

MESA ARIZONA

Over 101 Things To Do





In and around Mesa you will find over 101 things to do, from outdoor adventures to sports, from world-class museums to fine entertainment. More information online at VisitMesa.com.

HISTORICAL SITES

Besh-Ba-Gowah Archaeological Park

150 N. Pine St., Globe Community Center, Jess Hayes Rd., Globe
928-425-0320

Walk through a 700-year-old Salado Culture pueblo and view the typical furnishings of the era. Numerous artifacts of this remarkably advanced culture also displayed in the museum. www.jqjacobs.net/southwest/besh_ba_gowah.html

Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park

37615 U.S. Hwy. 60, Superior
520-689-2811

The oldest and most spectacularly situated arboretum and botanical garden in the American Southwest, this 320-acre collection of desert plants was founded in the 1920s by mining magnate Colonel William Boyce Thompson. arboretum.ag.arizona.edu



Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

1100 W. Ruins Dr., Coolidge
520-723-3172

The tallest and most massive Hohokam structure known. Designated as a national monument in 1892, the nation's first archeological preserve. www.nps.gov/cagr

Cosanti Foundation

6433 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd., Scottsdale
480-948-6145

Arizona historic site. Studios, foundries and galleries for the famous Soleri Windbells. Unique construction and architecture. www.arcosanti.org

Globe-Miami and the Tonto National Monument

Roosevelt
928-467-2241

East of Mesa and Apache Junction are the twin mining towns of Globe and Miami. Traveling north on Highway 88, the next stop is the cliff dwellings at Tonto National Monument and the historic Roosevelt Dam and Lake. www.nps.gov/tont

Lost Dutchman State Park

6109 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction
480-982-4485

Named after the fabled lost gold mine, this park is located in the Sonoran Desert at 2000 feet elevation. The park features a variety of hiking trails, nature trails, campsites, picnic facilities and special programs throughout the year. www.azstateparks.com/parks/lodu/index.html

Mesa Arizona Temple Visitors Center

525 E. Main St., Mesa
480-964-7164

A noted landmark with beautifully manicured gardens throughout the grounds. Annual Christmas lights display and the world's largest annual Easter Pageant. www.lids.org/placestovisit

Mystery Castle

800 E. Mineral Rd., Phoenix
602-268-1581

"Imagination is more important than knowledge," an Einstein quote proved by Boyce Gulley, the builder of Mystery Castle. The 18-room, 8,000-square-foot castle was built by Boyce Luther Gulley between 1930 and 1945 to satisfy the fairy-tale fantasies of his young daughter, Mary Lou. Seasonal.

Park of the Canals

1710 N. Horne, Mesa
480-644-2352 or 480-827-4700

The 31-acre park includes evidence of ancient Hohokam Indian canals dating back to 700 B.C. and an extensive desert botanical garden. www.cityofmesa.org/parksrec/parks/park_canals.aspx

Saint Anthony's Monastery

4784 N. St. Joseph's Way, Florence
520-868-3188

In July 1995, five fathers arrived in Arizona from the Holy Monastery of Philotheou, Mount Athos, Greece. In five and a half years, the brotherhood increased to its present number of 34 fathers and 15 buildings, including two churches and three chapels. www.stanthonymonastery.org

Taliesin West

The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation
12621 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale
480-860-2700

Architect Wright's dramatic desert masterpiece. International headquarters of the foundation, site of Frank Lloyd Wright Archives and winter campus for the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. Regularly scheduled and custom group tours. www.franklloydwright.org

Tortilla Flat

Highway 88, Tortilla Flat
480-984-1776

Tortilla Flat, an authentic Old Stagecoach Stop along the scenic Apache Trail, is one of the last remnants of the Old West. Stroll up and down the boardwalk, where the clomp of shoes on the wood is reminiscent of a time past, when wooden sidewalks were the only kind of sidewalk. www.tortillaflataz.com



