entrance fee, where regardless of whether the contract is an extensive, modified or fee-for-service contract, the resident pays a lump sum entrance fee plus monthly fees thereafter. Another CCRC contract option may require an equity agreement where seniors purchase a condominium or co-op apartment on the property instead of paying an entrance fee. Less commonly found are CCRC contracts where residents pay monthly fees only. Seniors and their families are advised to read the fine print on the contract carefully to ensure that they are signing an agreement that guarantees the lifetime of services and support over an extended period of time that they are looking for. There are so-called copycat senior-care residences that claim to offer all the benefits of a CCRC, but in reality the services guaranteed by the actual contract fall short of the claims made by management.

Before signing a contract with a CCRC, seniors should conduct a thorough review of the facility's services, operations and finances and determine that the CCRC is

appropriate to their needs, lifestyle and expectations. It's also a good idea to ask a family attorney or accountant to review the contract. If the contract is found agreeable, ask to spend at least one night and two days at the facility to test drive the community and make sure it is a good fit. Some points to consider include:

- Are pets allowed in your residence?
- What social, recreational and cultural activities are offered?
- Is food prepared on-site? If so, how is it prepared?
- Are there fitness facilities on-site?
- Is the staff friendly and knowledgeable?
- What healthcare and personal care services are available?
- What preparations have been made for handling medical and evacuation emergency situations?

CCRCs are an excellent option for those who are independent and in good health, but might need some assistance with daily living needs or require skilled nursing care. The variety of housing offered by CCRCs is varied as well, ranging from ultra-urban high-rise apartment communities to cottages, townhouses, duplexes or even single-family homes.

ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES

An Assisted Living Community (ALC) bridges the gap for seniors who need assistance with daily activities as a nursing

home might offer, but wish to live as independently as they are capable of living for as long as possible. Residents in an ALC are unable to live by themselves, but do not require constant supervision. An ALC offers its residents assistance with eating, bathing, dressing, laundry, housekeeping and medication management. They often have centers for medical services, but typically do not offer the extensive medical services provided by a nursing home. An ALC is not a substitute for a nursing home, but rather is a stepping stone between complete independence and services nursing homes provide.

Often, an ALC will create an individualized service plan for seniors upon admission, detailing personal services that the community will provide. This plan is periodically reviewed and updated to give the correct care each resident receives. Housing in an ALC may be studio or one-bedroom apartments with small kitchen facilities. Typically, ALC housing units have group dining facilities and common areas where residents gather to enjoy social and recreational activities.

The first impression of an ALC is the most important. Some questions to ask include: What do you see when you get out of the car? How do they take care of the lawn? What is your first impression of the staff? Are the residents properly dressed? How's the lighting inside the buildings? What activities are available? Are staff members all in the same uniform? Scrubs are not necessarily appropriate for an ALC, but name tags are important.

NURSING CARE FACILITIES

A Nursing Care Facility (NCF) is a state licensed, private-care facility that provides 24-hour skilled hospital care for residents who do not require hospitalization but cannot be cared for at home. Also called Long-Term Care Facilities, the majority of nursing homes are staffed by trained persons who provide an excellent level of service for their residents.

It pays to shop around when selecting a NCF. Seniors should consult with a trusted doctor or health care practitioner for recommendations of nearby facilities. Plan on visiting at least four or five area facilities, and make an appointment with the administrator or director

RETIREMENT & ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES

(RET) RETIREMENT/
INDEPENDENT LIVING
(SNF) SKILLED
NURSING FACILITY
(AL) ASSISTED LIVING
(RSP) RESPITE CARE
(ALZ) ALZHEIMER'S
CARE

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GREATER PHOENIX	Arcadia Estate	Phoenix	480-508-2027				•		
	Atria Park of Sierra Pointe	Scottsdale	480-619-5775	www.atriaseniorliving.com	•		•		
	Bella Vista Active Senior Living	Mesa	480-426-7718	www.bellavistamesa.com	•		•		
	Bethesda Gardens	Phoenix	602-765-4000	www.bethesdagardenaz.com	•		•		•
	Brookdale Central Chandler	Chandler	480-378-0139	www.brookdale.com			•		•
	Brookdale Sun City West	Sun City West	623-207-7352	www.brookdale.com			•		•
	Desert Winds Retirement Community	Peoria	623-322-0600	www.desertwindsretirement.com			•		•
	Desert Winds Retirement Community	Peoria	623-362-1200	www.desertwindsretirement.com	•				
	Maravilla Scottsdale	Scottsdale	480-630-3158	www.srgseniorliving.com	•		•		•
	McDowell Village	Scottsdale	480-970-6400	www.mcdowellvillage.com	•				
	Paradise Village	Phoenix	602-992-0710	www.paradisevillage.com	•				
	Sunrise of Gilbert	Gilbert	480-632-9400	www.sunriseseniorliving.com	•		•		•
	The Gardens of Scottsdale	Scottsdale	480-941-2222	www.fivestarseniorliving.com		•	•		•
	Thunderbird Senior Living	Glendale	602-737-2677	www.thunderbirdsenior.com	•		•		
GREATER TUCSON	Amber Lights	Tucson	520-704-6485	www.srgseniorliving.com	•		•		
	Atria Campana del Rio	Tucson	520-445-4447	www.atriacampanadelrio.com	•		•		•
	Broadway Proper	Tucson	520-296-3238	www.leisurecare.com	•		•		
	Brookdale North Tucson	Tucson	520-329-2238	www.brookdale.com			•		
	Brookdale Santa Catalina	Tucson	520-329-3044	www.brookdale.com	•	•	•		•
	Brookdale Sterling	Tucson	520-329-3380	www.brookdale.com			•		
	Brookdale Ventana Canyon	Tucson	520-329-2573	www.brookdale.com			•		•
	Elmcraft of River Centre	Tucson	520-704-6550	www.elmcraft.com			•		
	Fairwinds - Desert Point	Oro Valley	520-498-1111	www.leisurecare.com	•		•		
	Foothills Place	Tucson	520-200-3539	www.enlivant.com			•	•	•
	Prestige Assisted Living at Green Valley	Green Valley	520-348-5583	www.prestigecare.com			•		•
	Sierra Del Sol Memory Care	Tucson	520-722-8400	www.sierradelsoltucson.com	•		•		•
	Silver Springs	Green Valley	520-704-6494	www.srgseniorliving.com	•		•		
	Splendido at Rancho Vistoso	Oro Valley	520-878-2600	www.splendidotucson.com	•				
	Sunrise at River Road	Tucson	520-888-8400	www.sunriseseniorliving.com			•		•
	The Academy Village	Tucson	520-647-0900	www.theacademyvillage.com	•				
	The Fountains at La Cholla	Tucson	520-777-1413	lacholla.watermarkcommunities.com	•		•		•
	The Oasis at El Corral	Tucson	520-624-1771	www.tucsonoasis.com			•		•
	Villa Hermosa	Tucson	520-549-1020	www.srgseniorliving.com	•		•		
	Villa Maria Care Center	Tucson	520-704-6734	www.villamariacc.com		•	•	•	•

of nursing beforehand. Check to make sure that information provided is consistent with what you observe in person during the facility tour. Discrepancies between provided information and your own experiences can indicate possible problems later on. A nursing care facility should have clean floors and a clean smell. Facilities with dirty floors and a sour smell do not put a high priority on cleanliness and should not be considered.

