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Private jets, personal chefs, hot-air balloon rides for two – what's not to love? Luxury experiences abound in Arizona; add in year-round mild temperatures, more resorts than you can count, poolside yoga, creekside massages and the Grand Canyon to boot.

Here's how to craft an exclusive luxury vacation among the pastel deserts, unexpected snow-capped mountains and famous red-rock canyons.

Iconic Arizona

Inarguably breathtaking, the Grand Canyon is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and the entirety sits within Arizona, the 48th State. Stretching 277 miles long and 18 miles wide, the canyon's multihued rock walls descend more than a mile to the Colorado River below, and it can be experienced on foot, bike, boat, horseback, mule or helicopter. If you've never seen the Grand Canyon, it's time to rectify that with an Arizona adventure.

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Set amidst spectacular high-desert scenery and offering an array of unexpected activities—from aerial yoga to primitive fire making—Arizona is home to luxurious spa resorts that go well beyond a simple massage and instead deliver a truly immersive wellness experience. Indulge yourself with a few days at one of these health-focused spa resorts and renew both your mind and body.



Authentic Native American spa services at Aji Spa, combine ancient techniques with indigenous ingredients for a truly transcendental experience.

Aji Spa, Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass

LUXURY RESORTS

Arizona has a long history as a resort destination and features several historic properties that have either been continuously in business or lovingly restored to their former glory.

Arizona's resorts are some of the best in the nation, offering the perfect respite from your busy life.

And with the resort scene comes golf. Arizona's golf courses are as diverse and spectacular as the state's famed landscape. Ranging from desert target-style courses to links courses and alpine fairways.









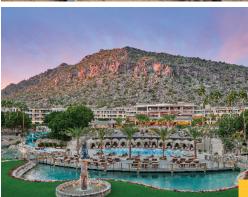














Resorts

L'AUBERGE DE SEDONA - THE CREEKHOUSE

Located at L'Auberge de Sedona in the heart of Sedona, at 3,070 sq. ft. The Creekhouse is a luxurious five-bedroom home that offers a refined, intimate space for guests looking for an exclusive getaway. Overlooking Oak Creek and surrounded by Sedona's celebrated red rocks, The Creekhouse is the ideal luxury-leisure destination for groups, retreats, reunions and more. Each guest room offers a private sanctuary-which includes a king-sized bed, private bath, and spearate keyed entracnce.

301 L'Auberge Ln., Sedona, AZ 86336 lauberge.com

While in Sedona visit a vortex (thought to be a swirling center of energy). Hike the 1-mile out-and-back Cathedral Rock Trail for panoramic views and to tap into the transformational energy of the area.

CASTLE HOT SPRINGS

Castle Hot Springs is famous for its rich history and wellness-focused experiences. Being the first wellness resort in Arizona dating back to 1896, it was a retreat for celebrities, dignitaries, presidents and the very wealthy who took to the mineral rich hot springs for their recuperative powers. A series of fires shuttered the original resort, but like the Phoenix rising from the ashes, the property was rebuilt and reopened in 2018 as an all-inclusive resort with 32 luxury accommodations including well-appointed cottages and a sky view cabin. In addition to the aforementioned hot springs and a spring-fed swimming pool, guests can enjoy spa treatments, activities, wellness classes and health-conscious fare—due to an expansive garden and the culinary prowess of the on-site culinary team of John Amann and Chris Schuetta.

5050 N. Castle Hot Springs Rd., Morristown, AZ 85342 castlehotsprings.com

MIRAVAL

Miraval Arizona occupies 400 pristine acres against the backdrop of the Santa Catalina Mountains, where guests can practice mindfulness as they hike, mountain bike, horseback ride or practice yoga beneath Southwestern skies. This all-inclusive oasis challenges visitors to take a journey to "Life in Balance," and features a lineup of more than 120 wellness activities including Native American-inspired drumming, aerial yoga, honey tasting, meditation and more—all in pursuit of balance.

5000 East, E Via Estancia Miraval, Tucson, AZ 85379 miravalresorts.com

While in Tucson, contemplate the universe, with two of the largest telescopes for public use in the Southwest at Mount Lemmon SkyCenter atop Mount Lemmon. At 9,000 feet elevation, it's the perfect vantage point for viewing celestial bodies.