Mesa Arizona Temple

Wrigley Mansion Club

2501 E. Telawa Trail, Phoenix
602-955-4079

Enjoy fine dining at this historic site and imagine that you are a guest of William and Ada Wrigley. Examine the architectural examples of the 1930s and the collection of art adorning the rooms. www.wrigleymansionclub.com

OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS

Arizona Falls

Herberger Park
56th St. and Indian School, Phoenix
Arizona Falls reopened in June 2003 as a restored hydroelectric plant and neighborhood gathering place. Showcases the Phoenix Art Commission's "WaterWorks at Arizona Falls" project. www.srpnet.com/water/canals/azfalls.aspx

Arizona State Parks

1300 W. Washington St., Phoenix
602-542-4174 or 800-285-3703
From awe-inspiring desert vistas to pine-scented forests, there is something for everyone at Arizona state parks. Our 27 parks include conservation, recreation and historic sites throughout the state. www.azstateparks.com

Castles N' Coasters

9445 Metro Pkwy. East, Phoenix
602-997-7575
Fun, food and excitement. Thrilling sky-high roller coasters, exciting water rides, exotic countries of the world-class miniature golf course, the enchantment of an old-fashioned carousel. www.castlesncoasters.com

Chinese Cultural Center

668 N. 44th St., Phoenix
602-273-7268
A uniquely upscale cultural, culinary and shopping attraction conveniently located adjacent to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Elegantly integrated facility features exquisite fine Asian dining and shopping. www.phxchinatown.com

Deer Valley Rock Art Center

3711 W. Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix
623-582-8007
Hedgpeh Hills is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. More than 1,500 ancient petroglyphs on nearly 600 boulders in a 47-acre nature preserve. www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac

Desert Belle Paddleboat

14011 N. Bush Highway, Mesa
480-984-2425
Enjoy a relaxing 90-minute cruise aboard the Desert Belle Paddleboat on Saguaro Lake. See towering canyon walls, exotic wildlife and dramatic desert vistas. www.saguarolake.net

Desert Botanical Garden

1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
480-941-1225
Amid the red buttes of Papago Park is one of the world's finest collections of desert plants. One of only 44 botanical gardens accredited by the American Association of Museums, this unique garden showcases 50 acres of beautiful outdoor exhibits. www.dbg.org

Dolly Steamboat

Apache Junction
480-827-9144
Cruise the secluded inner waterways of the Junior Grand Canyon on Canyon Lake. Relax and admire breathtaking flora and fauna of the lower Sonoran desert and listen to the captain recount the legends and lore of the Superstition Mountains. www.dollysteamboat.com

Firebird International Raceway

20,000 S. Maricopa Rd., Chandler
602-268-0200
Group outings, hospitality and family gatherings, NHRA Winston drag racing, IHBA drag-boat racing, car-club events, more. www.firebirdraceway.com

Goldfield Ghost Town and Mine Tour

4650 N. Mammoth Mine Rd., Goldfield
480-983-0333
Get a taste of Arizona's colorful mining history. Walk down Main Street, explore shops and buildings, tour the mine, visit the Superstition Mountain/Lost Dutchman Museum, pan for gold, take a narrow-gauge train ride, witness an old west gun fight. www.goldfieldghosttown.com

Golfland/SunSplash

155 W. Hampton Ave., Mesa
480-834-8319
Fastcar Raceway, video arcade, three 18-hole miniature golf courses, wave pool, Lazy River, Master Blaster Water Coaster. Two action-packed family entertainment centers in one. Sunsplash is seasonal. www.golfland.com/mesa

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale
480-312-2312
Train rides throughout the park, historic exhibits, superb picnic and playground facilities. www.therailroadpark.com

Phoenix Greyhound Park

3801 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602-273-7181
Pari-mutuel wagering on live greyhound racing seven nights a week, daily simulcast wagering from racetracks across the nation. www.phoenixgreyhoundpark.com

