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WELCOME TO ARIZONA

We understand that moving can be an exciting and complicated process. With so many opportunities, amazing landscapes, and adventure around every turn, it's no surprise that more and more people are looking to call Arizona their new home. For your convenience, we have compiled a guide so you know the ins and outs of being an Arizona local. Included is some important information you might be looking for, as well as some of our local favorite

places, restaurants, and activities.









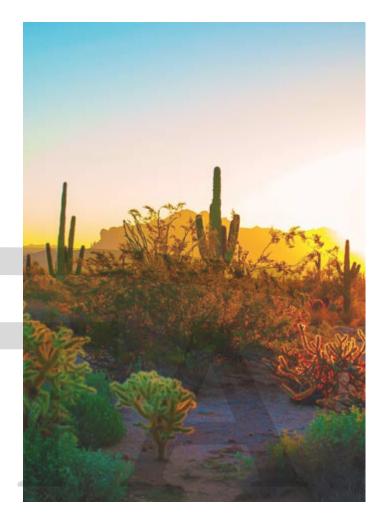


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WORK & INDUSTRY

Arizona is seeing massive growth in new companies and jobs. Chandler and Gilbert were named as two of the top places to get a job in the country. The unemployment rate in the state is also the lowest it's been in over a decade. The Southeast Valley has some of the nation's most innovative companies, as well as some of the best talent and opportunities. The recent surge in growth and opportunity isn't expected to slow down any time soon.



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NOTABLE EMPLOYERS

- > Arizona State University [Education]
- > Avnet Inc. [Electronics]
- > Banner Health [Healthcare]
- > Boeing Co. [Aerospace]
- > Go Daddy Software Inc. [Web Hosting]

- > Intel Corporation [Semiconductors]
- Paypal Inc. [Financial Services]
- > Salt River Project (SRP) [Public Utilities]
- > State Farm Insurance [Insurance Services]
- > Wells Fargo [Financial Services]

KEY INDUSTRIES

CHANDLER

High-Tech Manufacturing,
Healthcare &, Biotechnology,
Tourism, Innovation &
Technology, Education

GILBERT

Biotechnology and Life/Health Sciences, Clean Technology & Renewable Energy, Aerospace & Aviation, Advanced Manufacturing, Advanced Business Services

MESA

Data Centers, Medical Devices, Aerospace / Aviation Defense, Technology, Tourism

QUEEN CREEK

Higher Education, Healthcare & Biotechnology, Software & IT, Agritainment, Manufacturing

CHANDLER HISTORY & FACTS

In 1891, Dr. Alexander John Chandler bought 80 acres of land from the federal government just south of Mesa in the Salt River Valley. He was the first veterinary surgeon for the territory of Arizona and on May 17th, 1912, Dr. Chandler opened the townsite office. That same day, 300 speculators, coming from excursion trains on the Arizona Eastern Railroad, spent \$50,000 for land.

The first resort in Arizona, Hotel San Marcos, was opened November 22, 1913. Governor George P. Hunt and Vice President Thomas Marshall were among its 500 guests. The hotel became very popular among the wealthy who traveled from all over the country every winter. Agriculture was Chandler's biggest business, with alfalfa, cotton and grains as their primary crops. Cattle, sheep and ostriches were also



raised by farmers. Top quality ostrich feathers sold for as much as \$250 a pound and were commonly used in women's fashions. Cotton became the most common and profitable crop in Chandler, and during World War I, long-staple cotton was high in demand due to its use in rubber tires and aircraft fabrics.

In 1920 the town of Chandler was incorporated, and with Dr. Chandler became its first Mayor. Chandler was upgraded from a town to a city on May 24th, 1954. Since 1980, Chandler has grown from 30,000 to more than 240,000 residents today.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Call: 480.506.1511
Register Online: www.servicearizona.com

CHANDLER POSTAL SERVICES

Call: 1.800.275.8777

Visit: www.postallocations.com/az/city/chandler

CHANDLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergencies: 911 | Non-Emergencies: 480.782.4132 | Information, Records & Reports: 480.782.4000

CHANDLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

221 E Boston Street | Chandler 85225 Emergencies: 911 | Non-Emergencies: 480.782.2120

PROMINENT NEIGHBORHOODS

CHANDLER RANKS AMONG SOME OF THE best places to live IN THE COUNTRY! · RANKED #4 IN ARIZONA

CIRCLE G AT RIGGS HOMESTEAD

An upscale and quiet community of mostly singlefamily custom estate sized homes built between 1996 and 2015.