THE PHOENICIAN

Located at the foot of Camelback Mountain, The Phoenician is a Forbes Five Star resort property in the heart of Scottsdale. In addition to its ideal location, the gorgeous property also features luxurious guestrooms, casitas, and suites, an amazing pool, award-winning restaurants, a three-story spa and a completely redesigned and rerouted 18-hole golf course. Despite its ideal location, you could easily spend your entire stay at The Phoenician and experience something different every day.

6000 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 thephoenician.com

For those requiring retail therapy, a visit to the neighboring Scottsdale Fashion Square is a must. This indoor shopping mecca is home to retailers AllSaints, Bottega Veneta, Prada, Cartier and more. Make sure to text the concierge service to assist with valet or carry-out



Dude & Guest Ranches

One of the most uniquely Arizona vacations is a stay at a guest ranch where you can immerse yourself in the heritage and culture of the Old West. It's an opportunity to indulge your inner cowboy or cowgirl by experiencing the day-to-day workings of ranch life against the backdrop of iconic Arizona scenery. Exceptional Southwestern hospitality, entertainment, comfortable accommodations and three-squares-a-day will ensure your Wild West adventure is memorable.



ICONIC AZ EXPERIENCES

When thinking of Arizona, nothing is more iconic than one of America's Crown Jewel National Parks, however, the Grand Canyon is just one option for an unforgettable trip to AZ. The state is home to 21 other national parks and monuments, dozens of beautiful state parks, 22 Tribal Nations, the longest preserved stretch of historic Route 66 and a spirit of service born from southwestern hospitality.







Iconic Arizona

UNDER CANVAS GRAND CANYON

Glamping under the stars near the entrance of the Grand Canyon National Park is the unique experience guests can indulge in at Under Canvas Grand Canyon. Picture high-end furnishings, a wood burning stove and shower in a private canvas-style bungalow. In the evening, relax around the campfire near the lobby lounge tent and snack on s'mores and good times.

979 Airpark Lane, Williams, AZ 86046 undercanvas.com

Don't forget to look up at the stars. Grand Canyon National Park is a designated International Dark Sky Park and you are sure to be wowed by the magic of viewing that many stars. For maximum viewing, make sure to book a stargazing tent with viewing windows.

LA POSADA HOTEL

Fred Harvey's last great railroad hotel was the La Posada Hotel. This majestic hotel truly showcases the architecture of historically renowned architect Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter. La Posada, meaning resting place, was envisioned to be a great hacienda for the wealthy and it was for 27 years beginning in 1930. Famous figures such as Will Rogers and Amelia Earhart spent time in the historic stop along Route 66. The rooms have since been updated, but still retain their original charm. The property is a living museum where guests can lay their heads, hold events and tour exhibits. You may even get to meet one of Fred Harvey's very own coined Harvey Girls who can share the history and charm of the railroad town.

303 E. 2nd Street, Winslow, AZ 86043 laposada.org

When in town, be sure to "stand on the corner in Winslow, Arizona" and snap a shot of that iconic road sign made famous by the Eagles' song "Take it Easy." True Americana history you can share with all your friends and family or Instagram followers after your trip in Arizona.

HOUSEBOATING AT LAKE POWELL

Bucketlists were made for destinations like Lake Powell and taking in the sights from the comfort of a houseboat is next level. The Lake Powell Resort and Marina offers houseboat options for every size group and luxury level. Soak in Lake Powell's scenery by exploring the water ways between canyons or dock on your own slice of heaven with over 3,000 miles of shoreline–you will feel like you have the beautiful water oasis all to yourself. All of the fun is at your fingertips, you'll never want to leave.

100 Lake Shore Drive, Page, AZ 86040 lakepowell.com

Take a day trip to Antelope Canyon while in Page, Arizona. The pristine sandstone slot canyons invite visitors to step inside a natural sculpture and experience another awe inspiring corner of Arizona. Guided tours are offered year-round, but photographers know the midday window between March and October is the time to capitalize on the ideal position of the sun. That's when the sun creates light shafts that reach the canyon floor and illuminate the pink, red, orange and gold patterns on the canyon walls.









