

The best events in the Southwest

JANUARY

Indian America: New Year's Competition & Craft Market
Southern Arizona Round & Square Dance Festival

FEBRUARY

Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase
American Indian Exposition
La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo & Parade
Accenture Match Play Championship

MARCH

Major League Baseball
Spring Training—
Arizona Diamondbacks,
Colorado Rockies &
Chicago White Sox
4th Avenue Spring Street Fair
Wa:k Pow Wow



APRIL

Tucson International Mariachi Conference

MAY/JUNE/JULY

Waila Festival
Wyatt Earp Days—Tombstone, Arizona
Tucson Sidewinders Minor League Baseball

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Southwest Wings Birding Festival—Bisbee, Arizona
Mexican Independence Day
Harvesting of the Vines—Elgin, Arizona

OCTOBER

Norteño Music Festival
Desert Thunder Pro Rodeo
Anza Days—Tubac, Arizona
La Fiesta de los Chiles
Nightfall at Old Tucson Studios
Oktoberfest on Mt. Lemmon

NOVEMBER

First Magnus El Tour de Tucson Cycling Race
Native American Month Pow Wow

DECEMBER

Ferias Navidenas & Nacimiento Tour
Luminaria Nights at Tucson Botanical Gardens
Downtown Parade of Lights



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Tucson is a favorite destination for visitors yearning to relive the legendary Old West, as well as those seeking modern Tucson's casual lifestyle. Whether you are planning a leisurely visit, a group tour, or professional meeting, the Metropolitan Tucson Convention & Visitors Bureau's informed staff can tell you all you need to know about this beautiful desert city.



