

# WESTERN GUIDE

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50+ GREAT WAYS TO DISCOVER  
SCOTTSDALE'S WESTERN HERITAGE



SCOTTSDALE  
ARIZONA





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, Native American art and cultural experiences, elevated campfire cuisine and a host of unique special events. So, saddle up and get ready to ride, because we're taking you on a tour of the Western side of Scottsdale!



# SADDLE UP



## RIDE LIKE THE WIND

Windwalker Expeditions specializes in private rides – just you and your party, accompanied by an expert equestrian guide – for novice to advanced riders. Windwalker accommodates both English and Western disciplines, and is a mobile outfitter, which means they can trailer their horses to any number of scenic trailheads throughout the Scottsdale area.

### WINDWALKER EXPEDITIONS

480.585.3382 | [windwalkerexpeditions.com](http://windwalkerexpeditions.com)



## GIDDY UP

MacDonald's Ranch is a family-owned and -operated stable that began as a horse and cattle operation in 1956. Today, owners Robby and Silvia Richardson breed, raise and train most of the stable's horses themselves and have the ideal mounts for riders of all skill levels. MacDonald's Ranch also offers cowboy cookouts, moonlight rides and a petting zoo for the little buckaroos.

### MACDONALD'S RANCH

480.585.0239 | [macdonaldsranch.com](http://macdonaldsranch.com)



## 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

480.471.3151 | [cowboycollege.com](http://cowboycollege.com)



## MOSEY ALONG THE RIVER

Nestled on the banks of the Salt River, historic Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch offers 20 rustic cabins with panoramic views of a wilderness made famous by the writings of Zane Grey. The ranch features an on-site stable so you can explore the surrounding Sonoran Desert on horseback and also offers kayaks and inner tubes for exploring the Salt River.

### SAGUARO LAKE GUEST RANCH

480.984.2194 | [saguarolakeranch.com](http://saguarolakeranch.com)



# HITCH A RIDE



## GO OFF THE BEATEN PATH

For an off-road adventure that combines dramatic Sonoran Desert scenery and glimpses into Scottsdale's past, don't miss a 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.

*Visit [ExperienceScottsdale.com](https://www.experiencescottsdale.com) for a list of local Jeep tour companies*



## DO SOME DAY TRIPPIN'

Arizona's most famous Western-themed attractions are easily accessible on single- or multi-day trips from Scottsdale with our experienced ground tour operators. Destinations include Tombstone's OK Corral, scenic Monument Valley and Sedona's red rock landscape, the setting for Zane Grey's novel, *Call of the Canyon*.

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## RIDE THE RAILS

Trains are as characteristic of the Wild West as horses and stagecoaches. The four-hour ride on Verde Canyon Railroad's historic route from the Clarkdale depot (about two hours north of Scottsdale) to Perkinsville and back offers panoramic views of pristine canyonlands, red rock formations and lush riparian habitats.

**VERDE CANYON RAILROAD**  
800.582.7245 | [verdecanyonrr.com](https://www.verdecanyonrr.com)



## FOLLOW THE APACHE TRAIL

Discover the Apache Trail 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 cliff-hugging road makes for a thrilling day trip. Your tour includes stops at Goldfield Ghost Town, Tortilla Flat (an historic stagecoach stop) and a cruise on Canyon Lake aboard the famous Dolly Steamboat.

**DETOURS AMERICAN WEST**  
866.438.6877 | [detoursamericanwest.com](https://www.detoursamericanwest.com)



# ART OF THE WEST



## VISIT THE NATIVE ART MARKET

Located in Old Town Scottsdale, this Native-owned and -operated store showcases art, jewelry and crafts by more than 200 talented Indigenous artisans. Be sure to check out their online calendar of events for crafting workshops and cultural programs including tribal dance expositions, flute playing and more.

**NATIVE ART MARKET**  
707.733.6443 | [thenativeartmarket.com](http://thenativeartmarket.com)



## TAKE AN ARTWALK

As you'll see by the listings at right, Scottsdale has an impressive roster of galleries featuring Western and Native American art. The free Thursday night ArtWalk is a great time to browse these and all of the Arts District galleries while enjoying artist demonstrations, exhibition openings and live entertainment. Don't miss the annual Western Week (Feb.) and Native Spirit (March) Gold Palette ArtWalks.

