



TRAVEL

Arizona is a ruggedly beautiful state, with wide open vistas, blue skies and lots of cactus. It is also home to 22 distinct tribes of native Americans, several professional sports teams, canyon systems, ancient ruins, a meteor crater, a petrified forest, numerous casinos and golf courses, world-class museums and music venues, and an incredible variety of fine dining.

The following are just a few of the things you can do or see during your stay in Arizona.

Arizona Science Center - This all-ages museum features a planetarium, hands-on exhibits and an IMAX theatre.

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum - This 98-acre museum and zoo contains two miles of walking paths.

Arizona State Fair - In addition to being able to buy every conceivable form of fried "food", watch rodeo competitions, be deafened by monster trucks, and view numerous livestock and smallstock shows, you can also witness the United States Armwrestling Championships.

Barringer Meteor Crater - This is one of the best preserved and largest terrestrial meteorite impact craters on earth.

Biosphere 2 – This Earth systems science facility is owned by the University of Arizona and serves as a center for research, outreach and teaching.

Desert Botanical Garden - This preserve on 140 acres features both native and non-native desert species, a butterfly house, art exhibits and live musical performances.

Golfing - There are more than 31 courses in the Phoenix-metro area, many of them world class.

Grand Canyon National Park - A VERY BIG hole in the ground, carved out by the mighty Colorado River. A must see for every visitor.

Heard Museum of Native Cultures and Art - This private facility features native American crafts from the 19th and 20th centuries, and is an excellent starting point for learning about the diverse tribes that inhabit Arizona.

Kartchner Caverns State Park - This is a stunning limestone cavern system with 2.4 miles of passages.

Mission San Xavier del Bac – This is a historic Spanish Catholic mission located on the Tohono O’odham San Xavier Indian Reservation.

Montezuma Castle National Monument - These limestone cliffs feature well-preserved dwellings of the Sinagua native Americans.

Musical Instrument Museum – One of the best homages to music you will ever see, featuring over 15,000 instruments from around the world.

Performing Arts – ASU Gammage Auditorium, Ballet Arizona, Comerica Theatre, Herberger Theater Center, Marquee Theatre, Mesa Arts Center, Musical Instrument Museum, Nearly Naked Theatre, Orpheum Theatre, Phoenix Symphony, Phoenix Theatre, Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Stray Cat Theatre, Tempe Center for the Arts

Petrified Forest National Park - This area has fossiliferous rocks, the monument features Late Triassic multi-colored Chinle Formation, one of the best remnants of native Arizona grassland, and ancient archeological sites.

Phoenix Art Museum - This 285,000 sq. ft. facility features a diverse and stimulating permanent visual art collection, as well as traveling exhibits.

Phoenix Zoo - This is the largest non-profit zoo in the United States and features 1,300 animals on display on 2.5 miles of walking trails.

Pima Air & Space Museum - This display of nearly 300 aircraft spread out over 80 acres is one of the world’s largest, non-government funded aerospace museums.

Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park - This is located in Downtown Phoenix on the site of a 1,500 year-old Hohokam village. The outdoor trail features a platform mound and ballcourt ruin, replicated houses, and native plants. Inside the museum are three galleries, including a children’s hands-on gallery, and theatre.

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art - This is the state of Arizona’s only permanent museum dedicated solely to modern works of art, design and architecture.

Sedona - This small city is world-renowned for the stunning rock formations that surround it and the thriving community of artists that reside there.

Taliesin West - Frank Lloyd Wright's beautifully maintained winter retreat and design studio is a must for any fan of architecture.

Titan Missile Museum – Also known as Air Force Facility Missile Site 8 or as Titan II ICBM Site 571-7, this is a former ICBM missile site.

Tovrea Castle and *Carraro Cactus Garden* - This newly renovated wedding cake-styled house and extensive gardens have just recently been re-opened to the public.

Walnut Canyon National Park - This park has over 240 prehistoric Sinagua Indian sites, including pit house villages built between 500 and 800 A.D. and several cliff-dwellings.