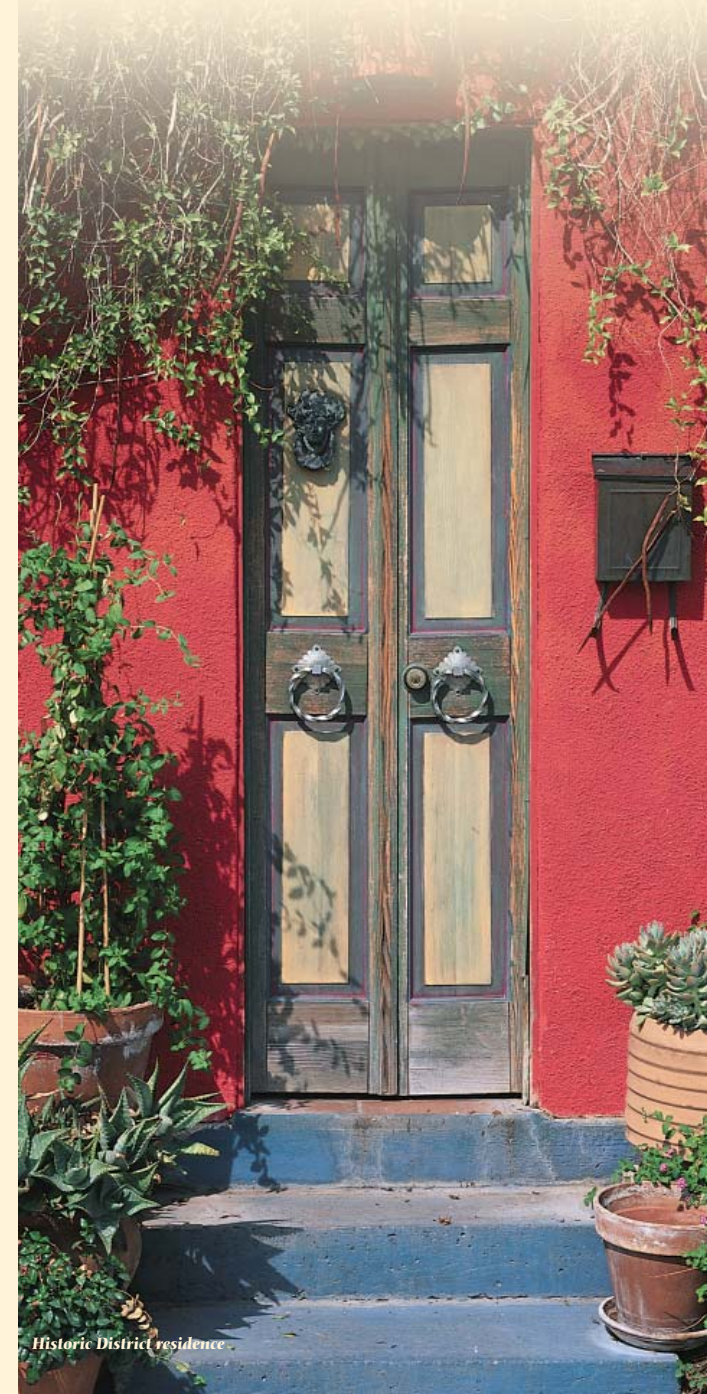
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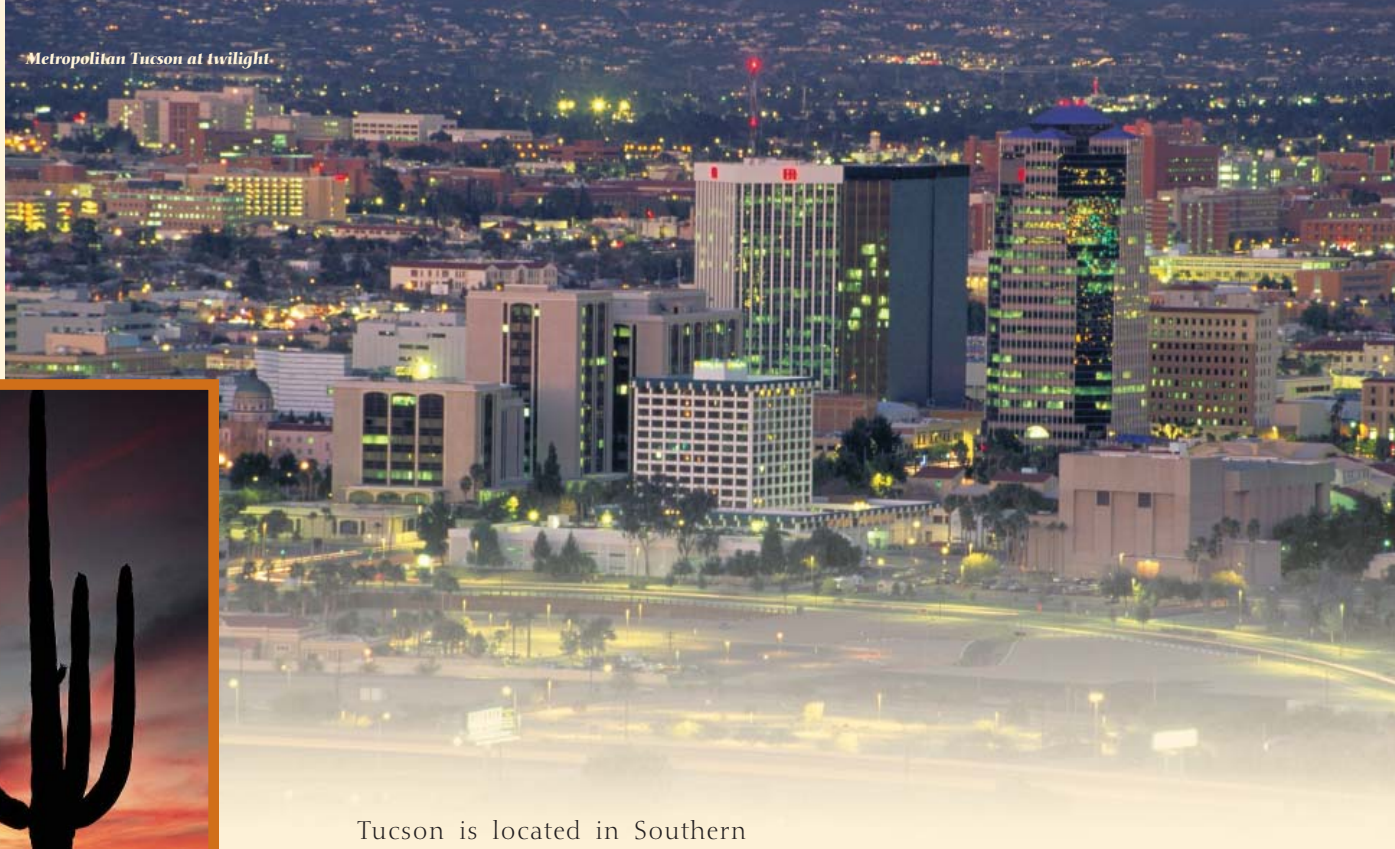

