

*Welcome to*  
**ARIZONA**

OUR GUIDE TO HELP YOU EXPLORE FLAGSTAFF



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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.





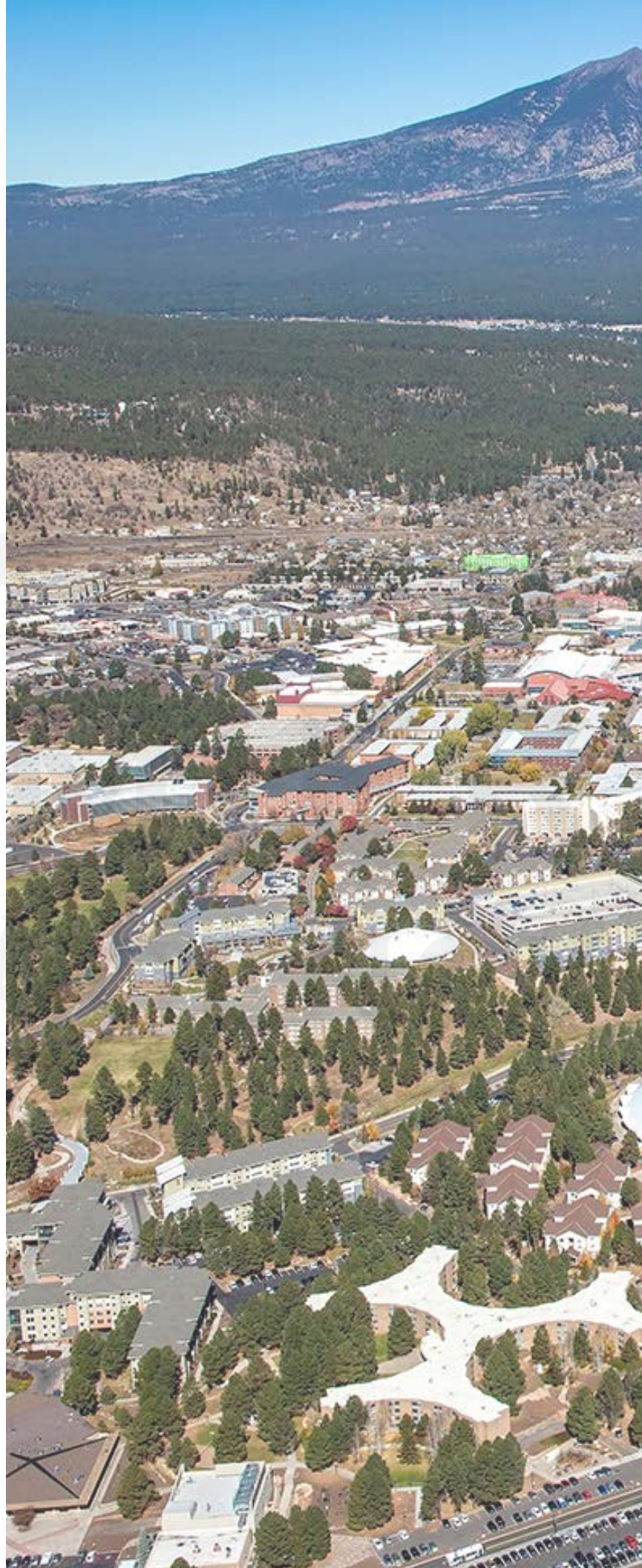
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WELCOME YOU TO THE BREATHTAKING  
MOUNTAIN TOWN OF **FLAGSTAFF**



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## FLAGSTAFF HAS A RICH HISTORY

*W*elcome to Flagstaff, Arizona, nestled at an elevation of approximately 7,000 feet near the San Francisco Peaks, boasts a rich tapestry of history and unique characteristics. The area saw its first modern settlement in 1876. The arrival of the railroad in 1882 spurred significant growth, establishing Flagstaff as a vital hub between Albuquerque and California. In 1899, the Northern Arizona Normal School was founded, evolving into today's Northern Arizona University. Flagstaff's commitment to preserving its natural night skies led it to become the world's first "Dark Sky City" in 2001. Additionally, the city is renowned for its astronomical contributions, notably the discovery of Pluto at Lowell Observatory in 1930. With its four-season climate, Flagstaff offers mild summers and snowy winters, making it a unique destination in the Southwest. Today, it serves as a cultural and economic center, blending its historical roots with modern development.