FULTON RANCH

A community of single-family and attached homes built between 2001 and 2018. Includes a clubhouse for residents to enjoy.

OCOTILLO EAST

A community of single-family and attached homes built between 2001 and 2018. Includes a clubhouse for residents to enjoy.

TROVITA/TUSCANY

One of the most sought-after gated communities in Chandler with large single-family homes built from 2003 to 2016.



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HIGHLIGHTS

CASINOS

Find a casino:

www.visitchandler.com/things-to-do/casinos

CHANDLER SENIOR CENTER

Address: 202 E Boston St | Chandler 85225

Phone: 480.782.2720

GOLFING

Find a course:

www.arizonagolf.com/courses/chandler

HIKING

Find a park:

www.visitchandler.com/things-to-do/outdoor-

recreation/hiking

ATTRACTIONS & TRADITIONS

- > Arizona Railway Museum
- > Bob Bondurant School of Driving
- > Chandler Aquatic Centers
- > Chandler Center For the Arts
- > Chandler Dog Parks
- > Chandler Fashion Center
- > Chandler Golf Courses
- > Chandler Libraries
- > Chandler Museum
- > Chandler Parks
- > Downtown Chandler
- > Ice Den Chandler















- Momentum
- Ostrich Festival
- Rawhide Western Town
- Rockin' Taco Festival
- AGENCY SanTan Brewing Oktoberfest
- Snedigar Recreation Center & Sportsplex
- The Great American Barbeque and Beer Festival
- Tumbleweed Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights
- USA's Skateland Chandler
- Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino
- Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park



GILBERT HISTORY & FACTS

In 1891, the earliest homestead was purchased in what would eventually become Gilbert. Some of the land was free for families who had stayed for at least 5 years and made improvements. Land was also purchased in cash from the government for 50 cents an acre. During the World War I period, Gilbert was known as the "Hay Shipping Capital of the World" since farmers in Gilbert supplied the Army with hay for their horses.

Gilbert was a small farming community fueled by the construction of the Consolidated Canal in 1904, later known as the Eastern Canal, as well as the Roosevelt Dam in 1911. In 1902 William "Bobby" Gilbert sold a right-of-way through his land to Phoenix and the Eastern Railroad Company. The railroad would become known as the Arizona Eastern Railroad, built from Phoenix to Kelvin in 1903. The hard work



of early pioneers, rich soil, and good irrigation lead to both a successful combination and the success of the small community that sprung up around the rail siding.

Gilbert was incorporated July 6th, 1920. In the early years the town was surrounded by alfalfa, cotton, and dairy farms. It remained a small farming community until expansion began in the 70s and 80s, when the Town Council approved a strip annexation that encompassed 53 square miles of country land. Despite Gilbert's population of over 250,000 people, it is still considered a town; the most populous town in the country.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Call: 480.506.1511
Register Online: www.servicearizona.com

GILBERT POSTAL SERVICES

Visit: www.postallocations.com/az/city/gilbert

GILBERT POLICE DEPARTMENT

75 E Civic Center Drive | Gilbert 85296

Emergencies: 911 | Non-Emergencies: 480.503.6500

GILBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT

85 E Civic Center Drive | Gilbert 85296 Emergencies: 911 | Non-Emergencies: 480.503.6300

PROMINENT NEIGHBORHOODS

FINLEY FARMS

Primarily single-family residential community built between 1995 and 2004 with a private clubhouse available to residents.

POWER RANCH

Multi-award winning community featuring a variety of floor plans including single-family and attached homes. Includes access to a 4,000 square foot clubhouse.

SEVILLE

Large community featuring a golf course and country club. Built between 1997 and 2014, the community features a variety of Mediterraneanstyle homes.

VAL VISTA LAKES

A large community featuring lakefront and off-lake homes dating back to 1986. Includes attached home and single-family home options and features a luxurious clubhouse.