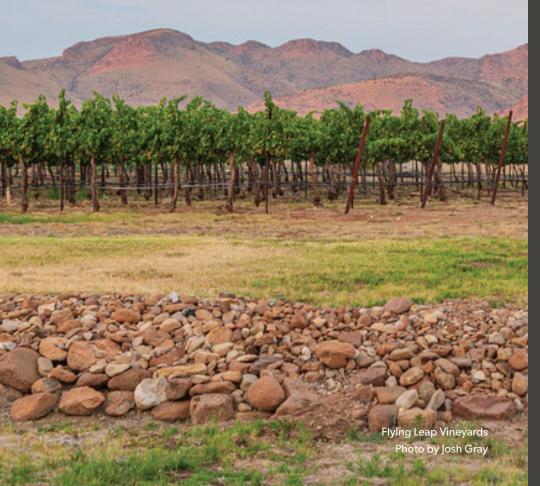


Elevated Wine Tasting

In Arizona's high deserts, three major grapegrowing regions (all with AVA designation) have taken root – Sonoita, Willcox, and the Verde Valley. Touring Arizona's wineries is an excellent opportunity to get outside, sip fabulous wine and admire the stunning vistas.

Some vineyard accommodations have popped up throughout the state and are an ideal way to indulge in the fruits and rest easy at night.





EXCLUSIVE CULINARY

Discriminating foodies love Arizona. The state is rapidly becoming known for its culinary excellence, thanks to James Beard and Forbes Five Star award-winning restaurants, farm-to-table fare, American Indian specialties and, of course, authentic Southwestern cuisine. From sophisticated ambiance to rustic, down-home surroundings to romantic candlelit dining, you'll find an ambiance to suit your taste in Arizona.

The state has many culinary driven destinations and retreats but when food isn't the only thing driving your itinerary try to make a glamorous pit stop at an exclusive private dinning event with Cloth & Flame. Their eleborate table scapes highlight the authentic beauty of the surrounding Arizona landscape whether in the red rocks of Sedona, the ponderosa pines in Flagstaff or the simplisticly rustic Sonoran Desert. clothandflame.com



Culinary

LOS MILICS VINEYARDS

In describing the Sonoita-Elgin wine region of Arizona, winemaker Pavle Milic says, "The ascent to Sonoita calms the spirit and pleases the soul. It's a feeling of leaving the hustle and bustle of the city and the monotony of an Interstate behind." Sonoita-Elgin is a grassland paradise peppered with beautiful mountain ranges in the high-desert of Arizona. The region currently has sixteen tasting rooms, one of which is the fastest emerging winery in the state: Los Milics Vineyards.

Pavle Milic, with Colombian and Yugoslavian roots, is co-owner and Beverage Diretor at FnB restaurant in Old Town Scottsdale and he and his wife Ita have huge plans for the Los Milics Vineyard location in Sonoita. The plans include elegantly cozy casitas to pair with the iconic wine production building designed to complement the landscape of the site and the region. The whole goal of the property is for guests to unplug, connect with nature and delight in excellent wine.

423 Upper Elgin Road, #824, Elgin, AZ 85611

FLAGSTAFF UPSCALE CUISINE - ATRIA

New to Arizona's culinary scene is the recently opened Atria in Flagstaff. Chef Rochelle Daniel, no-new-comer to upscale cuisine, recently took her passion and award winning skills to the northern region of Arizona expaning Flagstaff's luxury dining options. Chef Daniel is nationally known for her appearances on Food Network's "Chopped" and was named to the Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame in 2017. If you are typically devoted to Scottsdale vacations, you may have indluged in Chef Daniel's cuisine as the executive chef for the award-winning modern Italian restaurant Fat Ox. Take your Arizona getaway to the high country mountains of Flagstaff and add a stop at Flagstaff's new home for seasonal, modern American fare handcrafted with farm-fresh, locally-grown ingredients at Atria.

103 N. Leroux Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

TERRA FARM + MANOR

Enter the 100,000 plus acre historic ranch at Terra Farm + Manor to immerse yourself in a true farm to table getaway. This working farm in Prescott offers both hands-on cooking classes and luxury accommodations. The manor has 8 comfortable rooms that are infused with a rustic feel, freshly farmed produce, exclusive cooking classes taught by renowned chefs alongside winemakers and a wide range of activities reflective of the traditional lifestyle of the American West. You will bring home full bellies and culinary expertise that you can showcase in your own kitchen. Grow in your cooking skills, impress your future guests and enjoy the farm that brings the dishes of your dreams to life.

The property is perfectly equiped for group buyouts to host exclusive getaways, family reunions or executive team retreats. No request is too lavish for this culinary haven where you can delight in any color of eggs, whiskey aged longer than you or the cleanest cuts of meat around. It's a true hidden gem in the high desert and part of the charm is the address is not even public, what's more exclusive than that?



