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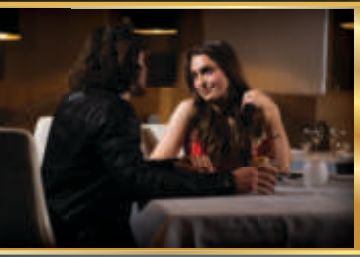







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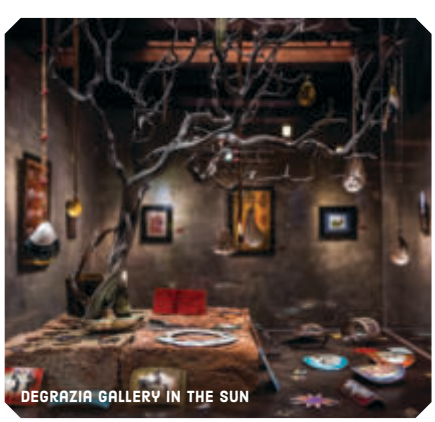
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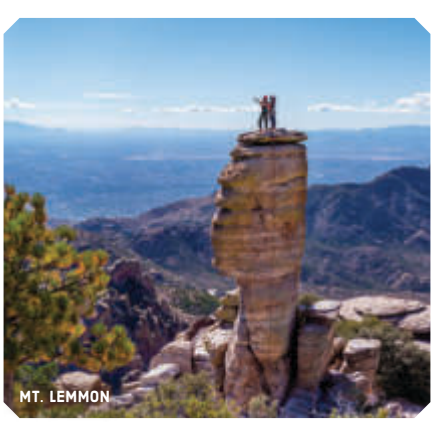
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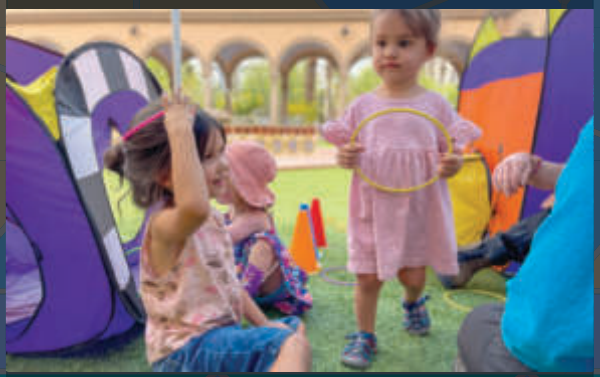

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BIRDING HOT SPOTS

Find rare bird species at places like **Madera Canyon, Sabino Canyon, Mt. Lemmon,** and **Sweetwater Wetlands Park.**

FAMILY FUN SPOTS

Make memories with the whole family at **Children's Museum Tucson/Oro Valley, Reid Park Zoo,** and **Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures.**



REID PARK ZOO
Pete Gregoire



COLOSSAL CAVE MOUNTAIN PARK
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OLD WEST HISTORY

Saddle up and step into the past at **Old Tucson, Trail Dust Town, Tucson Wagon & History Museum,** and the **O.K. Corral.**

OTHERWORLDLY ASTRONOMY

Explore the final frontier of outer space with tours of **Flandrau Science Center & Planetarium, Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter, Kitt Peak National Observatory,** and **Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory.**

NATURAL WONDERS

See geology in a whole new light at **Colossal Cave Mountain Park, Kartchner Caverns State Park,** and the **Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum.**

DEEP HERITAGE & CULTURE

Discover stories from Arizona and beyond at the **Tucson Presidio Museum, Amerind Museum, Jewish Museum & Holocaust Center, African American Museum of Southern Arizona,** and **Arizona History Museum.**

NATIONAL TREASURES

Take a hike and admire the views at **Saguaro National Park, Ironwood Forest National Monument, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument,** and **Coronado National Forest.**

SERENE STATE PARKS

Feel at peace in the picturesque landscapes of **Catalina State Park, Oracle State Park, Patagonia Lake State Park,** and **Picacho Peak State Park.**



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SONORAN DESERT DISCOVERIES

Unplug and connect with nature at the **Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tohono Chul, Tucson Botanical Gardens,** and **Yume Japanese Gardens of Tucson.**

FEED YOUR CREATIVE SIDE

Be inspired at **Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block, DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun, Center for Creative Photography**, and the **University of Arizona Museum of Art.**

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

Combine tech and history at **Pima Air & Space Museum, Biosphere 2, Tucson Military Vehicle Museum,** and the **Titan Missile Museum.**

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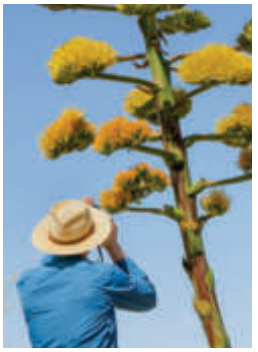


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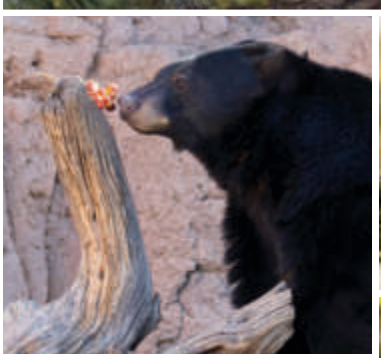


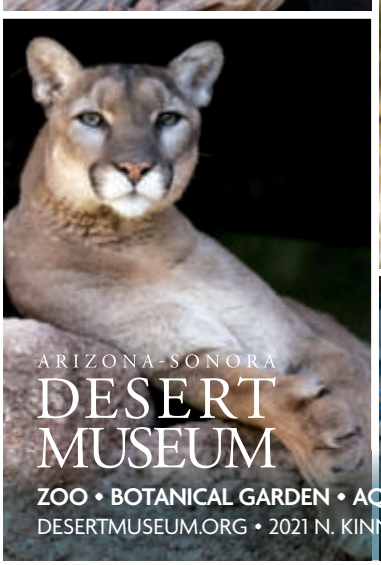


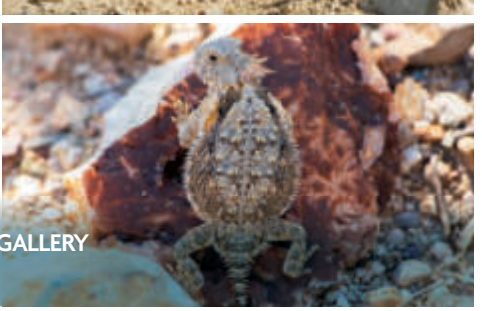

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Jackie Tran

JANUARY

American Indian Arts Exposition
usaindianinfo.com

Dillinger Days
hotelcongress.com

Old Tucson 10er
ziarides.com

Savor Food & Wine Festival
saaca.org

TAR Soccer Shootout
fortlowellshootout.org

Tucson Desert Song Festival
tucsondesertsongfestival.org

Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase
tucsongemshow.org

Tucson Jazz Festival
tucsonjazzfestival.org

Wings Over Willcox
wingsoverwillcox.com

FEBRUARY

24 Hours in the Old Pueblo
epicrides.com

Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering
cowboypoets.org

La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo & Parade
tucsonrodeo.com

Tubac Festival of the Arts
tubacaz.com

Tucson Gem and Mineral Show®
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MARCH

The Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences
cologuardclassic.com

Fourth Avenue Spring Street Fair
fourthavenue.org

TENWEST
tenwest.com

Texas Canyon Trail Run
amerind.org

Tucson Festival of Books
tucsonfestivalofbooks.org

Tucson Invitational Games
tigsports.com

Tucson Winter Chamber Music Festival
arizonachambermusic.org

APRIL

Agave Heritage Festival
agaveheritagefestival.com

Arizona International Film Festival
filmfestivalarizona.com

Cyclovia Spring Ride
cycloviatucson.org

Palo Verde Bloom Festival
paloverdebloom.org

Pima County Fair
pimacountyfair.com

Sugar Skulls Indoor Football Season Opens
tucsonsugarskulls.com

Tucson Folk Festival
tucsonfolkfest.org

Tucson International Mariachi Conference
tucsonmariachi.org



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MAY

Mt. Lemmon Hill Climb
bikegaba.org

Music Under the Stars
tucsonpops.org

Willcox Wine Country Spring Festival
willcoxwinecountry.org

Wyatt Earp Days
tombstonechamber.com

JUNE

Bisbee Pride
bisbeeprideaz.com

El Día de San Juan Fiesta
missiongarden.org

Juneteenth Festival
aamsaz.org

Tucson Saguaros Baseball Season Opens
saguarosbaseball.com

World Margarita Championship
saaca.org

JULY

HarvestFest at Sonoita Vineyards
sonoitavineyards.com

Sweet Corn Festival
appleannies.com

AUGUST

Southeast Arizona Birding Festival
tucsonbirds.org

Southwest Wings Festival
swwings.org

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tucsonpresidio.com



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SEPTEMBER

Chile Festival
heirloomfm.org

El Tour Loop the Loop
eltourdetucson.org

Hispanic Heritage Month
visittucson.org/viva

Oktoberfest on Mt. Lemmon
skithelemmon.com

Pueblos del Maíz
pueblosdelmaiz.com

Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo
sonoitafairgrounds.com

Sonoran Restaurant Week
sonoranrestaurantweek.com

Tucson Fall Gem Shows
tucsongemshow.org

OCTOBER

Amerind Autumn Fest
amerind.org

Cyclovia Fall Ride
cycloviatucson.org

Film Fest Tucson
filmfesttucson.org

Sky Islands Artisan Market
skyislandsartisanmarket.com

Tucson Meet Yourself
tucsonmeetyourself.org

Tucson Roadrunners Ice Hockey Season Opens
tucsonroadrunners.com

Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta
mexicanbaseballfiesta.com

NOVEMBER

All Souls Procession Weekend
allsoulsprocession.org

Dusk Music Festival
duskmusicfestival.com

El Tour de Tucson
eltourdetucson.org

GABA Bike Swap
bikegaba.org

Garmin Marathon Tucson
garmin.com/marathon

Holiday Artisans Market
tucsonmuseumofart.org

Made In Tucson Market
madeintucsonmarket.com

Loft Film Fest
loftfilmfest.org

Tucson Modernism Week
tucsonmod.com

Tucson Pride in the Desert
tucsonpride.org



EL TOUR DE TUCSON
Kathleen Dreier

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DECEMBER

Ballet Tucson's The Nutcracker with TSO
ballettucson.org

Downtown Parade of Lights & Festival
downtowntucson.org

Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair
fourthavenue.org

Holiday Nights
tohonochul.org

La Fiesta de Tumacácori
nps.gov/tuma

LightsUp!
tucsonbotanical.org

Patronato Christmas at San Xavier Del Bac
patronatosanxavier.org

Tamal and Heritage Festival
casinodelsol.com

The Snoop Dogg Arizona Bowl
thearizonabowl.com

Tucson Marathon
tucsonmarathon.com

ZooLights: Holiday Magic
reidparkzoo.org



OVERLOOKING DOWNTOWN TUCSON FROM A MOUNTAIN

TUCSON UNDISCOVERED

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TRIP WITH LOCAL HISTORY & INSIDER TIPS

FOR THE BIRDS

It seems like everyone is birding these days and the biodiversity of Southern Arizona provides a wide variety of opportunities to add another species to your life list. You might need to extend your stay to spot the elusive Elegant Trogon—considered by many to be one of the most beautiful birds on earth—since there might be fewer than 100 in the U.S. in any given summer, but it's worth a try. **Madera Canyon,** near **Green Valley** and **Sahuarita,** is where you'd most likely spot the Trogon, but there are also more than 250 species of birds that have been spotted there, including 15 hummingbird species. Keep an eye out for the purple crown and green throat of the male Rivoli's Hummingbird, for example. Even in the city, you may have the opportunity to see a striking, red-bodied Vermillion Flycatcher.









LIFE IS A HIGHWAY

There's something about Tucson that makes you want to get behind the wheel—the beauty of the Sonoran Desert as a backdrop, the winding roads, the seemingly endless open space. There's something for the car-lover both in and out of the city, and out of the car. Here are some of our suggestions to get your motor running:

1. CRUISE FOR HISTORIC NEON SIGNS

Before there was a freeway running adjacent to downtown, cross-country traffic ran down **Oracle Road, Miracle Mile,** and **Drachman Street** as drivers took Routes 80 and 89 to their eventual destinations. Motor hotels with big bright beacons worked to draw tired drivers in for the night. Today, many of the signs are still around with some even being restored to serve as a glowing reminder of a slower day gone by.

2. VISIT AN AUTO MUSEUM

Car enthusiasts can journey through automotive history at three standout Tucson attractions. The quirky **Franklin Auto Museum** spotlights a unique American brand lost to time, offering a rare glimpse into auto lore. At **Rolling Thru Time** visitors can marvel at classic cars from every decade, and the **Tucson Auto Museum** holds unique surprises in store including a vintage Batmobile. Each museum invites guests to step back in time and experience the evolution of automobiles firsthand.

3. TAKE A SOUTHERN ARIZONA ROAD TRIP

For those eager to venture beyond Tucson, a Southern Arizona road trip opens up a world of discovery. Explore the charm of historic towns like **Tubac** and **Bisbee,** sip local varietals while wine tasting in **Willcox** and **Sonoita,** or immerse yourself in nature at nearby state parks. Outdoor enthusiasts won't want to miss the dramatic landscapes of **Organ Pipe Cactus** and **Chiricahua National Monuments,** each offering unforgettable trails and scenery that showcase the region's rugged beauty.



