



WEST COAST

1 DAY ONE – YUMA

Drive Phoenix ► Yuma 3 hrs

What to do

Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park Not your average history lesson. Perched above the Colorado River, this former “Hellhole of the West” invites you to step inside real cellblocks, peek into the infamous Dark Cell, and imagine life behind bars in the late 1800s. Climb the guard tower for sweeping views, then wander through stories that are equal parts gritty, fascinating, and just a little chilling.

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Sanguinetti House Museum Trade prison walls for a more polished past. This charming historic home offers a peek into early 1900s Yuma: think original details, curated rooms, and stories of a growing desert town. Stroll the gardens, take your time, and soak it all in.

yumahistoric.org

Colorado River State Historic Park Before highways, this was the supply chain. Overlooking the Colorado River, this former military depot once buzzed with steamboats, soldiers, and gold rush traffic. Today, you can wander original buildings, explore exhibits, and get the backstory on how this rugged outpost helped shape the West.

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Castle Dome Mines Museum & Ghost Tour Part ghost town, part time capsule, part “go ahead, linger a little longer.” This 1800s Old West outpost is packed with discoveries: artifacts, hidden passages, and yes, an outhouse...for those embracing the full frontier experience. Wander amid historical storefronts, from saloons to a sheriff’s office, then head underground into a real mine...hard hat included. No need to rush, this place reveals itself one story at a time (ghosts optional).

castledomemuseum.org/Castle-Dome-City.html

Where to stay:

Historic Coronado Motor Hotel: Step into a little Route 66-era charm, without giving up your creature comforts. This pet-friendly 1938 classic puts you within walking distance of Yuma’s top spots, with simple, stylish rooms and a few perks (hello, Jacuzzi tubs and mountain-view balconies). visitarizona.com/like-a-local/48-hours-in-yuma

Where to dine:

River City Grill: This place puts the yum in Yuma with bold flavors from the Mediterranean to the Caribbean, all with a fresh, lighter twist. Tucked inside a 90-year-old building, it’s small and stylish, but big on taste. Grab a patio seat, order something unexpected, and let your taste buds take a trip. rivercitygrill.com

Prison Hill Brewing Company: Pull up a chair...your first round is calling. Yuma’s only craft brewery sits in the shadow of the historic Yuma Territorial Prison and pours locally made beers with rotating taps. Grab a seat, swap stories, and settle in. Around here, everything’s served with conviction (and it shows). prisonhill.com



2 DAY TWO – LAKE HAVASU CITY

Drive Yuma ► Lake Havasu City 3 hours

What to do

London Bridge: Yes, that London Bridge — the one that crossed the Thames — is now casually living its best life in the Arizona desert. You'll stroll across 10,000+ original granite blocks shipped from England, lined with lampposts forged from Napoleon's cannons (no big deal). It's part history lesson, part photo op, and wonderfully out of place in all the right ways. golakehasvasu.com/london-bridge

Lake Havasu State Park: This is your cue to lean into lake life. Stretch out on sandy beaches. Cool off in clear Colorado River water. Or wander trails where roadrunners might outpace you. You can also picnic under a ramada, do some low-desert hiking and fat-tire biking, or just float your worries away. Sunscreen on, responsibilities off. visitarizona.com/places/parks-monuments/lake-havasus-state-park

Cattail Cove State Park: If you're craving a quieter slice of Lake Havasu, this is your spot. Rent a float at the onsite ranger station. Paddle into hidden coves. Cast a line. Or claim your patch of sandy shoreline. Whether you're kayaking, camping, or just doing absolutely nothing (highly recommended), Cattail Cove lets you set the pace...slow, easy, and exactly how you like it.

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Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge: A quiet convergence of river, refuge, and riparian life. Wander verdant trails through shaded wetlands, where cottonwoods replace cactus and wildlife makes a regular appearance: bighorn sheep, javelina, coyotes, even beavers. With over 350 bird species recorded, including some of the rarest songbirds in North America, it's one of the most significant birding destinations in the Southwest. It's a quieter, wilder side of Arizona that rewards those who take the scenic route.

visitarizona.com/places/parks-monuments/bill-williams-river-national-wildlife-refuge

Where to stay:

London Bridge Resort: Dock at the marina for a channel-front stay at London Bridge Resort. You can squeeze in a quick nine holes on the resort's course before sun worshipping at one of their three pools. At night, whether you're a dancing queen or a wallflower people-watcher, you'll want to take in the scene at Kokomo Havasu, the Southwest's largest dance club. londonbridgeresort.com

Nautical Beachfront Resort: Two sand beaches and all lake-view rooms beckon at The Nautical Beachfront Resort, where watercraft enthusiasts have been vacationing since the 1960s. A guests-only boat launch and private cove give the resort exclusive access to those bright blue-green waves. Don't leave Fido out of the fun — furry family members are enthusiastically welcomed into the resort's Pampered Pup Program.

nauticalbeachfrontresort.com

Where to dine:

Shugrue's Restaurant & Bar: This is your cue to dress it up, just a little. Think martinis, prime rib, and front-row views of the Bridgewater Channel, where boats glide by and the London Bridge quietly steals the scene. It's classic, a little indulgent, and exactly the kind of place where dinner feels like an occasion.

