



TEMPE MISSION PALMS

Things to Do in Tempe

Arizona Mills – Outlet Mall

Over 175 stores, restaurants and entertainment venues under one roof. Arizona's ultimate Outlet Store location. I-10 & US 60 480-491-9700 arizonamills.com

Casino Arizona - Gaming, dining & entertainment.

Two distinctive locations offer everything from slots, blackjack, poker, art, and entertainment, to casual snacks and intimate fine dining. The casino houses an extraordinary cultural exhibit of Native American arts & crafts. 480-850-7777 casinoarizona.com

Desert Botanical Garden – Living Museum with 50,000 desert plants.

Thousands of desert plants from around the world. Enjoy tours, concerts, seasonal exhibits and family activities. 480-941-1225 dbg.org

Golfland Sunsplash – Water Park, Miniature Golf, & Arcade

The area's premier destination for family fun. Enjoy mini-golf, race cars, laser tag, bumper boats and arcade games or cool off in Sunsplash's wave pool or water slides (Seasonal) 480-834-8319 golfland.com/mesa

Papago Park – City Park & Natural Desert Area

296 acre Tempe park with hiking and biking trails, archeological site, natural desert areas, including picnic areas, armadas and a lagoon. 480-350-5200 papagosalado.org

Phoenix Zoo

The Phoenix Zoo is home to more than 1300 animals including 200 endangered or threatened birds, mammals and reptiles. Founded in 1962, this is the largest privately-owned non-profit zoon in the country. 602-273-1341 phoenixzoo.org

Rawhide - Western Town & Steakhouse

Arizona's largest Western themed attraction. Stroll down Main Street and enjoy western entertainment, attractions, shopping and dining. 480-502-5600 rawhide.com

Sea Life Arizona – Aquarium

A highly themed aquarium, built specifically for kids, that transports visitors into the amazing ocean world, providing close encounters with a vast array of creatures. 480-478-7600 sealifeus.com

South Mountain Park & Preserve – Hiking & Natural Preserve

At over 16,000 acres, South Mt. Park is the largest municipal park in the country. It boasts 58 miles of trails for horseback riding, hiking, and mountain biking for all ability

levels. The view from the top of the mountain is spectacular. 602-534-6324
phoenix.gov/parks/hikesouth.html

Stratum Laser Tag

The World's largest Laser Tag Arena, including an 18,000 sq. ft. arena, with a giant labyrinth, 90 towers, bridges and ramps, 15 levels and heights up to 20 ft., The facility boasts an intense sound system, light show and interactive targets. 480-545-5500
stratumhq.com

Tempe Marketplace – Regional Mall

1.3 million sq ft. of retail space, featuring an multi-screen theater, outdoor fireplaces, and unique water features. Tempe Marketplace delivers a unique shopping, dining, and entertainment experience. 480-966-9338 tempemarketplace.com

Tempe Town Lake and Beach Park

A two mile recreational haven for running, kayaking, rowing, jogging, skating or picnicking. The park provides 5 miles of pathways and ample room for concerts and festivals, such as Ironman Arizona and numerous charity walks. 480-350-8625
tempe.gov/lake

ASU Gammage Auditorium – Live Performance Venue

Gammage is among the largest university-based presenters of performing arts in the world. It is the home theater of Progressive Broadway Across America - Arizona and the Beyond series. This historic hall was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. 480- 965-2787

ASU Mars Spaceflight Facility

The facility supports the Thermal Emission Imaging System experiment that was sent aboard the Mars Odyssey spacecraft. The Mars facility has a visitor area with displays about Mars and a television tuned to NASA TV. Open Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 480-965-1790

ASU Planetarium

Sept.-Dec. 7th and Feb.-April. Shows last approximately 30 to 50 minutes. Presentations each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Weather permitting; viewing through ASU telescopes follows each show. 480-965-6891

ASU Art Museum / Ceramics Research Center

Cited in "Art in America" as "the single most impressive venue for contemporary art in Arizona," the ASU Art Museum explores art and its impact on individuals and society. ASU Art Museum also has the largest collection of art from Cuba in the U.S. and is home to the Ceramics Research Center, a collection of more than 4,000 pieces.