ARIZONA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
Courtesy of Arizona Trail Association

TUCSON'S HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS

Spend any time looking through Instagram featuring #tucson and you'll see them: photos of painted doors. There's a good reason for this ever-present image. The character and color of downtown Tucson's historic neighborhoods comes through clearly and beautifully. Surrounding the rapidly evolving downtown are neighborhoods still holding generations of history behind their walls (and doors). You can easily walk some of these areas and see architecture from the 1840s to folk and traditional styles of the 1950s. In addition to architecture and history, downtown neighborhoods such as **Armory Park, El Presidio,** and **Barrio Viejo** also put visitors near shops, art galleries, cafes, and some of Tucson's best restaurants.



EL TIRADITO SHRINE, BARRIO VIEJO

THE 800–MILE BACKBONE OF ARIZONA

For hikers, mountain bikers, trail runners, and equestrians—the adventure of a lifetime awaits on the **Arizona National Scenic Trail.** This non-motorized path, part of the National Trails System, stretches 800 miles from Mexico to Utah. It can be accessed from many different places, allowing you to choose your own adventure—whether it's a day trip, overnight, or the entire trail. The trail near Tucson takes you through Colossal Cave Mountain Park, Saguaro National Park's Rincon Mountain District, and the Santa Catalina Mountains with environments ranging from desert to forest. Numerous trailheads in the Tucson area provide unlimited opportunities for recreation. The ideal times to hike the Arizona Trail are October–November and March–April. Visit ***aztrail.org*** for detailed maps, trail descriptions, water sources, and more.


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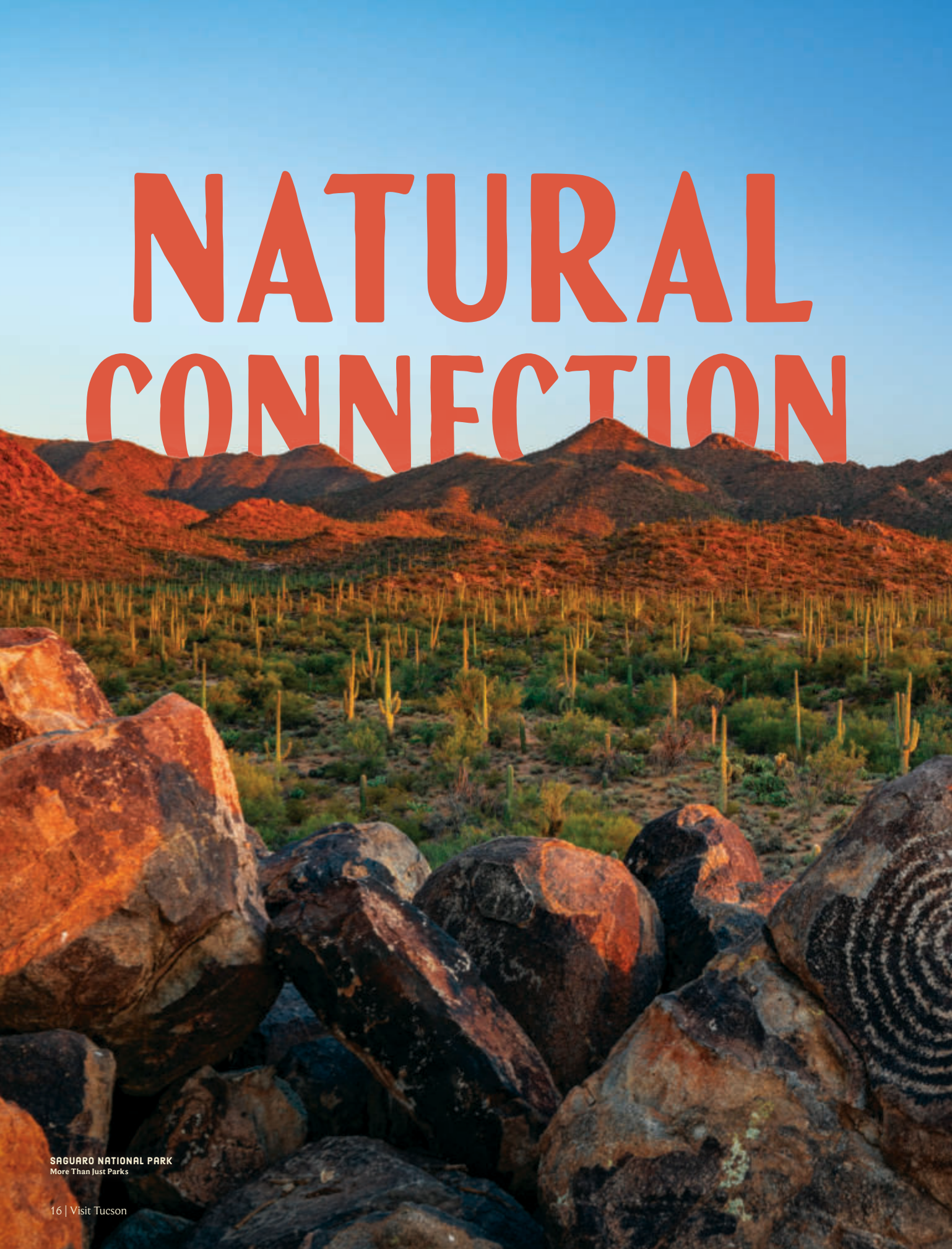

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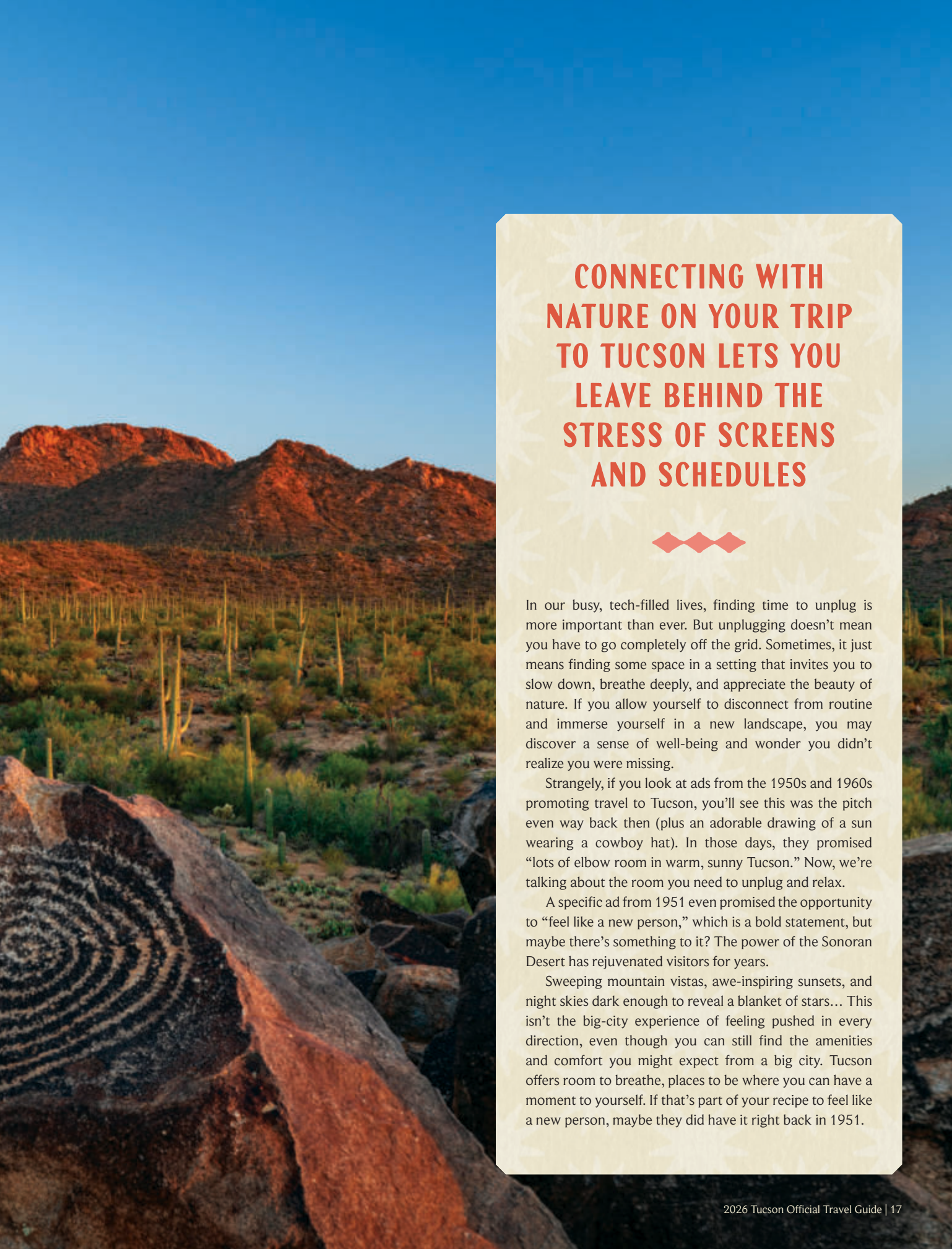
More Than Just Parks



CONNECTING WITH NATURE ON YOUR TRIP TO TUCSON LETS YOU LEAVE BEHIND THE STRESS OF SCREENS AND SCHEDULES

In our busy, tech-filled lives, finding time to unplug is more important than ever. But unplugging doesn't mean you have to go completely off the grid. Sometimes, it just means finding some space in a setting that invites you to slow down, breathe deeply, and appreciate the beauty of nature. If you allow yourself to disconnect from routine and immerse yourself in a new landscape, you may discover a sense of well-being and wonder you didn't realize you were missing.

Strangely, if you look at ads from the 1950s and 1960s promoting travel to Tucson, you'll see this was the pitch even way back then (plus an adorable drawing of a sun wearing a cowboy hat). In those days, they promised "lots of elbow room in warm, sunny Tucson." Now, we're talking about the room you need to unplug and relax.

A specific ad from 1951 even promised the opportunity to "feel like a new person," which is a bold statement, but maybe there's something to it? The power of the Sonoran Desert has rejuvenated visitors for years.

Sweeping mountain vistas, awe-inspiring sunsets, and night skies dark enough to reveal a blanket of stars… This isn't the big-city experience of feeling pushed in every direction, even though you can still find the amenities and comfort you might expect from a big city. Tucson offers room to breathe, places to be where you can have a moment to yourself. If that's part of your recipe to feel like a new person, maybe they did have it right back in 1951.

As you embark on your journey to unplug, the best place to start might be **Saguaro National Park.** It has been said that the National Park System is "America's Best Idea" and whether you head to the east or west district of Tucson's über-accessible national park, it's clear that preserving these landscapes, first as a national monument in 1933, was certainly a great idea. Looking to take it easy? Saguaro East has an eight-mile paved loop road that makes for a lovely scenic drive or e-bike ride. Both districts offer miles of hiking trails that provide incredible views, glimpses of wildlife, and of course, the majestic towering cacti that give the park its inspiration and name. Growing up to 60 feet in height over their centuries of life, saguaros are only found in this small corner of the world. It's not hyperbole to say that seeing one in real life is an awe-inspiring experience.

In many places, a national park visit might be the only item on the agenda, but here in Tucson it's only the beginning. **Sabino Canyon,** which serves as one of the gateways to Coronado National Forest, is a lush oasis where Sabino Creek nourishes towering cottonwood trees and provides habitat for more than 200 species of birds. The canyon also features a scenic, paved path winding to its upper reaches, ideal for running, walking, or simply enjoying the sights and sounds of nature aboard the electric and fully accessible Sabino Canyon Crawler. Whether on foot or by tram, it's a perfect spot to immerse yourself in Tucson's natural beauty.





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TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK



SABINO CANYON
More Than Just Parks

Tucson's National Park and National Forest aren't the only places to immerse yourself in remarkable flora and fauna. The world-renowned **Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum** offers the experience of a breathtaking desert garden combined with a zoo and aquarium entirely devoted to native species. At **Tucson Botanical Gardens** visitors can experience nature right in the center of town amid lush plant displays, creative art installations, and even an enchanting butterfly garden. For another desert oasis experience, **Tohono Chul** combines horticulture with art and culture; wander garden paths, view rotating exhibitions in its gallery, and enjoy a leisurely lunch surrounded by blooming landscapes at the charming Garden Bistro. Each spot offers its own unforgettable way to discover the desert's living beauty. And for those interested in exploring beyond the species of Southern Arizona, **Reid Park Zoo** showcases wildlife from across the globe, providing fun and educational experiences for the entire family.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Tucson as an outdoor destination is how effortlessly adventure blends with city life. Step outside and you're never far from trails, campsites, or scenic rides, making it easy to add desert adventure to your itinerary. This seamless blend of urban life and wild spaces is perfectly embodied by **Tucson Mountain Park,** where the city's boundaries give way to vast stretches of protected land. With its borders extending right up to the city limits and reaching all the way to Saguaro National Park West, this recreation paradise puts adventure literally within arm's reach.

The park offers a wealth of options for outdoor enthusiasts. Campers can find peaceful spots beneath starlit skies, while hikers explore winding desert trails framed by towering saguaros and rugged hills. For cyclists, Tucson Mountain Park features some of the area's best routes. Roadies revel in the breathtaking ride over Gates Pass and down to McCain Loop, complete with rolling hills and panoramic views. Mountain bikers can tackle the thrilling trails that traverse Starr Pass, known for its challenging terrain and dramatic scenery. Just to the north, the nearby **Sweetwater Preserve** adds more options with trails tailored for beginner and intermediate riders, making Tucson's wild side accessible for every level of adventurer.



TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS
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Speaking of bikes, Southern Arizona is a paradise for cyclists of every stripe, offering countless ways to explore at your own pace. Tucson is often hailed as one of the best places on the planet to ride, thanks to not only the weather and the scenery but also the variety. For a relaxed cruise, hop on **The Loop** for a seemingly endless network of car-free paths that connect every corner of the city. Those seeking a true test of endurance will relish the challenging ascent up **Mt. Lemmon**. Gaining nearly 7,000 feet of elevation, this behemoth of a climb has earned its status as a top training ground for the pros.



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24 HOURS IN THE OLD PUEBLO
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If you don't mind getting your tires dirty, Tucson excels at off-road adventure too. Mountain bikers can tackle Mt. Lemmon's epic elevation going downhill on a series of technical trails, while those who are more into cross-country or gravel riding will find miles of pristine singletrack and desert dirt roads to explore. Tucson's celebrated cycling culture is on full display at signature events that highlight both sides of the coin: the iconic **El Tour de Tucson** welcomes road cyclists from around the globe, while the legendary **24 Hours in the Old Pueblo** is a mountain biking event like no other, transforming the desert into a pop-up town that is more about vibes than competition.

So as you can see, from Saguaro National Park to Coronado National Forest and everything in between, Tucson is an outdoor destination unlike any other. The city and its surrounding landscapes offer experiences that surpass what words can capture, so you'll have to trust us when we tell you that what you've read here is just the beginning. Whether through quiet moments out on the trail or adrenaline-fueled exploration, a trip to Tucson will make you realize that the best way to unplug is to connect with nature, allowing you to return home refreshed and ready for whatever life throws at you next.

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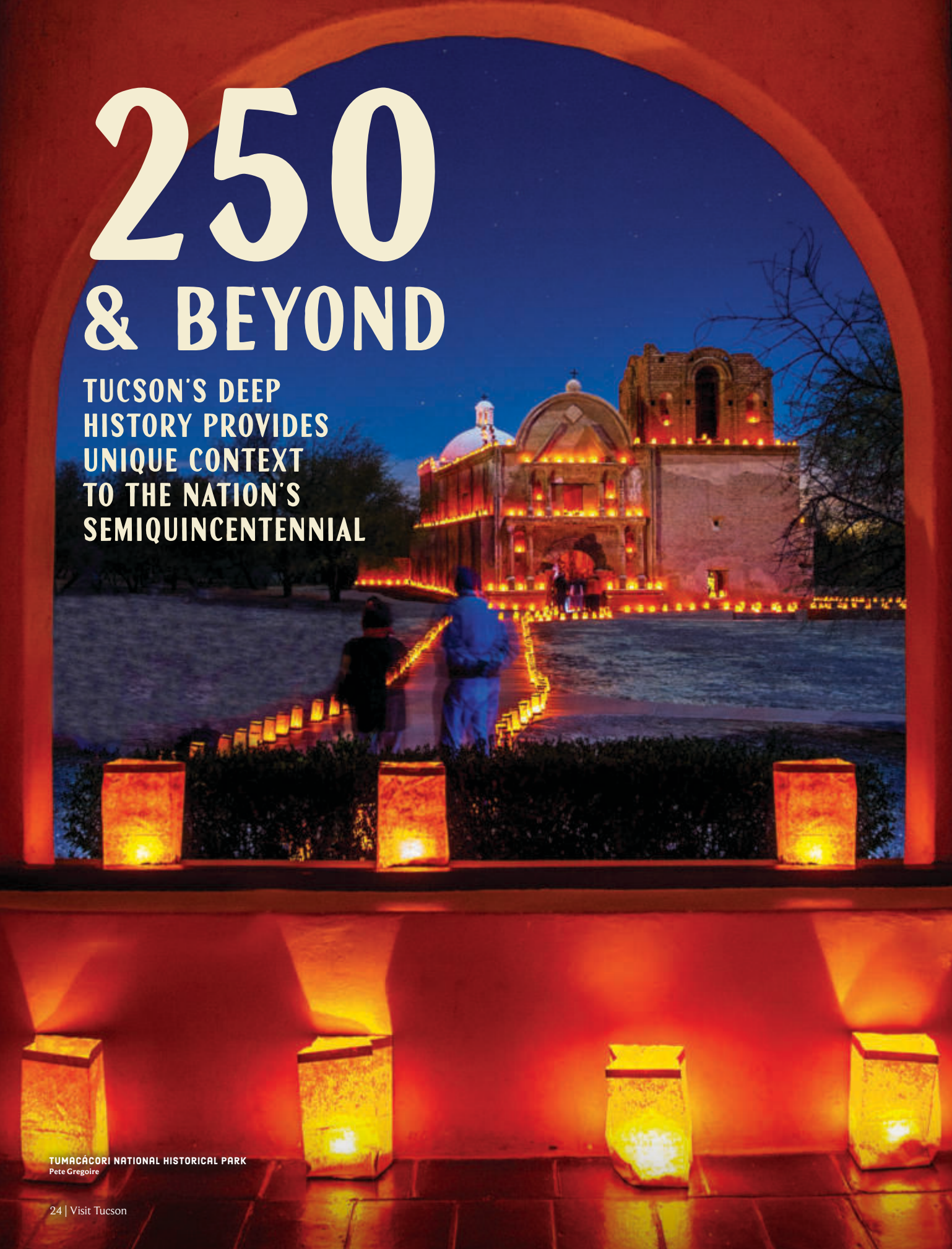

TUMACÁCORI NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
Pete Gregoire

As the United States celebrates its 250th birthday in 2026, Tucson, Arizona, has already blown out its own 250 candles—almost one year ahead of the nation. Founded in August 1775, Tucson stands as one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the West, carrying a heritage that predates the Declaration of Independence. It's a city shaped by layers of history—woven together by Indigenous peoples, Spanish settlers, and Anglo pioneers—making it an irresistible destination for history lovers seeking to commemorate America's important milestone in a place with a legacy all its own.

While fireworks burst across the nation in 2026 to honor two-and-a-half centuries of U.S. history, Tucson's own founding dates to a time when the area still belonged to New Spain. **The Presidio San Agustín del Tucson,** established in 1775, marks the city's official start. Today, visitors can tour the Presidio Museum, where adobe walls and costumed interpreters transport guests back to the dusty days of Spanish soldiers, settlers, and the birth of a city.

What sets Tucson apart isn't just its age, it's the vibrant, living mosaic of cultures that have thrived here from modern times through multiple millennia. Across Southern Arizona, remnants of Spanish colonial architecture stand alongside sites reflecting thousands of years of Indigenous presence, a testament to the land's enduring significance. This blend is felt not just in museums, but in everyday life through the art, festivals, and long-cultivated food history that has put the region on the culinary map.

The Spanish colonial era left an indelible mark on Tucson and the surrounding region. **Mission San Xavier del Bac,** a dazzling white adobe church just south of downtown, has stood watch over the Santa Cruz Valley since 1797. Known as the "White Dove of the Desert," this National Historic Landmark is famed for its intricate baroque architecture and ongoing religious traditions.

A short drive south, **Tumacácori National Historical Park** preserves yet another story from the Spanish frontier. Here, the original mission church and interpretive trails provide a window into the daily lives of O'odham, Yaqui, and Apache people as well as Spanish missionaries and settlers who converged in the Santa Cruz Valley.

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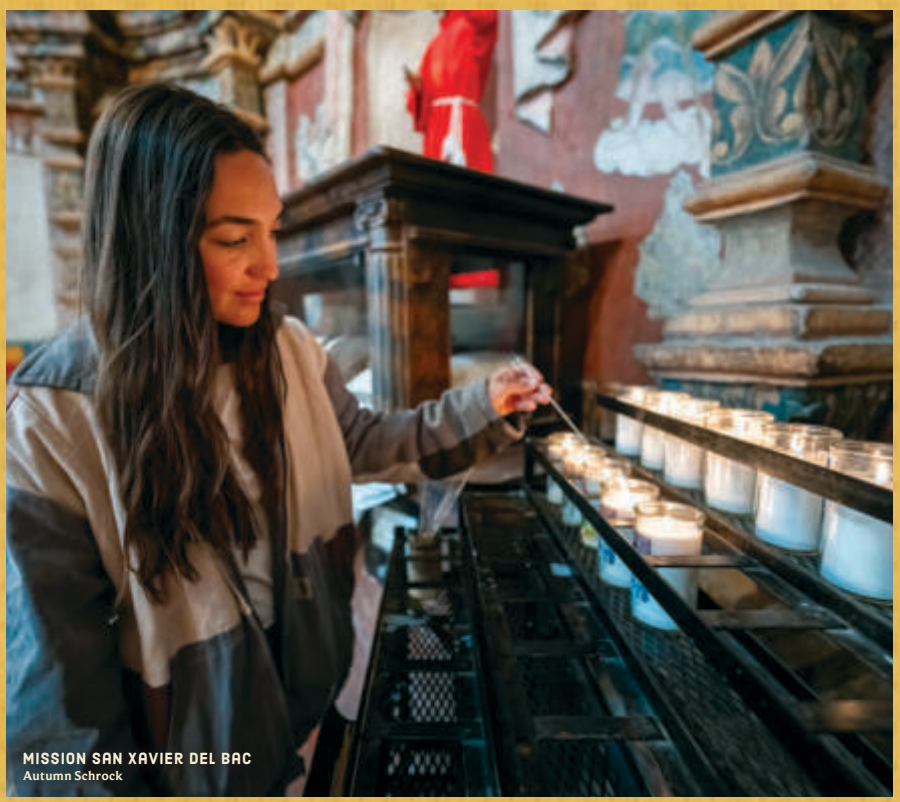

MISSION SAN XAVIER DEL BAC
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MISSION SAN XAVIER DEL BAC
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CHOLLA BUD HARVEST AT SAN XAVIER CO-OP FARM
Elijah LeComte



MISSION GARDEN
Steven Meckler

Tucson's story stretches far deeper than European contact. For thousands of years, the region has been home to Indigenous communities whose cultures remain vibrant today. At **Mission Garden**, the city's "living agricultural museum," volunteers cultivate heritage crops and heirloom fruit trees using techniques passed down by Tucson's earliest farmers.

San Xavier Co-op Farm, which is operated by members of the Tohono O'odham Nation, employs long-standing Indigenous traditions to cultivate native crops. A visit to the co-op's farm shop allows visitors to take the flavors of the Sonoran Desert home with them.

The agricultural legacy on display at many of the region's historical sites played a key role in Tucson's designation as the first UNESCO City of Gastronomy in the United States—a recognition celebrating the diverse history of Southern Arizona's foodways. This culinary culture is rooted in a deep appreciation for what the desert provides, and it all began with the ancient peoples who first settled here and those who gave it the name: "S-cuk Son."

To connect with the broader region's Indigenous history, a visit to the **Amerind Museum,** set against the picturesque backdrop of the Dragoon Mountains southeast of Tucson, offers in-depth exhibits on Native American history, art, and archaeology spanning the Southwest and Northern Mexico. The once private grounds of the museum property were recently opened to the public as the Texas Canyon Nature Preserve, allowing visitors to explore eight miles of self-guided walking trails through the area's iconic boulder formations.

Through the 19th century, Tucson experienced another significant period of cultural evolution, becoming a hub for cowboys, soldiers, and adventurers of the American West. The **Arizona History Museum** and the **Tucson Wagon & History Museum** bring this era to life through engaging exhibits featuring covered wagons, mining lore, and tales from Tucson's territorial days.

Old West history buffs can also explore **Fort Lowell,** a 19th-century military outpost turned museum and park, revealing the strategic role Tucson played in the defense of the Western frontier. For those intrigued by the ranching legacy, nearby historic sites like **Canoa Ranch** preserve the rustic charm and stories of Southern Arizona's cattle barons and vaqueros. And if you want to saddle up yourself, you can check in at a local guest ranch to experience Tucson's cowboy heritage firsthand.

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As the U.S. celebrates its own 250th birthday, there may be no better place to reflect on the nation's evolving story than here, where heritage runs a little deeper and history remains very much alive. Whether you're following the trails of ancient farmers, standing in the shade of a centuries-old mission, or learning cowboy lore, Tucson welcomes you to celebrate the spirit of the American Southwest in a city that has been making history for longer than just about anywhere else in the country.

