ARIZONA GUIDE

EXCURSIONS FROM SCOTTSDALE TO THE GRAND CANYON, SEDONA & BEYOND
Scottsdale’s central-Arizona location makes it the perfect base-camp from which to explore all the wonders Arizona has to offer. From the scenic grandeur of the Grand Canyon and Sedona in the north to the historic streets of Tombstone in the south, here’s your guide to exciting day trips from Scottsdale!
Arizona’s network of well-maintained freeways makes getting to all four corners of the state a breeze. As you can see by the drive-time chart at right, most of the state’s most popular destinations are less than 4 hours from Scottsdale by car.

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**PRESSED FOR TIME?**

Join Westwind Air Service for an air tour! Their signature Grand Canyon tour departs from nearby Phoenix and includes a 25-minute scenic overflight of the Canyon and a ground tour by Jeep! Other Westwind destinations include Monument Valley, Sedona and Antelope Canyon.

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GRAND CANYON

At 277 miles (446 km) long and up to 18 miles (29 km) wide, the Grand Canyon is immense in both size and grandeur. To view this breathtaking natural wonder on a day trip, we recommend heading for the South Rim, the park’s main entry point, which is an easy 3.5-hour drive north of Scottsdale and is open year-round.

For more information please visit nps.gov/grca.

RIM TRAIL
This easy, partially paved trail runs from Grand Canyon Village to Hermits Rest and provides excellent Canyon views with fewer crowds. Walk as far as you’d like and use the park’s free shuttle bus system to return to your starting point.

GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER
Here you’ll find information on South Rim attractions, hiking opportunities, the park’s free shuttle bus system and park ranger programs. Take the short walk from the visitor center to Mather Point for your first view of the Grand Canyon.

DESERT VIEW WATCHTOWER
This unusual tower and the adjacent overlook offer vistas of the Colorado River below and the Painted Desert to the east. Adjacent to the Watchtower is a Trading Post featuring Native American art and crafts.

HISTORIC VILLAGE
The Village is home to retail shops, museums and art galleries as well as several historic buildings like the Hopi House and the beautiful El Tovar Hotel, which has been welcoming guests since 1905.

SCENIC OVERLOOKS
There are several scenic overlooks on the South Rim that provide panoramic views of the Canyon and great opportunities for photography. Among the most popular are Yaki, Mather, Mohave, and Hopi.
SADDLE-UP FOR ADVENTURE
For the adventure of a lifetime, take a mule ride down into the Grand Canyon! Full-day and overnight mule train rides into the Grand Canyon are great fun, but you’ll need to plan ahead as these rides are often booked up more than six months in advance. One-hour rim rides by mule or horseback also are available and can usually be booked within a week or two of your visit.

GRAND CANYON NORTH & WEST RIMS
The Grand Canyon’s more rustic and secluded North Rim is open annually from mid-May to mid-October, offers several scenic overlooks and hiking trails, and is approximately 7.5 hours from Scottsdale by car. The West Rim, about 4.5 hours from Scottsdale by car, is home to the Skywalk, a horseshoe-shaped cantilever bridge with a glass-bottom walkway.

FAMOUS FALLS
You’ve probably seen photos of the striking blue-green waters of Havasupai Falls, but do you know what gives them their distinct color? It’s due to spring-fed waters that are rich in magnesium, calcium and high concentrations of bicarbonate. Located at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, Havasupai Falls is accessible only via a strenuous 10-mile hike (each way) or a short helicopter flight plus a 2-mile hike. Please note: The Havasupai Tribe administers the land, which lies outside the boundary and jurisdiction of Grand Canyon National Park. Reservations are required for all hikers and campers.

