SCOTTSDALE’S CULTURAL ROOTS run deep, from the area’s first inhabitants, the Hohokam, to the cowboys, ranchers and farmers that followed in the late 1800s. Today, we celebrate this rich heritage with cowboy-style adventures, art exhibits, Western fashions, elevated campfire cuisine and a host of unique special events. So, saddle up and get ready to ride, ‘cause we’re taking you on a tour of the Western side of Scottsdale!

Photo by An Pham
1. GIDDY-UP AT MACDONALD’S RANCH
This family-owned and operated stable began as a horse and cattle operation in 1956. Today, it’s one of Scottsdale’s oldest and most experienced horseback riding stables. Owners Robby and Silvia Richardson breed, raise and train most of the stables’ horses themselves and have the ideal mounts for riders of all skill levels. If you’re not quite ready to saddle up, MacDonald’s Ranch also offers stagecoach and hay-wagon rides, as well as a petting zoo and pony rides for the little buckaroos.

MACDONALD’S RANCH
26540 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480.585.0239 | macdonaldsranch.com
Rates start at $55 for adults and $50 for kids for a 1-hour trail ride. Stagecoach rides start at $48 for adults and $45 for kids for a 45-minute ride. Petting zoo and pony rides are free. Call for reservations. Tour Time: Standard rides are 1 hour, 90 minutes or 2 hours. Private and specialty rides, like monthly Moonlight Rides, are available. See website for rates and information.
Note: Horseback riders must be at least 5 years old.

TRAVEL TIP

SADDLE UP

2. RIDE LIKE THE WIND
Windwalker Expeditions specializes in private rides — just you, or you and your party, accompanied by an expert guide. All of their equestrian guides are experienced horsemen who own and train their own horses, from Quarter Horses to Arabians. Windwalker accommodates both English and Western disciplines, and welcomes novices and advanced riders alike. Plus, Windwalker is a mobile outfitter, which means they can trailer their horses to any number of trailheads throughout the Scottsdale area and the state.

WINDWALKER EXPEDITIONS
5447 E. Skinner Dr., Cave Creek
480.585.3382 | windwalkerexpeditions.com
Rates/Admission: Varies based on location and duration of ride. Contact Windwalker for reservations and detailed pricing.
Tour Time: 2.5-hour trail rides to multi-day pack trips are available.

3. GUEST RANCH DELIGHTS
Nestled on the banks of the Salt River, the historic Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch offers 20 rustic cabins with panoramic views of the wilderness made famous by the writings of Zane Grey. Saddle-up and explore the surrounding Sonoran Desert on horseback, or take a kayaking or tubing trip on the river. The main ranch house has a wide porch that offers breathtaking views of the imposing Bulldog Cliffs — the perfect spot to sit back, relax and let the feeling of the Old West wash over you.

SAGUARO LAKE GUEST RANCH
13020 N. Bush Highway, Mesa
480.984.2194 | saguarolakeranch.com
Rates/Admission: Rates vary by season and type of cabin selected; call for reservations and details.
Tour Time: Activities from 1 to 3 hours are available.
Note: Age, height and weight restrictions may apply to activities; visit the website for details.

4. COWBOY UP
Have you ever wanted to be a real cowboy? Arizona Cowboy College gives you the chance to become a real ranch-working cowboy. You’ll learn riding, horsemanship and ranching skills in one-, three- or five-day courses. This is a no-frills camp — you’ll eat, work and sleep under the stars during this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

ARIZONA COWBOY COLLEGE
Lorill Equestrian Center
30208 N. 152nd St., Scottsdale
480.471.3151 | cowboycollege.com
Rates/Admission: Contact Arizona Cowboy College for details and pricing information
Tour Time: Courses from 1 to 5 days are available.

SPECIAL DELIVERY
Neither rain, nor sleet, nor dark of night can stop the Hashknife Pony Express! Every February for the last 50 years, the Old West comes to life as an elite group of riders thunders through Arizona. This exciting event is the oldest officially sanctioned Pony Express mail delivery in the world. Each rider is sworn in as an honorary mail messenger, braving weather, terrain, and modern-day obstacles to deliver the United States mail.