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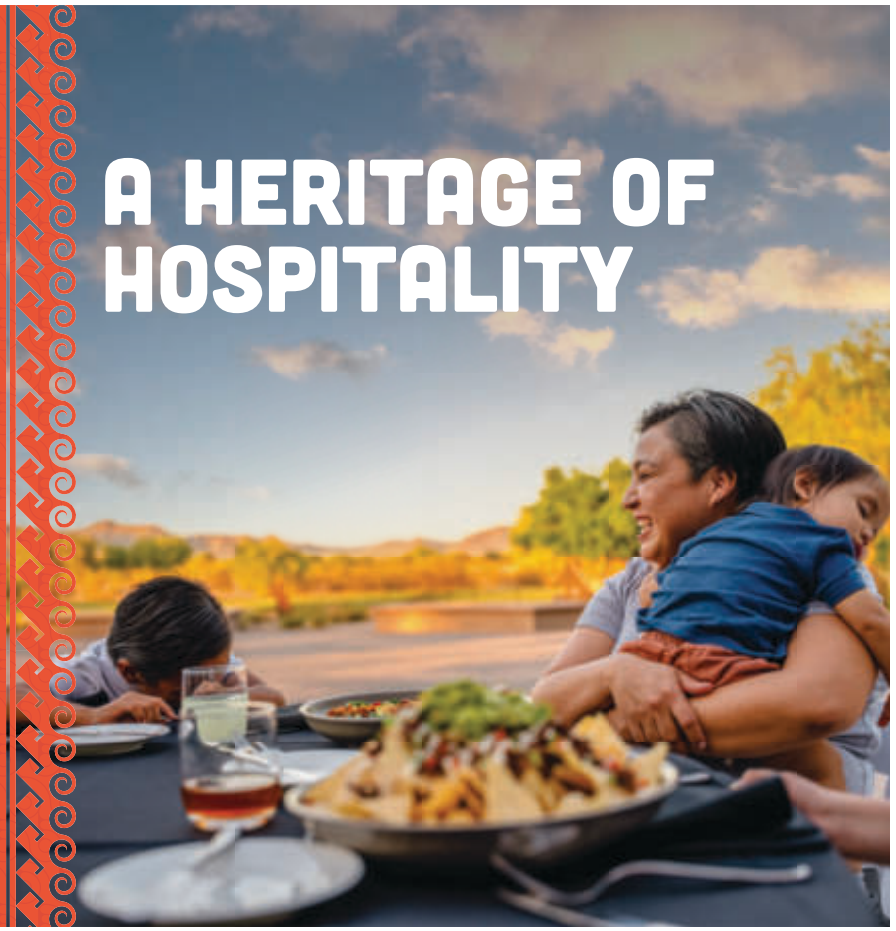

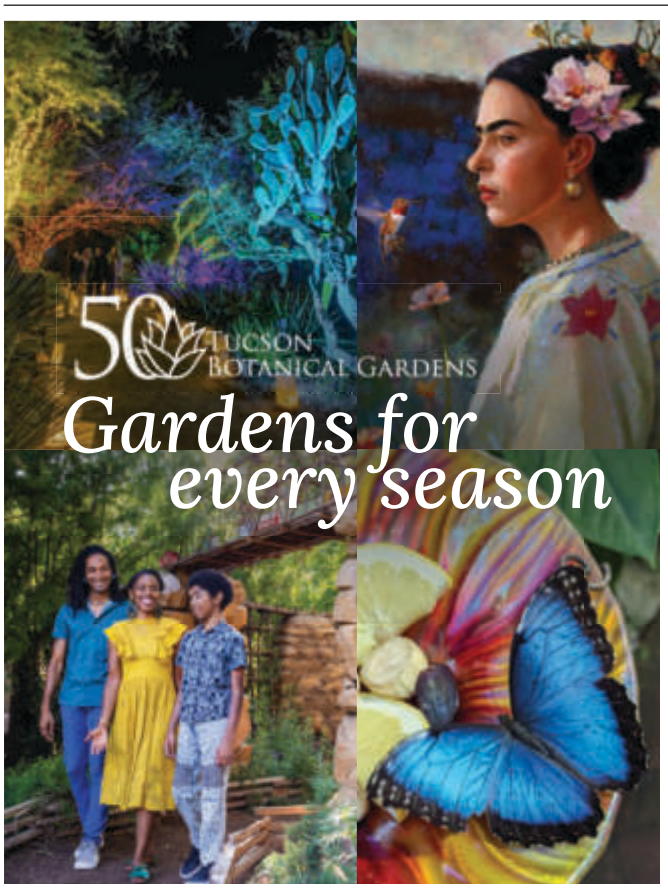

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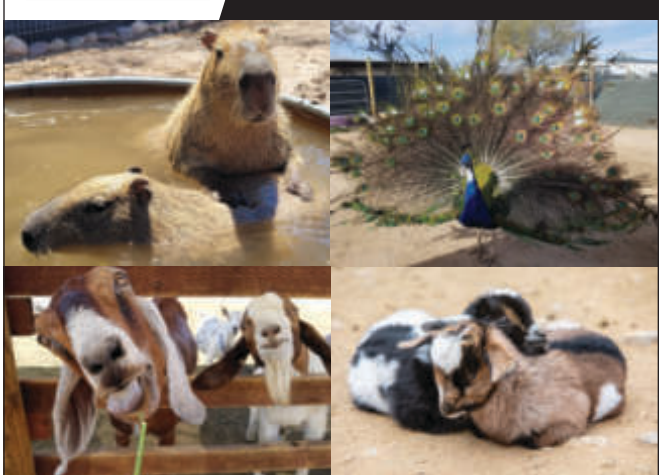

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Much like the incredible diversity of birds and wildlife that call the Sonoran Desert home, so many places to stay in Tucson boast unique features that set them apart. If you're yearning for an authentic Western adventure, look no further than **White Stallion Ranch.** Their firm commitment to ensuring that there's a horse for every guest underscores their remarkable, award-winning customer service. The historic **Tanque Verde Ranch** also stays true to its cowboy roots while providing a high-end guest experience through little details like the signature blueberry pancakes served at the end of their morning horseback ride.

Continuing down the path of Tucson's unique accommodations, you'll find boutique options tucked away in charming neighborhoods. Classic midtown hotels such as **Lodge on the Desert** and the **Arizona Inn** provide Southwestern style, and bespoke properties like the **Armory Park Inn** and **Blenman Inn** invite you to stay in historic homes that have been reimagined with incredible attention to detail. And if you want to be right in the middle of the action, downtown hotels like the **AC Marriott, Leo Kent,** and the historic **Hotel Congress** can put you there.

When it comes to luxury, Tucson's resort scene does not disappoint. Wellness-focused stays to golf getaways and everything in between, each one provides something unique, and together they help make Tucson a perfect place to unplug and relax. Read on to find out more about these resplendent retreats and discover why they are truly destinations unto themselves.

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FLYING V BAR & GRILL
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LOEWS VENTANA CANYON

In Tucson, you learn to expect the unexpected. Great views, wonderful amenities, and world-class golf are par for the course at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. But the surprise lies in the extraordinary flavors found in every dish served on the property. It's a testament to how serious the food scene is in Tucson, and a sign of the dedication Loews has for providing guests with memorable dining experiences. The Flying V Bar & Grill serves up high-end Southwestern flavors, and the legendary Blues, Brews, and BBQ Brunch just might be the highlight of your entire stay. Make sure to arrive hungry.

CANYON RANCH

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Santa Catalina Foothills stands one of the world's premier destination spas, Canyon Ranch. Playing a key role in the global wellness movement since its inception in the late 1970s, this renowned property weaves the tranquility of its natural surroundings into every guest experience. Whether you're heading out on a sunrise hike through cactus-studded trails, unwinding with restorative yoga, or indulging in a soothing spa treatment, lucky guests will find endless ways to rejuvenate both body and mind. Its unique blend of desert serenity and expert guidance makes every stay here more than just a getaway—it's a true journey toward well-being, inspired by the landscape itself.



CANYON RANCH
Courtesy of Canyon Ranch/Steven Meckler



JW MARRIOTT STARR PASS
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JW MARRIOTT STARR PASS

Nestled in the gorgeous landscape of the Tucson Mountains, JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa is steeped in the traditions of the borderlands. One of our favorite examples of this cultural connectivity is their Tequila Toast, which happens daily at 5:30 p.m. on their expansive Salud Terrace. Guests of this magnificent resort raise their complimentary shot, selected from their extensive collection of artisan tequilas, and repeat along with the legend of Arriba, Abajo—a toast rooted in the tall tale of how Pancho Villa asked the father of his beloved Juanita for her hand in marriage. This one is a story worth raising a glass to.

MIRAVAL

Set in the stunning western slope of the Santa Catalina Mountains, Miraval Arizona Resort & Spa offers a transformative escape where natural surroundings spark wellness and inspiration. Here, world-class cuisine shines with a mindful approach, complementing innovative experiences that reach far beyond the spa. Find renewal through Miraval's renowned equine experiences, test your courage on the ropes course, or connect with the land by working in the apiary and sampling local honey. Thoughtfully designed to honor both nature and personal growth, Miraval invites guests to discover renewal, adventure, and the art of living well—all in perfect harmony with the desert landscape.



MIRAVAL
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Much like a covey of Gambel's quail that can be seen skittering adorably around the edge of the desert, families looking to play together and have a great time will discover perfect accommodations for the whole gang at The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. Offering a giant 177-foot waterslide, five outdoor pools, luxurious cabanas, and even a cold plunge beneath a rushing waterfall, it's an ideal choice for families to relax and unwind no matter what time of year. And when you need a break from the kids you can head to the spa to take advantage of a soothing massage, facial, or body treatments like the signature "Stress Melter."

HACIENDA DEL SOL

Tucson and Tinseltown go way back, with our majestic natural surroundings setting the scene for Hollywood Westerns since the silent era. The historic Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort—which began as an elite private school for girls back in 1929—took on a shiny silver screen aura in the late 1940s as an off-set hideaway for the likes of Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, John Wayne, and Clark Gable. Today, visitors can enjoy the star treatment with modern wellness classes, award-winning dining, and one of the most extensive wine lists in the Southwest. And don't forget the fantastic mountain views.



HACIENDA DEL SOL
Courtesy of Hacienda del Sol

HILTON EL CONQUISTADOR

As Tucson sits so close to our southern neighbor, there is a tangible borderlands influence everywhere, from the goods in gift shops throughout Southern Arizona to the cultural offerings you can explore at El Conquistador Tucson, A Hilton Resort. Here you can take part in a ritual known as Renewal of the Flame. It is a collective experience in which guests gather to expel their negative energy and release it into a roaring fire, followed by three deep breaths to channel positivity. You can also feel Tucson's energy from works by local artists that adorn the halls and live music played on the poolside patio.



CASINO DEL SOL
Courtesy of Casino Del Sol

CASINO DEL SOL

Tucson has long been home to an incredibly vibrant local music scene drawing from the region's rich multicultural well. Little wonder then that one of its premier resorts, Casino Del Sol, would make hosting top-notch recording artists a highlight of their award-winning accommodations and numerous amenities. Their state-of-the-art AVA Amphitheater, named for one of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's visionaries, Anselmo Valencia, boasts 1,700 seats with a gentle ascending slope to a lawn space where another 1,000 concertgoers can roll out a blanket and enjoy those wonderful live sounds on a cool desert night.

OMNI TUCSON NATIONAL

With well over 300 days of sunshine each year, Tucson has long been a winter sanctuary for golf enthusiasts eager to escape the cold, and Omni Tucson National Resort & Spa stands out as one of Southern Arizona's premier destinations for both tour pros and casual players. Tee off on the Catalina Course, famous for its shimmering lakes and challenging bunkers, or experience the Tom Lehman-designed Sonoran Course, where desert-style fairways unfurl beneath breathtaking mountain views. Pack your clubs and get ready to discover why this iconic resort is a golfer's paradise.



OMNI TUCSON NATIONAL RESORT & SPA
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WESTWARD LOOK WYNDHAM GRAND

Every worthwhile story has a beginning, and Tucson's tradition of top-tier hospitality began with the Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort & Spa. Westward Look was originally a hacienda-style homestead set on 80 acres of pristine desert built in 1912, and by the 1920s it had transformed into one of the area's first dude ranches. Today, this modern classic offers customized wellness experiences by way of their award-winning Sonoran Spa, featuring holistic treatments that incorporate natural desert botanicals and therapeutic herbs grown from their own on-property garden. You'll come away refreshed and relaxed in the most Tucson way possible.

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Let's get one thing out of the way: when it comes to Mexican food in the U.S., Tucson isn't just part of the conversation, it's leading it. Sure, you'll find great places in plenty of cities, but Tucson's tradition runs deeper than just about anywhere else in the country. Just 60 miles north of the Mexican border, and with a storied past as part of Mexico itself, Mexican food isn't just part of the menu here—it's woven into daily life, shaped by generations, and celebrated across every neighborhood. As the foundation of the local food scene, it's also an important part of Tucson's story as the first UNESCO City of Gastronomy in the United States. Bottom line, if you want to try the best Mexican food north of the border, you've come to the right place.

Tucson's Mexican food scene is defined by authenticity and the deep cultural roots that shape the city. Nowhere is this culture more evident than at the legendary **El Charro Café,** located downtown in the historic El Presidio neighborhood. Opened in 1922, it's the oldest family-run Mexican restaurant in the United States, serving iconic dishes that have helped build the city's culinary legacy.

It was here that the chimichanga was invented (by mistake, we might add). And while this happy accident has led to the now ubiquitous "chimi" spreading across the globe, this is the only place to get the true original. Perhaps even more distinctive than this claim to fame is their method for making carne seca, which involves hanging strips of beef in a mesh cage high above the restaurant and letting them dry in the desert sun, a process that creates a flavor unlike any other.



CHEF CARLOTTA FLORES OF EL CHARRO CAFÉ



EL CHARRO CAFÉ
Steven Meckler

As seen at El Charro, many of the city's most beloved dishes originate from Sonora, Arizona's neighboring Mexican state. Sonoran-style food is at the core of Tucson's identity: smoky mesquite-grilled carne asada, warm flour tortillas, and green corn tamales that offer the perfect balance between savory and sweet. But perhaps the greatest gift to Tucson from our southern neighbors is the dish that has undoubtedly become the city's most iconic street food: the Sonoran Hot Dog.