ARIZONA
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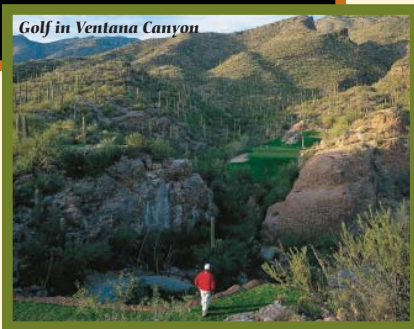
Historic District residence



Metropolitan Tucson at twilight



Sonoran Desert sunset



Golf in Ventana Canyon

Tucson is located in Southern Arizona, in a region known as the Sonoran Desert, which is the only place in the world where the giant saguaro cactus grows. The city lies in a 500-square-mile valley, cradled by five prominent mountain ranges, three of which have summits that approach or exceed 9,000 feet. The days, with very few exceptions, are warm and sunny. The mild temperatures during spring, fall, and winter are legendary. Temperatures rise in the summer, but low humidity helps even the warmest days feel comfortable. Tucson's surprisingly lush environment is replenished by two rainy seasons.

TIME ZONE

The state of Arizona is located in the Mountain Standard Time (MST) Zone. Arizona is one of two U.S. states that does not make an adjustment for Daylight Savings Time. During the months of April through October, Arizona time mirrors Pacific Standard Time (PST).

YEAR-ROUND CLIMATE

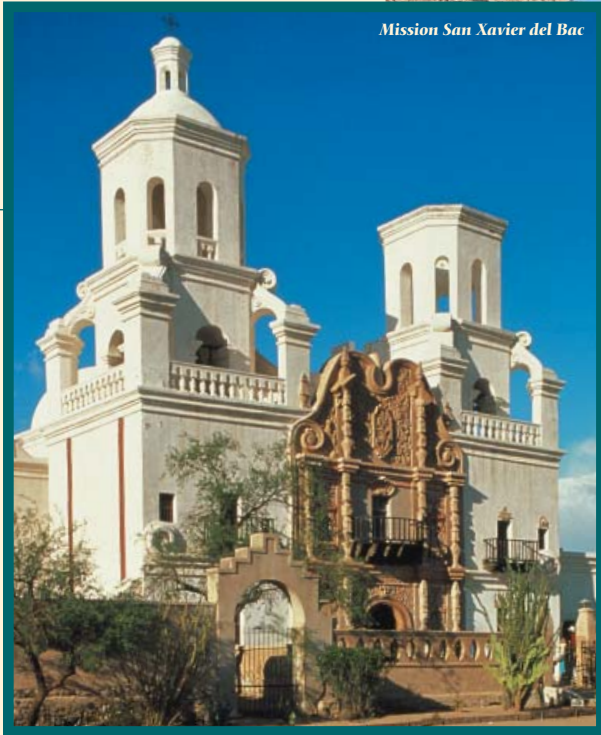
	FAHRENHEIT		CELSIUS		HUMIDITY AT MAX TEMP	RAINFALL IN INCHES
	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN		
JANUARY	65	37	18	4	33%	.89
FEBRUARY	69	40	20	5	27	.84
MARCH	74	43	23	7	23	.76
APRIL	82	50	27	10	16	.39
MAY	90	57	32	14	13	.18
JUNE	100	67	38	20	13	.27
JULY	101	74	37	23	27	2.04
AUGUST	98	72	36	22	33	2.13
SEPTEMBER	95	67	34	20	26	1.16
OCTOBER	86	55	29	14	25	.75
NOVEMBER	74	44	23	8	28	.77
DECEMBER	66	38	18	4	35	.98
AVERAGE	83	54	28	13	25%	11.16 YEARLY