Ask to see the compliance survey report prepared by the State of Arizona on the considered facility. The report will list deficiencies found in resident care during routine inspections and detail the facility's effort to correct the problem. Under Arizona law, nursing homes must make this and other survey compliance reports available upon request.

Another option available is to call the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Bureau of Long Term Care Facilities Licensing at 602-364-2690. While state law may prohibit agency employees from recommending one facility over another, they can answer the following questions about any facility:

- Have there been any proposed license terminations in the past two years?
- How many complaints have been filed in the past year?
- How many complaints in the past year have been found to be valid?
- How many deficiencies have been cited in the past two years?
- How many "quality of care" violations have been cited in the past two years?
- When did ADHS last visit the facility? What was the purpose of the visit?
- Has the owner of this facility had other facilities recommended for license termination?

The answers to the above questions, staff interviews and personal observations and impressions during facility tours will help you select the right nursing care facility.

ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA CARE FACILITIES

Residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia need specialized care. Assisted Living Facilities offer services and separate facilities for residents with early onset symptoms, but because of the progressive nature of the disease, it may become necessary to transfer the resident to another facility that can provide more appropriate care.

Facilities specializing in the treatment of Alzheimer's and dementia should provide a treatment plan that takes into account not only the resident's medical needs, but also the needs of the entire family with social services and professional consultations and individualized treatment reviews. Emphasis within the facility should be placed on providing a calming, soothing environment that is sensitive to the needs of the patient.

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ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITIES

Arizona Traditions (D.R. Horton Homes)

17221 N. Citrus Rd., Surprise 85374
623-584-2520; www.azthoa.net

The age restriction is 55 at this smaller adult community located at the foot of the White Tank Mountains, it enjoys many of the amenities of larger communities, including a golf course and club house, fitness center, swimming pools, clubs and interest groups.

CantaMia at Estrella

17700 West Star Point Dr., Goodyear 85338
602-497-3570; www.taylor-morrison.com/az/phoenix/goodyear/cantamia

CantaMia offers 14 single-story home plans for seniors aged 55 or older. Highlights at this active living community include a 29,000 square foot CantaMia Village Center, an 18-hole golf course and a residents club. At CantaMia, residents will live in harmony with the greater Estrella community and join the environmental commitment involving sustainability and personal comfort. Homes from the low-\$200,000s.

PebbleCreek (a Robson Resort Community)

3003 N. 164th Ave., Goodyear 85395
623-935-6700; www.robson.com/pebblecreek

Pebble Creek is located 23 miles west of downtown Phoenix and Sky Harbor Airport and is close to shopping, golf and medical facilities. This 55 plus adult community offers green spaces, recreational and social activities, tennis and fitness centers as well as energy-efficient homes. The Eagle's Nest golf course has received numerous accolades and welcomes golfers of all levels.

Solera at Johnson Ranch (by Del Webb)

31891 N. Echo Canyon Rd.
San Tan Valley 85143; 480-987-0650;
www.soleraatjohnsonranch.net

The active adult portion at this gated community features a 10,000-square-foot clubhouse and amenities exclusively for the 55 plus population. As part of the Johnson Ranch Master plan community, these residents have access to many of the amenities found in larger active adult communities. The community is made up of four different single family home models.

Sun City (by Del Webb)

10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City 85351
623-561-4600; www.delwebb.com

Sun City is the first and by far the largest active adult 55 community in Arizona. There are 27,492 resale-only homes in this community, including single family, town homes and duplexes. Amenities located within this city are 11 golf courses, seven recreation centers, 19 shopping centers, 30 churches, two libraries, two lakes and one hospital in addition to a variety clubs and interest groups.

Sun City Festival (by Del Webb)

26415 W. Desert Vista Blvd., Buckeye 85369
623-239-3142; www.delwebb.com

Located behind the White Tank Mountains, 46 miles northwest of Phoenix, this 45 community has 7,200 new and resale homes. The Pioneer Golf course is open and another course is planned. Other amenities include indoor and outdoor pools, hobby

rooms, tennis courts, ball courts, biking trails and an outdoor amphitheater. New and resale single family homes are offered.

Sun City Grand (by Del Webb)

19726 N. Remington Dr., Surprise 85374
623-546-7444; www.grandinfo.com

Located 36 miles northwest of downtown Phoenix, Sun City Grand, has 9,802 resale-only homes and is age restricted at 45. Amenities include four golf courses, tennis courts, five swimming pools, two fitness centers and a variety of social clubs and nearby shopping and restaurants.

Sun City West (by Del Webb)

19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd.
Sun City West 85375
623-544-6000; www.suncitywest.com

Sun City West has 16,900 resale-only homes, is age restricted at 55, and one of the largest adult communities in Arizona. Amenities include nine total golf courses, four recreational centers, three grocery stores, 30-lane bowling alley and a library. Homes are single-family and patio/garden styles.

**Sunland Springs Village
(a Farnsworth Community)**

2233 S. Springwood Blvd., Mesa 85209
888-709-5750; www.sunlandssprings.com

Located in Mesa just off the Superstition Freeway, this 2,890 home 55 plus community is set among great shopping and restaurants. Amenities include 27 holes of golf, tennis and volleyball courts, several interest groups and social events. Home styles include single family, townhouse and golf-course condos.

Sunland Village East

2145 S. Farnsworth Dr., Mesa 85209
480-380-0106; www.svehoa.com

This 55 plus, 2,437 single family home in addition to garden and golf condos community is located near the intersection of Hwy. 60 and Hwy. 202—close to retail outlets and restaurants. Residents can enjoy an 18-hole golf course, two fitness centers, three pools and lighted tennis courts.

Trilogy at Power Ranch

4369 E. Village Pkwy., Gilbert 85298
480-279-2053; www.mytr.com

Located south of the San Tan Freeway (202) in Gilbert, this 55 plus 2,035 single family homes for sale and lease community offers close in shopping and is 5 miles from Mercy Hospital. Amenities in this gated community include a Trilogy Golf Club, a fitness and wellness center, a swimming pool, tennis courts and Judy's Café.