Though the concept may have crossed the border from Sonora, Tucson has adopted the Sonoran Dog as its own. This one-of-a-kind creation is offered at countless spots around town, including institutions such as **BK Carne Asada & Hot Dogs, Ruiz Hot Dogs Los Chipilones,** and the iconic **El Güero Canelo,** which earned a coveted James Beard Award for its role in bringing the Sonoran Dog to Arizona. Consisting of a bacon-wrapped hot dog nestled in a crusty yet soft *bolillo* roll, layered with a variety of toppings that provide signature Mexican flavors, eating one is an experience not for the faint of heart. Each place might do it a little differently, adding their own flourishes, but there is one consistent factor… No matter where you go, it's sure to be decadent and delicious.

SONORAN-STYLE FOOD IS AT THE CORE OF TUCSON'S IDENTITY.

The Sonoran Dog isn't the only thing that's surprising about Tucson's Mexican food scene. Few visitors realize that the city's proximity to the Sea of Cortez means Tucson is a destination for fresh, high-quality Mexican seafood dishes, known here as *mariscos*. Sonoran (and Sinaloan) staples such as *ceviche* and *aguachile* burst with brightness and zest. These refreshing dishes are perfect on a warm sunny day and can be found at family-run eateries such as **Mariscos Chihuahua,** roadside stands such as **Cocteleria La Palma,** and more upscale spots such as **Cruda Mariscos & Oyster Bar.**



SONORAN DOGS AT EL GÜERO CANELO
Steven Meckler



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BOCA BY CHEF MARIA MAZON
Steven Meckler

While Sonora exerts an outsized influence on the scene, restaurants throughout town boast styles from nearly every region. From the elevated Mexico City-inspired plates at **Penca** to the legendary flavors of Puebla served up at **El Antojo Poblano,** curious foodies can take a culinary journey across Mexico with no passport required. You'll also find different places to match your vibe, from deliciously understated taquerias such as **Los Tacos Apson, Taqueria Pico de Gallo,** and **El Taco Rustico** to the classic ambiance found at **Teresa's Mosaic** and **Guadalajara Grill.** Innovative hotspots such as **La Botana, Amelia's, Seis,** and **BOCA by Chef Maria Mazon** serve up dishes with soulful creativity, and plant-based options flourish at standouts such as **Tanias 33, Ensenada Street Food,** and the beloved **Tumerico.**

It would be impossible to name every hidden gem Tucson has to offer since there are literally hundreds of places to try. So come hungry and be ready to start your adventure in the home of America's Best Mexican Food.

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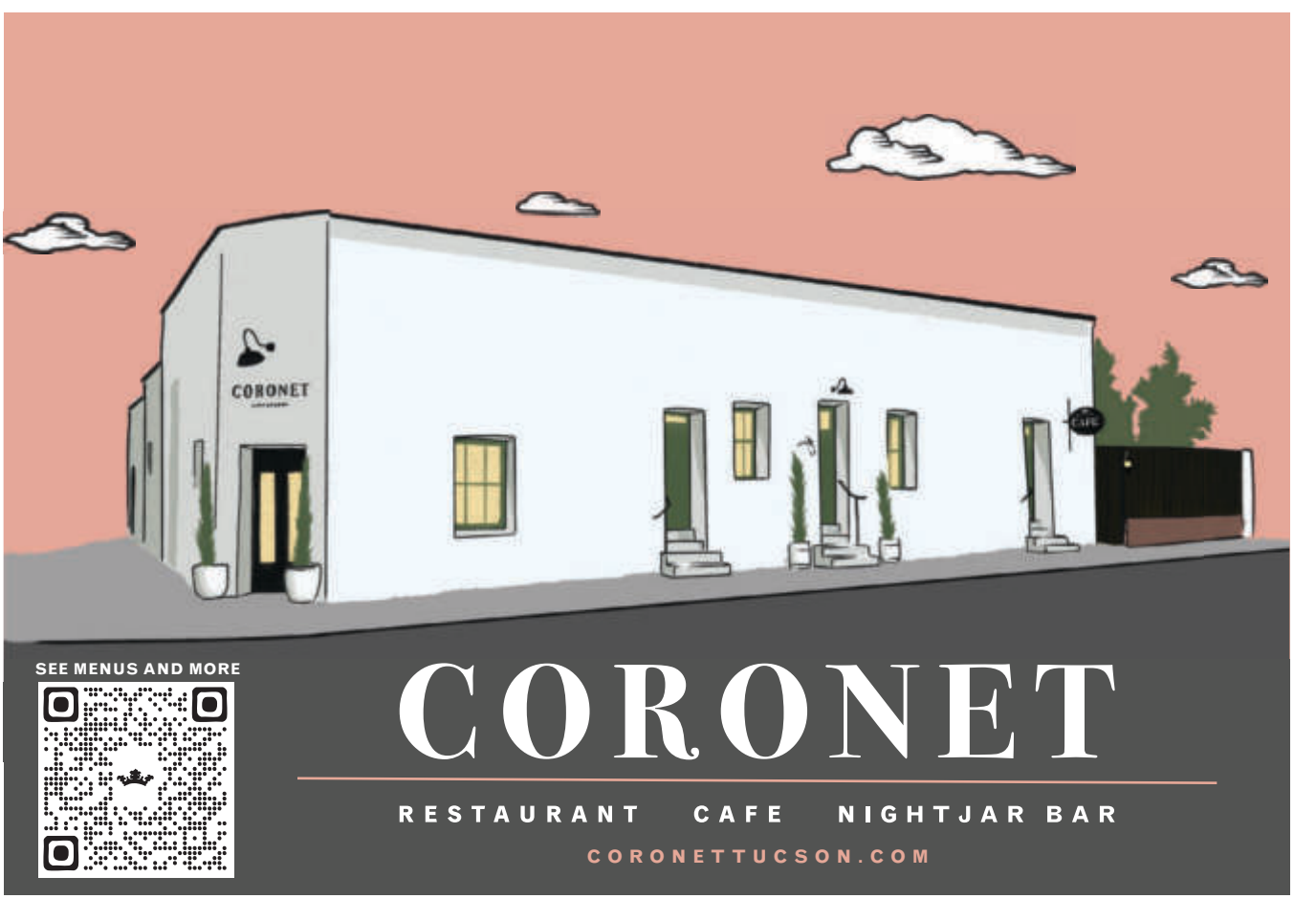
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Returning golf enthusiasts and new visitors alike rave about the region's diverse course designs, open tee times, and the ease of getting on the greens. Crafted by some of the greatest legends in golf—Nicklaus, Palmer, Weiskopf, Trevino, Fazio, among others—Tucson's courses reflect eight decades of passion and expertise. From long tree-lined fairways and parkland-style layouts to dramatic desert escapes and challenging mountain courses, options abound at golf clubs around the area. For those who choose to stay at world-class resorts such as **JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa, Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Omni Tucson National Resort & Spa,** or **Casino Del Sol Resort, Spa, and Conference Center,** it's easy to add an unforgettable round to your itinerary. In addition to high-end resort courses, golf fanatics will find affordable options to tee it up across the city by taking advantage of the numerous well-maintained public and municipal gems throughout the region, including **Randolph Dell Urich, El Rio, Crooked Tree,** and **Arizona National.**

For those inspired by the pros, Tucson boasts a storied golf legacy. Since 1945, PGA tournaments have drawn legends and celebrities, beginning with the historic Tucson Open. Now, the **Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences,** a PGA Tour Champions Event, is hosted in March each year at La Paloma Country Club, adjacent to **The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa,** attracting golf's elite and passionate fans alike. Play the same fairways that saw golfing greats make history, or simply savor Tucson's unique blend of challenge and beauty.

Whatever your style—resort luxury, public course adventure, or following in the footsteps of champions—Tucson's inviting fairways and endless vistas promise a golf getaway that's as memorable as the landscape itself.

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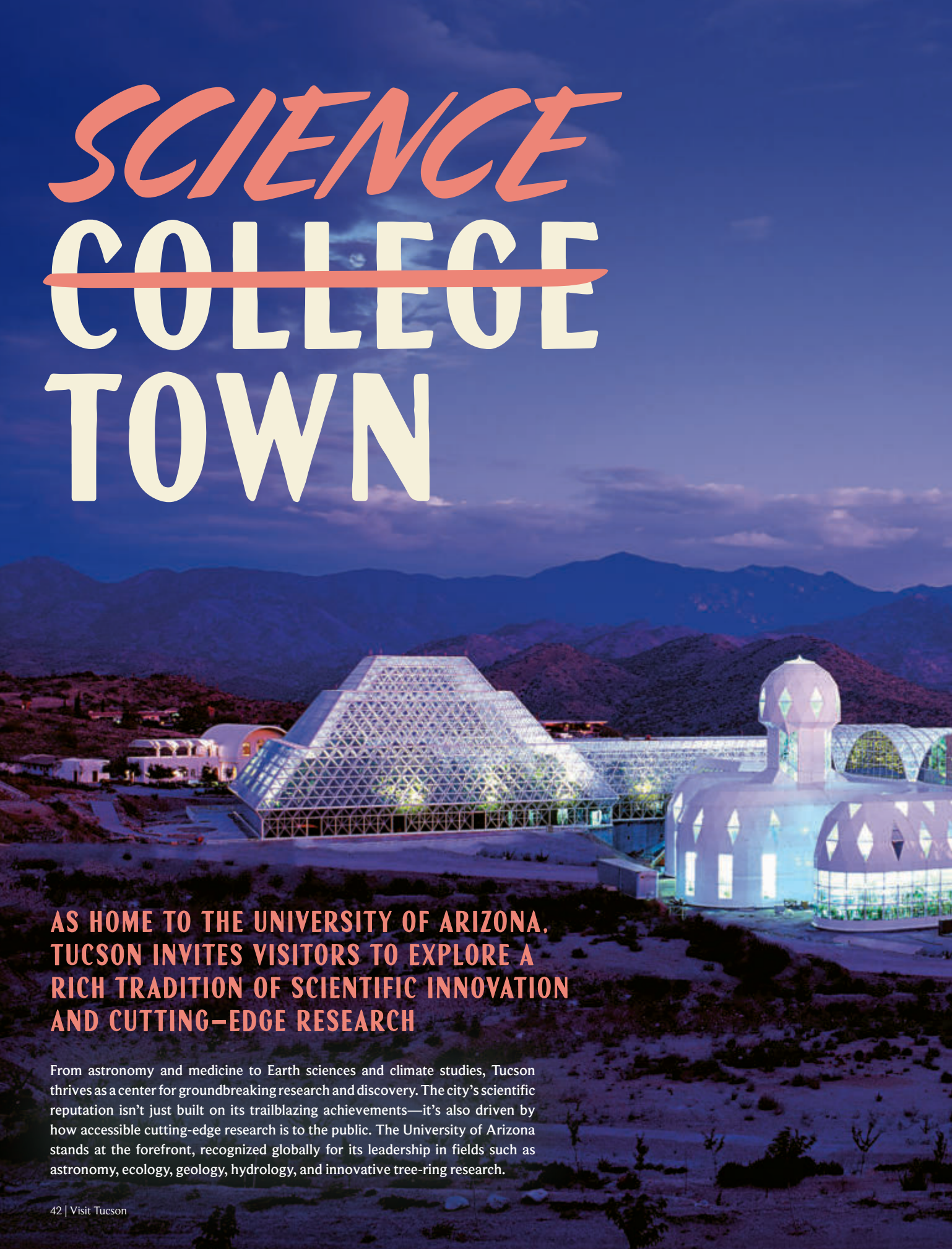

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From astronomy and medicine to Earth sciences and climate studies, Tucson thrives as a center for groundbreaking research and discovery. The city's scientific reputation isn't just built on its trailblazing achievements—it's also driven by how accessible cutting-edge research is to the public. The University of Arizona stands at the forefront, recognized globally for its leadership in fields such as astronomy, ecology, geology, hydrology, and innovative tree-ring research.

That's right—tree-ring research. Housed in a striking building at the southern edge of campus, the UA **Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research** is where the science of dendrochronology, or tree-ring dating, first took root. Step into the lobby and you'll find a massive cross-section of a tree trunk on display, each ring revealing chapters of the environmental history from the exact spot where the tree once grew.

About 45 minutes north of Tucson, near the town of Oracle, a remarkable glass-and-steel complex rises from the desert, resembling a futuristic Martian colony. But this is not sci-fi. This is **Biosphere 2,** one of the world's most extraordinary scientific facilities. Built in 1991 and acquired by the UA in 2011, the 3.14-acre human-sized terrarium welcomes visitors for daily tours. Here, researchers conduct large-scale experiments that replicate field conditions, all while maintaining the precision and control of a laboratory environment.



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THE DESERT LABORATORY ON TUMAMOC HILL
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Tucson's distinctive landscape has always played a central role in shaping its international reputation as a center for scientific discovery—an asset leveraged by the educators and community leaders who have built the city into an innovation hub.

One of the best examples of location leading to science is the **Desert Laboratory on Tumamoc Hill.** Discoveries made here over the past century have led to much of what we know about desert ecosystems and helped launch the fields of ecology and arid land studies. Perhaps most notably, Tumamoc and the surrounding area is one of the longest continually inhabited sites in the United States, with radiocarbon dating showing maize cultivation taking place here more than 4,000 years ago. This agricultural history is the key ingredient to Tucson's designation as a UNESCO City of Gastronomy. Luckily, the hill is open to the public with a paved trail that allows visitors to safely hike through this significant and delicate landscape.

Clear, dark skies and the natural elevation provided by the region's tallest mountains, known as Sky Islands, have provided the perfect environment for the region to become a global astronomy hub. Stargazers will love the **Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter**, home to the Southwest's largest public-use telescope, offering observing nights throughout the year along with astrophotography workshops. Located at the highest point in the scenic Santa Catalina Mountains and within the boundaries of Coronado National Forest, the drive up to the SkyCenter offers a crash-course in biodiversity as you climb through five distinct biomes on your way from the Sonoran Desert floor to the mixed-conifer forest at the summit.