Phoenix International Raceway

7602 S. 115th Ave., Avondale
866-408-RACE
With its world-renowned mile oval, PIR is the annual site for races featuring the biggest names on the NASCAR and Indy Racing League circuits. www.phoenixintlraceway.com

The Phoenix Zoo

455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
602-273-1341
The nation's leading nonprofit zoo, home to more than 1,200 animals. Exciting array of animal exhibits, unique special events, educational programs, outdoor recreational activities for people of all ages. www.phoenixzoo.org

Queen Creek Olive Mill

25062 S. Meridian Rd., Queen Creek
480-888-9290
Arizona's first working olive farm and mill. Hand-picked olives are blended to make one of the world's finest extra virgin olive oils. www.queencreekolivefarm.com



Superstition Mountains

Rawhide Western Town & Steakhouse

5700 W. North Loop Rd., Chandler
480-502-5600 or 800-527-1880
Travel back in time to the untamed Wild West, to an authentic 1880s town. Gunfights, stunt shows, stagecoach rides, desert train rides, petting ranch, camel ride, bull riding, gold panning, a working blacksmith, western shops, games, horseback riding, more. www.rawhide.com

Rio Salado Audubon Center

Central Ave. and the Salt River
Overlooking the revitalized Salt River, the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center is an important nature and conservation resource for greater Phoenix. www.maricopaudubon.org

Riparian Preserve

2757 E. Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert
Guadalupe & Greenfield
Ocotillo & Higley
480-503-6744
Two wetland wildlife sanctuaries in the desert for hikers, birders, photographers and bikers. www.riparianinstitute.org

Rose Garden at Mesa Community College

1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-461-7022
Largest rose garden in the arid Southwest desert includes 8,000 bushes and more than 500 varieties. They bloom most of the year, with the peak of flowering in April. www.mc.maricopa.edu/community/rosegarden

Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Farm

I-10 Exit 219, Picacho
520-466-3658
Family owned and operated working ostrich ranch. Stop in and feed the critters for an unforgettable experience. www.roostercogburn.com

Schnepf Farms

22601 E. Cloud Rd., Queen Creek
480-987-3100
Petting corral featuring a pony, a potbelly pig, chickens, sheep, goats and rabbits. U-pick peaches, apricots, sweet corn in season. Local honey, nuts, dried fruit, specialty food and crafts. Park, tours and camping. www.schnepffarms.com

Tempe Town Lake

Rio Salado Pkwy. and Mill Ave., Tempe
480-350-8625
The heart of Tempe Town Lake is historic Tempe Beach Park. Room for a rock music festival with quiet space still remaining for a romantic walk. www.tempetownlake.com

Tonto National Forest Mesa Ranger District

5140 E. Ingram St., Mesa
480-610-3300
Great location for hiking, the Tonto National Forest is the fifth largest forest in the U.S., on nearly three million acres of land, one of the most-visited forests. Outstanding year-round recreational opportunities. Its scenic landscapes range from cactus-studded desert to pine-forested mountains. www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto

Turf Paradise

1501 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix
602-942-1101
Live racing September through May. Simulcast racing seven days a week, 364 days a year. www.turfparadise.com

Wildlife World Zoo

16501 W. Northern Ave., Litchfield Park
623-935-WILD
Arizona's largest collection of exotic animals, more than 1,300 individual animals — up close and personal. www.wildlifeworld.com



MUSEUMS

Arizona Capitol Museum

1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix
602-926-3620

This National Register site served as both the capitol of the Arizona Territory and the state capitol and has been restored to its 1912 appearance. It offers museum and capitol tours, exhibits, education programs, commemoration of special state events and a museum store.
www.lib.az.us/museum

Arizona Hall of Fame Museum

1101 W. Washington St., Phoenix
602-542-4581
Housed in the 1908 Carnegie Library. Arizona Women's Hall of Fame plus changing exhibits focusing on the people of Arizona. www.azcama.com/museums/hofame.html