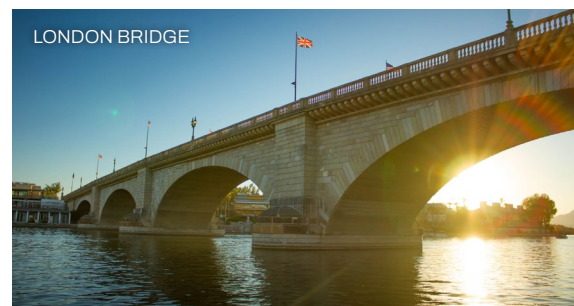
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The Chair: Grab a seat, preferably outside, and let lake life do its thing. With front-row views of the London Bridge, live music, and a breezy patio vibe, this is where American-style fare comes with a side of scenery.

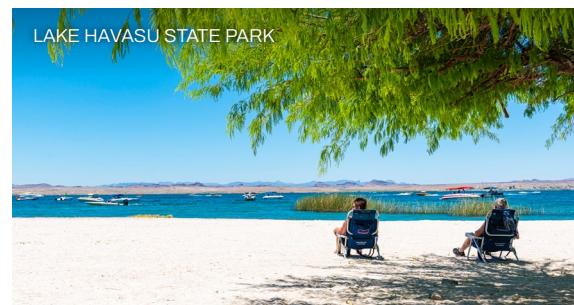
the-chair.res-discover.com

Mudshark Brewery: Solar-powered since 2011, Mudshark Brewery & Public House is all about the sun-and-sand life. Named after the local beach, Mudshark serves up pizza, sammies, and other rib-sticking plates for post-adventure feasting. Pair that Mudshark Special pie with their Lake Havasu Lager, and you have yourself a river-match made in heaven. mudsharkbrewery.com

Topock66: The story of the Topock66 rebuild is studded with setbacks and the stuff of local legend. Today, the resort is hopping from sun-up to pool-bar close. Reachable by boat or car, float in for whatever you're craving — omelettes, fried pickle spears, smoked meat by the pound — and stay for a marg and gossip sesh by the pool. topock66.com



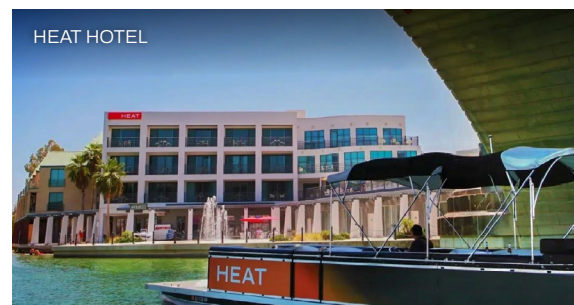
LONDON BRIDGE



LAKE HAVASU STATE PARK



CATTAIL COVE STATE PARK



HEAT HOTEL



SHUGRUE'S RESTAURANT & BAR

3 DAY THREE – BULLHEAD CITY & OATMAN

Drive Lake Havasu City ➤ Oatman 1 hr 20 mins

What to do

Davis Camp: Once a village that housed the workforce that built Davis Dam, now your go-to for riverfront everything. Right off historic Route 66, you can claim a shady ramada, rent a boat, or let your dog play at the beach. Fish, float, grill, repeat...then watch the Laughlin lights flicker downriver. It's equal parts throwback and laid-back, with just enough action to keep things interesting.

Colorado River Museum: Step inside and time-travel without breaking a sweat. From steamboats and mining lore to ranch life and historic roads, this place tells the story behind the scenery. Wander past vintage photos, an "old-school" schoolhouse, and a towering headframe from the Moss Mine. Think of it as a highlight reel for the past. visitarizona.com/directory/colorado-river-museum

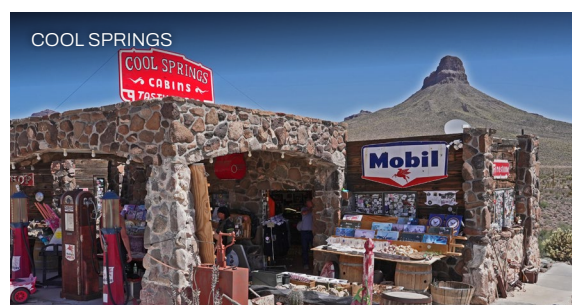
Downtown Oatman: This former mining town leans all the way into its past: wooden sidewalks, staged shootouts, and Route 66 running straight through the middle of it all. It's a little gritty, a little quirky, and exactly the kind of place where history doesn't sit quietly, it puts on a show. The real locals here? They've got hooves. Free-roaming burros, descendants of old mining pack animals, wander the streets like they own the place (because, honestly, they do). They'll pose for photos, nudge you for snacks, and steal your attention without even trying.