Beginning in historic Holbrook, the route covers more than 200 miles from the majestic Mogollon Rim through the wilderness of the Mazatzal range to Scottsdale to kick off February’s annual Parada del Sol celebration.

hashknifeponyexpress.com
5. FOLLOW THE APACHE TRAIL
Discover the Apache Trail, one of Arizona’s oldest and most scenic byways, with Detours American West on their aptly named Apache Trail tour. Originally a footpath used by the Apache Tribe to travel through the Superstition Mountains, this partially paved, cliff-hugging road is now a must-see on your Scottsdale itinerary. Along the way, you’ll stop at Goldfield Ghost Town for some gold panning or a tour through Lu Lu’s Bordello, then it’s on to Tortilla Flat, a historic stage stop featuring shops and a bar with saddles on the barstools. You’ll also enjoy a cruise on Canyon Lake aboard the famous Dolly Steamboat.

DETOURS AMERICAN WEST
866-438-6877 | detoursamericanwest.com
Tour Dates: Contact Detours for dates, reservations and pricing.

6. GO OFF THE BEATEN PATH
For an off-road adventure that combines dramatic Sonoran Desert scenery and glimpses into Scottsdale’s Western heritage, don’t miss the classic desert Jeep tour. Colorful guides will provide plenty of interesting facts about the desert’s unique ecosystem, as well as the area’s cowboy and Native American heritage. Tours vary by outfitter and can include options like visits to Native American heritage sites, eco-tours, gold panning, and Jeep tour/horseback riding or Jeep tour/hiking combos.

Rates/Admission: Prices and tour times vary; visit ExperienceScottsdale.com for list of ground tour operators.
Tour Time: Half- and full-day tours are available.
Note: Age 2+ for most tours; age guidelines vary by outfitter.

7. DO SOME DAY TRIPPIN’
Arizona’s most famous Western-themed destinations are easily accessible on single- or multi-day trips from Scottsdale with one of our experienced ground tour operators. Hop aboard for a day trip to Tombstone and visit the legendary OK Corral. Traverse the historic Apache Trail and cruise Canyon Lake on Dolly Steamboat. Or explore the Sinagua Indian Ruins at Montezuma Castle then travel on to Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon, the setting for Zane Grey’s novel, Call of the Canyon.

Rates/Admission: Prices and tour times vary; visit ExperienceScottsdale.com for list of ground tour operators.
Tour Time: Half- to multi-day tours are available.
8. EXPLORE CAVE CREEK
Just north of Scottsdale you’ll find the quirky cowboy town of Cave Creek. An eclectic mix of shops lines the main street, and cars share the road with the occasional horseback rider. Stop by Frontier Town for hand-poured candles, goat’s milk bath and body products, Native American jewelry, and unique shops filled with Arizona-themed gifts. Bryan’s Black Mountain Barbecue is a great place to stop for plates of succulent, award-winning barbecue goodness. And at the Buffalo Chip Saloon you can cheer on your favorite cowboy during live bull riding every Wednesday and Friday night.

Cave Creek, AZ
Scottsdale Rd. North to E. Cave Creek Road, turn left.
Frontier Town:
480.488.9129 | frontiertown.info
Bryan’s Black Mountain Barbecue:
480.575.7155 | bryansbarbecue.com
Buffalo Chip Saloon:
480.488.9118 | buffalochipsaloon.com
Tour Time: 2-4 hours
Hours: Hours vary by establishment; see websites for details.

9. MINE FOR FUN AT GOLDFIELD GHOST TOWN
Tucked along the historic Apache Trail, Goldfield Ghost Town was a bustling mining town in the 1890s. It boasted three saloons, a boarding house, general store, blacksmith shop, brewery, meat market and a schoolhouse. When the gold vein faulted, the town died a slow death. Today, it’s been brought back to life and is visited by travelers from around the world. Mine tours, a historical museum and rides on the Superstition Narrow Gauge Railroad are among the town’s highlights. Don’t miss the Mammoth Steakhouse and Saloon, as well as the eclectic retailers located along Main Street.