CLIMB THROUGH FIVE DISTINCT BIOMES ON YOUR WAY FROM THE SONORAN DESERT FLOOR TO THE MIXED-CONIFER FOREST AT THE SUMMIT.

SKY ISLANDS OFFER DEEP SPACE VIEWS

In addition to the Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter, several other world-class observatories grace high-altitude peaks across the region, offering visitors the chance to experience places where major discoveries are made.



KITT PEAK NATIONAL OBSERVATORY
Courtesy of Kitt Peak

MT. LEMMON SKYCENTER
Courtesy of University of Arizona



In the Quinlan Mountains, **Kitt Peak National Observatory** boasts one of the largest arrays of optical and radio telescopes in the world. Since its founding in 1958, Kitt Peak has been at the forefront of astronomical research, helping to chart dark matter, study distant galaxies, and advance understanding of the cosmos. Guided tours and nighttime observation programs make it a favorite for stargazers of all ages. Visitors can also learn about the cultural significance of the site as one of the most sacred peaks in the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Perched atop Mount Hopkins in the Santa Rita Mountains, just south of Tucson, is the **Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory,** part of the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian. Among its many achievements, this site has pioneered cutting-edge research in gamma-ray astronomy, allowing scientists to better understand cosmic phenomena such as black holes and supernovae. The observatory offers guided tours that take visitors behind the scenes and up close to some of the powerful telescopes used for scientific breakthroughs.

In the lofty Pinaleño Mountains to the east, the University of Arizona **Mount Graham International Observatory** sits on land sacred to the Western Apache peoples and features some of the world's most advanced telescopes, including the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope. Researchers there have contributed vital work on planetary systems, comets, and the deep universe. Visitor tours provide a unique chance to explore this technically remarkable site.

Those looking to explore science on campus can immerse themselves in the university's storied astronomy program with tours of **Steward Observatory** and the **Richard F. Caris Mirror Lab,** the place where researchers invented a revolutionary process to make large telescope mirrors, allowing for deeper and more precise views of the cosmos. For an even more diverse and family-friendly experience, be sure to visit the **Flandrau Science Center & Planetarium.** This local favorite is right in the middle of campus and offers hands-on science exhibits and state-of-the-art planetarium shows that ignite curiosity for visitors of all ages. With topics ranging from astronomy, earth sciences, and biology, it's a dynamic destination for exploring the wonders of the universe. Finally, as you come back down to earth, be sure to stop by the **Coit Museum of Pharmacy & Health Sciences,** which allows visitors to explore one of the world's leading collections of pharmaceutical artifacts.

What truly sets the University of Arizona apart is the incredible range of its scientific achievements, spanning the vastness of space to the tiniest organisms on Earth. Few institutions can claim such a sweeping legacy of groundbreaking research. Even more exceptional is the university's commitment to making these discoveries accessible, inviting visitors to see, learn, and experience the excitement of science firsthand.



RICHARD F. CARIS MIRROR LAB
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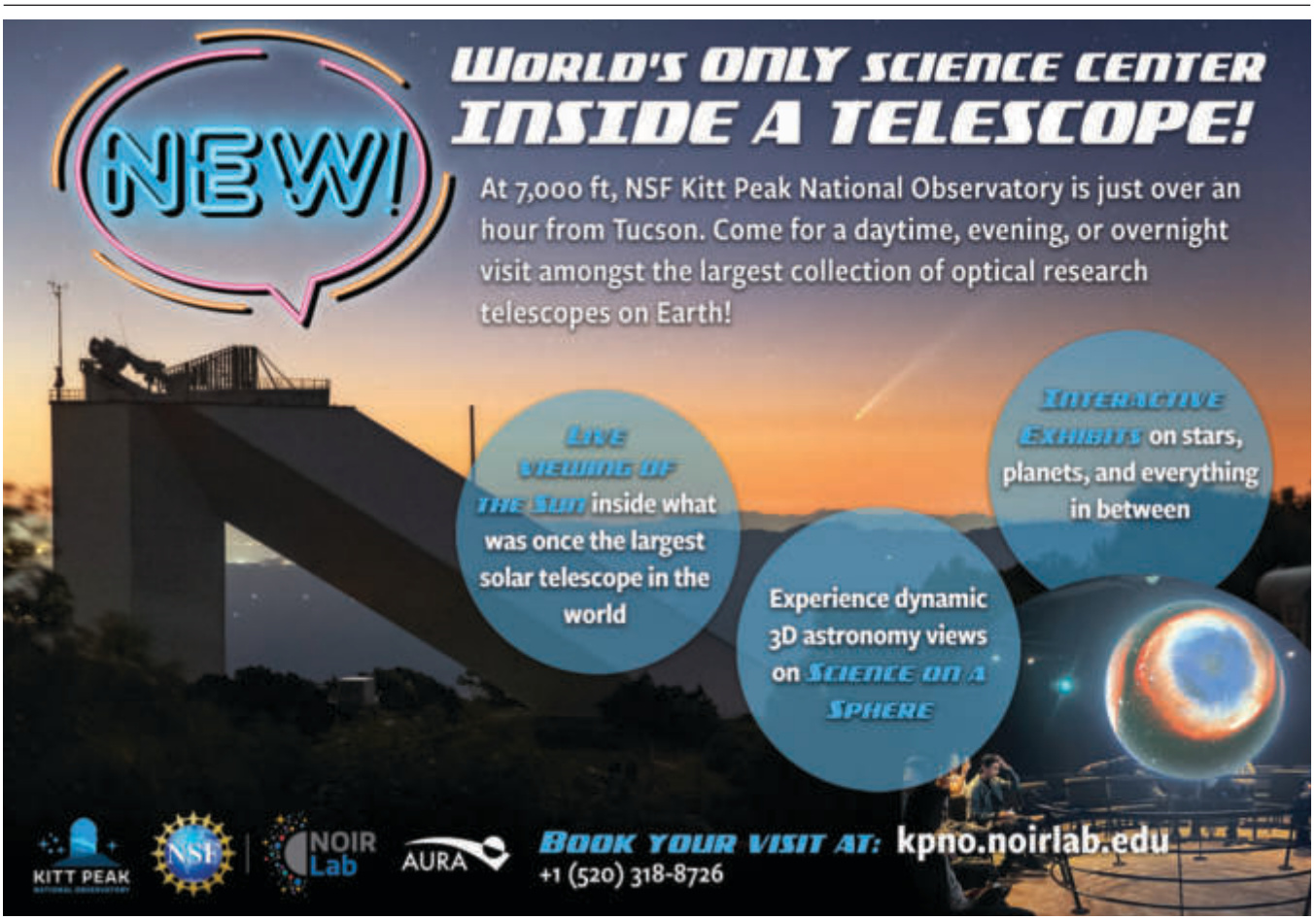

GOING LIVE

HISTORIC VENUES, NIGHTLY SHOWS & CAN'T-MISS FESTIVALS

Whether you're a regular concertgoer or just looking for a great night out, Tucson's eclectic music scene always delivers. From historic theaters to clubs and patio stages, you can see star performances or discover the local bands that give Tucson its own unique sound.

FOX TUCSON THEATRE
Courtesy of Fox Tucson Theatre/Randy Juster/Decopix.com

VENUES THAT MAKE THE SCENE

Any night of the week, you'll find live music echoing through Tucson's diverse venues, each with its own character and charm. The city's historic theaters anchor this musical landscape, offering both stunning architecture and exceptional acoustics.

The Rialto Theatre stands at the epicenter. Built in 1920, this downtown institution has hosted everyone from indie darlings to legendary acts. Its intimate size means there isn't a bad seat in the house, and the venue's commitment to showcasing both touring acts and hometown heroes creates an electric atmosphere.

Head just a few blocks west on Congress Street to the **Fox Tucson Theatre** for another dose of historic grandeur. This restored 1930s movie palace dazzles with its architecture and hosts a wide range of performances, from concerts to comedy shows. The Fox's ornate interior and excellent sound system make every show feel like a special event.

For a truly unique experience, **Hotel Congress** combines accommodation with entertainment in the heart of downtown. From outdoors on the Plaza Stage to inside the legendary Club Congress or the jazz-focused Century Room, this historic icon is the place to experience Tucson's music scene in its purest form.

Tucson's newest historic venue is **La Rosa,** a stunning space housed in a converted 1940s monastery chapel. This intimate venue maintains the building's atmosphere while hosting artists that span genres, creating a transcendent musical experience.



RIALTO THEATRE
Autumn Schrock

Looking for the biggest tickets in town? The **Tucson Convention Center** boasts three venues for live entertainment—the Linda Ronstadt Music Hall, TCC Arena, and Leo Rich Theater—accommodating everything from the Tucson Symphony Orchestra to headlining bands and comedians. On the UA campus, **Centennial Hall** brings world-class performers and Broadway shows to town, while the **AVA Amphitheater** at Casino Del Sol offers an outdoor concert experience under Arizona's starry skies.

But Tucson's music scene doesn't end with these marquee venues. From the Foothills to Fourth Avenue, live music is woven into the fabric of the city's nightlife. Restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and even hotels regularly feature local artists, ensuring that any evening stroll can lead to new sonic discoveries.

LIVE MUSIC IS WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF THE CITY'S NIGHTLIFE.

IT'S ALWAYS FESTIVAL SEASON

While live music happens nightly, one of the best ways to experience it is through one of Tucson's unique music festivals. These annual events have become a tradition worth planning a trip for.

DUSK transforms downtown each November, bringing world-renowned DJs and producers to create a truly immersive experience right in the heart of the city. This festival has quickly established itself as a premier destination for electronic music fans and continues to build on the momentum with more diverse lineups every year.

In January, the **Tucson Jazz Festival** takes over the city, celebrating both traditional and contemporary jazz. From intimate club performances to large concerts, the festival showcases the full spectrum of jazz artistry while warming up those winter nights.

The **Tucson Folk Festival** brings together local and national artists specializing in folk, bluegrass, and Americana. This springtime celebration of roots music has been going for more than 40 years, creating a community atmosphere where storytelling through song takes center stage.



DUSK MUSIC FESTIVAL
Courtesy of DUSK/Relentless Beats

Perhaps most true to Tucson's cultural identity is the **Tucson International Mariachi Conference,** a week-long celebration in April that includes classes, workshops, and concerts that celebrate Mariachi and Baile Folklórico. This event not only entertains but also educates, preserving and sharing rich musical traditions that are integral to the region's heritage.

With its combination of historic venues, diverse musical offerings, and annual festivals, Tucson takes the stage 365 days a year. Come for the desert beauty and southwestern charm but stay for the music and you'll discover why so many first-time visitors end up planning for an encore.



TUCSON JAZZ FESTIVAL
Courtesy of Tucson Jazz Festival

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TUCSON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW®

It was certainly easier to navigate the first Tucson Gem & Mineral Society show in 1955, held at a local elementary school. After all, there were only 1,500 attendees and 15 vendors. Now, it would be nearly impossible to count the vendors across the 50+ shows where more than 113,000 shoppers hunt for treasure. So, to help, we've put together a list of some of the top things to consider as you plan your Gem Show journey.

BOOK WELL IN ADVANCE

Tucson becomes much busier during the Gem Show, which means that hotel rooms book up fast. So, once you decide to attend, start planning as soon as possible. Now that your hotel is booked, be sure to make reservations at resort or downtown restaurants as well, since those also tend to fill up quickly.

EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR GETTING AROUND

If you plan to stock up at all the shows around town, having a car comes in handy. But to skip traffic and packed parking lots, try public transportation such as the free Sun Link Streetcar—it's an easy way to reach many shows, including those at the Tucson Convention Center and Mercado District, while also providing access to some of Tucson's best dining and entertainment options.

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

Even though gems, minerals, and fossils are what the event is known for, there's plenty to see beyond those. The African Art Village is a favorite of visitors, with more than 100 exhibitors offering art, clothing, beads, and more. The two American Indian shows provide access to Indigenous artists as well as the opportunity to have a piece commissioned, repaired, or authenticated.

USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

Want to get a preview of what to expect at a show? Search for the location on Instagram or Facebook. Plus, you'll find that many excited shoppers share what they're seeing online, so you can get a sneak peek before heading over. Be sure to follow @TucsonGemShows on Instagram as well!

LET US HELP!

At Visit Tucson, we aim to be your Gem Show resource: We publish an annual guide with listings for all the shows that includes locations, hours, public or wholesale status, and more. If you're at the convention center during the shows, visit our information tables for personal assistance. And for all the latest Gem Show news right at your fingertips, make sure to visit our official website, ***tucsongemshow.org.***



AFRICAN ART VILLAGE



PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM
Andres Lobato

MORE THAN MUSEUMS

THESE PIMA COUNTY ATTRACTIONS WILL CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT A MUSEUM EXPERIENCE IS SUPPOSED TO BE

What do discovering a mountain lion in his den, spelunking by flashlight in a cave, and getting up-close to a covert SR-71 Blackbird spy plane have in common? These activities may sound like plotlines in a Hollywood blockbuster, but they're not. In Tucson and Pima County, you can experience these adventures and more at family-friendly attractions featuring both indoor and outdoor spaces that make visits enjoyable any day of the year.