Spotlight:
NEARBY ATTRACTIONS
If you decide to turn your Grand Canyon trip into an overnight adventure and havesome extra time, check out these nearby attractions:

Flagstaff
A laidback college town, Flagstaff is home to the Lowell Observatory, the Flagstaff Extreme Adventure Course and Arizona Snowbowl ski area. flagstaffarizona.org

Williams
This Route 66 town is known as the “Gateway to the Grand Canyon.” Hop aboard the Grand Canyon Railway for a scenic trip to the Canyon or visit bears, bison, wolves and more at Bearizona Wildlife Park. experiencewilliams.com

Wupatki National Monument
This ancient Pueblo ruin is located just 6 miles north of Flagstaff. A self-guided trail takes you through the ruins and past the blowhole, a fascinating geologic feature. nps.gov/wupa
SEDONA

Part artists’ community, part New Age spiritual center and part outdoor adventurer’s dream, Sedona is definitely worth a day trip on your Scottsdale vacation. An easy two-hour drive north will get you there, leaving you plenty of time to explore all of Sedona’s offerings, including the area’s famous red rock formations.

For more information please visit visitsedona.com.

RED ROCK STATE PARK
Start your Sedona explorations at the Red Rock State Park’s Miller Visitor Center. Here you can pick up trail maps, get information about the red rock formations you’ll see around town and purchase a day pass, which you’ll need to park at most Sedona trailheads.

PINK ADVENTURE TOURS
Pink Jeep tours have been a Sedona must-do since 1960. Choose from more than a dozen different excursions, including the thrilling Broken Arrow Tour, Ancient Ruins Tour and Touch the Earth vortex tour.

WEST FORK TRAIL
This easy trail is 6 miles (9.6 km) round-trip and includes several stream crossings. Though best known for its vibrant fall foliage, West Fork is beautiful year-round, from spring’s flowers and songbirds to winter’s occasional blanket of snow.

SLIDE ROCK STATE PARK
If you’re visiting in summer, grab your swimsuit and head to the slippery, natural water chute at Slide Rock. You can sun along the banks, splash in Oak Creek or explore nearby hiking trails.
CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CROSS
Perched high atop Sedona’s red rocks, the Chapel of the Holy Cross is a must-see on your Sedona itinerary. Guests can view numerous works of commissioned art, light a candle for a loved one or attend the Friday afternoon mass.

TLAQUEPAQUE ARTS & CRAFTS VILLAGE
Tlaquepaque is home to dozens of specialty shops, art galleries and restaurants. Goods run the gamut from casual fashions and leather goods to Native American jewelry, crystals and contemporary art.

Montezuma Castle National Monument
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Spotlight:
NEARBY ATTRACTIONS
Along Interstate 17 between Scottsdale and Sedona are several fascinating sites to see:

Arcosanti
This prototype town is based on the late Italian architect Paolo Soleri’s concept of “Arcology,” architecture coherent with ecology. Public tours are offered daily. arcsanti.org

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SHOPS ON 89A & UPTOWN SEDONA
Just past Sedona’s infamous “Y” roundabout, you’ll come to a shopper’s paradise filled with dozens of boutiques, galleries and restaurants.
NAVAJO & HOPI LANDS

If learning more about Arizona’s Native American cultures is on your itinerary, set aside time to visit the Navajo and Hopi nations in northeastern Arizona. This striking landscape is home to tribal cultural centers as well as some of the state’s most beautiful natural wonders. Due to the extended distances between points of interest, this region is best explored on a 2- or 3-day trip from Scottsdale.

For more information, please visit discovernavajo.com or hopiculturalcenter.com.

MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK
Monument Valley’s colorful sandstone buttes and spires have been featured in Western films dating as far back as the 1930s, as well as in contemporary films like Forrest Gump, Mission: Impossible II, and The Lone Ranger. A 17-mile self-guided drive provides views of iconic monuments like The Mittens, John Ford’s Point and the Three Sisters, or you can opt for jeep or horseback tours with a Navajo guide. Called Tse Bi’ii’ Ndizia’a’ií (Valley of the Rocks) in the Navajo language, Monument Valley is an enchanting earthscape that is one of the most photographed places in North America.

ANTELOPE CANYON
This complex of scenic slot canyons shaped by eons of wind and water erosion is renowned for its undulating angles and dramatic shafts of light. A permit and tour guide are required for visiting the canyon, which can easily be purchased online.
CANYON DE CHELLY
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TIPS FOR VISITING NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES
Remember that you are a guest and treat people, animals and property with respect.
Always ask permission before photographing people, buildings and cultural activities.
Do not enter sacred areas or graveyards.
Understand that each community operates under its own government, rules and regulations.
Visit the local cultural center for orientation and information before exploring on your own.
Check all fluid levels and keep your gas tank full, as service stations can be few and far between.