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## FLAGSTAFF FUN FACTS

### LUNAR LEGACY

Flagstaff played a major role in the Apollo moon missions—astronauts trained in the surrounding volcanic terrain, and the U.S. Geological Survey built lunar maps here.

### ROUTE 66 CONNECTION

The iconic Route 66 runs through Flagstaff, making it a historic stop for travelers exploring the famous highway.

### SNOWIEST CITY IN ARIZONA

Flagstaff receives an average of 100 inches of snow per year, making it one of the snowiest cities in the U.S. Southwest.

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

The region has deep Indigenous roots, with nearby sites like Wupatki National Monument showcasing ancient pueblos built by the Ancestral Puebloans.

### PONDEROSA PINE FOREST

Flagstaff is surrounded by the largest contiguous ponderosa pine forest in the world, offering endless outdoor recreation opportunities.

### HOME TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST TELESCOPE

The Discovery Channel Telescope, operated by Lowell Observatory, is one of the most powerful research telescopes in the world.





FLAGSTAFF IS THE  
*gateway* TO GRAND CANYON



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## PROMINENT AREAS

*Flagstaff is known as one of the most vibrant and scenic cities in the Southwest. Here are five prominent residential areas in Flagstaff that you might consider:*

### HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FLAGSTAFF

*Downtown Historic District / Railroad District / Old Town Flagstaff*

This area offers a mix of renovated historic homes, modern apartments, and townhomes in a walkable, culturally rich setting.

### UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

*University Environs (around NAU) / University Heights / College Park / University Terrace*

This area offers a mix of renovated historic homes, modern apartments, and townhomes in a walkable, culturally rich setting.

### NORTH FLAGSTAFF

*Pine Meadows / Mountain Pine Estates / Rustic Peaks / Highland Park*

Known for its scenic vistas and quiet suburban feel, North Flagstaff offers family-friendly neighborhoods with easy access to outdoor recreation and community parks.

### WEST FLAGSTAFF

*Barton Road Corridor / The Lakes at Pine Canyon / Westside Estates / Western Foothills*

Featuring well-established residential communities, West Flagstaff provides a mix of larger homes and newer developments, with convenient access to commercial areas and major thoroughfares.

### EASTERN FLAGSTAFF & OUTSKIRTS

*Rural Eastern Estates / Canyon View / Sunrise Ridge / Mesa Verde Estates*

These areas offer a more rural and tranquil setting, ideal for those who prefer a quieter lifestyle with proximity to nature, while still being connected to the city's amenities.





## PROMINENT NEIGHBORHOODS

### **DOWNTOWN HISTORIC CORE**

The central area featuring preserved early-20th-century architecture, walkable streets, boutique shops, and cultural venues.

### **RAILROAD DISTRICT**

Rich in heritage, this area celebrates Flagstaff's railway past with repurposed industrial buildings now hosting modern residences.

### **HERITAGE SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD**

A picturesque pocket adjacent to major historic landmarks and public squares, perfect for those who value a sense of community and history.

