A SCOTTSDALE COLORING BOOK

Illustrations by Reya Kempley
SAGUARO BLOSSOM & GILA WOODPECKER
Creamy white blossoms adorn the tips of giant saguaros in late spring and early summer. Their nectar is popular with many desert species, including Gila woodpeckers who carve holes in the body of saguaros for their nests.

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NAVAJO RUGS

Authentic Navajo rugs are intricate works of fine art that can take up to a year to complete. Many incorporate traditional design elements such as Yeis, lightning and geometric patterns, while other feature a more contemporary folk-art style.

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HOT AIR BALLOONING

There’s no better way to soak in the Sonoran Desert scenery than on a hot air balloon flight. The views are 360-degrees of grandeur, encompassing mountain ranges, cityscapes and rolling desert foothills.

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OLD TOWN COWBOY SIGN

Looking for a fun photo op? Pose with the Downtown Scottsdale Cowboy sign on the corner of Scottsdale Road and Main Street. The sign was commissioned in 1952 and created by artist Dee Flagg.

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Several species of prickly pear grow in the Sonoran Desert and are easily identified by their flat "pads," colorful blossoms and bright pink fruit. The pointy mountain on the left is Pinnacle Peak, a north Scottsdale landmark.

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PAOLO SOLERI WINDBELLS AT COSANTI
Part art studio and part architectural experiment, Cosanti was constructed in the mid-1950s by the late Italian architect Paolo Soleri. Soleri is probably best known for his beautiful hand-poured bronze windbells.

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SONORAN DESERT SUNSET

In a setting as visually stunning as the Sonoran Desert, every moment seems like a photo opp! This is especially true at sunset when towering saguaros cast long shadows over the desert floor.

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LOVE SCULPTURE
This famous sculpture by Robert Indiana (1969-1999) is one of the most celebrated works within the pop art movement. You’ll find Scottsdale’s “LOVE” sculpture on the grassy grounds of downtown’s Civic Center Park.

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There are many species of agave in the Sonoran Desert, and all are characterized by succulent leaves that form rosettes. Historically, various agave species have been used as sources of food, medicine, fences, rope and liquor.
SOLERI BRIDGE
This is the first and only bridge design by the late Italian architect Paolo Soleri to be built. The six-inch gap between the pylons allows the sun to create a shaft of light as the earth moves.

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SONORAN DESERT ADVENTURE

Scottsdale’s Sonoran Desert offers adventures that will quicken your pulse without making your break a sweat. Unless you want to! Options include guided Jeep tours, hiking, horseback riding and river rafting.

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Legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright literally created Taliesin West out of the desert, using rocks from the desert floor and sand from the washes to keep the design in balance with the surrounding environment.

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