

Welcome to
ARIZONA

OUR GUIDE TO HELP YOU EXPLORE TUCSON



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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

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NOTABLE EMPLOYERS

- > University of Arizona [Education]
- > Raytheon Missile Systems [Aerospace]
- > Mayo Clinic [Healthcare]
- > Davis-Monthan Air Force Base [Defense]
- > State of Arizona [Government]
- > Wal-Mart Stores Inc. [Retail]
- > Tucson Unified School District [Education]
- > U.S. Border Patrol [Law Enforcement]
- > University of Arizona Health Network [Healthcare]
- > Pima County [Government]
- > Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold [Mining]
- > U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca [Military]

GROWTH INDUSTRIES

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE
(TOP 5 IN U.S.)

OPTICS

RENEWABLE ENERGY

DISTRICTS OF TUCSON



DOWNTOWN

Located in the heart of Tucson, the Downtown district is the place to be for dining, music, art, and exciting events. The free-spirited vibe and authentic collection of things to do in downtown Tucson provides an opportunity to experience something truly unique.



CENTRAL TUCSON

Central Tucson is anchored by the city's largest park — Reid Park. It is home to a baseball stadium, amphitheater, duck pond, public pools, Reid Park Zoo, and so much more. Popular attractions include Tucson Botanical Gardens, Yume Japanese Garden, and the Mini Time Machine Museum. There is no shortage of things to do and see.



CATALINA FOOTHILLS

Right at the base of one of Tucson's most iconic features — the Santa Catalina Mountains. This district offers everything from legendary art galleries, exquisite dining, and tons of shopping, all while being incredibly connected and close to nature.



DOWNTOWN

Known for its peaceful and serene atmosphere of wide-open spaces full of cacti and desert trails, Westside is home to The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and Old Tucson. Find your way west and enjoy the amazing sunsets, unusual wildlife and discover the backdrop to some of the most iconic Western films ever made.



CENTRAL TUCSON

Truly one of the hidden gems of Tucson, the east side is home to the Rincon Mountains—a must-visit for anyone looking to take in the beauty and natural wonder of the landscape. It's chock-full of wildlife and natural discoveries including Saguaro National Park East and Colossal Cave Mountain Park.



CATALINA

Enjoy some of the best authentic Mexican food in Tucson or head south to the Santa Rita Mountains, a renowned birding mecca. Popular attractions include Pima Air & Space Museum, Titan Missile Museum, Mission San Xavier del Bac, Casino del Sol and Desert Diamond Casino. Whether it is indoor or outdoor activities, there is weeks' worth to do in Southside.

ATTRACTIONS & TRADITIONS

- > Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
- > Mount Lemmon Scenic Byway
- > Saguaro National Park
- > Sabino Canyon Hiking Trails
- > Mission San Xavier Del Bac





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- > Pima Air & Space Museum
- > Catalina State Park
- > Franklin Auto Museum
- > Reid Park Zoo
- > Tucson Museum of Art & Historic Block

HIKING

Tucson is surrounded by mountain ranges and borders two national parks providing the perfect opportunity for anyone to seek outdoor adventure.





- > Blakett's Ridge
- > Bridal Wreath
- > David Yetman
- > Mount Wrightson
- > Romero Pools
- > Seven Falls
- > Tanque Verde Falls
- > The Window
- > Tumamoc Hill
- > Wasson Peak



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CYCLING

Tucson is consistently rated as one of the top cities for cycling in the US with hundreds of trails fit for cyclers of all different levels.





- > Brown Mountain Trail
- > Fantasy Island
- > Mt Lemmon
- > Pistol Hill Trail
- > Ridgeline Trail
- > The 50 Year Trail System
- > The Chuck Huckleberry Loop (The Loop)
- > The Starr Pass Trail System
- > The Sweetwater Preserve



GOLFING

Set in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, Tucson is home to over 40 highly celebrated courses throughout the region. It has been a home for professional golf for decades with a wide variety of courses for all experience levels to enjoy. Every March the Cologuard Classic, a Tucson PGA TOUR Champions Tour event, is played at Omni Tucson National's Catalina Course. Fans can watch up close as Legendary golfing champions go head-to-head in the scenic Oro Valley.





- > Arizona National Golf Club
- > Canoa Hills Golf Course
- > Dell Urich Golf Course
- > El Rio-Trini Alvarez Golf Course
- > Fred Enke Golf Course
- > Omni Tucson National Resort
- > The Lodge at Ventana Canyon
- > The Preserve Golf Club at Saddlebrooke
- > The Preserve Golf Club at Saddlebrooke (Oro Valley)

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 Tucson 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:

PIMA COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Call: 520.724.8451

Visit: www.schools.pima.gov

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.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- > Amphitheater Unified School District
- > Catalina Foothills Unified School District
 - > Flowing Wells School District
 - > Tanque Verde School District
 - > Vail Unified School District

TOP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- > Basis Oro Valley (Grades 6-12)
- > Basis Tucson North (Grades 5-12)
- > University High School (Grades 8-12)
- > Catalina Foothills High School (Grades 9-12)
- > Empire High School (Grades 9-12)

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 Tucson. To learn more about charter schools and their locations in the Tucson area visit: <http://online.asbcs.az.gov/schools/search>



CHARTER SCHOOLS

- > Basis Oro Valley (Grades 6-12)
 - > Basis Tucson North (Grades 5-12)
- > Academy of Tucson High School (Grades 9-12)
- > Sonoran Science Academy (Grades K-12)
 - > Presidio School (Grades K-12)



PRIVATE SCHOOLS

There are 50 private schools listed by The National Center for Education Statistics in the Tucson. Other options for private schools exist in nearby metro cities.

TUCSON PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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

- > The Gregory School (Grades 5-12)
- > Salpointe Catholic High School(Grades 9-12)
- > Pusch Ridge Christian Academy (Grades PK, K-12)
- > Desert Christian Schools (Grades PK, K-12)
- > St. Augustine Catholic High School (Grades 9-12)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Tucson is also home to the Arizona's premier research university, the University of Arizona. The University of Arizona is ranked among the top 20 research universities nationwide. Pima Community College is one of the largest multi-campus community colleges in the United States with traditional and online instruction for over 144 programs.

HIGHER EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT

- > The University of Arizona
 - > Tucson College
 - > University of Phoenix
 - > Carrington College
- > The Catholic University of America (Tucson)
 - > Pima Community College
 - > Northern Arizona University
 - > Prescott College
 - > Brookline College (Tucson)
 - > Brown Mackie College



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EAT. DRINK. DINE.

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

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

- > *Bon Appetit Magazine: Where to Eat in Tucson, Arizona's Desert Jewel: 5 Points Market & Restaurant, La Indita, Sushi on Oracle, Barrio Charro*
- > *2022 James Beard Award Semifinalists: Chef Don Guerra, Chef John Martinez & Chef Maria Mazon*
- > *UNESCO's first U.S. City of Gastronomy*
- > *Food Network's Best Restaurants in Tucson: Mother Hubbard's Cafe, Welcome Diner, Fusion Sushi, Lucky Wishbone*

We welcome you to seek out and try the variety of culinary experiences across the beautiful city of Tucson, Arizona.

**PTA is no way endorsing any of the restaurants mentioned above. This is simply a partial list of food and dining in the Tucson.*





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