Trilogy at Vistancia (by Shea Homes)

12026 W. Lone Mountain Pkwy., Peoria 85383; 623-399-6233;
www.vistancia.com/Vistancia/Trilogy

Surrounding mountain and desert vistas enhance the quality of this 55 plus, 2,450 new and resale single family homes, resort-style community in Peoria. Amenities include the Trilogy Golf Course at Trilogy at Vistancia and clubhouse, indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center and spa.

Westbrook Village (by UDC)

19281 N. Westbrook Pkwy., Peoria 85382
623-561-0099; www.westbrookvillage.org

Residents must be at least 40 years old to live in this 3,910 attached and single family home community. It is located close to Phoenix and is in close proximity to shopping malls and retail outlets in the area. Amenities include access to two golf courses, two recreation centers, hobby and game rooms, numerous clubs and interest groups.

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ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITIES

Canoa Ranch

5750 S. Turquoise Mountain Dr.,
Green Valley 85622
520-829-9786; www.meritagehomes.com

This 55 plus adult gated community surrounds the Canoa Ranch Golf Course. Residents enjoy an indoor and outdoor pool, a fitness center, a library and hobby rooms. Residents also have access to 13 recreation centers.



Casas Del Oro Norte

8100 N. Casas Way, Tucson 85742
520-297-3159; www.casasdeloronorte.org

Casas Del Oro Norte in Tucson is an exclusive enclave within the Omni Tucson National Golf Course and Spa. This quiet, gated community consists of 130 attached homes that offer gorgeous views of the lush green fairways of the renowned golf course. The community is an ideal setting for 55 plus adults who want age-restricted living in a highly acclaimed golf-course community. Even non-golfers will appreciate the splendor of being surrounded by a course that has been home to countless PGA Tour and NCAA events. Casas Del Oro Norte has limited amenities that consist of two outdoor pools and some park space. Although the community is a favorite for golfers, residency in the community does not include membership to the golf course.

**Continental Ranch Sunflower
Communities (Del Webb)**

9401 N. Sunflower Park Dr., Tucson 85743
520-572-9780; www.sunflowerliving.com

Residents enjoy this 55 plus adult community located 15 miles from downtown Tucson.

Single family, resale-only homes are available. Residents enjoy amenities that include golf at the adjacent Continental Ranch course, a fitness center, an outdoor pool, tennis courts and walking/ biking trails.

Del Webb at Rancho Del Lago

10260 S. Blendu Way, Vail 85641
866-340-9322; www.delwebb.com

This 50 plus community amenities include golf, swimming pools, spa, tennis and racquetball courts, and walking and jogging trails. The community also features a 14,000 square-foot clubhouse, fitness center, activity rooms and an exhibition kitchen.

Heritage Highlands at Dove Mountain

4949 W. Heritage Club Blvd.,
Marana 85658
520-579-9574; www.heritagehighlands.com

About 25 miles north of Tucson, you will find this gated 50 plus southern Arizona golf and tennis community. Resale only single-family homes are available. Residents in this 6,200-acre master planned community can enjoy a fitness center, heated pool and spa, social activities and special events.

Mona Lisa Village

7571 N. Mona Lisa Rd., Tucson 85741
520-339-7796

Mona Lisa Village is a 45 age-restricted gated community. It is situated on Mona Lisa Road just north of Ina Road in walking distance to Foothills Mall, which features more than 90 stores.

Quail Creek Resort Community

1100 N. Eagle Hollow Rd.,
Green Valley 85614
888-648-0332; www.robson.com

The 55 plus active adults Quail Creek community is located south of Tucson, in the Green Valley area. New and resale single-family homes are available. Residents enjoy indoor and outdoor activities year-round. Some amenities included are a championship golf course, clubhouse and pro shop, tennis courts, fitness center, pool and activity rooms.

SaddleBrooke Ranch

59680 E. Robson Cir., Oracle 85623
520-818-6000; www.robson.com

New and resale single-family homes are available at this 55 plus adult community called

SaddleBrooke. A few of the many amenities include an 18-hole golf course with pro shop and clubhouse, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a fitness center and a restaurant.

Sun City Oro Valley

1565 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd.,
Oro Valley 85755
520-825-3711; www.suncityorovalley.com

At the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains you can find this active adult community that sits on 1,000 acres. Single-family and attached resale homes are available. A championship golf course is on-site. Other amenities include miles of sidewalks for walking and bicycling, two outdoor pools and a fitness center.

Vistoso Village

13401 N. Rancho Vistoso Blvd.
Oro Valley 85755
520-219-5320; www.vistosovillage.org

Adjacent to Sun City Vistoso, is the smaller 55 plus community of Vistoso Village. The 271 single-family attached homes are resale only. Residents enjoy their own clubhouse featuring a fitness center, outdoor pools, spa, library, hobby and game room, activities and events. ●

TUCSON SENIOR CENTERS

Archer Center	1665 S La Cholla Blvd	520-791-4353
Armory Senior Citizen Center	220 S 5th Ave	520-791-4865
Casa De Esperanza	6161 E Fairmount St	520-625-2273
Catalina Community Services	3535 E Hawser St.	520-825-0009
Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona	140 W. Speedway Blvd. Ste 130	520-624-1562
Cherry Avenue Recreation Center	5085 S Cherry Ave	520-791-4497
El Pueblo Senior Center	101 W Irvington Rd	520-791-3250
El Rio Neighborhood Senior Center	1390 W Speedway Blvd	520-791-4683
Freedom Recreation Center	5000 E 19th St	520-792-4969
Green Valley Eastside Senior Center	7901 Scarlet St	520-296-4816
Lioge Senior Center	7601 S Camino Benum	520-883-5180
Marana Senior Center	13250 N Lon Adams Rd	520-382-3485
NW Neighborhood Center	2160 N 6th Ave	520-791-4683
Oracle Comm. & Senior Center	685 E American Ave	520-896-9326
Ouray Recreation Center	600 W St. Mary's	520-791-4788
Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center	1575 E 36th St	520-791-2507
Udall Senior Addition	7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd	520-791-4931
William Clements Recreation Center	8155 E Poinciana Dr	520-791-5787

SENIOR RESOURCES

Area Agency on Aging

888-783-7500; www.aaaphx.org

This foundation provides senior support groups in addition to other services. To register for these support groups, see the website above. A few of these groups are Chronic Disease Self-Management, Depression, Caregivers Networking, Adult Protective Services and Medicare information.

Arizona Care Planning Council

800-989-8137; www.carearizona.org

The Arizona Care Planning Council is a free resource that lists companies and individuals that provide services to help seniors and their caregivers find eldercare providers throughout the state. Some listed services include long term care facilities, senior daycare facilities, hospice care, retirement communities, transportation services, elder law and Medicaid consultants and financial and estate planning.