Hall of Flame Fire Museum

National Firefighting Hall of Heroes. Over 90 classic pieces of firefighting apparatus on display, dating from 1725 to 1960. Fire safety exhibits, games and activities for kids. 602- 275-3473 Open Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun., noon - 4 p.m.

Pueblo Grande Museum & Archeological Park

Experience a prehistoric Hohokam ruin and full-size replicated dwellings. Fascinating exhibits feature the ancient Hohokam. Museum Store with authentic Indian arts. Located by the 44th Street Light Rail station. 602-495-0901

Stray Cat Theater

Indie theatre company - producing four shows each season that you will not find anywhere else in the Valley. All performances are presented at the original Tempe Performing Arts Center at 132 E. 6th St. in Tempe's Mill Avenue District. 480- 634-6435



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Things to Do in a Half Day in Arizona

Desert Botanical Garden

Located in Phoenix in Papago Park, near the Phoenix Zoo (see below), is our botanical garden. The desert wildflowers should be starting to bloom. It's a gorgeous place for people who want to learn about the desert environment, and who enjoy walking a couple of miles on a beautiful winter day in Phoenix.

The Desert Botanical Garden is not only a botanical garden, but it's also classified as a museum. It covers about 50 acres, and in addition to the vast array of native plants on display, the garden is home to 139 rare, threatened, and endangered plant species from around the world. Nationally and internationally renowned for its plant collections, research, and educational programs, the Desert Botanical Garden has been operating since 1939.

The Phoenix Zoo

The Zoo has 125 acres of land including exhibit, non-exhibit and operations areas with approximately 2.5 miles of walking trails. It has been divided into four different trails; the Africa and Tropics Trails and the Arizona and Children's Trails. We recommend approximately 2 to 2 ½ hours to see the Zoo, depending on the size and ages of your group, and how fast you walk. Because exhibits replicate the natural habitats of the Zoo's collection, some animals can be difficult to see and visitors may be required to spend more time in observation. There are approximately 1,200 animals on exhibit at the Zoo, including collections of mammals, fish, invertebrates, birds, and reptiles.

Horseback Riding

Not far from Scottsdale, Phoenix and Tempe you can take a ride on a horse in the beautiful Tonto National Forest. Enjoy the beauty of the Sonoran Desert on horseback. No riding experience necessary.

South Mountain has 2 stables www.arizona-horses.com

602-268-1261

Koli Equestrian at Wild Horse Pass <http://www.koliequestrian.com>

602-470-0707

Cave Creek Outfitters www.cavecreekoutfitters.com

480-471-4635

Hot Air Ballooning

While you are "headin" out to the desert, the balloon pilot and crew are preparing the balloon for your launch. Your pilot will select unique take-off and landing places that provide the most beautiful flight possible each day. You will experience the best of the Sonoran desert from the sky above and on the desert floor.

Following the flight your tour concludes with a return trip home. Approximately 1 hour flight, champagne celebration, first flight certificate, flight video and Jeep tour. Pick up from major hotels. Available both Mornings and Afternoons. Total activity time 4-5 hours depending on hotel and flight locations. In the Event of a balloon flight cancelation due to weather guest will receive a Jeep tour for \$85.00 per person.

Heard Museum

Nothing says the Southwest like the renowned Heard Museum in central Phoenix. The Heard has stunning exhibits, focused on traditional and contemporary Native American art and artifacts. There might be a bit of walking, but you only have to do as much as you'd like, you can take it slow, and it is handicapped accessible.

Today, the focus of the Heard Museum is both traditional and contemporary Native American art. There are more than 35,000 artifacts in its permanent collection at the Heard Museum, displayed in 10 exhibit galleries.

Frank Lloyd Wright Center - Taliesin

Visit Frank Lloyd Wright's creation in Scottsdale called Taliesin. Learn about his design and philosophy while touring the magnificent premises.