Arizona Historical Society Museum

1300 N. College Ave., Tempe
480-929-9499

A regional museum in Papago Park featuring changing and permanent interactive exhibits on contemporary central Arizona history. Multimedia gallery, educational tours, research library.
www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org

Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum

1502 W. Washington St., Phoenix
602-771-1611 or 800-446-4259

The museum commemorates the mining industry that helped build Arizona. More than 3,000 minerals on exhibit, including colorful minerals from Arizona's copper mines.
www.admmr.state.az.us

Arizona Museum of Youth

35 N. Robson, Mesa
480-644-2468 English
480-644-2467 Spanish
Nationally renowned fine arts museum for children. Changing gallery presents three exhibitions annually with ongoing hands-on art activities. Designed for ages 5-12 and 0-5. www.arizonamuseumforyouth.com

Arizona Museum of Natural History

53 N. Macdonald, Mesa
480-644-2230
Museum of cultural and natural history, permanent and changing exhibitions on Arizona and the Southwest, from dinosaurs to conquistadors, from the old west to the space age. Hands-on exhibits for all ages. www.azmnh.org

Arizona Railway / Train Museum

330 E. Ryan Rd., Chandler
480-821-1108
Dedicated to the railways of Arizona and the Southwest. Railways of all kinds are included in the scope of the museum.
www.azrymuseum.org

Arizona Science Center

600 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602-716-2000
Hands-on, eye-opening fun with a state-of-the-art planetarium, 300+ interactive exhibits, five-story giant-screen theater, live demonstrations and traveling exhibitions. www.azscience.org

Bead Museum

5754 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale
623-931-2737
Unique museum founded houses over 100,000 beads and beaded artifacts. Permanent and changing exhibitions, education and outreach lectures, tours and classes. www.beadmuseumaz.org

Children's Museum of Phoenix

215 N. 7th Street, Phoenix
602-253-0501
Acting on the principle that learning is a joy, the museum's mission is to engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the grown-ups who care about them.
www.childrensmuseumofphoenix

Commemorative Air Force Museum

2017 N. Greenfield Rd., Mesa
480-924-1940
The Arizona Wing is entrusted with the restoration, care and display of "Sentimental Journey", considered to be the most authentically restored flying B-17 in the world today.
www.azcaf.org

Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting

6101 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix
602-275-3473
More than 90 restored pieces of fire apparatus on display, dating from 1725.
www.hallofflame.org

Heard Museum

2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602-252-8848
Ten exhibit galleries and beautiful outdoor courtyards feature outstanding traditional and contemporary Native American art. www.heard.org

Hoo-Hoogam Ki Museum

10005 E. Osborne Rd., Scottsdale
480-850-8190
Features the cultural heritage of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community from the ancient Hohokam to the present, with exhibits on Pima basketry, Maricopa pottery, traditional dress and veterans.
www.azcama.com/museums/hoohoogam.html

Mesa Historical Museum

2345 N. Horne St., Mesa
480-835-7358
Historic schoolhouse built in 1913 houses a collection of farm machinery and domestic farmstead items. Memorabilia of early Mesa, Stringtown and Lehi settlers. Murals depict the story of the Southwest and Mesa area development.
www.mesaaz.org

Penske Racing Museum

7125 E. Chauncey Lane, Phoenix
480-538-4444
Celebrates nearly 40 years of the winning tradition of Penske racing, showcasing a private collection of vintage race cars, racing trophies and racing memorabilia.
www.penskeracingmuseum.com

Petersen House Museum

1414 W. Southern Ave., Tempe
480-350-5151
After extensive restoration, the Petersen House received the 1990 Governor's Award of Historic Preservation.
www.tempe.gov/petersenhouse

Phoenix Art Museum

1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602-257-1222
Includes 16,000 artworks that span the centuries. Emphasis on American, Asian, European, Latin American, modern and contemporary and Western American art, plus fashion design and the Thorne Miniature Rooms of historic interiors. The museum includes an interactive "child-friendly, please touch!" gallery called ArtWorks. www.phxart.org