Catholic Charities Community Service

602-285-1999 Phoenix; 520-623-0344 Tucson
www.catholiccharitiesaz.org

Catholic charities offer support for people of all ages, including the elderly. Their goal is to provide assistance regardless of income level, race, ethnicity, economic status or religious affiliation in an effort to build caring families, reduce poverty, enhance fairness and alleviate suffering. These programs are funded by both public and private donations.

Foundation for Senior Living

602-285-1800; www.fsl.org

The Foundation for Senior Living is a faith-based charity that provides a number of services for seniors and those with disabilities including affordable housing, senior centers, community action programs and assisted group living.

Governors Advisory Council on Aging

602-542-4710; <http://govtrans.az.gov/gaca>

The council is a statewide body of 15 governor-appointed members who are dedicated to advising the governor, legislature and all state departments in an effort to enhance the quality of life for older Arizonans.

Maricopa County Department of Human Services

602-506-3011; www.hsd.maricopa.gov

Senior Adult Independent Living (SAIL) is a program through which the Area Agency on Aging provides case management and in-home services to older and disabled adults. The program's goal is to help seniors live independently in their homes in a safe and healthy environment.

Pima Council on Aging

520-790-7262; www.pcoa.org

The Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) is a nonprofit that seeks to promote dignity and respect for and to advocate for the independence of senior citizens of Pima County. PCOA supplies home and community-based services for older individuals and provides caregivers with information, resources and assistance.

Arizona Department of Economic Security

480-491-2666; <https://des.az.gov>

Offers numerous Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) including assisted living, attendant and personal care and other home-based services. Some of the other available services include home delivered meals, behavioral health, home

health nursing, hospitalization, and if necessary, nursing home services.

Sun Tran – Public Transportation

520-792-9222; www.suntran.com

Sun Tran is committed to providing transportation for the general public and also caters to seniors and persons with disabilities. For information on routes, schedules and trip planning assistance, call the number above or visit the website.

United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

520-903-9000; www.unitedwaytucson.org

Through strong partnerships with volunteers, local business, government and nonprofit organizations, United Way manages programs for community programs including those to help seniors live actively with independent life choices.

Valley Metro-Dial-a-Ride

602-253-4000; www.valleymetro.org

Valley Metro is committed to providing transportation for the general public and provides Dial-a-Ride service for seniors aged 65 or older and persons with disabilities. Seniors must apply for this service. Only certain cities in Maricopa Country offer Dial-a-Ride services.



SUN CITY ORO VALLEY

It's More Than Living... It's a Lifestyle!



Sun City Oro Valley is an active adult community spread out across 1,000 acres of lush Sonoran desert landscape, just northwest of Tucson, AZ.

Enjoy beautiful weather and breathtaking mountain and golf course views. All this is yours when you make Sun City Oro Valley your home. Whether you want to sit back and relax or do all the things you never had time to do, it's all available in this vibrant community.

Topping the activities list is the award-winning 18-hole golf course, The Views Golf Club at Oro Valley. When you aren't taking in the stunning desert and mountain scenery, activities abound with arts, sports, dance, games and continuing education—just about any interest you can think of.



MOUNTAIN VIEWS AND AMENITIES

Sun City Oro Valley is designed for active adults. It is surrounded by scenic mountains while being close to local shopping venues, medical centers, restaurants and cinemas.

Recreational amenities at the community include two swimming pools, one Olympic-sized, and a 12,000 square-foot aquatics and fitness facility, with cardio and weight machines, free weights,

exercise classes and personal trainers who work with you to meet your fitness needs.

HOMES

Built by Del Webb, Sun City Oro Valley was completed in 1997 with nearly 2,500 homes, all one-story elevation. It is owned by its homeowners association, is financially sound and regularly invests in its facilities. Floor plans come in many sizes and styles from efficiently compact to attractively spacious. Enjoy open space with 36 percent of the community allocated to common areas. Visit scovaz.com/prg to learn why at Sun City Oro Valley It's More than Living...It's a Lifestyle!

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

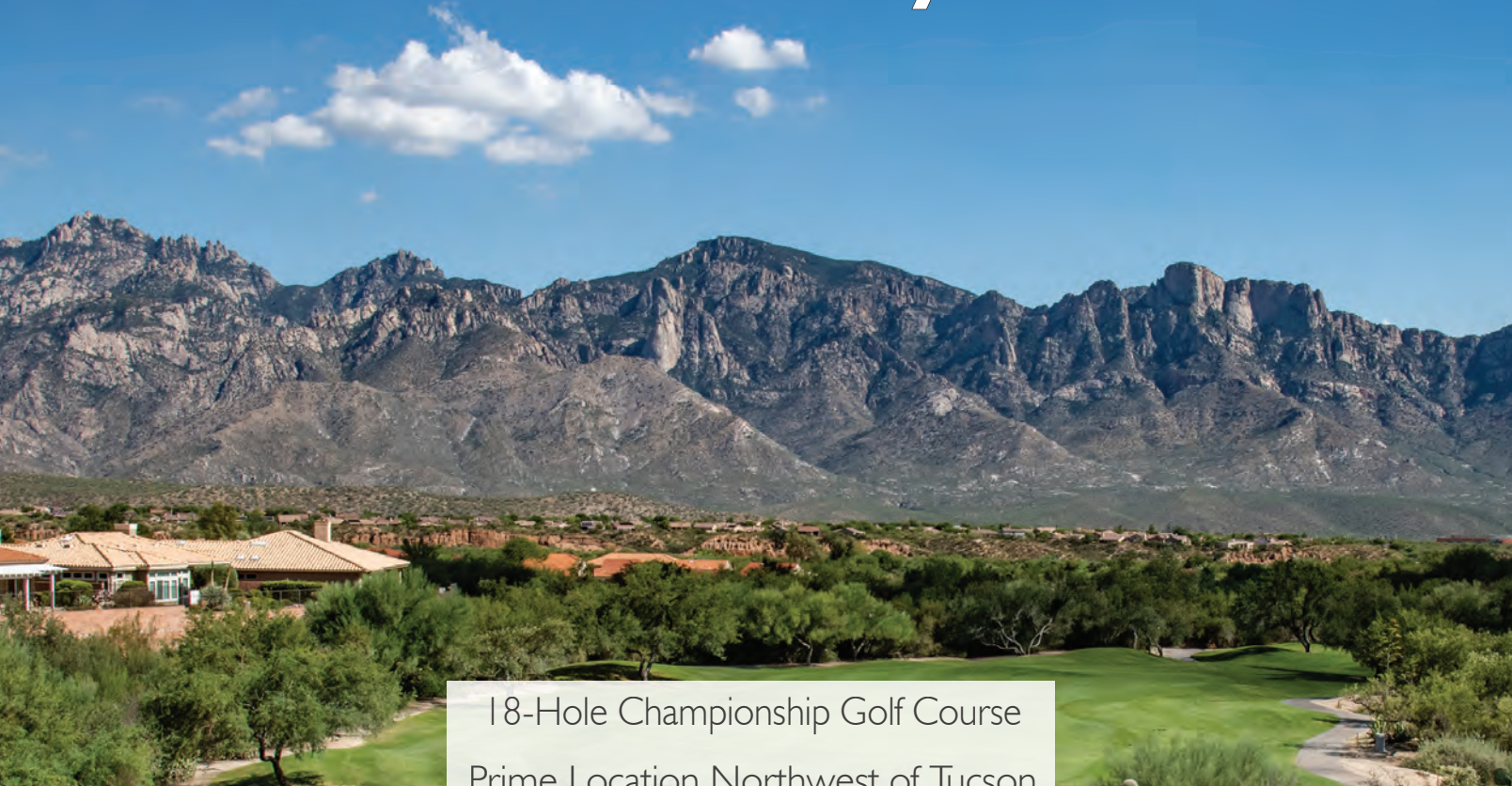
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GETTING SETTLED