OLD TUCSON
Courtesy of Old Tucson



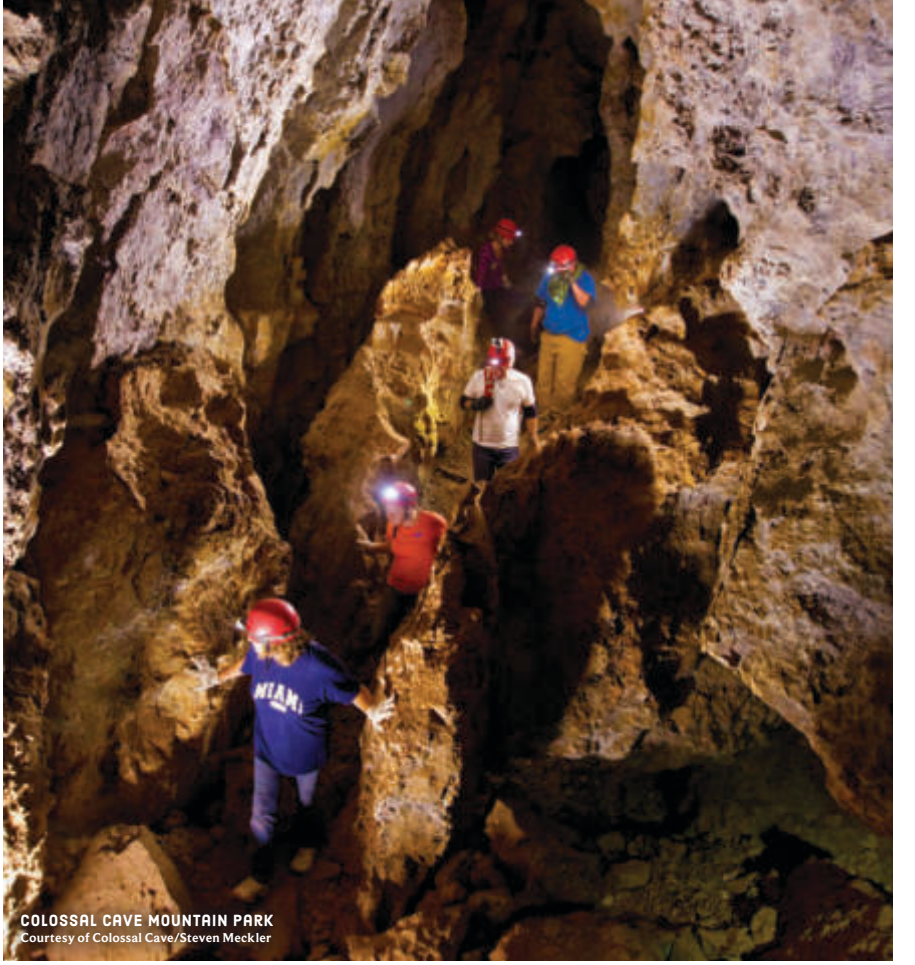
ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM
Steven Meckler

In fall of 2022, **Old Tucson** reopened its doors to the public. The western town's legacy is rooted in its 1890-themed buildings, which served as the backdrops for popular movies such as "Three Amigos," "El Dorado," and "Tombstone." And while Old Tucson will continue to woo filmmakers, you will also get a chance to experience it for yourself. Take a trip back to the late 1800s for a firsthand look at the Wild West with a host of characters trained in immersive theater. That means they'll never break character. Also, not to be missed: Old Tucson's holiday programming. The ever-popular Halloween-themed Nightfall transforms the western town into a haunted one each October, and December's Christmas-themed Yuletide programming promises to get you in the holiday spirit.

TAKE A TRIP BACK TO THE LATE 1800S FOR A FIRSTHAND LOOK AT THE WILD WEST WITH A HOST OF CHARACTERS TRAINED IN IMMERSIVE THEATER.

One of Pima County's most popular attractions is the **Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum,** which will enlighten you to the grandeur of the Sonoran Desert, the world's lushest desert located in Arizona, California, and Mexico. The only place on earth where the iconic saguaro cactus grows natively, the 98-acre museum is set in a spectacular desert environment that includes a zoo, botanical garden, art gallery, small aquarium, and natural history museum. Highlights of your visit will include catching a glimpse of an endangered Mexican gray wolf, watching a hummingbird sip nectar, feeding a slinky stingray, exploring in a re-created cave, and climbing through a human-sized packrat nest.

Aviation enthusiasts won't want to miss the **Pima Air & Space Museum,** featuring approximately 400 historic aircraft, displayed both in hangars and outside over its 80 acres. The museum hosts a variety of unique planes—including the previously-mentioned SR-71 Blackbird, a Wright Flyer, and the official Air Force One for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Most notably, it has three hangars dedicated to the aircraft flown during World War II. And right next door history buffs and gearheads alike will love the recently opened **Tucson Military Vehicle Museum.** This incredible collection offers up-close viewing of tanks, trucks, and more dating from World War I up to modern day. They even offer interactive experiences such as the chance to take a ride on a piece of military history.



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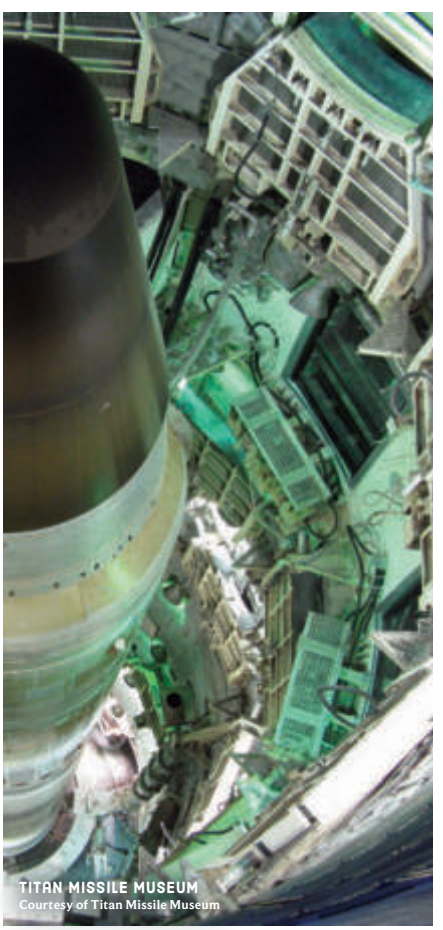

TITAN MISSILE MUSEUM
Courtesy of Titan Missile Museum

Explore the otherworldly beauty of **Colossal Cave Mountain Park** on a traditional tour with lighted pathways, a Ladder Tour where you'll traverse narrow passages wearing lighted helmets, or the Wild Cave Tour where you'll explore unlit, unmarked, and rarely seen passageways that extend into the cave's darkest corners. Regardless of your choice, keep an eye out for the rumored treasure stashed by train robbers in the late 1800s. The cave isn't the only activity that can be enjoyed here. With 2,400 acres to explore, you can hike, mountain bike, and horseback ride on the park's many trails, as well as camp and picnic.

The **Titan Missile Museum** takes visitors 35 feet underground to see the last of the 54 Titan II missile sites operational during the Cold War. Start your journey by taking a self-guided topside tour or opt for a more immersive 45-minute guided tour. During the latter, you'll go into the control room to experience a simulated missile launch like those who manned Titan II missile sites from 1963 to 1987. The tour ends with an up-close look at the missile, which can be viewed safely because it no longer houses a warhead or fuel.



TUCSON MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM
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MUSEUMS, GALLERIES & STUDIOS THAT INSPIRE

Tucson's breathtaking Sonoran Desert landscapes, rugged mountain backdrops, and stunning golden hour light have inspired artists for generations. Naturally, their works, as well as creations by countless other talented artists, are featured in museums, galleries, and studios across the city. This guide highlights where to experience the art that sets Tucson apart. And along the way you may just find that perfect gift or personal keepsake that captures the city's remarkable beauty and vibrant cultural history, offering lasting reminders of Tucson's unforgettable charm.



TUCSON MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORIC BLOCK
Autumn Schrock

THE HEART OF TUCSON'S ART SCENE

Nestled downtown in Tucson's historic El Presidio neighborhood, the **Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block** offers a vibrant journey through art and culture. The museum is celebrated for its diverse permanent collection featuring Art of the American West, as well as an impressive array of contemporary, modern, Indigenous, Latin American, and Asian pieces. The "Historic Block" consists of several beautifully preserved historic buildings that balance with the striking modern architecture of the museum, providing visitors with a unique blend of heritage and innovation that reflects Tucson.

In addition to its core collections, the museum showcases rotating exhibitions that bring fresh perspectives throughout the year. Art lovers can immerse themselves in ever-changing displays and insightful programming. Before you leave, don't miss the thoughtfully curated museum shop, where you'll find distinctive art-inspired items to take home.



HAVEN FOR PHOTOGRAPHY BUFFS

Tucked into Tucson's historic Barrio Viejo neighborhood, **Etherton Gallery** sits among vibrant 19th-century adobe homes and businesses, its unassuming exterior giving way to a strikingly modern interior. The gallery has gained national and international acclaim for its remarkable photography collection, which bridges the historic and the contemporary.

Inside, proprietor Terry Etherton curates a fascinating mix, from rare images of the early West by figures such as Timothy H. O'Sullivan to iconic works by Dorothea Lange and Ansel Adams. Etherton Gallery also shines a spotlight on contemporary artists, featuring names such as Graciela Iturbide, Kate Breakey, and renowned photojournalist Steve McCurry, whose famous Afghan Girl portrait always holds a prominent place within the gallery.



ETHERTON GALLERY
Courtesy of Etherton Gallery

GLASS-BLOWN TREASURES

Just a short stroll from Etherton, **Philabaum Glass Gallery** glows at the heart of Five Points, one of Tucson's up-and-coming downtown neighborhoods. In 2020 the gallery, a beloved local landmark, was entrusted to Alison and Dylan Harvey, who still honor the founders' vision by keeping Tom Philabaum's signature pieces on display while introducing the dazzling works of many acclaimed glass artists.

Tom Philabaum, a trailblazer of the 1970s glass art movement, opened the gallery in 1982 and, alongside his wife Dabney, shaped it into an artistic haven for nearly four decades. Under new leadership, the gallery now bursts with a spectrum of artists whose creations explore mesmerizing forms and colors, casting brilliant light across Tucson's art scene.

INDIGENOUS INSPIRATION

Set in the scenic Catalina Foothills, **Mark Sublette Medicine Man Gallery** is where art and story converge under the discerning eye of Mark Sublette. Renowned for its impressive selection of high-end Western and Native American art, the gallery dazzles with handwoven Navajo blankets, exquisite pottery, intricate baskets, and a glittering array of turquoise jewelry including coveted squash blossom necklaces. Beyond these treasures, you'll discover sculptures, mixed media paintings, and striking oil landscapes that capture the spirit of the American Southwest.

Just steps away, Sublette invites visitors into the enchanting **Maynard Dixon & Native American Art Museum.** Inside, the legacy of famed artist Maynard Dixon, who called Tucson home in the early 1940s, comes alive through a rich collection of his paintings, poetry, personal letters, and other ephemera, making the museum a veritable trove for Western art enthusiasts.



PHILABAUM GLASS GALLERY
Steven Meckler



MARK SUBLETTE MEDICINE MAN GALLERY



THE HOMETOWN HERO

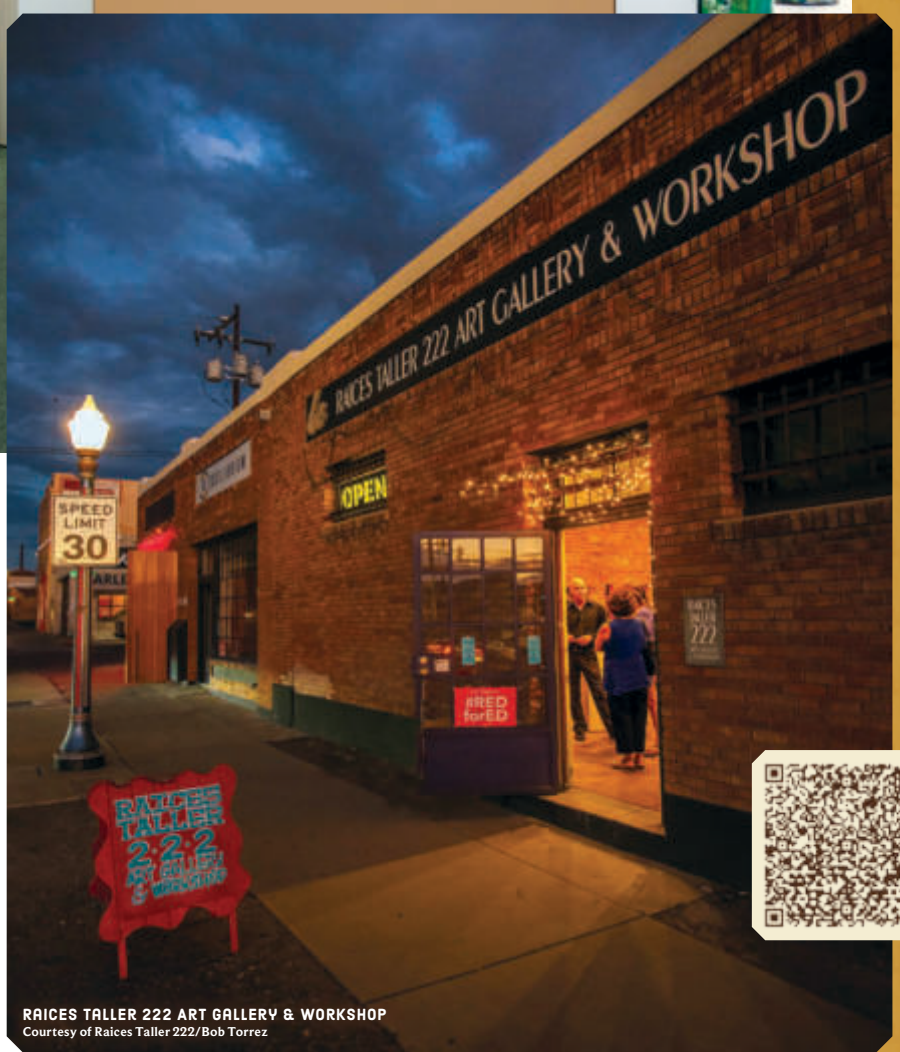
Diana Madaras' vibrant paintings grace walls all over town, including at Tucson International Airport, making her one of the most recognizable artists in the Southwest. Her popular **Madaras Gallery** in midtown brims with paintings depicting vibrant desert landscapes, sun-drenched mountains, blooming flowers, native birds, and charming Southwestern architecture—all hallmarks of her signature style.

