

Top Area Attractions

AMARC Tours (a.k.a. Airplane Boneyard)

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The Pima Air and Space Museum offers tours of AMARC (Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center) Facility located on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Advance reservations are strongly recommended to guarantee seating. To make a tour reservation, please call the reservation desk at (520) 618-4800.

You will need to check in at the Pima Air and Space Museum Gift Shop no later than 30 minutes prior to tour departure time or your reservation may be subject to cancellation.

The tour bus boards at the Museum entrance. Due to increased security concerns, one small carry-on item is allowed per passenger. Carry-on items may include a small camera, purse, or fanny/belt pack. Government issued identification (Such as a driver's license, military ID or passport) is required for all persons 16 years of age and older.

Tours are given Monday through Friday (excluding federal holidays) and last approximately one hour. Departure times seasonal - please call for current times.

Arizona Diamondbacks Spring Training (520) 434-1000

Pima County Stadium District's Kino Sports Complex, the spring training home of the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Chicago White Sox, is also home to the Tucson Sidewinders Triple A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, Kino Sports Complex and Tucson Electric Park, opened in 1998. Kino Sports Complex and Tucson Electric Park are state-of-the-art facilities for Major League Baseball and sports tournaments, but also various community special events, festivals and musical concerts featuring national touring artists.

Arizona Sonora Desert Museum (520) 883-1380

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is a world-renowned zoo, natural history museum and botanical garden, all in one place. You will experience interpretive displays of living animals and plants native to the Sonoran Desert region. The Desert Museum teems with life. Exhibits re-create the natural landscape so realistically you find yourself eye-to-eye with mountain lions, prairie dogs, Gila monsters, hawks and hummingbirds. Millions of visitors from all over the world come to marvel at the Museum's cutting-edge exhibits and its interpretation of hundreds of living animals and thousands of kinds of plants.

Walk With a Keeper: (Thursdays only)

A unique chance to experience the Desert Museum through the eyes of an animal keeper. The walking tour is approximately 1½ hours and covers ½ mile. Guests will be able to meet animals up close (Otters and Bighorn sheep) and go behind the scenes and learn about animal care.

\$15 admission (No children under 12 allowed on tour. No coupons or discounts are valid for tour). Tour starts promptly from the entrance patio at 10:30am, guests should gather there at 10:15am.

Ticket sales are First Come, First Serve (i.e., No Reservations). Last ticket sold at 10:15am. Tour is fully accessible via wheelchair and scooter. Some behind-the-scenes areas are not available to service animals. Live and (sort of) On The Loose.

Museum Hours: March through September 7:30am to 5:00pm

Adults \$12 November to April and Children \$2 (6-12), Children under 6 free

Chicago White Sox Spring Training (520) 434-1000

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Colossal Cave Mountain Park (520) 647-7275

Colossal Cave and Mountain Park has been home, shelter, hideout, challenging workplace, exciting playground, and tranquil retreat for over a thousand years. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the Park showcases crystal-filled Colossal Cave and historic La Posta Quemada Ranch, a working ranch for over 120 years. Spend the day: take a Cave tour, browse in the historical museum, relax in the wooded picnic areas, hike, saddle up for a trail ride, sluice for gemstones and explore our two charming Southwestern gift shops.

Hours: Monday through Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm Sundays and Holidays 9:00am to 6:00pm

Park Admission: \$3 per car

Cave Admission: Adult \$7.50, Children (6-12) \$4, Children 5 and under Free

Trail Rides: \$25/first hour and \$20/hour after

El Tiradito the 'Wishing Shrine'

The 'Wishing Shrine' has been here since ca. 1894. It is one of the genuine folk shrines in the nation and the only one known to be dedicated to a sinner.

Legend has it that a young man was killed in a lovers' triangle and was buried at this spot in unconsecrated ground. It's believed that lighting a candle and having it burn to the ground will grant you your wish.

Kartchner Caverns (520) 586-4100

Kartchner Caverns visitors will experience an underground delight! A Visitor Center houses world-class exhibits including a replica of the cave, a documentary video, and interactive displays as well as a gift shop and picnic area. Outside are fine miles of hiking trails, a hummingbird, garden, nature trail, and a campground. Tour reservations are highly recommended.

Hours: Park Open 7:30am to 6:00pm; Cave Tours 8:30am to 4:30pm

Admission: Cave tours Children under six are Free; Children (7-13) \$6, and ages 14 and Older \$14; this includes a \$2 reservation fee. \$10 entrance fee includes us of park above ground and Visitor Center

No Same-Day Reservations.

Kitt Peak National Observatory

Kitt Peak National Observatory, home of the world's largest collection of optical telescopes, is located high above the Sonoran Desert on the Tohono O'odam Reservation. Home to twenty-two optical and two radio telescopes representing dozens of astronomical research institutions, the National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO), funded by the National Science Foundation, oversees site operations on Kitt Peak. Explore the Visitor Center hands-on exhibits. Take a tour and learn how astronomers use telescopes to unlock the mysteries of the Universe. Visit the National Solar Observatory exhibit gallery and watch scientists operate the world's largest solar telescope. Kitt Peak is close to 7,000 feet in elevation, temperatures are 15 to 20 degrees cooler than Tucson, please dress accordingly. There are no services on the mountain.

9 am - 4 pm daily \$2.00 per person donation

10:00am, 11:30am and 1:30pm guided tours \$2.00/person

Elevation 6875 ft.

Nightly observations: Advanced reservations required.

3 1/2hrs. Tour starts 1/2 hr prior to sunset. Box dinner included. Limited to 20 people per night. Cost is \$36.00/pp

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Old Tucson Studios (520) 883-0100

Old Tucson Studios 'Where Legends Come Alive' was built as a movie set in 1939. Old Tucson Studios continues as an active film studio and offers classic western entertainment. During a visit, guest travel back in time to experience Hollywood's version of the Wild Wild West with live shows featuring singing and dancing, thrilling stunt shows and Old Tucson Studios' legendary gunfights. Kids will enjoy train rides, panning for gold and a petting zoo. Fun for the whole family!

Hours: Open daily 10:00am - 4:00pm

Prices: Adult: \$12.95, Child (ages 4-11): \$7.95, Children ages 3 and under are free

Tubac (520) 398-2704

Tubac was established in 1752 as a Spanish presidio (fort). Working artists' studios now surround the grounds which once served as the home for a Spanish military garrison. Tubac remembers its origins at the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park located in the village's Old Town, and no visit to Tubac is complete without a stop at our State Park.

Scenic high desert vistas surround Tubac, and the village enjoys a year-around economy that benefits from summer temperatures notably cooler than Tucson or Phoenix. More than ninety businesses now line Tubac's meandering streets, and a full day can be enjoyed wandering through the numerous art galleries, working studios and gift shops. The Tubac Center of the Arts provides a full range of arts programming, and seasonal exhibitions should not be missed. A variety of locally owned restaurants are open for both lunch and dinner, and our marvelous bed and breakfasts mean that your visit to Tubac doesn't have to end when the shops close!

Tubac's shops encompass the gamut of Southwest shopping opportunities. From clothing boutiques featuring hand-decorated garments to the finest of imports from Mexico and around the world, from Native American jewelry to southwest literature by local and national authors, Tubac has what you're looking for!