BANKS NEAR THE TOP ON TWO RECENT NATIONAL SURVEYS THAT GO HAND IN HAND: safety & livability.



HIGHLIGHTS

HALE CENTRE THEATRE

Address: 50 W Page Ave | Gilbert 85233

Phone: 480.497.1181

GILBERT SENIOR CENTER

Address: 130 N Oak St | Gilbert 85233

Phone: 480.503.6060

GOLFING

Find a course:

www.arizonagolf.com/courses/gilbert

RIPARIAN PRESERVE AT WATER RANCH

Address: 2757 E Guadalupe Rd | Gilbert 85234

More Info: www.riparianinstitute.org

ATTRACTIONS & TRADITIONS

- > AZ Goat Yoga
- > AZ Ice Gilbert
- > Big League Dreams Park
- > Gilbert Arizona Temple
- > Gilbert Art Walk
- > Gilbert Days Events
- > Gilbert Dog Parks
- > Gilbert Farmers Market
- > Gilbert Golf Courses
- > Gilbert Historical Museum
- > Gilbert Libraries
- > Gilbert Parks
- > Gilbert Recreation Centers

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- Gilbert Rotary Centennial
- Observatory
- Gilbert Special Events
- > Gilbert Town Square
- Twilight Market
- Hale Center Theatre
- > Higley Center For the Performing Arts
- > Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch
- San Tan Village
- The Farm at Agritopia
- Topgolf
- Town Of Gilbert Water Tower Plaza
- > Tuscany Theatre



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MESA HISTORY & FACTS

Mesa's history can be traced backtwo thousand years to the Hohokam Indians, who flourished in the valley for over 1,500 years. They lived in large communities of up to 500 people and were both farmers and canal builders. The canals they built were hand dug and irrigated across 110,000 acres of land. The system was the largest in the prehistoric world and is still in use today. The irrigation system allowed them to grow abundant crops for both their own use and trade. They started moving from the area due to overpopulation, nutritional stress, and warfare, and had completely disappeared around 1450 without a trace.

No long-term settlement existed in the Mesa area between the Hohokam decline and the mid 1800's. A permanent settlement was not created until the establishment of Fort McDowell by the



United States Army in 1865. The Fort helped pave the way for Anglo settlements in the valley. Latter-Day Saint (Mormon) pioneers were sent from Utah by Brigham Young to support the Church's expansion into Mexico. They settled in the Mesa area in 1877, and a second group of Mormon settlers, known as the Mesa Company, arrived in 1878. They cleared out Native American canals so water could be diverted to the higher ground they settled on. By the early 1880's almost 300 settlers were living in the Mesa area, and Mesa

VOTER REGISTRATION

Call: 480.506.1511
Register Online: www.servicearizona.com

MESA POSTAL SERVICES

Visit: www.postallocations.com/az/city/mesa

MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT

was incorporated in 1883.

130 North Robson | Mesa 85201 Emergencies: 911 | Non-Emergencies: 480.644.2211

MESA FIRE DEPARTMENT

13 W First Street | Mesa 85201

Emergencies: 911 | Non-Emergencies: 480.644.2400

PROMINENT NEIGHBORHOODS

DOBSON RANCH

A lakeside community built between 1974 and 2005 with single-family and attached houses with diverse architectural designs. The self-proclaimed "Best Place to Live."

EASTMARK

A community of individual neighborhoods built from 2012 to 2018. Over 3,200 acres of land with 13 lush green spaces and a community center dedicated to entertainment.

LAS SENDAS

A luxurious community built between 1982 and 2018 with both luxury homes and more affordable homes available. Includes a high ranking golfcourse and community centers.

RED MOUNTAIN RANCH

A community which includes both single-family homes and attached homes built from 1986 to 2015. Includes luxurious homes as well as more affordable homes.