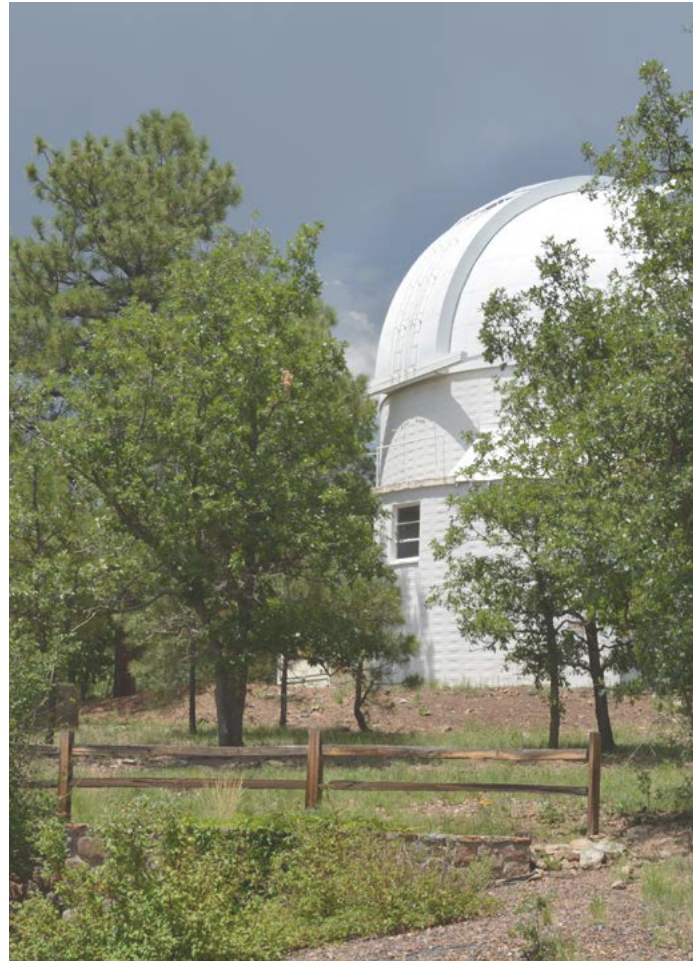
### **ARTS & CULTURE DISTRICT**

An enclave known for galleries, performance spaces, and artisan shops, ideal for creative residents and those who enjoy a vibrant cultural scene.

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## WORK & INDUSTRY

Flagstaff's economy is driven by education, healthcare, tourism, advanced manufacturing, and scientific research. Northern Arizona University and the healthcare sector provide major employment opportunities, while tourism brings millions of visitors annually. The city is also a hub for advanced manufacturing, bioscience, and aerospace industries. Flagstaff's strong ties to astronomy, with institutions like Lowell Observatory, contribute to its reputation in space science. With a mix of industries supporting job growth and innovation, Flagstaff offers a dynamic place to live and work.



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## NOTABLE EMPLOYERS

- > Northern Arizona University
- > Flagstaff Medical Center
- > W.L. Gore & Associates
- > Coconino County
- > City of Flagstaff
- > U.S. Forest Service
- > Flagstaff Unified School District
- > Walmart
- > The Guidance Center
- > Coconino Community College

# KEY INDUSTRIES

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**TOURISM & HOSPITALITY**

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**HEALTHCARE**

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**MANUFACTURING**

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**GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC  
SERVICES**

Flagstaff's economic vitality is sustained by a blend of government services, tourism, advanced manufacturing, scientific research, and retail commerce. This multifaceted economic base offers diverse employment opportunities and positions the city as a dynamic place to live, work, and explore.

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## GOLFING

Flagstaff offers a unique high-altitude golfing experience with breathtaking mountain views and crisp, refreshing air. The local courses blend challenging play with a relaxed, community-friendly atmosphere. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or a weekend enthusiast, you'll appreciate the distinct mix of competitive spirit and scenic beauty. Explore Flagstaff's top courses and discover why it's a hidden gem for golf lovers.

- > Aspen Valley Golf Club
- > Continental Country Club
- > Continental Golf Club
- > Flagstaff Ranch Golf Club
- > Flagstaff Municipal Golf Course
- > NAU Golf Course
- > Flagstaff Country Club
- > Pine Canyon
- > Forest Highlands Golf Club