The gallery also features works by many other accomplished artists, including Chuck Albanese, the retired University of Arizona professor who first encouraged Madaras to take up her brush. Visitors can linger in the inviting gift shop, where a delightful selection of prints, cards, books, and artful home goods lets you bring a piece of Tucson's artistic spirit home with you.

ARTWORK OF HISPANIC ORIGINS

Venture to the **Warehouse Arts District** where **Raices Taller 222 Art Gallery & Workshop** shines as a vibrant hub for Tucson's Hispanic heritage, its walls adorned with evocative works that celebrate cultural roots. Beyond exhibitions, the gallery pulses with creativity—offering classes for every skill level and hosting film screenings, poetry readings, and performances that spotlight Tucson's diverse artistic voices.

Follow this creative current into the colorful confines of **Galeria Mitotera** in the city of South Tucson. This Latinx/Queer-owned gem is more than just a gallery—it's a sanctuary where artists of color are not only celebrated but also empowered. Here, community and culture thrive together, giving voice to the stories and passions that define Tucson's creative landscape.



RAICES TALLER 222 ART GALLERY & WORKSHOP
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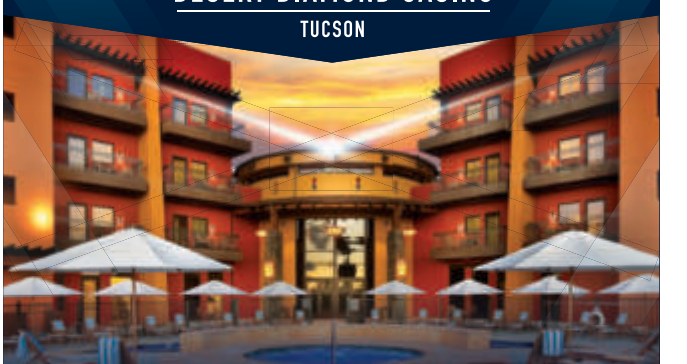

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IT'S A DRY HEAT

Tucson's climate is mostly dry and clear, with about 325 days of sunshine each year. Hats, sunglasses, lightweight skin-covering clothing, sunscreen, and reusable water bottles are advised year-round. In the summer enjoy indoor activities, venture outdoors at sunrise and after sundown, visit nearby mountains, or relax by the pool. And above all, stay hydrated! It's a good idea to drink water before feeling thirsty.

HISTORY

In the heart of the Sonoran Desert region of the American Southwest, the Tucson region has been continuously inhabited for more than 4,000 years. Indigenous tribes including the ancestral people of the Tohono O'odham and the Pascua Yaqui first inhabited the area, followed more recently by Europeans. Spanish explorers founded Presidio San Agustín del Tucson, which became the city of Tucson, on August 20, 1775.

TIME ZONE

Tucson is in the Mountain Standard Time zone. Except for the Navajo Nation, Arizona does not observe Daylight Saving Time. Make sure you set your watch correctly, so you don't miss last call at 2 a.m.

TWO-NATION VACATION

Head across the international border to Mexico for a "two-nation vacation" with beaches, shops, and restaurants. Travelers are required to present a valid passport at the border and are encouraged to verify auto insurance requirements before driving in Mexico.

Visit Tucson operates Spanish-speaking visitor centers in Hermosillo and Ciudad Obregón, Sonora, Mexico. To make Tucson hotel and other travel reservations from Mexico call **01-662-213-7282** or visit ***vamosatucson.com.***

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520-573-8100, *flytucson.com*

AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL

Located in downtown Tucson's Historic Train Depot, the Amtrak station is served by the Sunset Limited train.
800-872-7245, *amtrak.com*

GETTING AROUND

SUN TRAN REGIONAL BUS SERVICE

Transit centers are located at major destinations throughout the Tucson metro area. The fleet uses such clean-burning fuels as compressed natural gas (CNG), biodiesel, and hybrid technologies.
520-792-9222, *suntran.com*

SUN LINK STREETCAR

In the heart of the city, the four-mile Sun Link Streetcar connects some of Tucson's most exciting dining and entertainment districts: the University of Arizona, Main Gate Square, Historic Fourth Avenue, Downtown Tucson, the Tucson Convention Center, and the Mercado District.
520-792-9222, *suntran.com*

SHUTTLE SERVICE, CAR RENTAL & CAB

Shuttle service, car rental, taxis, and ride-sharing platforms are widely available in Tucson.



SOUTHERN ARIZONA HERITAGE & VISITOR CENTER

115 N. Church Ave.
800-638-8350
visitsouthernarizona.com

Start your exploration of Tucson at the Southern Arizona Heritage & Visitor Center, where knowledgeable volunteers share their insights and recommendations, and beautifully crafted displays tell the story of the region's history, its people, and the land. Located in the **Pima County Historic Courthouse,** this hub of culture, activities, and tourism-related information also includes the **University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum,** the **John Dillinger Courtroom,** and **Tucson's January 8th Memorial.**



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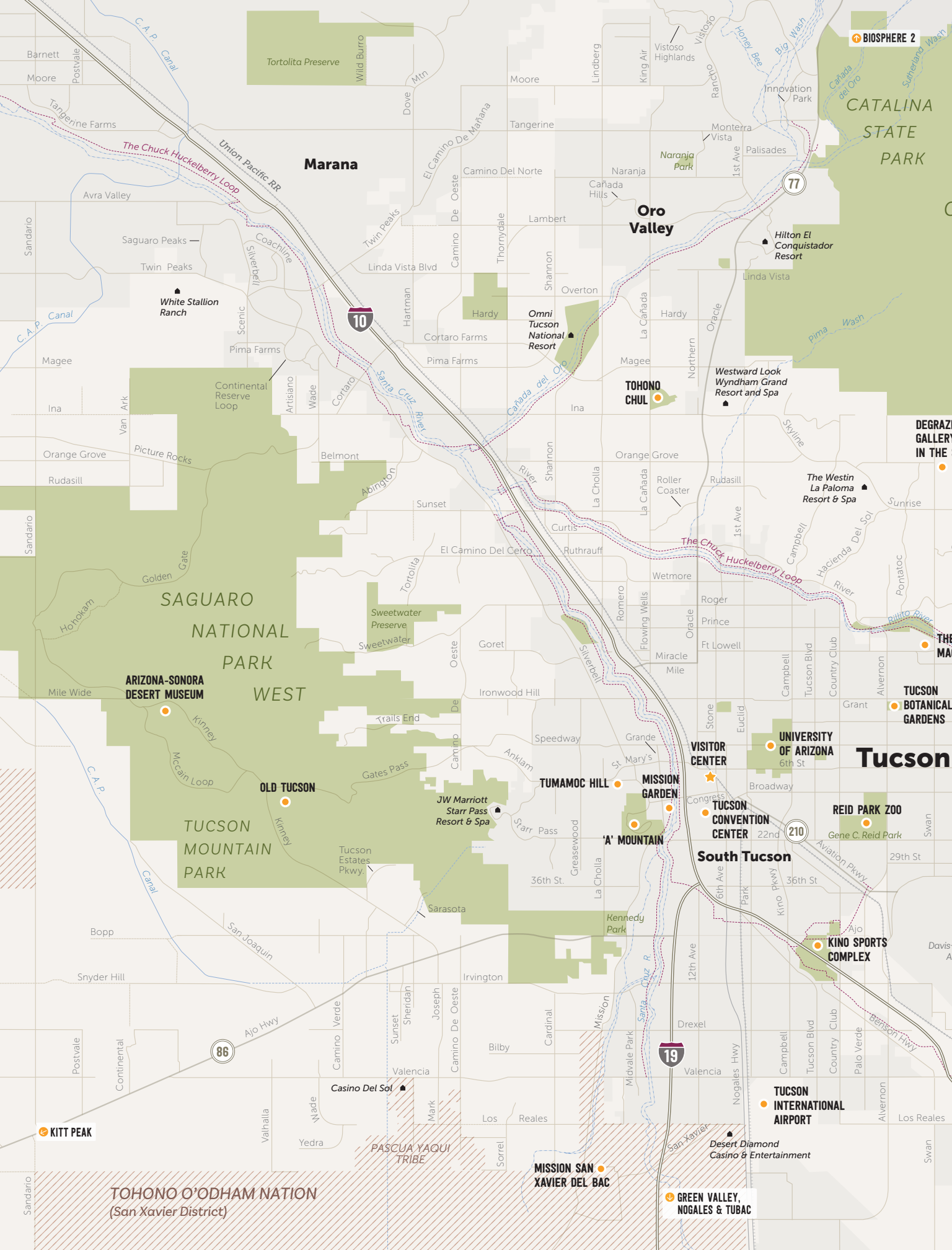
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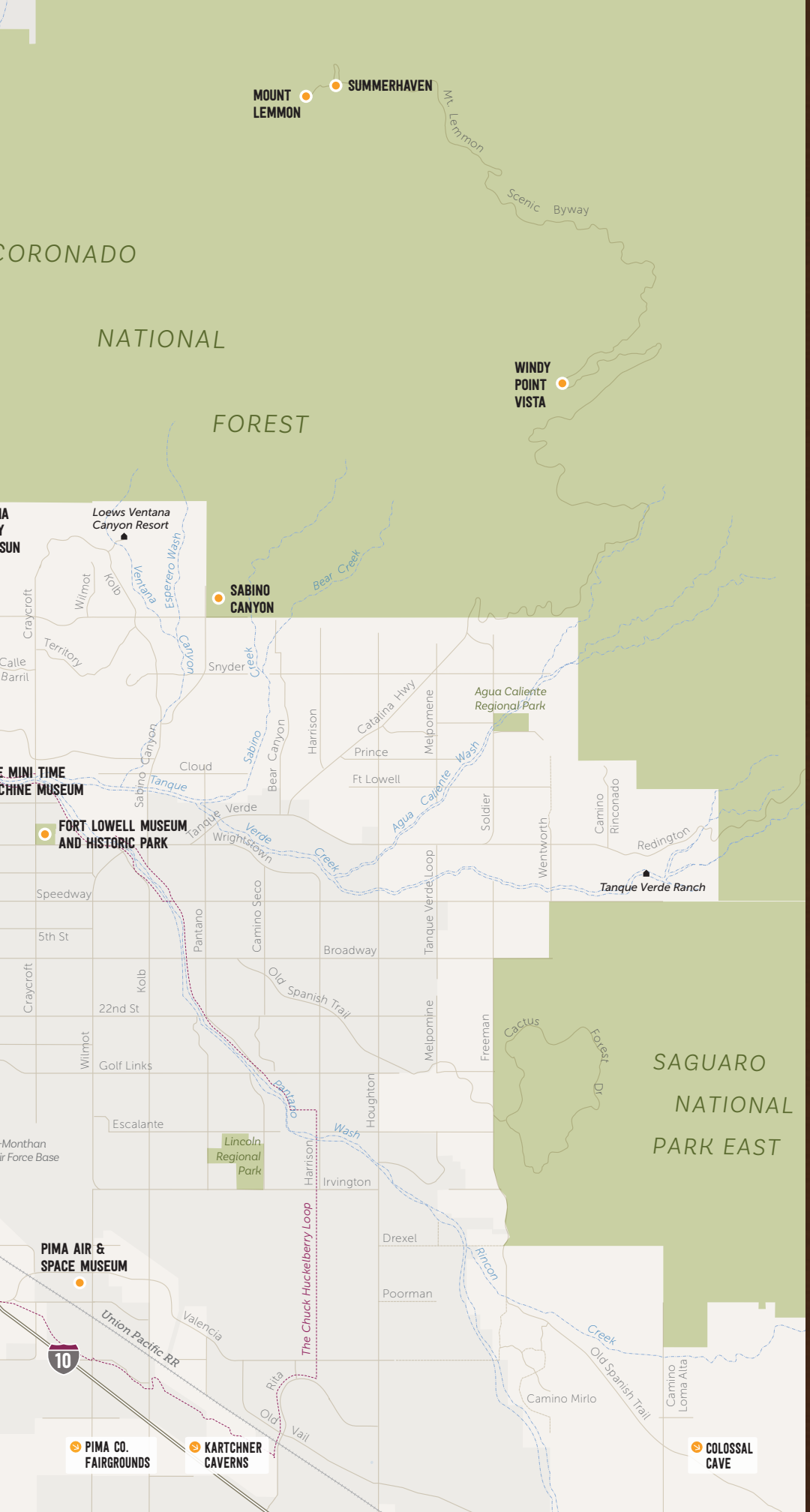

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