Phoenix Museum of History

Heritage and Science Park
105 N. Fifth St., Phoenix
602-253-2734
The museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving and exhibiting the early history of Phoenix. Interactive exhibits showcase Phoenix's metamorphosis from dusty desert town to modern metropolis.
www.phoenixmuseumofhistory.org

Phoenix Police Museum

101 S. Central Ave., Suite 100, Phoenix
602-534-7278
Police artifacts dating from the late 1800s. Exhibits show the department's history, from its early police marshals to present day police officers.
www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com

Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum

3901 W. Pioneer Rd., Phoenix
623-465-1052
Located 30 minutes north of Phoenix, the museum sits on more than 90 acres of an old 1800s village, with original buildings and accurate reproductions. The village houses 30 historic buildings from the 1880s to the turn of the century. www.pioneer-arizona.com

Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park

4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602-495-0900 or 877-706-4408

Dedicated to the study and interpretation of the Hohokam culture. Explore the ruin of an 800-year-old platform mound, an excavated ball court and full-scale reproductions of prehistoric Hohokam homes. www.pueblogrande.com

River of Time Museum

12901 N. La Montana Blvd.,
Fountain Hills
480-837-2612

The museum dramatizes the critical importance of the rivers and water to life in the desert. Historical and cultural programs and activities for adults and children. www.riveroftimemuseum.org

Shemer Art Center & Museum

5005 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix
602-262-4727

1920s Santa Fe mission-style building features exhibits by Arizona artists, as well as classes for the whole family. www.ci.phoenix.az.us/PARKS/shemer.html

Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum

4087 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction
480-983-4888

The museum collects, preserves and displays the artifacts, history and folklore of the Superstition Mountains, Apache Junction and the surrounding region. www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org

Tempe Historical Museum

809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe
480-350-5100

The museum depicts the history of Tempe from its founding in 1871 to its growth and development into a modern city. Hands-on exhibits, two changing galleries and gift shop. www.tempe.gov/museum

West Valley Art Museum

17420 N. Avenue of the Arts, Surprise
623-972-0635

Five galleries host 30-40 exhibitions annually including exhibits from its permanent collections of ethnic dress, American and Oriental art. www.wvam.org

Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery

22402 S. Basha Rd., Chandler
480-895-5230 opt. 2

The focus of the collection lies in two specific areas: contemporary Western American Art and contemporary Native American Art. A vast composite of artwork, with well over 1,200 pieces of art displayed throughout the gallery. www.bashas.com/gallery

INDOOR ATTRACTIONS

Amazing Jake's Food & Fun

1830 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
480-926-7499

All -you-can-eat buffet, 12 bowling lanes, indoor go-karts, bumper karts, laser tag, a 25-foot rock wall, exciting kiddie rides and the latest video games. www.amazingjakes.com/mesa

Ballers – Paintball Arena

140 N. Country Club Dr., Mesa
480-668-7868

A full range of speed-ball games on a 16,000 square foot turf field. Closed Mondays. www.ballersarena.com

Bison Museum

16641 N. 91st St., Scottsdale
480-837-8700

The Bison Museum showcases one of the premier bison and western collections in the country. www.bisonhomes.com/html/museum/index.shtml

Challenger Space Center

21170 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria
623-322-2001

Exciting space-themed learning environment where visitors can fly simulated space flight missions involving flight crews, mission controllers and scientists. www.azchallenger.org

Crosswoods Indoor Golf Center

5222 E. Baseline Rd., Gilbert
480-654-GOLF

Test your skill on over 30 world-class courses, including Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill and Harbour Town. www.crosswoods.golf.com

F1 Race Factory

317 S. 48th St., Phoenix
602-302-RACE (7223)

Offers everything from high-speed kart racing to rock climbing, billiards and video games. www.f1racefactory.com