Goldfield Ghost Town
4850 N. Mammoth Mine Rd., Apache Junction
480.993.0333 | goldfieldghosttown.com
Rates/Admission: Free; Mine tours and shows range from free to $9.
Hours: Town open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Saloon 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

10. HEAD OUT WICKENBURG WAY
Located 75 miles northwest of downtown Scottsdale, Wickenburg is a colorful Arizona town with a decidedly Western flare. The town was founded in 1863 by adventurer Henry Wickenburg and a dedicated group of miners and prospectors who had settled in the area. Today, visitors to Wickenburg will uncover such delights as the Desert Caballeros Western Museum, Hassayampa River Preserve and the Vulture Mine, at one time the highest-producing gold mine in Arizona. These attractions join a host of unique shops, art galleries and restaurants in making Wickenburg a great day trip from Scottsdale.

Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce
216 N. Frontier St., Wickenburg
928.684.5479 | outwickenburgway.com
Tour Time: 4-6 hours

11. EXPERIENCE PIONEER LIFE
Travel back to territorial Arizona and discover what it was like to live like a pioneer. You’ll see the tools and implements Arizona settlers used to tame the frontier. On the self-guided walking tour of the village, you’ll see numerous original and restored buildings, including the Ashurst Cabin, Gordon School and the Opera House.

Pioneer Living History Village
3901 W. Pioneer Rd., Phoenix
623.465.1052 | pioneeraraz.org
Rates/Admission: Adults $10; Veterans & Seniors $8; Children under 18 $8; Children under 5 free.
Tour Time: 2-4 hours
Hours: Sept. 6 – May 31: Wed. – Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; June 1 – Sept. 5: Wed. – Sun. 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
12. CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICA
The Native American cultures of the Southwest are celebrated daily at the Heard Museum in Phoenix. This world-renowned museum showcases cultural artifacts from days past as well as innovative works by outstanding contemporary Native American artists. The Heard Museum also hosts a number of annual festivals and events including the World Championship Hoop Dance Contest in February and the Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market in March. (Above: Seven-time World Hoop Dance Champion Derrick Suwaima Davis, Hopi/Choctaw)

HEARD MUSEUM
2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602.252.8848 | heard.org
Rates/Admission: Adults $18; Seniors 65+ $15; Students with ID $7.50; Children 6-12 $7.50; Free for museum members, Native Americans and children 5 and under. Hours: Mon. – Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

13. DISCOVER SCOTTSDALE’S PAST
Housed in the 1909 Little Red School House, the Scottsdale Historical Museum chronicles the city’s past including the life of its founder and namesake, U.S. Army Chaplain Winfield Scott. Other permanent exhibits include a one-room schoolhouse, an early tent kitchen and works by some of the community’s original artists, including stained glass by Joe Moss.

SCOTTSDALE HISTORICAL MUSEUM
7333 E. Scottsdale Mall, Scottsdale
480.945.4499 | scottsdalehistory.org
Rates/Admission: Free Hours: Hours vary seasonally; see website for current information.

14. CELEBRATING SCOTTSDALE’S WESTERN SPIRIT
This two-story, 40,000-square-foot museum tells the story of the West’s notable pioneers and frontier expansion. Explore the ever-evolving American West while discovering the museum’s beautifully designed public spaces and dramatic natural light from the courtyard.

WESTERN SPIRIT: SCOTTSDALE’S MUSEUM OF THE WEST
3830 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85251
480.686.9539 | scottsdalemuseumwest.org
Admission: Adults $15; Seniors and active military $13; Students and kids 6-17 $8; Members and kids 5 and under free. Hours: Tues. – Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Scottsdale ArtWalk Thursdays (Nov. – Apr.), 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed Mondays

15. WALK THE HOHOKAM RUINS
The ruins of a prehistoric Hohokam Indian community are just one of the highlights at Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park. A 2/3-mile interpretive trail guides you around the archaeological site, as well as through a collection of reconstructed Hohokam houses. Inside the museum, exhibits focus on topics such as archaeology, Southwestern cultures and contemporary American Indian arts. Plus, kids can go hands-on at the “Dig It! Explore Archaeology” exhibit.

PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM & ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK
4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602.495.0900 | pueblogrande.com
Rates/Admission: Adults $6; Seniors (55+) $5; Children 6-17 $3; Free for museum members and children under 6. Hours: Mon. – Sat. 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; closed Sundays and Mondays May – Sept.
16. SIGNATURE ART
The Old West meets the New West at The Signature Gallery, with a collection of art that includes traditional styles as well as more contemporary approach to the American art scene. Artists represented include James Ayers, Fred Ortiz and Todd Paxton.

THE SIGNATURE GALLERY
7177 E. Main St., Scottsdale
480-949-7003  |  thesignaturegallery.com

17. ART ON THE EDGE
On the Edge Gallery features the work of more than 40 outstanding Arizona artists, many of whom find their inspiration in the Sonoran Desert and the area’s rich Western heritage.

ON THE EDGE GALLERY
7050 E. Fifth Ave., Scottsdale
480.265.8991  |  ontheedgegallery.com

18. ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS
Visit Expressions Gallery and experience the historically accurate bronze sculpture of late artist Dave McGary. McGary’s work also can be found in the permanent collections of the Buffalo Bill Museum, the Smithsonian, and the Gene Autry Museum.

EXPRESSIONS GALLERY
7077 E. Main St., Scottsdale
480.424.7412  |  expressionsgalleries.com

19. LET ART FLOW
River Trading Post offers an outstanding collection of contemporary and vintage American Indian art, ranging from antique Navajo weavings and pre-Columbian pottery to jewelry, sculpture, kachina dolls and pottery by today’s top artists.

RIVER TRADING POST
7033 E. Main St., #102, Scottsdale
480.444.0001  |  rivertradingpost.com

20. FOR THE LOVE OF ART
Amery Bohling began painting “as early as possible,” eventually turning her passion into her profession. Today, she celebrates her love of the outdoors and the American West with masterworks by various artists, herself included, on display at her Scottsdale gallery.

AMERY BOHLING FINE ART
7100 E. Main St., Scottsdale
480.970.8837  |  amerybohling.com

21. NATIVE AMERICAN GEMS
From colorful Katsinas and stunning Hopi pottery to intricate inlay jewelry by the legendary Charles Loloma, Faust Gallery represents a wide range of Native American art that contains both contemporary and historic pieces.

FAUST GALLERY
7100 E. Main St., Ste. 4, Scottsdale
480.200.4290  |  faustgallery.com

Note: Admission to all galleries is free. Recommended tour time is 30 minutes per gallery. Contact the individual galleries for hours of operation.

22. FROM HORSESHOES TO ORNAMENTAL IRON
In 1910, George Cavalliere opened his blacksmith on what was then the outskirts of town. Today, the blacksmith shop still stands in its original location, which is now the heart of Old Town Scottsdale, and the Cavalliere family creates ornamental wrought iron works in addition to providing traditional smithing functions.

CAVALLIERE’S BLACKSMITH SHOP
3805 N. Brown Ave., Scottsdale  |  480.945.6262
25. SCOOT YOUR BOOTS
In the heart of historic Old Town Scottsdale, Shades of the West is a sprawling shop filled with everything from Mexican glassware and Minnetonka moccasins to quality Western boots by Ariat, Lane Boots, Old Gringo and Freebird. And if you need a new pearl-button shirt or hand-tooled leather bag to complete your Western look, Shades of the West can assist with that too!

SHADES OF THE WEST, INC.
7247 E. Main St., Scottsdale
480-945-3289 | shadesofthewest.com

24. TOP IT OFF
A great hat is a key part of any Western ensemble. Not only does it protect you from the desert sun, it looks darn good doing it! The craftsmen over at AZ-Tex Hats will help you design a custom fur felt hat that’s exactly right for you. After carefully measuring your head, they’ll walk you through all the options for style, color and material. And if you just can’t wait, they also offer a wide variety of pre-made hats that are ready to buy and wear.

