



WELCOME TO TUCSON

Tucson is pleased to welcome you and looks forward to hosting your event. The city invites you to experience the warmth of our unique desert.

To plan your stay, please visit our website at www.visitTucson.org, or call our information line at 1-888-2-Tucson to request a visitors guide. When you arrive in Tucson, be sure to stop by the Tucson Visitor Center, open daily in colorful La Placita Village at Broadway & Church Ave. Our friendly staff will help you plan your free time. Tucson offers an abundance of fun things to do for all ages and interests.

Enjoy your visit!

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. Walker
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ATTRACTIONS

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

An extensive nature park, with hundreds of species of live animals and plants

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Kartchner Caverns State Park

Masterpiece of nature and most recently discovered living cave in the world

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Kitt Peak National Observatory

World's largest collection of optical telescopes located high above the Sonoran Desert

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Pima Air & Space Museum

Over 250 aircraft representing America's aviation history and operator of Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration (AMARC) Tour where hundreds of airplanes rest

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Mission San Xavier del Bac

Referred to as the "White Dove of the Desert" for its striking, intricate architecture

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Saguaro National Park West

Where giant saguaro cactus, unique to the Sonoran Desert of Southern Arizona and Northwestern Mexico, grow

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Tombstone, Arizona

Site of the West's most notorious and storied shoot-out at the O.K. Corral

REAL. NATURAL. ARIZONA.

A sophisticated city of 800,000 that feels like a sleepy desert town, Tucson has plenty to offer outdoor enthusiasts, history buffs, urban cowboys, and culture vultures alike. Spread out over a 500-square-mile valley surrounded by five mountain ranges, Tucson is a fresh-air fan's dream. Visitors enjoy *hiking* and *horseback riding* among towering saguaro — Saguaro National Park has the world's largest concentration of them — or teeing off on one of the area's many fine *golf courses* designed by some of the world's top golfers. Aficionados of the feathered find themselves in *bird-watching* heaven and everyone is astounded by the Sonoran Desert blooms. Even rock hounds from all over the globe know Tucson is home to the world's largest gem, mineral and fossil show.

Did we mention the weather? Over 300 days of sunshine a year — more than most cities in the world — allow visitors to play outside year round. It gets a bit toasty in summer, but shaded getaways abound and (as the local mantra has it) "it's a dry heat."

Tucsonians take a relaxed approach to dress, and casual clothing is acceptable for most occasions. Summer wear includes wide-brimmed hats, sunglasses, and lightweight fabrics. In the warmer months, indoor air conditioning can get chilly for some, so be prepared with a light jacket or sweater. Sunscreen to protect the skin is recommended year-round.

ACTIVITIES & DINING

Tucson has fun activities for all ages, and everyone in your group will enjoy exploring the Southwest. If you plan to visit any of the area's attractions, consider picking up a *Tucson Passport*. Each passport booklet contains more than 30 two-for-one offers to top area attractions, plus more than a dozen discounts toward shopping, museums, and other sights. Only one passport needed per two people in your party.

Restaurants range from elegant gourmet establishments to cowboy steakhouses to eateries serving some of the best Mexican food found north of the border. Diners can indulge in an array of culinary styles from top chefs — many exploring new uses for local ingredients.



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