

LUXURY

ARIZONA'S HIGH DESERT — ELEVATED.

In Arizona, luxury isn't loud, it's considered. It reveals itself in the hush of a canyon at sunset, the scent of desert botanicals in a world-class spa, and the kind of deferential service that anticipates your every need. From refined urban elegance to red rock serenity to secluded, storied escapes, each experience is expertly curated, thoughtfully cultivated, and deeply connected to its surroundings. Here, luxury is not just seen, but felt...in the harmony of place, the attention to detail, and the lasting sense of well-being that lingers long after you leave.

TIP: Combine this itinerary with either the **Tuscon & Southern Arizona** itinerary, **Central Arizona** itinerary or the **Phoenix Metro** guide for other activities.

➤ Phoenix

What to do:

With 140 acres and more than 50,000 plants, Phoenix's **Desert Botanical Garden** is your chance to revel in nature's extravagance. Savor the beauty of thousands of live butterflies in the Cohn Family Butterfly Pavilion and make sure to check the calendar for the garden's neon-lit, after-dark experiences. dbg.org

Explore how humans give sound to the soul at the **Musical Instrument Museum**. The museum's striking design has its own moving rhythms, and you might find yourself aiming your camera at both the architecture and the exhibits. Pilgrimage to your favorite artists' instruments (like Prince's purple piano!), journey around the globe in the geographic galleries, and stay for an intimate concert in their 300-seat acoustic gem of a theater. mim.org

Where to stay:

At the **Global Ambassador Hotel**, luxury travels well. Set against the backdrop of Camelback Mountain, right where Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Paradise Valley intersect, this polished retreat feels equal parts cosmopolitan and effortlessly cool. The vibe? Jet-set energy with a desert twist. Think beautifully designed rooms, five standout dining options on site that turn every meal into a moment, and a spa that practically insists you slow down (in the best possible way). It's sleek, sophisticated, and just indulgent enough to feel like you've upgraded your entire trip. globalambassadorhotel.com

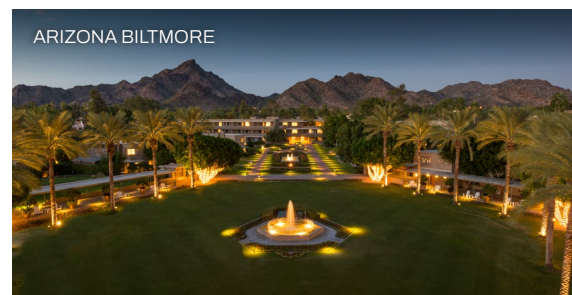
The home of a century of celebrity gossip and the original tequila sunrise (tequila, crème de cassis, lime, and soda - no OJ in this classic, thank you very much), the **Arizona Biltmore** is ultimate in desert opulence. Some say the McArthur brothers launched Arizona as a tourist destination with this hotel, but everyone knows the Biltmore is where you go when your life needs a shot of Marilyn Monroe-level glamour. arizonabiltmore.com

Where to dine:

théa at The Global Ambassador (Phoenix): The Mediterranean comes with a stunning rooftop view. Set against Camelback Mountain, this sky-high spot serves up vibrant mezze, house-made pastas, and cocktails that know how to keep the night moving. globalambassadorhotel.com/restaurants/thea

Prepare to be seduced. Renata's Hearth, inside the Arizona Biltmore, features soaring ceilings, sensual cocktails, and a menu that worships at the altar of smoke. Diners may come to be seen but soon surrender to swoon at Renata's fiery Latin fare. renatashearth.com

All of the dining options at the Wrigley Mansion are exceptional, but Christopher's is where you go when wowed is the goal. Cantilevered glazing, a retractable roof, an open kitchen, and a chef-delivered tasting menu — you'll leave with stars in your eyes and a fully sated palette. (Note that at least one person in your party needs to be a Wrigley Mansion member to dine here.) wrigleymansion.com/christophers



THE SONORAN DESERT AT ITS MOST INDULGENT.

► Tucson

What to do

For a night that leaves trailblazing for stargazing, book a private view of the cosmos at **Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter**. Guided by experts, you'll peer deep into the night sky through powerful telescopes, with constellations, planets, and distant galaxies coming into focus above you. skycenter.arizona.edu/plan-your-visit

At **Canyon Ranch Tucson**, wellness isn't a trend, it's the origin story. Long before it became an industry, Canyon Ranch was quietly redefining what it means to truly feel well, blending science-backed insight with holistic practices in a way that changed everything that followed. Today, its flagship desert retreat remains in a class of its own, recently honored with Three Keys by the Michelin Guide and powered by an integrative team of experts who look at the full picture: mind, body, and spirit. canyonranch.com

This is not a passive spa experience. It's a personalized, all-inclusive journey, where movement, nutrition, mindfulness, and advanced therapies come together with intention and measurable impact. Set against the stillness of the Sonoran Desert, every detail is designed to guide something deeper than relaxation: lasting change.