The *Phoenix and Tucson Relocation Guide* is designed to provide a wealth of information to those new to the area. As excited as you may be with your relocation decision, it is still a challenge to settle into any new community. This article contains information and relocation tips to help smooth your adjustment into Arizona and learn about all the resources and activities available in your new home.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR NEW CITY

You may find yourself lodged in a hotel or temporary housing until your belongings arrive, and that's a nice opportunity to become familiar with Phoenix and Tucson. This publication is the perfect place to start learning about what each wonderful city has to offer. You can also find additional information at the Chamber of Commerce offices (www.visitphoenix.com, www.visittucson.org) the Visitor's Center, hotels/motels/airports, and real estate offices (see the Helpful Websites sidebar on the next page).

A walking or bus tour, while fun for the whole family, actually serves to help you become acclimated and learn about the city. You can also visit local points of interest

such as museums, parks and exhibits; enjoy a concert; and try out restaurants featuring local cuisine. Check out any services, activities or organizations that are of particular interest to your family.

SPOUSE CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

One of the biggest challenges of moving is relocating a "second" career. If you, as a spouse, are transferring your job to a home office, then a computer, telephone, e-mail account and fax machine may be all that you will need to get started. However, if your job was not "portable," you might consider a new career, part-time or temporary employment, or perhaps even start your own business.

Evaluate your skills, accomplishments and greatest strengths when you are planning your next endeavor. A few resources to tap are your spouse's employer, local organizations, real estate offices with "Partner Career Assistance Programs," independent career counselors, your university/college alma mater and of course the Sunday edition of the local papers. If you are searching for a job, start networking by telling those you meet that you are looking.

If you have chosen to take a break from your career, consider volunteering your time and talent. Volunteering to a charitable organization is a wonderful effort as well as a way to meet new people and learn more about the community. Volunteer activities add depth to résumés, but the experience needs

TIPS FOR *Settling in*

- Write down three or four goals to achieve in your new city.
- Continue all your special family celebrations and traditions.
- Share some of your family's special recipes and cultural aspects with new acquaintances and neighbors.
- Keep a log of new experiences and accomplishments.
- Give everyone in the family manageable moving chores (*taking care of practical matters will take the edge off homesickness*).
- Join an athletic or special interest group.
- Get involved in community and/or religious organizations, especially those that sponsor activities, volunteer efforts and programs for newcomers.
- Learn about the local government, issues and politics.
- Most importantly, be patient and take one day at a time.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

American Medical Association	www.ama-assn.org
Monster.com	www.monster.com
American School Directory	www.asd.com
National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies	www.naccrra.org
Elder Care Locator	www.eldercare.gov
American Animal Hospital Association Hospital Locator	www.aaha.org
Advice for Volunteers	www.servicleader.org
Parents Without Partners, Inc.	www.parentswithoutpartners.org

to be documented so that the service equates to business expertise. Before you again become fully employed, use any free time to enjoy your new community. Refer to websites such as www.volunteermatch.org for guidance in selecting a volunteer position.

SUCCESSFULLY RELOCATING YOUR SMALLEST MOVERS

The majority of relocating families have dependent children. If you are moving with children, you probably researched schools before moving; however, personal school visits will transform the unknown into reality. Visits to new schools to survey the classrooms and meet teachers will go a long way to allay your, and your children's worries about the new environment.

Listen carefully to each child's concerns—every move can bring new issues to the surface. Encourage your children to maintain contact with former friends, even while trying to make new friends. Exchanging photos, having e-mail access and possibly a cell phone with a camera feature can help bridge the gap between old and new friends during the early weeks in a new location.

DEALING WITH CHALLENGES

Keep in mind that every stage and every age can bring new challenges. Children who sailed through the last move could be in an entirely different place emotionally and physically for this move, so parents cannot assume that a child will ease into the current move. Routinely share accomplishments and challenges with each other and talk about ways to overcome difficulties. Children need to know that even though the parents are responsible for uprooting them, you both have challenges to face, and you need to work together as a family to solve them.

The following signs may indicate that children are struggling with the adjustment: sudden reading difficulties, changes in attention span or study habits, weight loss or gain, altered enthusiasm or energy levels, strained relationships with you or their siblings, or disturbed sleep patterns. Stay closely involved with your children during the early months in a new location so you know how they are feeling, what they are thinking and who their new friends are.

Consider volunteering or get involved with the school so that you can see for yourself how your children are managing. Both adults and children need the stability and comfort of established routines, so keep the same rules, bedtimes, mealtimes, allowances and expectations that you had

before moving. Refer to the Tips for Settling In sidebar for more great info to help both you and the kids.

CHILDREN AND SAFETY

When children are in an unfamiliar environment, they can easily forget basic safety rules. The following are always a good reminder:

- Keep close to a parent, and take an adult's hand in crowded areas.
- Carry personal identification and phone numbers to contact parents at all times.
- Know where to meet in case families become separated.
- Review street crossing safety guidelines.
- Make sure children understand how to get help safely if they get lost.

MEDICAL AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

It is a fact that moving places additional stress on individuals and consequently, they are more vulnerable to accidents or illness, not to mention unexpected flare-ups of chronic health conditions. If an emergency occurs, every second counts; therefore, as a precaution, locate hospitals, pharmacies and physicians that will meet your family's needs before an emergency arises.

Learn the procedures, telephone numbers and access codes for emergency care and always carry medical identification with you. Also, in an emergency, you may forget your new telephone number and/or address so before an emergency arises, program them into your cell phone and place written notes near each telephone

in your home, as well as basic directions to your residence. Directions will not only be useful for family members in the early days at your new home, but they will also assist babysitters and visiting relatives.