Gameworks

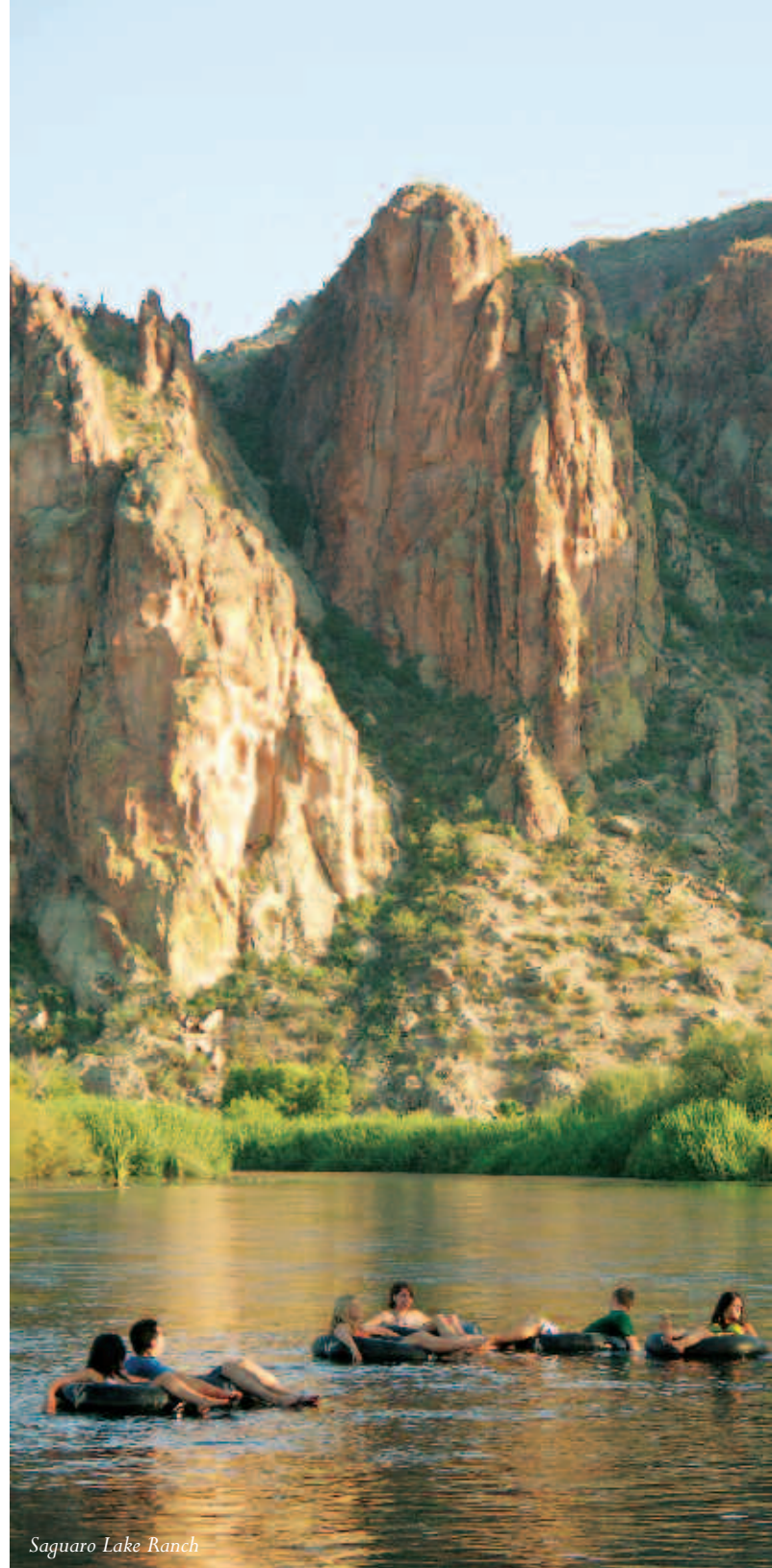
5000 Arizona Mills Circle, Tempe
480-839-4263