Want to add a little swirl to your itinerary? Book a guided winery tour through the rolling grasslands of Sonoita near Tucson. **Arizona Winery Tours** handles the details while you enjoy the views...and the pours. Sit back, and let the experience open up, one sip at a time. arizonawinerytours.com

Where to stay

This is desert luxury with a little dust on its boots. Set against the Rincon Mountains and bordering Saguaro National Park, **Tanque Verde Ranch** pairs wide-open beauty with thoughtfully curated experiences: from sunrise and sunset horseback rides among towering saguaros to watercolor workshops and off-road adventures. End the day with a memorable meal at Carrillo Restaurant or an authentic cowboy cookout. It's refined without feeling precious and immersive without trying too hard. In fact, you may find yourself seriously considering trading your routine for ranch life.

tanqueverderanch.com

Nestled across 400 acres near Tucson's Santa Catalina Mountains, Miraval Arizona Resort & Spa is an all-inclusive, adults-only sanctuary dedicated to life in balance. This luxury desert retreat invites you to unplug and recharge through tailored activities, blending outdoor adventures and culinary workshops with mindful equine experiences and yoga. At its heart is the Life in Balance Spa, where treatments utilize local desert botanicals to restore a quiet clarity that stays with you long after you leave.

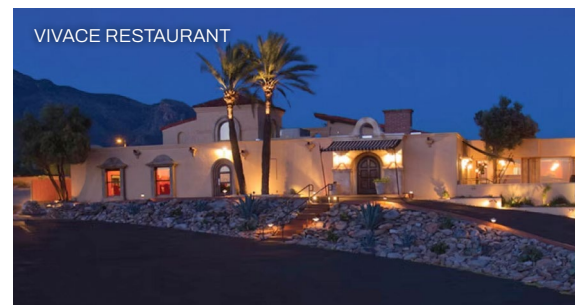
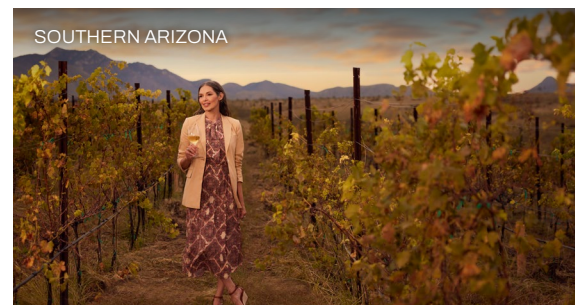
miravalresorts.com/arizona

Where to dine

Vivace Restaurant: Northern Italian cuisine gets the white-tablecloth treatment, with views to match. A Tucson favorite since 1993, Vivace pairs impeccable service with beautifully executed dishes, all made with top-tier ingredients. Add panoramic city lights, mountain backdrops, and an atmosphere that feels both refined and warmly inviting and you have a dinner that feels like amore at first bite. vivacetucson.com

Midtown Tucson's **Tito & Pep** serves up award-winning mesquite-fired fare with distinct mid-century verve. Neighborly charm belies serious cuisine cred at this bright bistro, so make your reservations ahead of time and be ready to delight in the fully "Tusconan" menu. titoandpep.com

If quiet beauty is what you're after, book a table at **Flying V**, the premiere restaurant at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. Choose a starry spot on the waterside patio or a hushed nook inside, all with views of the Santa Catalina Mountains. You can rave afterward — the menu is grounded in Arizona-grown ingredients and a sure sense of the desert's changing seasons — but right now is for simple, sophisticated satisfaction. flyingvrestaurant.com



CHECK OUT. TUNE IN. COME BACK DIFFERENT.

► Sedona

What to do

Lean into Sedona's more mystical side with a **guided vortex experience**. Here, the red rocks aren't just stunning, they're said to hum with energy. With an expert leading the way, you'll go beyond the usual viewpoints into something more immersive, more intentional...meditation, healing, and balance woven into the landscape itself. It's a deeper kind of connection. One that's grounded, intentional, and quietly powerful.

sedona.net/vortex-tours

Prefer your enlightenment with a scorecard? **Sedona's golf courses** deliver. Set against iconic red rock backdrops, each round feels less like a game and more like a moving postcard. Challenge yourself on a variety traditional links-style layouts and target courses. With sunshine nearly year-round and views at every turn, even a bad shot looks good out here. visitsedona.com/things-to-do/golf

Where to stay

Not all luxury is spectacle; sometimes intimate elegance is what you crave. **L'Auberge de Sedona**, a Small Luxury Hotels of the World member, offers nature-based experiences and well-appointed accommodations on Oak Creek. Hosting a group getaway? Rent the five-bedroom Creekhous for a truly plush communal gathering. lauberge.com