EMBRACE THE MOVE

Whether or not you have children, or you are married, single or retired, relocating to a new community can ultimately become a wonderful and enriching experience. The suggestions in this article have worked for many relocating families, and they can also help your family become comfortable in your new home.

As an aside, when people learn that I've moved 19 times, the response is often "What place did you like best?" My answer is always the same: "Where my family was." I wish you all the best! ●

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newcomer INFORMATION

There's nothing more frustrating than moving to a new city and having no idea where to get your driver's license and vehicle registration; how to navigate your way around new streets; or where the airport is. Not to mention how and where to get your utilities setup! Never fear—here's some basic information on getting settled in Phoenix and Tucson.



DRIVER LICENSE, TITLE AND REGISTRATION

As described in the customer service guide and driver license manual, Arizona issues an extended driver license that continues until age 65, although photo and vision screenings need to be updated every 12 years. At 60 years and over drivers will receive a 5-year license with a renewal date of every 5 years, also requiring vision and photo updating. Temporary residents such as out of state students or military personnel and family members may apply for a 5-year license regardless of age. The applicant must have valid proof of age and identity. Foreign applicants will be processed in accordance with Arizona authorized presence requirements.

All Offices perform both driver license and title and registration services unless otherwise noted. The vehicle registration fee is based on the make, model and year of the vehicle. Some offices also perform commercial driver license services and Motorcycle skill testing. Consult the Customer Service Guide, available at all testing facilities to find the facility that meets your needs. For further inquiries, contact the Motor Vehicle Division of Arizona at 602-255-0072 or consult their web site at www.azdot.gov.

DRIVER LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, VEHICLE TITLE AND REGISTRATIONS

PHOENIX

Apache Junction	575 Idaho Road #600
Avondale	1452 N. Eliseo C. Felix Jr. Way
Casa Grande	240 W. Cottonwood Lane
Chandler	50 S. Beck Avenue
Coolidge	672 N. Arizona Blvd.
Glendale	16380 N 59th Avenue
Mesa	1840 S. Mesa Drive
Mesa–East	7631 E. Main Street
Mesa–Southeast	4123 E. Valley Auto Drive
Phoenix–Central	2739 E. Washington Street
Phoenix–Northwest	20626 N. 26th Avenue
Phoenix–West	4005 N. 51st Avenue
Phoenix–South	221 E. Olympic Drive
Scottsdale	7339 E. Paradise Lane
Surprise	13009 W. Bell Road
Tempe	1703 E. Larkspur Lane

TUCSON

Green Valley	601 N. La Canada
Ajo	1211 Well Road
Tucson East	1360 S. Stocker
Tucson North	7330 N. Shannon
Tucson Regional	3565 S. Broadmont

Driver License Only

Pima County Justice Court	115 N. Church
Tucson City Court	103 E. Alameda
Tucson Commercial Driver License	621 E. 22nd Street

AUTO INSURANCE IN ARIZONA

Proof of insurance is mandatory before one can register a car in Arizona. Minimum levels of financial responsibility for private passenger vehicles are: \$15,000 bodily injury liability for one person and \$30,000 per accident and \$10,000 property damage liability. Combined single limit liability of \$300,000 or split limits of \$100,000/\$300,000 BI and \$50,000 PD; Medical payments of \$5,000; UM limits same as liability; \$100 Deductible Comprehensive; \$200 Deductible Collision.

VEHICLE INSPECTION STATIONS

Phone for all locations: 800-284-7748

PHOENIX	4949 E. Madison Street 10210 N. 23rd Avenue 1520 Riverview Drive 5302 W. Roosevelt Street 15439 N. 40th Street
CHANDLER, GILBERT	20 N. Beck Avenue 2360 S. Airport Boulevard
GLENDALE	5850 W. Beverly Lane 7140 N. 110th Avenue
MESA	4442 E. Ivy Street 1851 W. 1st Avenue
SCOTTSDALE	8448 E. Evans Road
SURPRISE	13425 W. Westgate Drive
TUCSON	1301 S. Stocker Drive 3931 N. Business Center Drive 6661 S. Renaissance

EMMISSIONS TESTING

Required by the state, general information concerning emission testing is available from the Department of Environmental Quality, Vehicle Emissions, (Phoenix: 602-771-2300, Tucson: 520-628-6733). Every car (unless it is model year 1966 or earlier) must pass emission inspection each year before it can be registered.

TRANSPORTATION

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport	3400 E. Sky Harbor Blvd.	skyharbor.com
Tucson International Airport	7250 S. Tucson Blvd.	www.flytucsonairport.com

MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS

Chandler Municipal Airport	2380 S. Stinson Way	480-782-3540
Deer Valley Airport (Phoenix)	702 W. Deer Valley Drive	623-869-0975
Falcon Field Municipal (Mesa)	4800 Falcon Drive	480-644-2450
Glendale Municipal Airport	6801 N. Glen Harbor Blvd. #201	623-930-2188
Goodyear (Litchfield)	1658 S. Litchfield Road	623-932-4550
Scottsdale Airport	15000 N. Airport Drive	480-312-2321
Sky Ranch at Carefree	8302 E. Cave Creek Road	480-488-3571
Stellar Airpark (Chandler)	209 S. Stellar Parkway	480-598-9700
Phoenix-Mesa Gateway	5835 S. Sossaman Road	480-988-7600

RAILWAY

Amtrak	800-872-7245 (USA-RAIL)	www.amtrak.com
<i>Airport (PHA): 3400 East Sky Harbor Blvd., Phoenix</i>		
<i>Greyhound Station: 2115 East Buckeye Rd., Phoenix</i>		
<i>Metro Center: 9617 North Metro Pkwy. W., Phoenix</i>		
<i>Tucson Station: (TUS) 400 North Toole Ave., Tucson</i>		

BUS (check company website for station locations)

Sun Tran Bus Service	520-792-9222	www.suntran.com
Greyhound-Trailways Bus Lines	Phx: 602-389-4200	www.greyhound.com
Greyhound-Trailways Bus Lines	Tuc: 520-792-3475	www.greyhound.com

CARPOOLING
IN ARIZONA

RideShare, a matching service for those who wish to carpool in the Phoenix area, is provided by Valley Metro Transit. For more information call 602-262-7433.