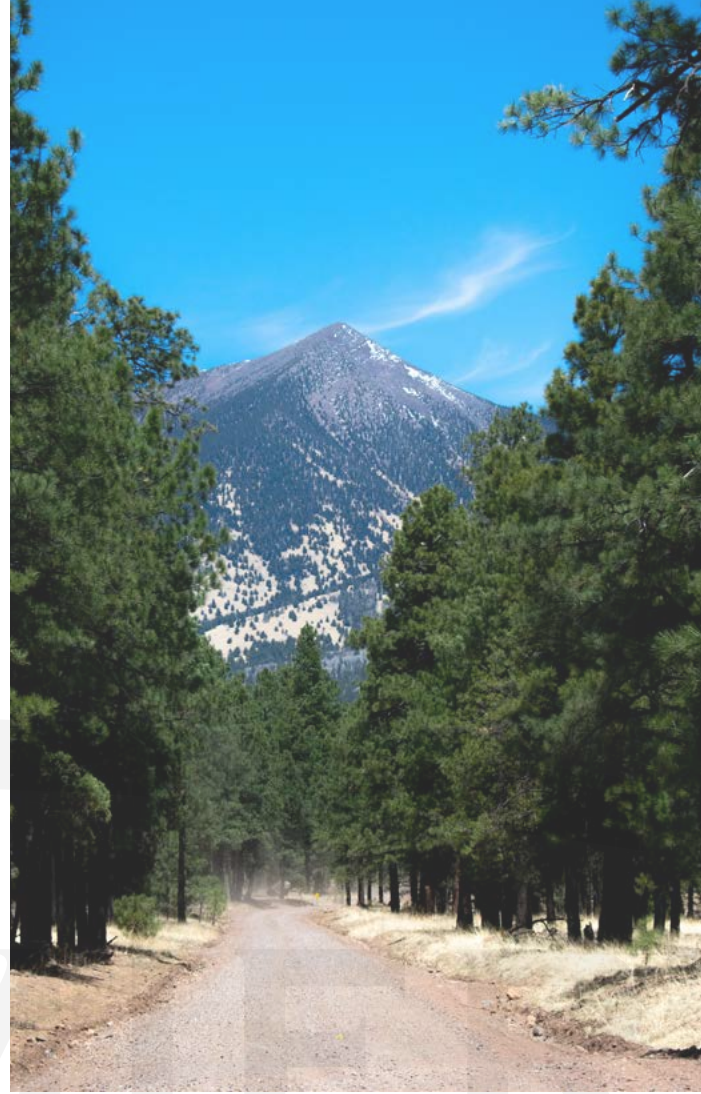




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## HIKING & NATURE

Flagstaff is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts, offering a wide range of stunning hiking trails suitable for all levels of experience. Whether you're looking to conquer the state's highest peak or enjoy a leisurely stroll through scenic landscapes, Flagstaff's trails have something for everyone. Packed with breathtaking views, diverse ecosystems, and unique geological features, Flagstaff's hiking network is the ideal way to explore the region's beauty. Check out some of the great hikes in Flagstaff!







- > Humphreys Peak Trail
- > Mount Elden Trail
- > Fatman's Loop Trail
- > Kachina Trail
- > Lava River Cave Trail
- > Aspen Nature Loop
- > Elden Lookout Trail
- > Walnut Canyon Island Trail
- > Mars Hill Trail Loop
- > Tom Moody Extended Loop Trail
- > Old Caves Crater Trail
- > Mars Hill Trail



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## SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Flagstaff transforms into a winter wonderland when the snow falls, offering an exciting playground for skiing and snowboarding enthusiasts of all levels. Whether you crave the adrenaline rush of downhill runs or the serene challenge of cross-country trails, the area provides a range of experiences to suit every style. Enjoy perfectly groomed slopes at a premier resort, venture off the beaten path in backcountry terrain, or glide along peaceful Nordic trails—all set against breathtaking mountain vistas. Embrace Flagstaff's unique winter sports scene and discover why it's the perfect destination for your seasonal adventures.

- > **Arizona Snowbowl:** Flagstaff's premier downhill resort with a variety of slopes and terrain for all levels.
- > **Flagstaff Nordic Center:** While focused on cross-country skiing, it provides a scenic winter sports experience in the snowy landscape.





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## MUSEUMS

Flagstaff is home to a wide variety of museums which all provide unique features and specialties. From science to music to history and more, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The various museums throughout Flagstaff are popular among both locals and tourists, and there are frequent special events being hosted throughout the year. Go check out some of our renowned museums!

- > Museum of Northern Arizona
- > Lowell Observatory
- > Riordan Mansion State Historic Park
- > Fort Tuthill Military History Museum
- > Walnut Canyon National Monument