NAVAJO INTERACTIVE MUSEUM
Located in Tuba City, this museum approximates the journey Navajos take through life. Exhibits include Navajo culture, traditions, family systems and more. The museum also features a traditional Navajo Hogan (dwelling), as well as Navajo docents who will help guide you through the various exhibits.

HORI CULTURAL CENTER
The Hopi people live in 12 independent villages spread across three mesas, and are known for silversmithing, katsina doll carving, woven baskets and intricate pottery. Located on Second Mesa, the Hopi Cultural Center offers a hotel and restaurant, and is a good place to connect with a Hopi guide who can provide insight into Hopi life and history.

SPOTLIGHT: NEARBY ATTRACTIONS
The Navajo Nation is in proximity to several other Arizona points of interest:

Lake Powell
This expansive artificial reservoir is popular for water sports of all kinds, including fishing, kayaking, jet skiing and houseboating. lakepowell.com

Meteor Crater & Barringer Space Museum
More than 50,000 years ago, a huge meteorite struck this site resulting in a crater that is more than 700 feet deep, 4,000 feet across and 2.4 miles in circumference. meteorcrater.com

Petrified Forest National Park
Visit the Rainbow Forest Museum for information on the region’s paleontology, then hike any of the short trails or drive to park overlooks for amazing views of colorful petrified wood. nps.gov/pefo

Horseshoe Bend
At Horseshoe Bend, the Colorado River meanders around a massive sandstone escarpment. Hiking and kayaking are popular ways to enjoy the Bend. horseshoebend.com

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Once the territorial capital of Arizona, Prescott is a small town with a grand history. You can make the drive from Scottsdale north to Prescott in just about two hours, which will leave you plenty of time to explore highlights like these.

For more information please visit visit-prescott.com.

GRANITE DELLS
Surrounding Prescott’s Watson Lake, the Granite Dells consist of exposed bedrock, large boulders and unusual rock formations. Hiking and bouldering are popular activities in the Dells, or rent a kayak to explore the lake.

SHARLOT HALL MUSEUM
Home to the restored territorial Governor’s Mansion, which was built in 1864, the museum features historic buildings, compelling exhibits and lush gardens.

COURTHOUSE PLAZA
Prescott’s lively town square is where residents and tourists gather for good times at special events like concerts and holiday light festivals.

WHISKEY ROW
Live music from dozens of venues fills the street, and you’ll hear everything from country to blues and jazz. You’ll also find outstanding restaurants, shops and plenty of great people watching.

Spotlight: JEROME
Perched a mile high atop Cleopatra Hill, Jerome is an historic copper mining town turned artist enclave. An easy 2.5-hour drive north from Scottsdale puts you on Jerome’s steep winding streets where you’ll find attractions such as these.

For more information please visit sedonaverdevalley.org.

Jerome Historic State Park
Visit the historic home of mining mogul Jimmy “Rawhide” Douglas, an adobe mansion filled with artifacts, historic photos and a 3D model of the 88 miles of tunnels dug beneath the town.

Shops & Galleries
Be sure to save time to browse Jerome’s eclectic selection of shops, galleries and wine-tasting rooms, including the Jerome Artists Cooperative Gallery and Caduceus Cellars.
Nicknamed The Old Pueblo, Tucson lies 2 hours southeast of Scottsdale and is the gateway to a variety of state parks, natural wonders, quirky towns and Old West history in southern Arizona.

For more information please visit visittucson.org.

**SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK**
Scenic drives, overlooks and hiking trails for all abilities provide unparalleled views of majestic saguaro cacti (the tall ones with arms), which only grow in the Sonoran Desert. The saguaro blossom is Arizona’s state flower.

**ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM**
The ASDM was founded in 1952 and features an aquarium, zoo, botanical garden, natural history museum, art gallery and two miles of walking paths.

**TOMBSTONE**
Tombstone, “The Town Too Tough to Die,” is home to the infamous O.K. Corral, where daily reenactments of the gunfight between the Earp brothers and the Clantons and McLaurys thrill visitors. For more chills and thrills, take a nighttime ghost tour of The Bird Cage Theatre!