Oatman Outlaws Shows: Don't be alarmed...that "hold-up" in the street is part of the show. Twice daily, the Oatman Outlaws turn Route 66 into their stage with playful gunfights, loud blanks, and plenty of crowd participation. Grab a spot, play along, and enjoy the chaos. It's part Wild West theater, part comedy, and you might just become an unsuspecting extra.

Cool Springs: In between Kingman and Oatman, stop at Cool Springs Camp, a popular resting point during Route 66's golden years. A fire destroyed everything but the stone foundation and pillars in the 60s. (Film buffs might recognize the ruins, featured in 1991's *Universal Soldier*.) Today, it's been reborn as a museum, gift shop, and loving tribute to The Mother Road. route66coolspringsaz.com

Where to dine & stay:

Oatman Hotel: Step inside and look up. Yes, those are dollar bills covering the walls and ceiling (and yes, you'll want to add one). This historic hotel-turned-saloon serves up drinks, stories, and a little Hollywood lore...Clark Gable and Carole Lombard honeymooned here. Some say they never really left...so order a drink, stay awhile, and see who else might be hanging around. nps.gov/places/durlin-hotel.htm



4 DAY FOUR – KINGMAN

Drive Kingman ► Phoenix **3 hours**

What to do

Arizona Route 66 Museum: Housed in a historic power plant, this museum is packed with vintage cars, neon signs, and larger-than-life scenes from the Mother Road. Follow travelers from dusty wagon routes to '50s family vacations, then snap a photo at the iconic Route 66 sign outside. It's part time capsule, part love letter to the open road. explorekingman.com/attraction-Powerhouse-Route-66-Museum/

Gateway to Grand Canyon West: Fuel up, then dare to look down. Just outside Kingman, Grand Canyon West delivers big views with a side of adrenaline. Walk the glass Skywalk—70 feet out over the canyon—and yes, your legs may have opinions. Prefer action? Zipline, helicopter, or raft your way through it. Either way, this isn't just sightseeing — it's a full-on test of your nerve.

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Colorado River Rafting: Why just look at the canyon when you can ride straight through it? In just one day, you'll raft 55 miles through the Grand Canyon...charging rapids, cruising calm stretches, and watching the landscape shift around every bend. Along the way, learn about the Hualapai tribe's history and historical sites. It's part thrill ride, part perspective shift, and 100% worth getting a little wet.

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Giganticus Headicus: Blink and you might miss it, but you shouldn't. Set along a sweeping stretch of Route 66, the Antares Point Visitor Center serves up big views and even bigger personality. Snap a photo with Giganticus Headicus, a 14-foot Tiki-style head, then wander the quirky art around the gift shop. Consider it your official "I stopped somewhere cool" souvenir moment.

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Where to stay:

Tin Can Alley: These tin cans have class! Experience midcentury motor court cool with an Airstream stay at Tin Can Alley in Kingman. Each trailer has been fully kitted out with modern amenities (AC, showers, WiFi). Have an old-fashioned chat in the common courtyard and tell traveling stories around the firepit. tincanalleyn66.com

Where to dine:

Mr. D's Route 66 Diner: Cue the jukebox: you've just stepped into a retro daydream. Housed in a former 1930s gas station, this Route 66 favorite brings the nostalgia with checkerboard floors, neon glow, and classic diner fare done right. Think cheeseburgers, patty melts, shakes, and that must-order root beer float. Grab a booth and settle in. Calories don't count, and neither does the time.

visitarizona.com/like-a-local/6-arizona-restaurants-on-route-66-to-fuel-your-road-trip

High Five Meadery: If you want to know what Mohave County really tastes like, get thyself to High Five Meadery. Kingman locals ferment the storied beverage from 100% Arizona honey. If mead isn't your thing, don't fret: Their tasting room also serves cider and wine. Check their calendar for all-day happy hour specials, live music and open mic nights! hivefivemeadery.com

Kingman Airport Café: Order up hearty breakfasts worthy of a bombardier all day at Kingman Airport Café. The runway-side cafe serves lunch and dinner alongside American history: The Kingman Army Airfield trained thousands of airmen during World War II before it was redeveloped for civilian use post-war. kingmanairportcafe.com