**SCOTTSDALE ARTWALK**  
[scottsdalegalleries.com](http://scottsdalegalleries.com)



## Spotlight: WESTERN GALLERIES

Old Town Scottsdale is home to dozens of galleries, many of which specialize in traditional and contemporary Western art. Here are a few to get you started:

### Amery Bohling Fine Art

Arizona-based artist Amery Bohling is best known for her captivating paintings of the Grand Canyon, but her love of the West is revealed in all her work.  
[amerybohling.com](http://amerybohling.com)

### Arizona West Galleries

Featuring Western fine art by Maynard Dixon, Edgar Payne, Lon Megargee and Will James as well as Western antiques like saddles, bits, spurs and chaps.  
[facebook.com/arizonawest-galleries](http://facebook.com/arizonawest-galleries)

### Bischoff's Gallery

This Old Town gem carries a large selection of Western art and Native American and Southwest jewelry and silverwork.  
[bischoffsgallery.com](http://bischoffsgallery.com)

### On the Edge Gallery

This eclectic 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.  
[ontheedgegallery.com](http://ontheedgegallery.com)

### Faust Gallery

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.  
[faustgallery.com](http://faustgallery.com)

### Gilbert Ortega Galleries

For more than 50 years, the Gilbert Ortega Galleries in Old Town have been show-

casing outstanding collections of Native American art and jewelry. [facebook.com/gilbertortegagallery](http://facebook.com/gilbertortegagallery)

### John C. Hill Antique Indian Art Gallery

For more than 40 years, John C. Hill has been a dealer in antique Hopi and Zuni Kachinas, Navajo weavings, early jewelry, baskets, paintings and pottery from the Southwest.  
[johnhillgallery.com](http://johnhillgallery.com)

### The Signature Gallery

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.  
[thesignaturegallery.com](http://thesignaturegallery.com)



# CHOW TIME

## GO HONKY-TONKIN'

Belle's Nashville Kitchen is a locally owned and operated honky-tonk bar and restaurant that offers live music every night of the week. Chow down on favorites like their famous Kool-Aid Pickles, Devils on Horseback (bacon-wrapped, cheese stuffed jalapenos) and the award-winning Nashville Hot Chicken Sandwich. Don't miss Belle's delicious house-made liquor infusions, including apple pie whiskey!

### BELLE'S NASHVILLE KITCHEN

480.590.3190 | [bellesnashvillekitchen.com](http://bellesnashvillekitchen.com)

## HEAD FOR THE STOCKYARDS

Just over Scottsdale's western border in Phoenix, The Stockyards restaurant has been a local favorite since opening its doors in 1947. The décor commemorates Arizona's cattle industry with sepia-toned photographs, saloon-style heavy wood, leather booths and pressed tin ceilings. Settle in and enjoy succulent specialties like the Cattle Baron's Cut Prime Rib, Skillet Salmon and Bison Meatloaf.

### THE STOCKYARDS

602.273.7378 | [stockyardssteakhouse.com](http://stockyardssteakhouse.com)

## SAVOR THE BBQ FLAVORS

Got a cowboy-sized hunger that only great barbecue will satisfy? Head for Bryan's Black Mountain Barbecue. Chef/Owner Bryan Dooley's award-winning specialties at this hotspot in nearby Cave Creek include beef brisket, pork ribs, barbecue chicken and vegetarian "pulled" squash. Be sure to try Bryan's famous Baked Potato Salad – you're welcome!

### BRYAN'S BLACK MOUNTAIN BARBECUE

480.575.7155 | [bryansbarbecue.com](http://bryansbarbecue.com)



## Spotlight: STEAKHOUSE HEAVEN

Arizona is known for its five Cs: cotton, copper, citrus, climate and cattle. So it should come as no surprise that our area is renowned for its premier steakhouses. When only a juicy, sizzling steak will satisfy your hunger, check out these beef-forward dining options:

### Mastro's City Hall Steakhouse

Specialties at this Old Town Scottsdale landmark include Mastro's signature Dry Ice Martini, 48-ounce Double-Cut Porterhouse, chilled seafood tower and luscious Warm Butter Cake. [mastrosrestaurants.com](http://mastrosrestaurants.com)

### Dominick's Steakhouse

A red-carpet entry, six-foot chandeliers and gleaming marble floors set the stage for elegant steakhouse dining at Dominick's. Reserve a table on the rooftop and watch the Arizona sky's colors reflect in the gazing pond. [dominickssteakhouse.com](http://dominickssteakhouse.com)

### Maple & Ash

This Old Town favorite boasts a sumptuous menu

crafted by two-Michelin-star Chef Danny Grant and a wine list named one of the most outstanding in the world by *Wine Spectator*. [mapleandash.com](http://mapleandash.com)

### Fogo de Chão Churrascaria

Indulge in all-you-can-eat offerings of beef, pork and chicken – all slow-roasted over an open flame, then carved tableside in a way that's unique to Brazilian-style cooking, churrascaria. [fogodechao.com](http://fogodechao.com)

### The Americano

The Americano is an Italian-inspired steakhouse helmed by Chef Scott Conant. Menu items include Wagyu beef, house-made pasta and fresh seafood. [theamericanorestaurant.com](http://theamericanorestaurant.com)