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MISSION SAN XAVIER DEL BAC

Recognized as the finest example of mission architecture in the U.S., the Mission San Xavier del Bac is often called the “White Dove of the Desert” for its striking contrast to the surrounding land.



TUCSON, ARIZONA (*pronounced TOO-sahn*) offers visitors a charming combination of old and new. Located in the midst of a 10,000-year-old Native American settlement, Tucson is distinguished as the longest continuously inhabited region in the Northern Hemisphere. The city formally was founded in 1775 and is still called “the Old Pueblo” for the adobe fortress, or *presidio*, that marked its early borders. Over the past three centuries, Tucson has grown from Spanish outpost, to dusty frontier town, to bustling territorial-days railroad hub, to a mature city known as one of the fastest-growing urban areas in the country.

STRIKING CONTRASTS define Tucson, from an ethnically-mixed heritage to extreme landscape variations. Tucson’s architecture, art, music, and cuisine reflect the influences of the Native American, Spanish, Mexican, and territorial settlers who traveled to and through this area. Here, natural desert vegetation coexists alongside emerald fairways, and rolling hills give way to rugged mountains. Tucson is best experienced with all the senses: view the vibrant sunsets, smell the sweet desert rain, feel the warm air; hear the lively mariachi music, savor the fresh green-corn tamales. This treasury of history, culture and scenic beauty, combined with a relaxed way of life, sets Tucson apart from other cities—and leaves visitors longing to return.



Santa Catalina Mountains



Mexican mariachi music



Native American culture

DOWNTOWN is the vibrant heart of the city. Within its few square blocks, visitors will find everything from brightly-painted adobe homes, to ornate mansions that once housed the city's movers and shakers, to contemporary high-rises. A walking tour of downtown is a delightful way to explore Tucson's unique past.



Downtown La Placita Village

NATURAL BEAUTY surrounds Tucson. Not far away from the developed city lie lush tracts of saguaro-studded hills; a riparian canyon where streambeds run full in the spring and cottonwood trees turn in the fall; and cool mountain peaks flourish with ponderosa pines and wintertime snow. Brilliant nighttime skies continue to captivate both romantics and serious stargazers.

REAL WESTERN FOLKLORE is rooted in Southern Arizona. This is where the Earps and Clantons faced-off at the O.K. Corral, the US Cavalry battled Geronimo and Cochise, and where Hollywood created its own version of the Old West. Day trips to real Western towns and major rodeos offer a glimpse of yesterday's untamed frontier.

SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK comprises 80,000 acres of pristine, living desert where a remarkable variety of plants and animals thrive. It's possible to see a wandering coyote, jackrabbit, or roadrunner. The Sonoran Desert's largest concentration of the majestic saguaro cactus flourishes here, along with palo verde trees, rare cacti, and wildflowers that bloom vividly in spring and summer.



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LODGING: Tucson boasts some of the finest accommodations in the nation, as recognized by many top travel awards—including the No. 1 place on the *Zagat Survey*. Nestled among rolling foothills are some of the world's most-luxurious resorts and wellness spas. Around town, a wide selection of leading properties range from nationally recognized hotels and motels to historic bed-and-breakfasts. Tucson sits in the heart of cattle country. Guest ranches here are a tradition that combines the adventurous lifestyle of the Old West with the comfort and amenities of a first-rate hotel. Wherever you're staying—at an elegant foothills resort, a beautiful midtown hotel, or a carefree RV park—Tucson offers many special places to hang your hat.