MESA RANKED one of the best-run CITIES IN AMERICA · HIGHEST SCORE FOR SAFFTY AT NO. 35



HIGHLIGHTS

GOLFING

Find a course: www.arizonagolf.com/courses/mesa

MESA ACTIVE ADULT CENTER

Address: 7550 E Adobe Rd | Mesa 85207

Phone: 480.218.2221

HIKING

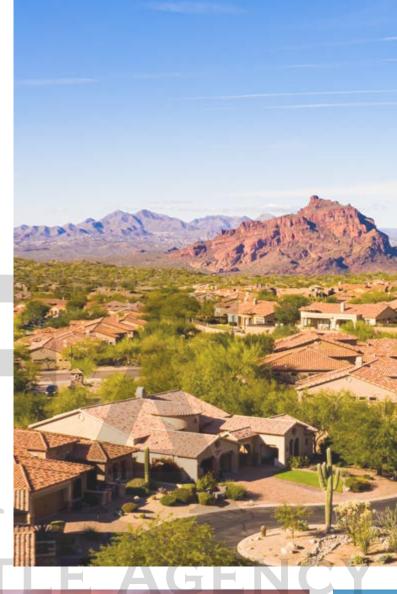
Find a park: www.visitmesa.com/things-to-do/ outdoor-activities/hiking/

WATER RECREATION

Find a lake or river: www.visitmesa.com/things-todo/outdoor-activities/water-recreation/

ATTRACTIONS & **TRADITIONS**

- > Arizona Commemorative
- > Air Force Museum
- > Arizona iNG Tours
- > Arizona Museum of Natural History
- City Of Mesa
- > Desert Belle Cruises
- > Downtown Mesa Festival of The Arts
- > Escape Adventure
- > Fighter Combat International
- > Golfland Sunsplash
- > Hohokam Stadium
- > I.D.E.A. Museum

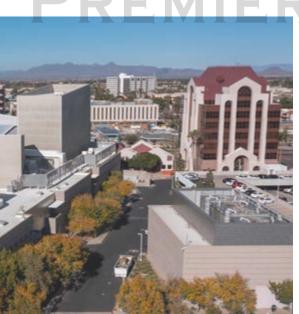








- > Mesa Agritourism
- Mesa Arts Center
- Mesa Dog Parks
- > Mesa Golf Courses
- Mesa Grande Ruins & Cultural Park
 Mesa Historical Museum
- Mesa Libraries
- Mesa Parks
- Mormon Temple Light Display
- Salt River Tubing
- Scarizona Scaregrounds
- Sloan Park
- > The Rose Garden at Mesa Community College



QUEEN CREEK HISTORY & FACTS

Before the small community was called Queen Creek, it was known as Rittenhouse because of the railroad spur located near Rittenhouse and Ellsworth roads. The use of the railroad stop diminished as the community grew, and the name was eventually changed to Queen Creek. It was named after the Silver Queen Mine and Picket Post Creek at the base of the mine. When Silver Queen Mine opened for production, the creek was renamed Queen Creek. The creek runs from the mine into the area surrounding the Town of Gilbert, which is over a hundred miles apart.

The fertile land beneath the San Tan Mountains supported the foundation Queen Creek was built on and offered a safe haven for early Indian communities and homesteaders. Some



of these early settlers were the catalyst for incorporation. As Queen Creek grew, residents worked to preserve their cherished community, as Queen Creek became an official town on Sept. 5, 1989. Today, many of these same families continue to cultivate their agricultural heritage. Queen Creek is a top destination for agritainment adventures, outdoor exploration and family fun! With its small-town charm and modern amenities, Queen Creek has something for everyone to explore from small, family owned farms to professional equestrian events.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Call: 602.255.0072
Register Online: www.servicearizona.com

QUEEN CREEK POSTAL SERVICES

22424 S Ellsworth Loop Rd | Queen Creek 85142 Phone: 480.888.2214

QUEEN CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT

20727 E Civic Parkway | Queen Creek 85142 Emergencies: 911 | Non-Emergencies: 480.358.3500

QUEEN CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

22358 S Ellsworth Road | Queen Creek 85142 Emergencies: 911 | Non-Emergencies: 480.358.3500

PROMINENT NEIGHBORHOODS

ENCANTERRA

A remarkable community that offers Trilogy homeowners an unmatched lifestyle. Nestled near the San Tan Mountains, this Resort community with select 55+ Trilogy® neighborhoods is close to everything you love about greater Phoenix.

OVATION AT MERIDIAN 55+

Here, you'll experience resort-inspired living against a backdrop of picturesque desert landscape featuring scenic multi-use trails along the Queen Creek and Sonoqui washes.