**BISBEE**
Bisbee is a former copper mining boomtown with a rich history. Must-sees here include the Queen Mine Tour, Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum, Bisbee’s Heritage Stairs, the historic Copper Queen Hotel, and an eclectic selection of restaurants, bars, shops and galleries.

**KARTCHNER CAVERNS**
Kartchner Caverns is one of the world’s only “living” caves open to the public. Daily tours showcase breathtaking underground formations like the Rotunda-Throne Room and Kubla Kahn, the largest column formation in Arizona.

**MOUNT LEMMON SKY CENTER**
The Sky Center offers several public options for viewing the cosmos, including SkyNights, which includes an astronomy lecture, light dinner and guided navigation of the night sky. (Note: Reservations required for all programs).
Arizona boasts three distinct grape growing regions and a bounty of award-winning wineries. Here’s a quick look where to experience the best of Arizona wine.

VERDE VALLEY
This lush riparian valley about 2 hours north of Scottsdale includes the towns of Cottonwood, Cornville, Camp Verde and Sedona, to name a few. Scattered among these high-desert towns you’ll find more than 25 wine-tasting rooms representing prestigious labels such as Caduceus Cellars, Alcantara Vineyards, Javelina Leap and Page Springs Cellars.

VERDE CANYON RAILROAD
Each summer, Verde Canyon Railroad gives you the opportunity to sample wines by Arizona, national and international vintners while enjoying a scenic train ride through the lush Verde Canyon. Each tasting is paired with a complementary appetizer.

SONOITA
The first location in Arizona to be designated as an American Viticultural Area, Sonoita lies in the rolling grasslands of southeastern Arizona, about 2.5 hours from Scottsdale. A trip to Sonoita for tasting fruits of the local terroir at wineries like Dos Cabezas Wine Works, Rune Wines and Callaghan Vineyards also puts you in easy reach of southern Arizona points of interest including Kartchner Caverns, Tombstone and Tubac.

VERDE CANYON RAILROAD
800.582.7245  |  verdecanyonrr.com

SONOITAELGINCHAMBER.ORG

WILLCOX
About 3 hours southeast of Scottsdale are Cochise County and the Willcox Bench alluvial plain, where most of Arizona’s grapes are grown. Here, rich alluvial and volcanic soil mixtures, seasonal monsoon rains and higher elevations combine to produce wines with their own unique Arizona flavor profiles. Choose from 10 farm wineries offering tours and tastings, including Aridus Wine Company, Carlson Creek Vineyard, Pillsbury Wine Company and Birds & Barrels. And if you’re visiting in spring, don’t miss the annual Willcox Wine Country Festival in May.

MERKIN VINEYARDS OLD TOWN
A popular stop on Scottsdale’s Wine Trail, Merkin Vineyards boasts an experience that’s nearly 100% Arizona. Their wines are made from Arizona estate-grown grapes and are complemented by house-made culinary delights using locally grown and artisan ingredients.

MERKIN VINEYARDS
480.292.8602  |  merkinoldtownscottsdale.com

SCOTTSDALE WINE TRAIL
Old Town Scottsdale is home to tasting rooms from several of the state’s most acclaimed vineyards, including LDV Winery, Carlson Creek and Arizona Stronghold. Stop in for a tasting, small plates and fascinating facts about Arizona wine.

SCOTTSDALE WINE TRAIL
480.664.4822  |  scottsdalewinetrail.com
ROUTE 66

Route 66, known as “America’s Mother Road,” runs from Chicago to Santa Monica, but some of its most memorable photo ops and attractions are alive and thriving in Arizona.

For more information, search “Route 66” at ExperienceScottsdale.com.

HOLBROOK
Full of kitschy roadside charm, Holbrook is best known for the whitewashed concrete and steel teepees and vintage cars that make up Wigwam Village – a great overnight stop for explorers of all ages! Other storied sites include the Bucket of Blood Saloon and Blevins House.