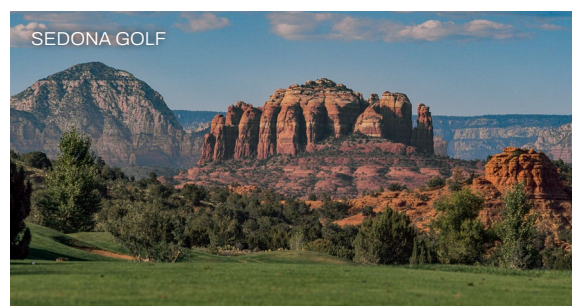
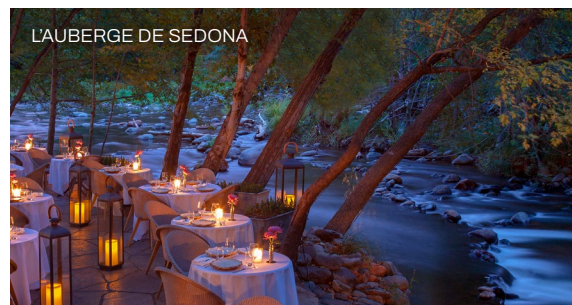
Designed with environmental care, **Ambiente Sedona** gives guests gasp-worthy, 180-degree views of the Coconino National Forest in 40 individual atriums. With rooftop terraces and private firepits, you may never want to leave your atrium ... but there's a relaxing pool, soul-soothing spa, and made-for-memories dining at Forty1 if you do. ambientesedona.com

Surrounded by the towering red rock formations of Sedona's Boynton Canyon, **Enchantment Resort** offers a rare kind of immersion, one where landscape and luxury move in sync. Adobe-style casitas are designed to frame the view, while curated outdoor experiences invite you deeper into it. And with exclusive access to its Forbes Five-Star Mii amo spa, restoration here is both intentional and transformative. enchantmentresort.com

Where to dine

Bold red rocks. Even bolder flavors. Chef Lisa Dahl's Latin-inspired menu at **Mariposa** draws from her travels across Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay: think vibrant, soulful dishes crafted with seasonal ingredients and a refined Southwestern sensibility. Add sweeping panoramic views of Sedona's iconic formations, a curated South American wine list, and handcrafted cocktails that hold their own, and you have a meal that is equal parts flavor, atmosphere, and pure Arizona magic. mariposasedona.com

Open to **L'Auberge de Sedona** guests and the culinary-curious alike, Cress on Oak Creek's name is literal: Snag an alfresco table right beside the creek for a feast punctuated by birdsong and burbles. Choose the five-course prix fixe to mark a milestone or drop in for early morning creekside chilaquiles. It's all chill luxury at its most delicious. lauberge.com/dine/cress-on-oak-creek



SOPHISTICATED BY DAY. SIZZLING BY NIGHT.

► Scottsdale

What to do

For a bespoke desert experience, elevate your stay with a day that begins in the sky, soaring above the Sonoran Desert on a sunrise hot air balloon ride. Get a phoenix-eye view of the city — and a very special toast hundreds of feet above the bustle.

rainbowryders.com/locations/phoenix

No desert-glam getaway is complete without an afternoon of refined shopping at **Scottsdale Fashion Square's** luxury wing. Seven-lane valet service makes dropping in at Brunello Cucinelli a breeze. Browse Dior, Dolce & Gabbana, Saint Laurent, Louis Vuitton, Gucci and more...then refresh at Nobu. Need style-scoping suggestions? Text the Square's concierge for instant advice. fashionsquare.com

A UNESCO World Heritage Site and Frank Lloyd Wright's personal desert laboratory, **Taliesin West** is one of America's most compelling architectural landmarks. Built beginning in 1937 by Wright and his apprentices using materials pulled directly from the land, the property remains a living testament to organic design. Guided tours wind through drafting studios, open-air theaters, and desert gardens where Wright's radical vision speaks as clearly today as it ever did. franklloydwright.org

Where to stay

Lovers of the suite life find sanctuary at the **Fairmont Scottsdale Princess**. The expansive resort has a storied spa to soothe away stress and impressive pools for every kind of lounge. Next door to TPC Scottsdale (home of the Phoenix Open), golfers will appreciate the access and fairway views. For the ultimate luxury escape, rent one of the Princess's Privado Villas, which feature private pools, exclusive dining, and dedicated concierge service. scottsdaleprincess.com

Where the Sonoran Desert meets luxury, **Four Seasons Scottsdale at Troon North** delivers an experience that is both expansive and intimate. Adobe casitas with private patios and fireplaces open to views of saguaro-studded valleys and Pinnacle Peak. Days unfold on your terms, whether on two championship golf courses, in the hands of a desert wellness expert, or beneath the stars over modern Spanish cuisine at Talavera. The Sonoran Desert has never felt more like home.

fourseasons.com/scottsdale

Where to dine

J&G Steakhouse at The Phoenician brings world-class dining to the heart of the desert. Premium cuts and exceptional seafood are matched by private dining rooms with sweeping Valley views, live entertainment, and an expertly curated wine program. The Sunset and Mountain View rooms set the stage for evenings that linger well past the last bite. Dinner here is not simply a meal; it is the kind of evening you will find yourself describing for years. jgsteakhousescottsdale.com

Café Monarch: Tucked into Old Town Scottsdale, fine dining gets the full red-carpet treatment. Think seasonal, ever-evolving four-course menus, impeccable service (your server really knows their wine), and an atmosphere that makes any night feel like an occasion. It's elegant without being stiff, indulgent without apology, and yes, every course earns its moment. cafemonarch.com