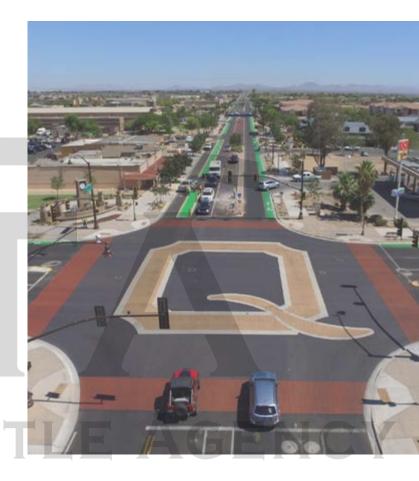
PEGASAS AIRPARK

Featuring 186 large acre+ lots, Pegasus Airpark combines the comforts of home with access to a private airfield.

WHITEWING AT WHISPER RANCH

Whitewing at Whisper Ranch showcases 128 nearly half-acre home sites with seven single-level home designs, and award-winning architecture in an amenity rich gated neighborhood.

One of the top 10 suburbs TO MOVE TO IN THE U.S. THIRD FASTEST GROWING CITY IN THE U.S.



HIGHLIGHTS

AGRITAINMENT

Find a farm:

queencreekaz.gov/agritainment

GOLFING

Find a course:

www.arizonagolf.com/courses/queencreek

EXPLORE THE TRAILS

Find a trail:

queencreekaz.gov/trails

QUEEN CREEK SENIOR PROGRAM

Register today:

queencreekaz.gov/seniors

ATTRACTIONS & **TRADITIONS**

- > Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre
- > Barney Family Sports Complex
- > Dave & Busters
- > Desert Wells Stage Stop
- > Queen Creek Botanical Gardens
- > Fat Cats
- > Queen Creek Golf courses
- > Queen Creek Library









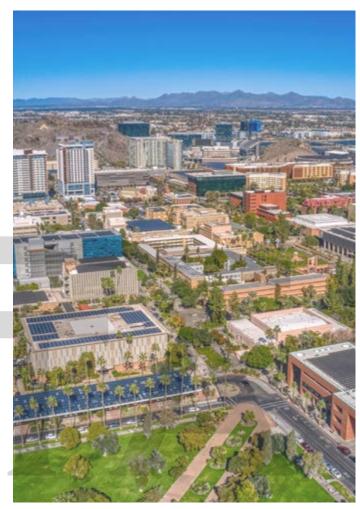




- > Queen Creek Olive Mill
- > Queen Creek Parks
- > Queen Creek Performing
- > Arts Center
- > Queen Creek Skate Park
- Schnepf Farms
- > Hayden Flour Mills at Sossaman Farms

EDUCATION

Arizona is home to 261 public school districts, over 3,000 schools in total, and over 90,000 certified teachers. The Valley also has some of the top ranking universities and programs in the country, such as the WP Carey School of Business ranked in the top 20 and the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law ranked in the top 25. Arizona prides itself in striving to have immersive programs and exceptional career preparation. There are also multiple top ranking elementary schools to choose from, including many located in the East Valley area.



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HOMESCHOOLING

Are you interested in teaching your children at home? For guidelines and other assistance regarding home-schooling check the following sources:

AZ FAMILIES FOR HOME EDUCATION

Call: 602.235.2673 Visit: www.afhe.org

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The public schools are a part of school districts which draw the boundaries of which neighborhoods the school serves. However, under Arizona's open-enrollment law, a child can apply to attend any school in other school districts.

EAST VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- > Chandler Unified School District #80
 - Gilbert Unified School District #41
 - Mesa Unified School District #4
- > Higley Unified School District #60
- Queen Creek Unified School District #95

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools focus more on serving a specialized population, such as performing arts students or for students who want different learning approaches that are different from traditional public schools. There are many charter schools to choose from in the Southeast Valley. To learn more about charter schools and their locations in the Southeast Valley visit: http://online.asbcs.az.gov/schools/search



BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS

BASIS.ed charter schools are a part of a network of open-enrollment and tuition-free public charter schools.