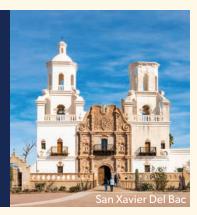






Vacation Planning

Round out your Arizona travel plans with some of our favorite activities, from guided tours around the state with truly exclusive offerings to landmarks, museums and seriously swoon-worthy shopping. These add-on's will make your Arizona getaway a well rounded endevour to tell your friends about.



Guided Tours

INDULGE IN SUNSETS

Arizona's sunsets are among the most photographed, and for good reason, with vibrant splashes of orange, purple, red and pink streaked across the sky. Witness the surreal beauty up close.

Westwind Air Service's aerial tours span the state. Plan to depart from Phoenix and experience the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Antelope Canyon or even Sedona with a wine tasting tour. westwindairservice.com

A private sunset tour over the Phoenix desert via hot air balloon might be the romantic tour of your dreams. Make sure to finish your flight with a glass of bubbly. hotairexpeditions.com or rainbowryders.com



AT YOUR SERVICE -

One of the best ways to access Arizona's experiences is with the help of an expert. Enter Arizona-based Concierge Extraordinaire.

Whether you want to explore the Grand Canyon by private helicopter or simply relax at a luxury vacation home with resort-style amenities,

Concierge Extraordinaire handles every detail from arrival to departure. viextraordinaire.com

Would you rather decide between amazing pre-planned private trips that are ready to book? DETOURS has a series of luxury private tours that have been designed by on-the-ground travel experts with a passion for Arizona. No lines, no waiting they are on your time.

detoursamericanwest.com

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Feeling a little more rugged, let REI adventures take care of all of the details. Experience the natural wonders of Arizona on a guided adventure such as Aravaipa Canyon, Grand Canyon, Superstition Mountains and the big tour "Arizona Ultimate Adventure – Grand Canyon & Beyond." Professional guides will handle meals, transportation to/from Scottsdale, tents, water filter, and permitting. rei.com/adventures

Shopping

HANDCRAFTED IN ARIZONA

Escape to a creative and meditative experience at Cosanti Originals Windbells. Shop and take home a piece of the desert by selecting your own handcrafted windbell made from bronze and ceramic. This cultural treasure in Paradise Valley near Scottsdale provides guided tours of the property seven days a week. cosanti.com

Local Eric Watson of Watson's Hat Shop, makes and restores cowboy hats, along with other styles, on antique machinery in his luxury shop in Cave Creek. His hats have adorned the likes of Kenny Chesney, Justin Timberlake and countless Arizona ranchers and cowboys. Make sure to stop in to complete your Western outfit for years to come. watsonhatshop.com



Embark on an epic art walk at Tlaquepaque Arts and Shopping Village in Sedona. Visit more than 15 art galleries featuring local and international artists. This is truly a wonderful way to capture the vibe of the town and shop till you drop. tlaq.com

LUXURY COMPLEXES

From the top luxury complex: Scottsdale Fashion Square to surrounding Kierland Commons and Scottsdale Quarter a few miles north, shopping is sure to impress in Scottsdale. Don't discount Tucson, with upscale La Encantada featuring stunning Spanish-style architecture and tons prestine stores. visitarizona.com/shopping

Museums & Landmarks

MEANDER MUSEUMS

The MIM, or Musical Instrument Museum, in Phoenix showcases over 8,000 musical instruments and displays a representation from nearly 200 countries. The gorgeous architecture, cultural history through music, hands-on areas for kids all paired with state of the art audiovisual technology to enhance the experience, the MIM is a true one-of-a-kind museum. mim.org

If you want to truly immerse yourself in western cultural and Arizona's history and wild west roots make sure to include a trip to the Scottsdale Museum of the West. The high-quality exhibitions of art and dynamic cultural artifacts truly tell the stories of the transition from Old West to New West. scottsdalemuseumwest.org

ARIZONA LANDMARKS

Arizona is truly a destination for sigh-seeing, exploring the great outdoors and connecting with nature. The 22 national parks and monuments include the Grand Canyon, Saguaro National Park, Petrified Forest, Canyon de Chelly, Organ Pipe and Monument Valley to name a few. The diversity of the landscapes is truly remarkable. Arizona also has spectacular state parks and famous BLM (Bureau of Land Management) like the Wave also known as Coyotes Buttes North. Other remarkable landmarks worth adding to your adventure list are San Xavier Del Bac Mission in Tucson and the London Bridge in Lake Havasu City.





