AZ-TEX HATS
3903 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
800.972.2116 | aztexhats.com
Tour time: 1 to 2 hours
Hours: Mon. – Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

23. EXPLORE BUFFALO DÉCOR
Buffalo Collection offers an unparalleled selection of genuine American buffalo leather furniture and one-of-a-kind home décor. All furniture pieces, including sofas, loveseats, chairs and ottomans, are handcrafted in America using hardwood frames, eight-way hand-tied springs and down-topped cushions. Strong and durable, buffalo leather is also known for its cushy softness. Designs range from casual ranch to urban contemporary, and each piece is crafted with lasting comfort in mind.

BUFFALO COLLECTION
7044 E. Fifth Ave., Scottsdale
480.946.3903 | buffalocollection.com

THE LAST DROP
On the inside lining of every authentic Stetson hat, you’ll find an image of “The Last Drop from His Stetson,” artist Lon Megargee’s famous painting of a cowboy giving his horse his last drop of water. Megargee built his “Casa Hermosa” home and studio (today, The Hermosa Inn) just outside Scottsdale in the 1930’s.

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TRAVEL TIP
NATIVE TREASURES
If purchasing Native American art is on your Scottsdale vacation wish list, keep these helpful tips in mind: 1. Buy only from reputable dealers and ask for a certificate of authenticity, particularly for higher-end pieces; 2. Talk to the artists – it’s the best way to learn about their techniques and the significance of their designs; 3. Buy what you like! Collecting Native American art should be enjoyable, so look for pieces that connect with you on a personal level.

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TRAVEL TIP
26. GATHER ROUND THE (UPSCALE) CAMPFIRE
For elegant flavors with a rugged edge, check out the upscale campfire cuisine at Roaring Fork. Don’t-miss specialties include the Green Chili Pork with hot buttered tortillas, Pork Wings with Dr. Pepper BBQ sauce, Buttermilk Fried Chicken and the famous Roaring Fork “Big Ass” Burger, 12 ounces of grilled love on a bun.

ROARING FORK
4800 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480.947.0795 | roaringfork.com
Average Dinner Entrée: $16 - $25
Hours: Open daily at 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

27. FILL UP AT THE THUMB
North Scottsdale’s The Thumb is just your average gas station – that’s assuming your average gas station dishes up award-winning barbecue for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Featured on Guy Fieri’s “Diners, Drive-ins and Dives,” The Thumb is known for mouthwatering specialties like breakfast tacos with beef brisket, pulled pork platters and juicy Angus burgers. Oh, and if you need it, they sell gas (and racing fuel), too.

THE THUMB
9393 E. Bell Rd., Scottsdale
480.513.8186 | thethumb.com
Average Dinner Entrée: $15 or less
Hours: Mon. – Thu., Sun. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fri. – Sat. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

28. HEAD OUT TO THE STOCKYARDS
Just over Scottsdale’s western border in Phoenix, Stockyards Restaurant & 1889 Saloon has been a local favorite since opening its doors in 1947. The décor commemorates Arizona’s cattle industry with sepia-toned photographs, handsome saloon-style heavy wood, black tufted-leather booths and pressed tin ceilings. Settle in and enjoy succulent specialties like the Cattle Baron’s Cut Prime Rib, Skillet Salmon and Buffalo Meatloaf.

STOCKYARDS RESTAURANT & 1889 SALOON
5009 E. Washington Street, Ste. 115, Phoenix
602.273.7378 | stockyardssteakhouse.com
Average Dinner Entrée: $26+
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch) and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (dinner); Sat. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

29. CELEBRATE THE SWINE
If you’re a card-carrying carnivore, you’ll love the meaty menu at Bootleggers. Start your feast with the Bacon Board – a carefully curated collection of all-natural “swine slabs” accompanied by griddled toast, sweet onion jam and housemade mustard and pickles. Other highlights include the 14-hour Hickory-smoked beef brisket, fork-tender St. Louis ribs and smoked salmon tacos. The country-cozy décor includes barn-wood walls, and mason-jar chandeliers with vintage Edison lightbulbs.