A few miles northeast of Scottsdale, Arizona there is a living memorial to a great American architect. Nestled in the foothills of the rugged McDowell Mountains and surrounded by the spectacular Sonoran Desert lays a sprawling 600-acre complex called Taliesin West. It was designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright. The buildings and the landscape at Taliesin West complement each other. They coexist in perfect harmony--form and color, beauty and grace, nature and science are all blended. It is a National Historic Landmark.

Golf

There are hundreds of public golf courses in Arizona, and many of them are right here in the Tempe – Scottsdale area. Some that we utilize frequently are:

ASU Karsten Course – Rio Salado Parkway & Rural Road	480-921-8070
Raven Golf Club – Baseline & 36 th Street	602-243-3636
Talking Stick (2 courses) – 101 & Indian Bend	480-860-2221
Papago Golf Course – Papago Park	602-275-8428

Sanctuary Spa

The spa offers a menu of Asian-inspired treatments in twelve indoor & outdoor treatment rooms. Enhanced by modern architecture and the breathtaking setting, the Spa's relaxing meditation garden, reflecting pond and Watsu pool provide a tranquil experience. Spa services and classes in the state-of-the-art fitness center and movement studio include Pilates, meditation, Yoga, fitness & more.

Montalucia Spa

Elegantly appointed treatment rooms offer a diverse menu of spa experiences that incorporate beautiful, tranquil settings and indigenous flora and fauna into signature treatments where ancient rituals join force with cutting-edge techniques. Relax by using the steam, sauna and whirlpools before or after your appointment.

The Apache Trail / Superstition Mountains

The Lost Dutchman State Park

Located at the base of the Superstition Mountains, the park is an ideal starting point for exploring the mountains. The park offers a variety of hiking trails, nature trails, 35 regular campsites, picnic facilities, and special programs throughout the year.

Goldfield Mining Town

This re-created old west ghost town is complete with a mine tour, shops and dining. Over a hundred years ago the town was a booming gold mine. The Mammoth Mine produced about three million dollars in gold between 1892 and 1896

Canyon Lake

The name of this lake couldn't describe it any better. Steep canyon walls tower over the clear cool water with twisting ravines. This lake is one of four lakes formed by damming the Salt River. Facilities here include dining, a marina, gift shop, the Dolly Steamboat Cruises, boating, camping, picnicking, and swimming. Covered ramadas are available for picnickers and beach goers..

Tortilla Flat

The old-west style settlement of Tortilla Flat is an ideal place to stop for lunch, maybe a burger and a cold one. . At the old stage stop of Tortilla Flat you'll find giant burgers, cold drinks, and ice cream! There's also an interesting curio shop decorated with mementos from the many visitors who have passed through over the years. (The restaurant walls are covered with autographed dollar bills left by thousands of customers).

Hiking Camelback Mountain

Summit Trail (Echo Canyon)

Length: .1.2 miles one way

Elevation gain: 1,264 feet (summit is 2,704 feet)

Difficulty: Strenuous and difficult

Enter at Echo Canyon Parkway just east of Tatum Boulevard off of McDonald Drive. Parking is extremely limited at this trailhead and waits for a spot on weekends can be substantial. This is a very strenuous trail recommended only for experienced hikers. The trail ascends through some spectacular sandstone rock formations and offers unparalleled views from the summit of the greater Phoenix area. The Echo Canyon area is open sunrise to sunset.

Cholla Trail

Length: 1.5 miles

Elevation gain: 1,200 feet

Difficulty: Strenuous and difficult

Parking is available on Invergordon Road / 64th Street near Cholla Lane. There is no trailhead parking and street parking is very limited. Hikers must park on Invergordon and walk up the south side of Cholla Lane. Dropping off hikers on Cholla Lane is prohibited. This trail is recommended only for experienced hikers. There are steep, rocky sections with drop-offs on both sides. From Oct. 1 to April 30, the Cholla Trailhead is open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. From May 1 to Sept. 30, the hours are 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.