World-class spas and resorts



High-desert golf

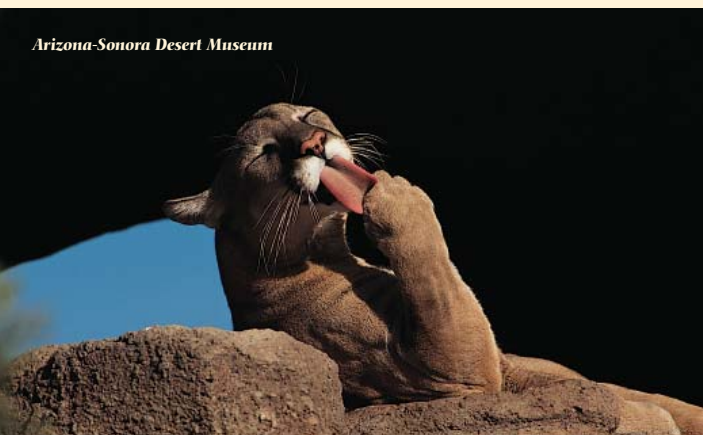
AREA GOLF COURSES

Arizona National Golf Club
Del Lago Golf Club
The Golf Club at Vistoso
Heritage Highlands Golf & Country Club
Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Resort & Country Club
The Links at Continental Ranch
Lodge at Ventana Canyon & Loews Ventana Canyon
Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa
Randolph North & four other municipal courses
Rio Rico Resort & Country Club
Starr Pass Golf Club
Tubac Golf Resort
Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa

SIGHTSEEING & ATTRACTIONS: Tucson's variety of scenic attractions offers something for everyone. From historic to high-tech, from ecological to military, with hands-on learning and over-the-top fun in between, Tucson has what's natural and authentic. Spanish missions, Old Western towns, major astronomical observatories, regional gardens and zoos, and research and education centers—many of Tucson's attractions are known worldwide. Tucson is also the center of Southern Arizona, and is a great place for sightseers to take off in any direction for an exciting day trip.

GOLF: Tucson is a popular destination for golfers drawn to the city's mild weather, casual lifestyle, and quiet desert setting. A collection of courses designed by top architects—such as Tom Fazio, John Fought, Arthur Hill, and Tom Weiskopf—offer high-quality play with some of the most spectacular scenery ever viewed from a fairway. Premier resorts, clubs, and public courses challenge every skill level, from traditional parkland to desert target layouts. Two annual pro tournaments draw record spectator attendance. Golf here is unlike anywhere else in the world.

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum





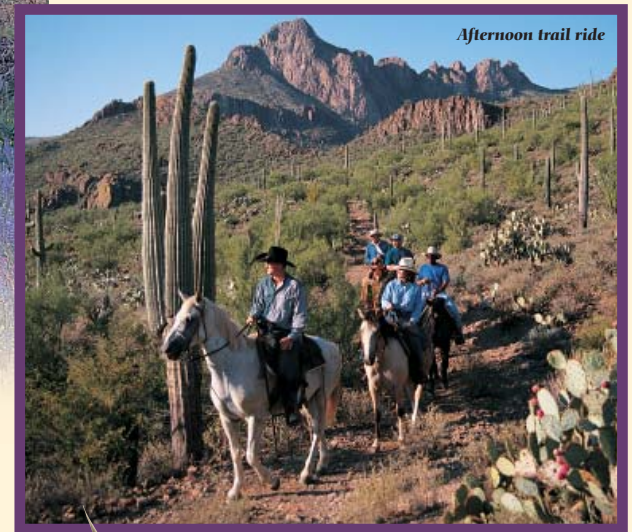
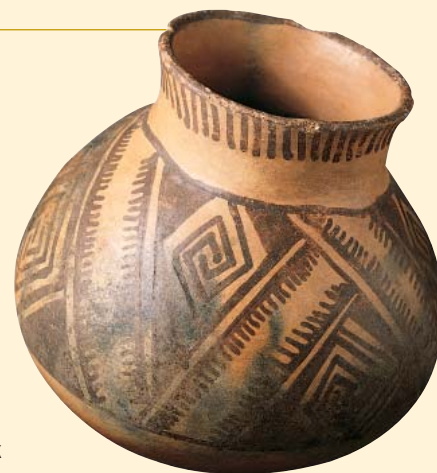
DINING: Tucson is a great restaurant town. Diners can sample an array of international culinary styles, including some of the best Mexican food available north of the border. Famous local eateries have spawned debate over which serves the best chimichanga, tamale, or margarita. Cowboy fans can sip a sarsaparilla at an Old Western saloon, or savor a mesquite-grilled steak at a former stagecoach stop. More sophisticated palettes will find Tucson's high standards for elegant resort brunches, healthy spa food, and award-winning New Southwestern cuisine as good as can be found in much bigger cities, but at much better prices.