DISTANCE FROM PHOENIX TO
OTHER MAJOR U.S. CITIES

Ajo	110	Mesa	15
Ash Fork	152	Nogales, AZ	175
Benson	156	Nogales, Mexico	176
Bisbee	205	Parker	169
Casa Grande	45	Prescott	102
Clifton	207	Safford	164
Coolidge	51	Sedona	119
Douglas	229	Show Low	174
Flagstaff	145	Sonoita	161
Florence	61	Springerville	220
Holbrook	191	Tombstone	181
Hoover Dam	259	Tubac	155
Gila Bend	68	Tucson	111
Globe	87	Wickenburg	58
Grand Canyon	228	Willcox	192
Kingman	186	Yuma	184

DISTANCE FROM TUCSON TO
OTHER MAJOR U.S. CITIES

Ajo	129	Mesa	100
Amado	34	Nogales, Arizona	64
Benson	46	Nogales, Mexico	65
Bisbee	95	Patagonia	60
Casa Grande	63	Phoenix	116
Coolidge	66	Prescott	212
Douglas	120	Safford	128
Eloy	51	Show Low	197
Flagstaff	257	Springerville	240
Florence	72	Sonoita	47
Ft. Huachuca	73	Tempe	106
Gila Bend	121	Tombstone	71
Globe	104	Tubac	41
Grand Canyon	341	Wickenburg	168
Kingman	298	Willcox	82
Lake Havasu City	320	Yuma	237

ELECTRICITY

PHOENIX

Arizona Public Service	602-371-7171/800-253-9405	www.aps.com
Salt River Project	602-236-8888	www.srpnet.com

TUCSON

Tucson Electric Power Company	520-623-7711	www.tucsonelectric.com
Trico Electric Cooperative	520-744-2944	www.trico.coop

WATER

Arizona Water Company: 602-240-3860	Lakeside Division: 928-368-6993	Sedona Divison: 928-282-5555
Ajo Water System: 520-836-8785	Miami Division: 928-473-4433	Sierra Vista Water System: 520-458-5660
Apache Junction Division: 480-982-2201	Oracle Water System: 520-385-2226	Stanfield Water System: 520-836-8785
Bisbee Division: 520-432-5321	Overgaard Water System: 928-535-4469	Superior Water System: 520-689-2312
Casa Grande Division: 520-836-8785	Pinewood & Rimrock Water System: 928-282-7092	White Tank Water System: 520-836-8785
Coolridge Division: 520-723-5346	San Manuel Division: 520-385-2226	Winkleman Water System: 520-385-2226

GAS

Southwest Gas supplies natural gas to the majority of the Phoenix and Tucson. The main customer assistance phone number is 877-860-6020

RECYCLING

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality maintains a Recycling Hot-line. To find out why recycling is important, what can be recycled and where, and to receive some conservation tips, call 602-771-5613

CABLE, SATELITE AND PHONE

PHOENIX

CenturyLink (formerly Qwest)	855-234-5724	www.qwest.com
Cox Communications	623-594-0505	www.cox.com
Zona Communications	623-455-4500	www.zonacommunications.com

TUCSON

AT&T	520-290-4555	www.att.com
Comcast (XFINITY)	520-744-2653	www.comcast.com
COX Communications	520-884-0133	www.cox.com
DirecTV	520-622-3474	www.directv.com
Dish	877-211-2419	www.dishnetwork.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES

For fire, police and ambulance emergency, dial 911. Other important numbers to have on hand are:

Poison Control:	Phx 602-253-3334 Tuc 520-626-6016
Police Dept.:	Phx 602-262-6151 Tuc 520-791-4444
Suicide Hotline:	Phx 480-784-1500 Tuc 520-323-9373
Highway Patrol:	602-223-2000

VOTER REGISTRATION

To vote in local and national elections, you must be registered at least twenty-nine days prior to the election. You must be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the U.S. and a resident of Arizona, which you will be after living in the state for six months. Registration can be done at registration headquarters (Phoenix 602-506-1511, Tucson 520-740-4330), city clerk offices and driver's license bureaus. Mail-in registration forms are also available at these locations. Online registration can be accomplished at www.servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter/.

Maricopa Division Department of Elections: 602-506-1511

Pima Division Department of Elections: 520-724-6830

League of Women Voters: Phx 480-966-9031 Tuc 520-327-7652

Democratic County Headquarters: Phx 602-298-0503 Tuc 520-326-3716

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RESIDENCY

Newcomers are considered residents of Arizona if they own or rent a residence for six months or more; accept a job (other than seasonal employment); register children in public schools; obtain a state driver's license; or maintain a business that is taxed by the state.

a moving TIMELINE

Looks like you've made the big decision to relocate and move to Arizona. But hold up there, pioneer. Before you decide to hook up the team and load up your wagon, there are just a few hints and tips you should be aware of, to make sure your move to Phoenix or Tucson is a smooth one.

"Organization is the key to having a great moving experience," says Charlie Morse, General Manager of Ward North American Van Lines. "Any move is stressful, but being prepared makes all the difference in whether you look back later on your move as a wonderful introduction to your new home, or as a very traumatic time."



Morse says that the best moves are the ones that are planned well in advance before moving day. Using an experienced, professional moving service can help you maximize the most of your time, and alleviate your moving anxieties by helping you anticipate potentially tricky situations.

In addition to their expert packing services, professional moving companies often offer additional care protection up front before the big move. "Check with your homeowner's policy to make sure your items are covered in case something unforeseen happens," advises Morse. "If they aren't, you can often buy additional coverage from your insurance company, or moving insurance from us. That way, your goods are insured against anything that could happen during transit – including road accidents, tornadoes, lightning and even van fires."

Remember that a packer's job is to do exactly that: pack. "The packing team doesn't pick and choose what goes, they just pack everything," explains Morse. "They don't have any bias on what you want to take or not. Often when people do their own packing, they spend valuable time thinking, 'Do I need this or not?' It takes our people less time because they don't worry about that. So, unless you tell them otherwise, everything goes.

As a result of the "everything goes" philosophy of packing, be sure to keep your personal items that you want to take with you on your trip in a "safety zone." Tell the packers and the movers that these items are going with you, and not to pack them.

As for making sure your possessions arrive on time, Morse says you can relax. "Many of our trucks are equipped with GPS tracking systems, so all they have to do is plug in your new address and they'll find you. And, the driver will give you his phone number so you can keep in touch with him in transit along the journey. We do our best to get your possessions from Point A to Point B safely."

ON YOUR MARK: A FEW WEEKS BEFORE YOU MOVE

Get Rid of It: Once you've decided to go for it, make a major purge of all your unnecessary goods and possessions. Have a garage sale, donate your unwanted items for a tax write-off, and advertise them in the newspaper

or on Craigslist.com. Getting rid of extra things you don't need makes for a cleaner move, and drops the shipping weight and bulk.

Meet and Greet: If you're using a moving company, an agent will meet with you at your home and conduct a survey of the items you want to move to your new home. Some of the points your moving agent will review with you include the items you want to move and the items you will leave behind, items that will go into storage, care and handling of items of exceptional value, and items that will need to be disassembled because of size or access out of your residence.