BOOTLEGGERS MODERN AMERICAN SMOKEHOUSE
7217 E. First St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251
480.404.9984 | bootleggerssmokehouse.com
Average Dinner Entrée: $16 - $25
Hours: Sun. – Thu. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Fri. – Sat. 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
30. OLD SCHOOL COUNTRY FLAIR
For country flare with a modern twist, not to mention more than 60 types of whiskey, look no further than Dierks Bentley’s Whiskey Row in Old Town Scottsdale. The 360-degree stage offers great views of live bands with deejays spinning tunes on non-band nights. Sink your teeth into tasty grub made in-house using organic meats and local produce. Complete your meal with a craft beer or try their revamped boilermakers or redneck cocktails.

DIERKS BENTLEY’S WHISKEY ROW
4420 N. Saddlebag Trail #105, Scottsdale
480.945.4200 | dierkswhiskeyrow.com
Hours: Mon. Closed; Tues. – Fri. 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Sat. and Sun. 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

31. CRUISE UP TO CAVE CREEK
Just up the road in Cave Creek you’ll find two local gems that serve up plenty of cowboy-style entertainment. Harold’s Corral offers live music every Thursday through Saturday night from top local bands like Mogollon and Young Country. On other nights, stop by for karaoke, Texas Hold’em poker tournaments and free dance lessons. Just down the road, Buffalo Chip Saloon stirs up the fun with live music every weekend and a full rodeo arena that features nightly events including live bull riding every Wednesday and Friday.

HAROLD’S CORRAL
6895 E. Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek
480.488.1906 | haroldscorral.com
Hours: Open 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily
Note: Harold’s serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Guests under 21 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (IDs checked at entry).

BUFFALO CHIP SALOON
6823 E. Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek
480.488.9118 | buffalochipsaloon.com
Hours: Sun. – Tues. 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.; Wed. – Sat. 10 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.
Note: Guests under 21 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (IDs checked at entry).

32. DO A LITTLE TWO-STEPPIN’
Need to brush up on your dance skills? Handlebar J Restaurant & Saloon offers line dancing lessons on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. for just $5 with free swing dancing lessons immediately after. Then, get ready to try out your two-steppin’ style to the music of the Herndon Brothers Band (Wed. – Sun. at 8:30 p.m.) and other popular local musicians.

HANDLEBAR J
7116 E. Becker Ln., Scottsdale
480.948.0110 | handlebarj.com
Hours: Mon. Closed; Tues. – Thu., Sun. 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Fri. – Sat. 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Note: Guests under 21 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (IDs checked at entry).

33. KICK UP YOUR HEELS
Renowned as Scottsdale’s last real cowboy saloon, the Rusty Spur serves up live music and dancing seven days and nights a week courtesy of the Psychobilly Rodeo Band and a posse of other talented musicians. This Scottsdale landmark resides in the same building that housed Scottsdale’s first bank in 1921 (today, the old vault holds liquor instead of money!).

RUSTY SPUR SALOON
7245 E. Main St., Scottsdale 480.425.7787 | rustyspursaloon.com
Hours: Sun. – Thu. 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Fri. – Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Note: The Rusty Spur serves Western-inspired specialties for lunch every day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no dinner service).

COUNTRY ON STAGE
For the best in live country music, check out the offerings at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts and Musical Instrument Museum. Country stars who have graced their stages include Lee Ann Womack, Wynonna & The Big Noise, Jo Dee Messina, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Delta Rae and Lyle Lovett.

scottsdaleperformingarts.org | mim.org

TRAVEL TIP
34. “THE STABLE”
This colorful mural shows horses being fed in their stalls. Each horse was inspired by individual animals the artist worked with during his time as a carriage driver in New York City.

Artist: Joel Coplin
Location: Scottsdale Rodeo Museum, northwest corner of Second Street and Brown Avenue

35. “HORSESHOE FALLS”
Tall pillars made of stacked horseshoes stand within a horseshoe-shaped concrete seat wall. Dense fog periodically rises from a bed of river rock and cools the space for park visitors.

Artist: Michael Maglich
Location: Southeast corner of Marshall Way & Indian School Road

36. “IMPULSION”
Made from square stainless steel tubing and lit by LEDs embedded in the pavers below, “Impulsion” celebrates the excitement of explosive movement in equine form.