SELIGMAN
Halfway between Flagstaff and Kingman is where you’ll find Seligman, the starting point of the annual Route 66 Fun Run – a 150-mile rolling party on wheels for classic car and truck fans and anyone else who wants to drive Route 66. Stop by Delgadillo’s Snow Cap for an Oink Burger and a frosty milkshake.

OATMAN
With a population that barely tops 100, it’s fair to say that Oatman is a small town. But what it lacks in size it makes up for in personality, thanks in no small part to the dozens of wild burros that roam the streets. A handful of souvenir shops, restaurants and sweet shops add to the town’s eclectic ambiance.

WINSLow
Roll into Winslow and you can practically hear the Eagles urging you to “Take it Easy.” This quirky northern Arizona town (located 57 miles southeast of Flagstaff) is home to Standin’ on the Corner Park. The park features a life-sized bronze of a guitar-playing balladeer and a mural depicting that iconic girl in a flatbed Ford. It’s the perfect photo op for Eagles’ fans!
CASTLE HOT SPRINGS, MORRISTOWN
Luxury accommodations, starry desert skies, a chef-driven restaurant and restorative hot springs await you at Castle Hot Springs. There’s no TV, Wi-Fi or cell service, so this getaway is perfect for those in need of a digital detox. castlehotsprings.com

HASSAYAMPA INN, PRESCOTT
This red brick building topped with a bell tower dates back to 1927 but has been updated with all the modern comforts. The grand lobby features dramatic wall murals, stained glass, a fireplace and old-time elevator. hassayampainn.com

THE SHADY DELL, BISBEE
The closest thing to a time machine you’ll find in Arizona, this vintage trailer park boasts eight beautifully restored aluminum trailers, as well as a Tiki Bus and Chris-Craft yacht for guests to enjoy. theshadydell.com

LA POSADA, WINSLOW
Opened in 1930 along historic Route 66, the airy, hacienda-style La Posada has been painstakingly restored and features guestrooms named for celebrities who have stayed there. Stop by the on-site Turquoise Room for world-class Southwestern cuisine. laposada.org

GRAND HOTEL, JEROME
The goosebump-inducing Grand Hotel is located in the former United Verde Hospital building, which operated from 1926-1950. Ghostly figures, orbs of light, slamming doors and strange voices are just a few of the phenomena guests have reported. jeromegrandhotel.net
GHOST TOWNS

Back in the day, Arizona represented the raggedy edge of the frontier. Communities sprang up for a variety of reasons but not all survived. Today, ghost towns dot the Arizona landscape. They come in varying stages of decline, but each has its own story.

Search “ghost towns” at ExperienceScottsdale.com to learn more.

ROUTE 66 GHOST TOWN
Two Guns survived for decades as a tourist stop on Route 66, but today the hollowed-out remains of trading posts, gas stations, and a roadside zoo are all that remain. Don’t be surprised if you detect an eerie presence here – Two Guns has a tragic history that includes the massacre of 42 Apaches at the “death cave” in 1878.

VULTURE CITY
Located 12 miles outside of Wickenburg is the site of one of Arizona’s most productive gold mines at Vulture City. Walk the graveled half-mile path to see the collection of weathered historic buildings surrounded by old mining equipment such as the stamp mill and headframe. Open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

GHOST TOWN TRAIL
Just outside of Tombstone a lonely dirt road weaves through desert scrub and links Gleeson, Courtland and Pearce, three former mining communities strung along the length of Arizona’s Ghost Town Trail. Gleeson boasts a museum that’s open to the public the first Saturday of every month, while Pearce survives with several historic buildings and shops.

GOLDFIELD GHOST TOWN
As a mining town, Goldfield saw its heyday in the 1890s. Sadly, when the vein faulted, so did the town. Today, this restored ghost town welcomes visitors from around the world to walk its Main Street and enjoy mine and ghost tours, a saloon and a variety of retail shops.

Goldfield Ghost Town
480.983.0333 | goldfieldghosttown.com

GO WITH THE PROS!
Professional ground tour operators offer fun day trips from Scottsdale to statewide points of interest including the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Monument Valley and Southern Arizona. Visit ExperienceScottsdale.com for listings of local tour operators.

For more information on all there is to see and do in The Grand Canyon State, go to visitarizona.com.