- > Basis Chandler
- > Basis Chandler Primary North Campus
- > Basis Chandler Primary South Campus
 - > Basis Mesa

GREAT HEARTS ACADEMIES

Great Hearts charter schools are part of a non-profit network of classical preparatory K-12 academies dedicated to improving nationwide education.

- > Chandler Preparatory Academy
- > Lincoln Preparatory Academy
- > Arete Preparatory Academy



PRIVATE SCHOOLS

There are 53 private schools listed by The National Center for Education Statistics in Mesa, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert and Queen Creek. Other options for private schools exist in nearby Phoenix and Scottsdale.

EAST VALLEY PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The following schools were ranked by Niche.com as some of the top rated private schools in the East Valley:

- > Valley Christian High School
 - > Gilbert Christian Schools
- > Seton Catholic Preparatory High School
 - > Faith Christian School
 - > Tri-City Christian Academy
- > St. Mary-Basha Catholic School and Preschool

HIGHER EDUCATION

The East Valley is home to multiple major and satellite higher education campuses. Arizona State University has two major campuses, Northern Arizona University has five satellite campuses, and the University of Arizona has a campus in Chandler. There are also three community colleges apart of the Maricopa Community College District, as well as 21 other private universities and colleges that provide both undergraduate and graduate programs.

HIGHER EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT

- > Arizona State University Tempe Campus
 - > ASU Polytechnic Mesa
 - > Chandler/Gilbert Community College
 - > Mesa Community College
 - > University of Phoenix
 - > Rio Salado College

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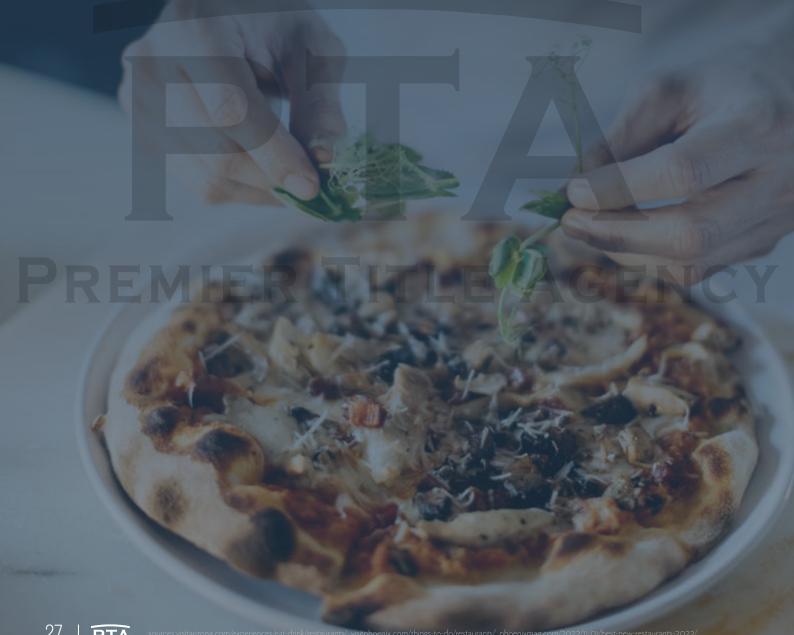






EAT. DRINK. DINE.

Whether you are looking for unique Mexican cuisine, craft cocktails, or an awardwinning pizza pie, it's no wonder foodies travel to Arizona from all over to experience some of the country's best food and restaurants. The Valley is home to some incredible eateries ranging from fine dining establishments to cool and casual hot spots.



We are the proud to say the East Valley includes a few noteworthy restaurants & chefs with distinguishments including:

- > Food Network's Best Pizzas in America's Biggest Cities: Venezia's
- Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Features: Joe's Farm Grill & Sal's Gilbert Pizza
- > Food Network Star: Chef Jorge Gomez of Humble Bistro
- > Open Table's 100 Best Neighborhood Gems in America: Hidden House
- > Phoenix Magazine's 2022 Brewery of the Year: Oro Brewing Company
- > Phoenix Magazine's Best New Restaurant 2022: Feringhee
- > Food & Wine Rising Star 2018: Chef | Karan Mittal

We welcome you to seek out and try the variety of culinary experiences across the East Valley.







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