Artist: Jeff Zischke
Location: WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Rd.

37. “HERB DRINKWATER AND HIS DOG SADIE”
Herb Drinkwater served as Scottsdale’s mayor for 16 years. He personified the city’s “West Most Western Town” image by dressing in Western suits, a bolo tie and cowboy boots.

Artist: Clyde “Ross” Morgan
Location: Scottsdale Civic Center Park, in front of City Hall ponds

38. “WATER MARK”
These five aluminum equine gargoyle sculptures stand 14 feet high and each strikes a different pose along the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt. During rare flash floods, water will pour from the gargoyles’ mouths.

Artists: Laura Haddad & Tom Drugan
Location: North side of Indian Bend Road between Scottsdale and Hayden roads

39. “HORSE FOUNTAIN”
The five champion Arabian horses rearing from the fountain were modeled after horse breeder Tom Chauncey’s award-winning Arabians. Each horse’s name is at the base of the sculpture.

Artist: Bob Parks
Location: Roundabout at Fifth Avenue and Marshall Way

40. “JACK KNIFE”
Jack Knife was Ed Mell’s first large-scale sculpture. It is modeled after Scottsdale’s official City seal, which is a rider astride a bucking horse.

Artist: Ed Mell
Location: Roundabout at Marshall Way and Main Street

41. “PASSING THE LEGACY” HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS COMMEMORATIVE MONUMENT
“Passing the Legacy” depicts a vintage Pony Express rider and a contemporary Hashknife Pony Express rider handing off the mail at full gallop, representing the Old West meeting the New West.

Artist: Herb Mignery
Location: Marshall Way cul-de-sac, just south of Camelback Road on the north bank of the Arizona Canal

WESTERN PUBLIC ART
WESTERN EVENTS

Scottsdale’s year-round calendar of special events is chock-full of festivals, art exhibits, horse shows, professional sports and much more. Here is a selection of exciting events that celebrate Scottsdale’s Western and Native American heritage:

**HEARD MUSEUM WORLD CHAMPION HOOP DANCE CONTEST (FEB.)**
Experience the precision and grace of competitive hoop dancing.
602.252.8840 | heard.org

**SCOTTSDALE ARABIAN HORSE SHOW (FEB.)**
More than 2,200 beautiful horses from around the world compete.
480.515.1500 | scottsdaleshow.com

**HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS (FEB.)**
The Pony Express rides into Scottsdale to kick off the annual Parada del Sol festivities. Free.
480.421.1004 | hashknifeponyexpress.com

**PARADA DEL SOL PARADE (FEB.)**
Enjoy the world’s longest horse-drawn parade followed by the Trails’ End Celebration. Free.
480.990.3179 | paradadelsol.org

**ARIZONA INDIAN FESTIVAL (FEB.)**
Experience Arizona’s 22 Native American tribes through traditional food, dance and storytelling.
arizonaindiantourism.org

**WESTERN WEEK (FEB.)**
The Old West comes alive in Old Town during this week of special events.
scottsdalewesternweek.com

**PARADA DEL SOL RODEO (MARCH)**
Activities include PRCA rodeo competition, bull riding, dances and live music.
480.990.3179 | paradadelsol.org

**HEARD MUSEUM GUILD INDIAN FAIR & MARKET (MARCH)**
View and buy works by more than 700 Native American artists.
602.252.8848 | heard.org

**KATSINA DOLL MARKETPLACE (APRIL)**
More than 100 Katsina doll carvers show and sell their creations.
602.252.8848 | heard.org

**REGION 7 CHAMPIONSHIP ARABIAN HORSE SHOW (APRIL)**
See some of the world’s finest Arabian horses compete.
480.443.3372 | aha7.org

**HOLIDAYS AT THE HEARD (DEC.)**
Experience exciting performances and artist demonstrations.
602.252.8848 | heard.org

**PUEBLO GRANDE INDIAN MARKET (DEC.)**
Featuring Native American art, live music and delicious food.
602.495.0901 | pgindianmarket.com

View more events at EventsInScottsdale.com

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