GET SET: A FEW DAYS BEFORE YOU MOVE

Take & Grab Party: Instead of filling up the landfill with perfectly good condiments and other food items, invite friends over to "take & grab" whatever they want from your fridge, freezer, and pantry. Do you really want to transport those 1/3 full bottles of alcohol across the country? A "Take & Grab Party" is a fun way to get together one last time before the move and responsibly discard some things that won't be going with you, like plants, too.

Big Ticket Items: Disconnect, defrost and clean refrigerators and freezers, empty the evaporation pan and drain the water reservoir of the automatic icemaker. Leave the door of your fridge, freezer or washing machine open at least 24 hours before loading to allow all moisture to evaporate. Make sure that your stove has been cleaned, and all pots and pans have been removed.

Electric Boogaloo: Electronic equipment requires a little extra tender loving care. If possible, pack your electronics in their original cartons and packing material. If not available, make sure your mover provides professional packing materials. Disconnect your wiring and code it with colored tape to make reinstallation easier at your new location. Back up important files on your computer's hard drive, and if it has a CD/DVD drive, make sure it's disc-free.

Precious Car Go! If your moving company is transporting your vehicle, make sure your car has no obvious fluid leaks, and secure your battery in the mounting bracket. Have your car cleaned so that movers can perform a valid quality inspection on moving day (a dirty car might limit your ability to file a claim on

major damage). Make sure that your gas tank has at least 1/8 tank of fuel, and disconnect, disable or turn off all alarm systems. Remove all non-permanent luggage racks, bike racks or ski racks on the exterior of your car, and take out any personal items from your car's interior. And last, but certainly not least, have an extra set of car keys and alarm remote ready to hand over to the moving team, as well as a working phone number where you may be contacted.

Make Advance Reservations: Depending on where you live, you might need to obtain a parking permit for the moving truck or van. Also, if you live in a high-rise building, you should check to see if you need to reserve use of the elevator.

Smile and File: Gather and organize your important documents in advance and have them ready to go, you never know if you might need access to them in your new home. Never place these items in the trunk of your car. A short list of documents to take with you includes birth certificates, life insurance policies, medical and dental records, real estate documents and school records. Other helpful items include an address book, appliance manuals, appraisals for high-value items, and your copy of the household goods descriptive inventory.

GET GOING! MOVING DAY

Get in the Zone: The safety zone, that is. Anything that you wish to take with you and NOT have packed should be placed within an area that you identify to the movers as the "Do Not Pack – Do Not Move Zone." This would include anything from your important papers and documents, luggage, medications, travel clothing and toiletries, and favorite toys for the kids.

Create a First Night Care Kit: Separate the items you will need the most when you first arrive in your new home and have the movers pack and load them separately so they will be the first to unload in your new home. If you are putting items into storage and you need special items for a temporary living situation, clearly mark and separate these items before the mover arrives. Some items to consider for your First Night Care Kit include alarm clocks, a can opener, first-aid items, clean sheets and pillow cases, toiletries, a flashlight, extension cords, basic tools and hardware from disassembled furniture. ●

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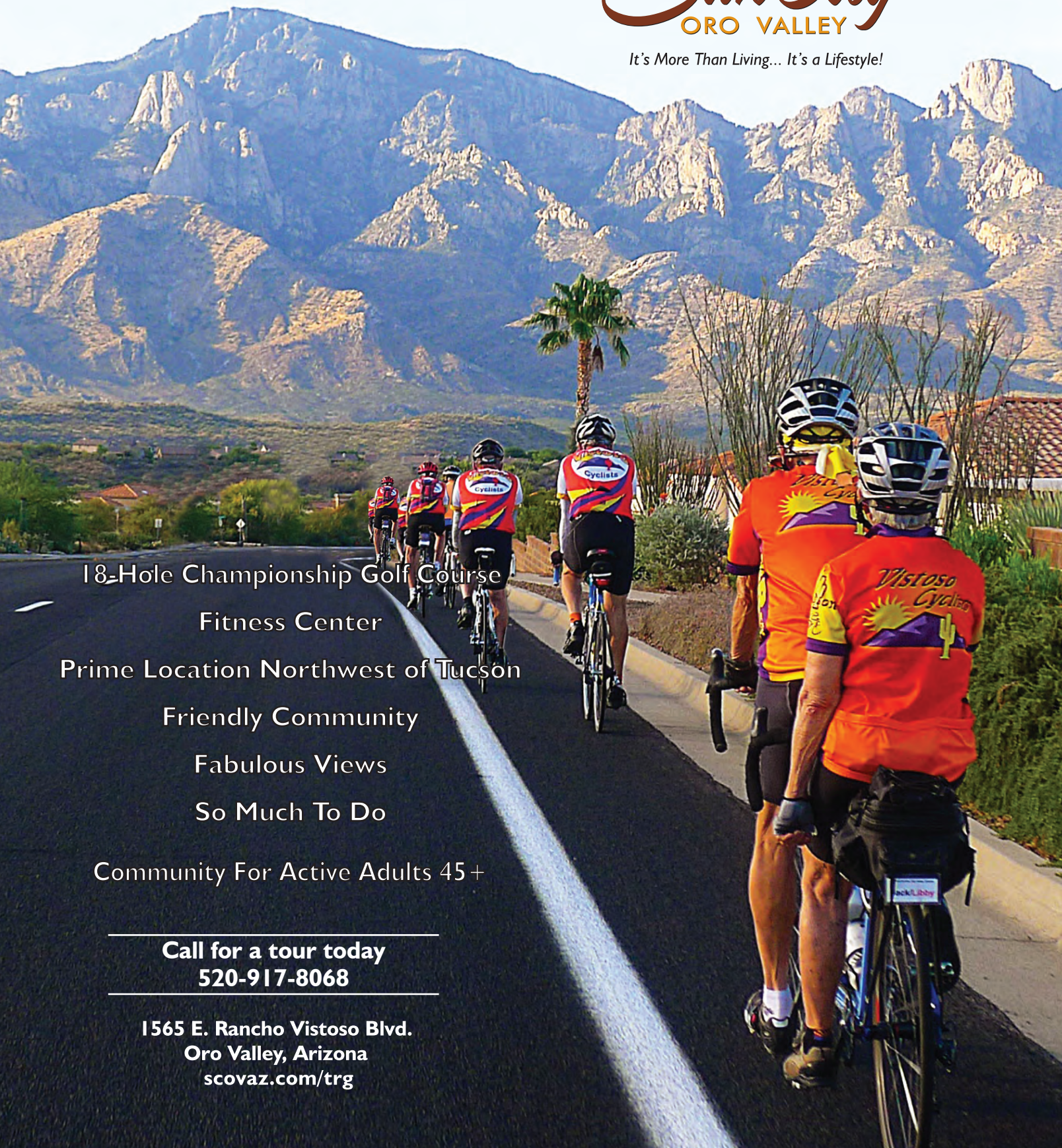

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