The ultimate destination for a total entertainment experience where guests can eat, drink, party and play. www.gameworks.com

LaserQuest

2035 S. Alma School Rd., Mesa
480-752-0005

Tag, hide and seek, cops and robbers, capture the flag and Buck Rogers all rolled into one, enhanced with modern technology. Whether it's a social event or serious fun there's nothing that brings people together for a great time quite like Laser Quest. www.laserquest.com



Saguaro Lake Ranch

Red Mountain Multigenerational Center

7550 E. Adobe Rd., Mesa
480-644-4810

Serving the needs of all ages, from pre-schoolers to senior adults, center includes indoor walking/running track, climbing wall, exercise equipment, aerobics, billiard room, gymnasium and more. www.cityofmesa.org/parksrec/rmmc

Stratum Laser Tag

1455 S. Stapley Dr., Mesa
480-545-5500

Facility includes a 13,000-square-foot laser tag arena with 15 different levels, arcade and redemption area, featuring all non-violent arcade games as well as a seated dining area. www.stratumhq.com



Mesa Arts Center

THEATER/ DINNER THEATER

Barleen's Arizona Opry Dinner Show

2275 Old West Highway, Apache Junction
480-982-7991

Relax in a comfortable, air-conditioned theater and enjoy a hearty, home-cooked meal. After dinner, enjoy an unforgettable evening of family entertainment! Seasonal. www.azopry.com

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

5247 E. Brown Rd., Mesa
480-325-6700

A visit to Broadway Palm is more than just great theater, beginning with their lavish buffet, full-service bar and mouth-watering gourmet desserts. Enjoy a complete evening of fabulous food and Broadway entertainment in the 500-seat theatre. www.broadwaypalmwest.com

Chandler Center for the Arts

250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler
480-782-2680

The elegant complex features three stages, with total seating capacity of 1,550, ample parking and just one block from the San Marcos Resort. www.chandlercenter.org

Duttons Family Theater

7420 E. Main St., Mesa
480-840-6874 • 888-388-8661

America's family who has entertained audiences in more countries than any other family in the world, now in Arizona from their theater in Branson. www.theduttons.com

Gateway 12 Imax Theater

1955 S. Signal Butte Rd., Mesa
480-354-8030

Treat your senses to the most powerful and involving movie experience yet created. A larger-than-life escape, putting you in the heart of the action! www.imax.com

Hale Centre Theatre

50 W. Page Ave., Gilbert
480-497-1181

Fun and affordable family entertainment. An intimate, friendly theatrical experience. www.haletheatrearizona.com

Herberger Theater Center

222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix
602-252-8497

The Valley venue for the Arizona Theatre Company, with productions that are consistently as good as any top theater in the country. www.phoenixstages.com

Mesa Arts Center

One E. Main St., Mesa
480-644-6500

A 212,755-square-foot performing arts, visual arts and arts education facility, the largest and most comprehensive arts center in Arizona. Located in the heart of downtown at Center and Main streets. Four theaters, five galleries, 14 creative art studios. www.mesaartscenter.com

ASU's Gammage Auditorium

1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe
480-965-3434

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Gammage seats 3,000 and presents a year-round season of nationally touring Broadway musicals, plus much more. Excellent group discounts/packages available. www.asugammage.com

Organ Stop Pizza

1149 E. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-813-5700

The unique Organ Stop is one of the largest restaurants in the Southwest. Xylophones, chimes, pianos, drums, cymbals and hundreds of other musical instruments and sound effects surround you in the dining room, controlled by one person at the console of the mighty Wurlitzer organ. www.organstoppizza.com

Orpheum Theatre

203 W. Adams St., Phoenix
602-262-7272

Beautifully renovated 1,400-seat venue showcases local and touring companies presenting theater, dance and music. www.phoenixstages.com