### Bourbon Steak

Bourbon Steak (pictured) presents a tantalizing menu featuring the finest cuts of beef, poultry and fish, all slow-poached in butter, grilled and finished over seasoned wood-fueled flames. [scottsdaleprincess.com/dining/bourbon-steak](http://scottsdaleprincess.com/dining/bourbon-steak)

### J&G Steakhouse

This elegant steakhouse at The Phoenician resort offers a sophisticated menu of steakhouse classics complemented by magnificent views from the dining room and sunset patio. [jgsteakhousescottsdale.com](http://jgsteakhousescottsdale.com)



# BOOT SCOOTIN' FUN



## 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

480.425.7787 | [rustyspursaloon.com](http://rustyspursaloon.com)



## DO A LITTLE TWO-STEPPIN'

Need to brush up on your dance skills? Handlebar J offers line dancing and two-step lessons on Tuesday evenings for just \$5. Then, get ready to try out your new moves to the music of the Herndon Brothers Band and other popular local musicians and deejays.

### HANDLEBAR J RESTAURANT & SALOON

480.948.0110 | [handlebarj.com](http://handlebarj.com)



## TIP IT ON BACK

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.

### DIERKS BENTLEY'S WHISKEY ROW

480.945.4200 | [dierkswhiskeyrow.com](http://dierkswhiskeyrow.com)



## BELLY UP TO THE BAR

Located in a historic Old Town building that once housed Scottsdale's first post office, Porters Western Saloon is friendly space to belly-up and chat with fellow patrons over cocktails like the Sonoran Sunrise and the Postmaster.

### PORTERS WESTERN SALOON

480.946.0354 | [porterswesternsaloon.com](http://porterswesternsaloon.com)



## Spotlight: 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

Listen to live music every Thursday through Saturday night from top local bands. On other nights, stop by for karaoke, free swing-dance lessons, and daily food and drink specials.

480.488.1906 | [haroldscorral.com](http://haroldscorral.com)

### Buffalo Chip Saloon

Buffalo Chip Saloon stirs up the fun with live and DJ-spun music every weekend, free dance lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and live bull riding every Wednesday and Friday night.

480.488.9118 | [buffalochipsaloon.com](http://buffalochipsaloon.com)



# MUSEUM MIX



## DISCOVER SCOTTSDALE'S WESTERN SPIRIT

Western Spirit, a Smithsonian-affiliate museum, tells the story of the West's notable pioneers and frontier expansion. Ongoing exhibitions include authentic Old West cowboy gear, paintings and bronzes by acclaimed contemporary and historic Western artists, and Hopi pottery masterworks.

**WESTERN SPIRIT: SCOTTSDALE'S MUSEUM OF THE WEST**  
480.686.9539 | [scottsdalemuseumwest.org](http://scottsdalemuseumwest.org)



## CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICA

The world-renowned Heard Museum showcases Native American cultural artifacts from days past as well as innovative works by outstanding contemporary artists. The museum also hosts several annual events including the World Championship Hoop Dance Contest and the Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market.

**HEARD MUSEUM**  
602.252.8848 | [heard.org](http://heard.org)



## 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, museum exhibits focus on topics like archaeology and Southwestern cultures.

**PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM**  
602.495.0900 | [pueblogrande.com](http://pueblogrande.com)



## EXPLORE SCOTTSDALE'S RODEO HISTORY

The Scottsdale Rodeo Museum features rare, historic artifacts, including original Parada del Sol Rodeo posters and saddles from world-famous champions like Jake Barns. On the back wall of the museum is "The Stable," a colorful mural by Joel Coplin depicting horses being fed in their stalls. *(Note: Closed seasonally from June 1 through Nov. 1)*

**SCOTTSDALE RODEO MUSEUM**  
480.990.3179 | [scottsdalerodeomuseum.com](http://scottsdalerodeomuseum.com)



## LEARN ABOUT SCOTTSDALE'S EARLY DAYS

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. Permanent exhibits include a one-room schoolhouse, an early tent kitchen and works by some of the community's original artists. *(Note: The museum is closed until early 2023)*

**SCOTTSDALE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
480.945.4499 | [scottsdalehistory.org](http://scottsdalehistory.org)



# WESTERN GOODS



## BROWSE BUFFALO DÉCOR

Buffalo Collection offers an unparalleled selection of genuine American buffalo leather furniture and one-of-a-kind Western-themed home décor. All furniture pieces, including sofas, loveseats, chairs and ottomans, are handcrafted using durable buffalo leather, which is known for its cushy softness.

### BUFFALO COLLECTION

480.946.3903 | [buffalocollection.com](http://buffalocollection.com)



## 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 AzTex 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.

### AZTEX HATS

800.972.2116 | [aztexhats.com](http://aztexhats.com)

## INVEST IN ART

The Heard Museum Shop has grown from its humble beginnings in 1956 to become one of the nation's finest purveyors of Native American art. The majority of pieces in the extensive inventory are purchased directly from hundreds of artists, and only the finest in authentic Native American jewelry, pottery, paintings, sculpture, Katsina dolls and weavings are selected for sale.