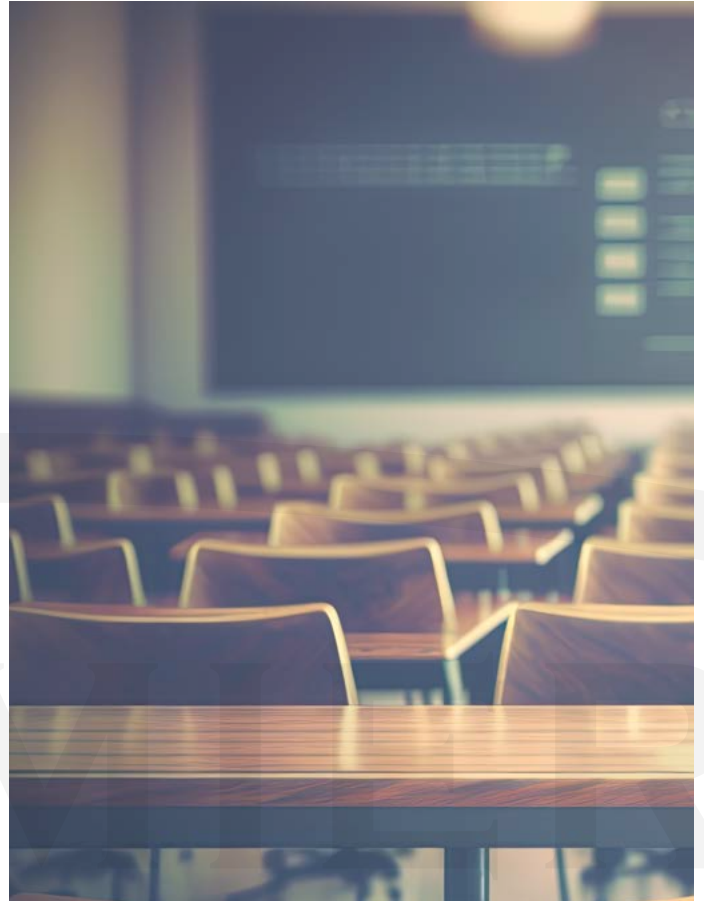


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## EDUCATION

Flagstaff offers a robust, diverse education system for all ages. The Flagstaff Unified School District serves over 17,000 students in 24 schools with an 18:1 student-teacher ratio, and nearly 80% of teachers hold advanced degrees. Northern Arizona University enrolls over 30,000 students, anchoring higher education with strong research and community ties. This blend of quality K-12 and higher education creates a dynamic, innovative learning environment for families and lifelong learners.



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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](http://www.afhe.org)

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# 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.

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## ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Visit [www.fusd1.org](http://www.fusd1.org) for information and full list of middle and elementary schools in the Flagstaff public school district.

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## HIGH SCHOOLS

- > Coconino High School
- > Flagstaff High School
- > Summit High School

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## CHARTER SCHOOLS

- > Basis Flagstaff
- > Haven Montessori Charter School
- > Northland Preparatory Academy
- > Muontain School

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## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- > Flagstaff Christian School
- > San Francisco de Asis Catholic School
- > Mt Calvary Lutheran School

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

- > Northern Arizona University
- > Coconino County Community College
- > Indian Bible College

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## EAT. DRINK. DINE.

Flagstaff's dining scene is a vibrant mix of local flavor and international cuisine, offering something for every palate. The city boasts a range of eateries, from cozy cafés serving farm-to-table dishes to innovative restaurants experimenting with global culinary trends. With a focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients and a nod to its Southwestern heritage, Flagstaff invites you to savor unique dining experiences. Enjoy exploring a culinary landscape where every meal tells a story of community and creativity.



We are proud to say that Flagstaff includes a few noteworthy restaurants & chefs with distinguishments. We welcome you to seek out and try the variety of culinary experiences all around Flagstaff. Here are a few local faves:

> **ATRIA**

*Modern American Cooking*  
*OpenTable Diners' Choice 2024*  
*Trip Advisor Travelers' Choice Awards 2024*  
*James Beard Semifinalist - Emerging Chef of the Year 2024*

> **JOSEPHINE'S RESTAURANT**

*Modern American Bistro*  
*Wine Spectator Award of Excellence 2022*

> **DIABLO BURGER**

*Foods-Based Burger Joint*  
*Best of Flag Winner*

> **KARMA SUSHI**

*Japanese Eatery*  
*Named Best Sushi in Flagstaff*

> **TINDERBOX KITCHEN**

*Fine Dining*  
*Featured in Arizona Food & Wine Magazine*

> **FLG TERROIR**

*Wine & Bistro Bar*  
*Named Best Wine Bar in Flagstaff*

*\*PTA doesn't endorse any of the restaurants mentioned above. This is simply a partial list of food and dining in Flagstaff.*









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