ARTS & CULTURE: Tucson is one of a select few cities that boasts its own symphony, ballet company, professional theater, and opera company. Museums and galleries of Native American and contemporary art, creative photography, natural history, and pioneer heritage thrive here. The most-recognized and photographed cultural landmark in the Southwest—Mission San Xavier del Bac—is 10 miles south of Tucson.

TRANSPORTATION: Tucson is convenient to reach, by air, Amtrak Railway, national bus lines, or car. Interstate 10, a main highway between California and Florida, passes by the city's downtown and skirts its southern border. Tucson International Airport is served by many major airlines with connections to major United States cities and international destinations, with a connecting time of 90 minutes or less. Nonstop air service is available to 16 major destinations throughout the nation.

MUSEUMS & HISTORIC SITES

The Amerind Foundation
Arizona Historical Society
Arizona State Museum
Center for Creative Photography
Juan Bautista de Anza Trail
Mission San Xavier del Bac
Rex Allen Cowboy Museum
Tombstone & Bisbee, Arizona
Tubac Presidio State Historic Park
Tucson Museum of Art & Historic Block
Tumacacori National Historical Park



Afternoon trail ride



GETTING AROUND

Well-marked streets help Tucson maintain its small-town appeal, despite its metropolitan size. The car is an ideal mode for touring around town as well as for traveling via Interstate highway to an interesting Southern Arizona attraction. Most major car rental agencies are located here, many are represented at Tucson International Airport. The public bus system runs through the city most hours of the day.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE: Bordered on three sides by protected wilderness and blessed year-round with mild weather, Tucson is irresistible to outdoor lovers. Miles of hiking and cycling trails with well-maintained camping and picnicking areas encircle the city. A network of bike lanes has made Tucson a "bicycling friendly community." Countless stables, desert trails, and experienced cowboy guides await horseback riders of all abilities. Thrill-seekers can view the wide-open spaces by air in a hot-air balloon, or by land in a customized Jeep tour. Two major caves provide a rare view into Arizona's dazzling underground geology. And, the bird watching here ranks among the best in the world.



MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

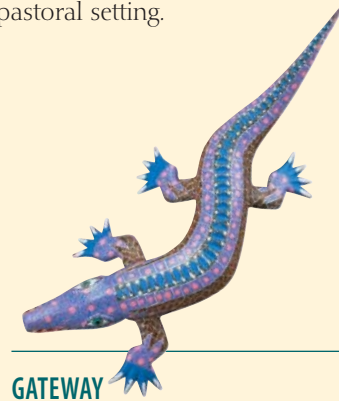
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
ASARCO
Mineral Discovery Center
Bisbee, Arizona
Biosphere 2 Center
Colossal Cave Mountain Park
Flandrau Science Center
& Planetarium
International Wildlife Museum
Kartchner Caverns State Park
Kitt Peak National Observatory
Mission San Xavier del Bac
Old Tucson Studios
Pima Air & Space Museum
Titan Missile Museum
Tombstone, Arizona

PARKS & NATURE PRESERVES

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
Buenos Aires
National Wildlife Refuge
Catalina State Park
Colossal Cave Mountain Park
Coronado National Forest
Kartchner Caverns State Park
Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley
Organ Pipe Cactus
National Monument
Ramsey Canyon Preserve
Sabino Canyon Recreation Area
Saguaro National Park
San Pedro National Riparian Conser-
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Tohono Chul Park
Tucson Botanical Gardens