### HEARD MUSEUM SHOP

602.252.8344 | [heard.org](http://heard.org)

## SCOOT YOUR BOOTS

In the heart of historic Old Town, Shades of the West is a sprawling shop filled with everything from Mexican glassware and Minnetonka moccasins to quality Western boots by 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

480-945-3289 | [shadesofthewest.com](http://shadesofthewest.com)

## 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.



# WESTERN PUBLIC ART



## “JACK KNIFE”

“Jack Knife” was renowned Arizona artist Ed Mell’s first large-scale sculpture. The bronze stands more than eight feet tall on its base and was modeled after Scottsdale’s official City seal, a rider astride a bucking horse.

**Artist:** Ed Mell

**Location:** Roundabout at Marshall Way and Main Street



## DISCOVER SCOTTSDALE’S HISTORY AT THE “WINFIELD SCOTT MEMORIAL”

This beautiful bronze sculpture honors Winfield and Helen Scott, the founders of Scottsdale. Based on a historic photograph, Winfield stands alongside the couple’s mule, “Old Maud,” with Helen seated sidesaddle. (Note: Off-exhibit until early 2023 due to Civic Center Park renovations)

**Artist:** George Ann Tognoni

**Location:** Scottsdale Civic Center Park near the Scottsdale Historical Museum



## “HORSE FOUNTAIN”

The five champion Arabian horses rearin 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



## “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 and Indian School Road



## “PASSING THE LEGACY”

This Hashknife Pony Express Commemorative Monument 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



## “WATER MARK”

These five equine gargoyle sculptures stand 14 feet high at the dramatic narrowing point of Scottsdale’s innovative Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt flood control basin. Each aluminum horse strikes a different pose and during rare flash floods, water pours from the gargoyles’ mouths.

**Artists:** Laura Haddad & Tom Drugan

**Location:** North side of Indian Bend Road between Scottsdale and Hayden Roads



# WESTERN WEEK

Every year in late January/early February, Scottsdale Western Week gallops into town with a variety of festivals, parades, museum and gallery exhibitions, and more. Check out the highlights below, then visit the website for the full lineup of Western Week excitement!

[scottsdalewesternweek.com](http://scottsdalewesternweek.com)



## PARADA DEL SOL PARADE

Enjoy the world's longest horse-drawn parade followed by the Trails' End Celebration.

602.320.1483 | [scottsdaleparade.com](http://scottsdaleparade.com)



## HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS

The Pony Express rides into Scottsdale to kick off the annual Parada del Sol festivities.

480.421.1004 | [hashknifeponyexpress.com](http://hashknifeponyexpress.com)



## ARIZONA INDIAN FESTIVAL

Experience Arizona's 22 Native American tribes through traditional food, dance and storytelling.

[arizonaindiantourism.org](http://arizonaindiantourism.org)



## Spotlight: WESTERN EVENTS

Scottsdale's year-round calendar of special events is chock-full of festivals, art exhibits, horse shows, professional sports and much more. In addition to those at left, here is a selection of exciting events that celebrate Scottsdale's Western and Native American heritage:

### Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show (FEB.)

More than 2,200 beautiful horses from around the world compete. [scottsdalshow.com](http://scottsdalshow.com)

### Arizona Sun Circuit Quarter Horse Show (MARCH)

More than 1,500 of the world's best quarter horses and riders compete for prizes. [suncircuit.com](http://suncircuit.com)

### Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market (MARCH)

View and buy works by more than 600 Native American artists. [heard.org](http://heard.org)

### Heard Museum World Champion Hoop Dance Contest (MARCH)

Experience the precision and grace of competitive hoop dancing. [heard.org](http://heard.org)

### Native Spirit ArtWalk (MARCH)

Browse Old Town galleries and enjoy live Native American music and cultural performances. [scottsdalegalleries.com](http://scottsdalegalleries.com)

### Parada del Sol Rodeo (MARCH)

Activities include PRCA rodeo competition, bull riding, dances and live music. [rodeoscottsdale.com](http://rodeoscottsdale.com)

### Katsina Doll Marketplace (APRIL)

The nation's largest gathering of Katsina doll carvers show and sell their creations. [heard.org](http://heard.org)

### Region 7 Championship Arabian Horse Show (APRIL)

See some of the world's finest Arabian horses compete. [aha7.org](http://aha7.org)

### Pueblo Grande Indian Market (DEC.)

Featuring Native American art, live music and delicious food. [pueblogrande.org](http://pueblogrande.org)

*View more events at [EventsInScottsdale.com](http://EventsInScottsdale.com)*





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