Phoenix Symphony Hall

225 E. Adams St., Phoenix
602-534-5600

Home of the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, Arizona Opera and Ballet Arizona, hosting entertainment from opera and ballet to Broadway shows and concerts. www.phoenixstages.com

Rockin' R Ranch

6136 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
480-832-1539

Gunfights and gold panning, western shops and hot dutch oven biscuits. All-you-can-eat BBQ beef or chicken dinner followed by a spectacular western stage show featuring the world-famous Rockin' R Wranglers. www.rockinr.net

Scottsdale Center for the Arts

7380 E. Second St., Scottsdale
480-994-ARTS

The center presents a season of music, dance and theater; concerts under the stars in the amphitheater; free Sunday A'Fairs, October through April and the annual Scottsdale Arts Festival in March. www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org

SHOPPING

Bass Pro Shops

1133 N. Dobson Rd., Mesa
602-606-5600

The world's leading supplier of premium outdoor gear, the only Bass Pro Shop in Arizona. Located at Mesa Riverview, Highway 202 and North Dobson Road. www.bassproshops.com

Fiesta Mall

1445 W. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-833-4121

At US 60 and Alma School Road, Fiesta Mall features Macy's, Dillard's, Sears and more than 140 of your favorites. www.shopfiesta.com

Greenfield Gateway

US 60 & Greenfield Rd., Mesa
Retail power center including dining, sporting goods, furniture and clothing.

Mesa Market Place

10550 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
480-380-5572

Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. 1600 booths under one roof. Mister system throughout for summer heat! www.mesamarket.com

Mesa Grand Shopping Center

US 60 & Stapley Dr., Mesa
Extensive selection of specialty stores, dining and cinemas. www.shopmesagrand.com

Mesa Riverview

Loop 202 & North Dobson Rd., Mesa
480-461-0050

1.3 million square feet of retail, including the first Bass Pro Shops in the Southwest, and the new Toby Keith's I Love this Bar and Grill. www.mesariverview.com

Superstition Gateway

US 60 & Signal Butte Rd., Mesa
Retail power center including dining, shopping, cinemas, two IMAX theaters.

Superstition Springs Center

6555 E. Southern Ave., Mesa
480-832-0212

At US 60 and Power Road in east Mesa, mall includes Dillard's, JCPenney, Sears, Mervyn's, Robinsons-May, 150 specialty shops, cinemas, eateries, carousel, desert botanical garden, Plaza Amphitheater. www.superstitionsprings.com

Dana Park Village Square

1700 S. Val Vista Dr., Mesa
480-890-0555

Upscale, boutique-style shopping with sparkling fountains and merchants offering jewelry, home accessories, fashion clothing, gourmet foods and unique dining. www.danapark.com

Village at Las Sendas

Power Rd. & McDowell Rd., Mesa
Upscale dining and shopping at more than five restaurants and more than a dozen specialty shops.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Apache Trail and Superstition Mountains

Highway 88
The Apache Trail is one of the most popular day trips from the Phoenix-Mesa metro area. Follow the footsteps that Indians and prospectors took more than 100 years ago. www.american-southwest.net/arizona/apache_trail

Apache Trail Tours

Goldfield Ghost Town, Apache Junction
480-982-7661

Custom wild west adventures for families or groups including Jeep tours, hiking treks, gold panning excursions, steak-outs, overnight camping and more! www.apachetrailtours.com

Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving

Chandler
480-961-0143 or 800-842-7223
The Bondurant School is a multi-million-dollar racing enterprise. This is the world's finest driving school featuring a 15-turn, 1.6-mile road course, specifically designed by Bob Bondurant for high performance, race driving and advanced driving instruction. www.bondurant.com

Desert Dog Hummer Adventures

Fountain Hills
480-837-3966
See breathtaking views of Arizona on full- or half-day tours. Experience the thrill of four-wheeling. Tours of Four Peaks and the coves of Saguaro Lake available. www.azadventures.com

Desert Storm Hummer Tours

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