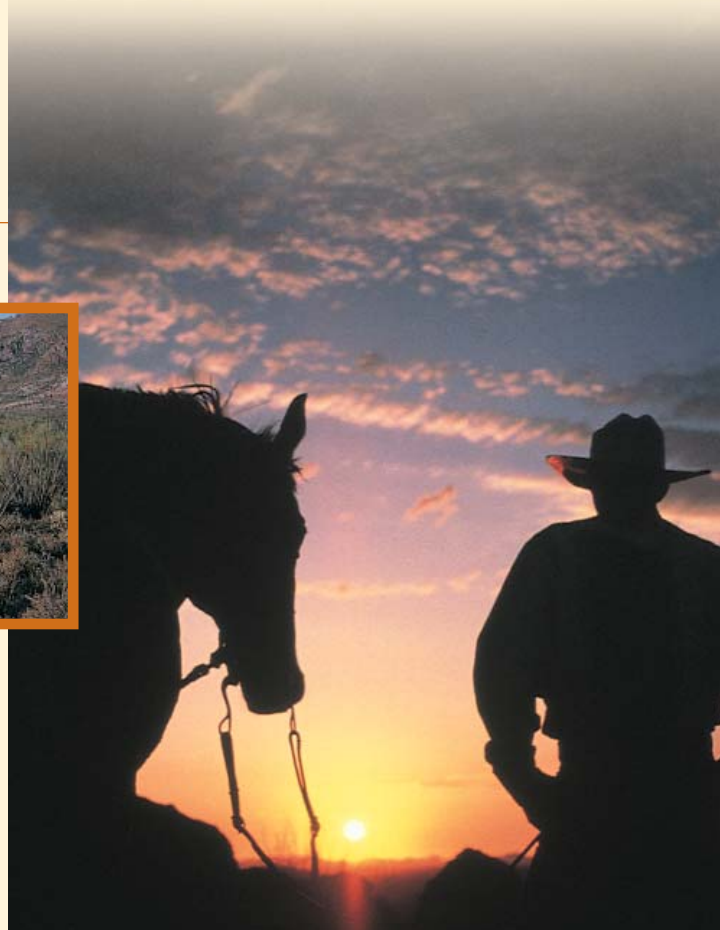


SHOPPING: For a different kind of fun and adventure, shop Tucson. Explore an historic artisans marketplace; browse antique bungalows, outdoor specialty centers, and avant-garde arts districts. Colorful boutiques featuring Southwestern, Mexican, and Native American arts and crafts, gifts, and collectibles hold delightful surprises. Tucson is *the* place to find authentic Western apparel and fine leather goods. For unique items of all kinds, venture south of Tucson to Tubac, a thriving arts community known for its outdoor festivals and pastoral setting.



GATEWAY TO MEXICO

The Mexican town of Nogales, Sonora is a one-hour drive south of Tucson, an easy day trip popular with both visitors and locals. Treasure-seekers can spend hours browsing rows of shops brimming with curios and handmade goods, and end the day dining at one of the town's historic restaurants.



AIR SERVICE TO TUCSON

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Aerolitoral
Alaska Airlines
America West
American
Continental
Delta
Northwest
Southwest
United



TRAVELING TO TUCSON

	MILES	KM
AJO	131	210
BENSON	46	74
BISBEE	90	144
COOLIDGE	67	107
DOUGLAS	118	189
FLAGSTAFF	257	411
FT. HUACHUCA	75	120
GLOBE	106	170
GRAND CANYON	338	541
KINGMAN	297	475
LAKE HAVASU	317	507
MARANA	20	32
NOGALES, MEX.	64	102
ORACLE	32	51
PATAGONIA	62	99
PHOENIX	115	184
PRESCOTT	213	341
SEDONA	230	367
SIERRA VISTA	70	112
SONOITA	47	75
TEMPE	112	179
TOMBSTONE	70	112
TUBAC	44	70
WICKENBURG	169	270
WILLCOX	81	130
YUMA	240	384



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