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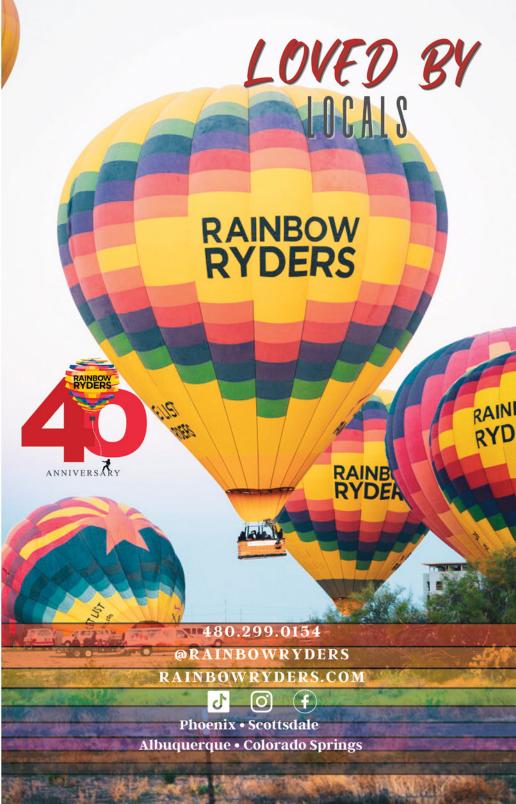


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From the Publisher

The new year offers each of us a fresh start with endless possibilities. My staff and I are beyond grateful for our blessings and for you our loyal clients and readers who have become "family" over time. Your continued support of Arizona's LGBTQ+ community through the years has allowed us to reach an amazing milestone in 2023... this year Pride Guide® celebrates our 17th Anniversary Edition. It's such a tremendous honor to be in the position to advocate for our community and continue connecting our readers with the premier LGBTQ-friendly businesses, events and organizations across the Copper State.

If you are visiting Arizona, let us be the first to welcome you with open arms. LGBTQ+ travelers will find a safe and friendly environment to explore everything our great state has to offer. While experiencing over 330 days of sunshine each year, you will enjoy world-class cultural attractions, year-round recreational adventures, breathtaking scenery, incredible culinary delights and unique shopping opportunities.



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With the rise of "rainbow-washing", a practice where corporations publicly show allyship to the LGBTQ+ community but privately engage in practices that are harmful to us, it's so crucial to support those who are truly allies. Make it a practice to seek out businesses and organizations who are LGBTQ+ owned or friendly and who consistently remain visible in our community. Voting with your dollar makes a significant impact. This has been Pride Guide's vision from its inception and we're beyond grateful to continue this mission.

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The Grand Canyon State

is a unique place, whether you live here or are just visiting. A wide variety of landscapes and urban environments, matched by flora and fauna found nowhere else in the USA, make Arizona a beautiful



place to live and work. Arizona has a number of cities and towns that have been recognized as LGBTQ-friendly. Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tempe, and Tucson (to name a few) have all established laws to protect LGBTQ residents from discrimination. Our state is home to many diverse and welcoming communities where couples can marry, settle down and start families, or retire in their golden years.

One of the great things about our state is the variety of climates and geography. One can be enjoying a mild winter day in Phoenix or Tucson perhaps wearing shorts or a light jacket. Hop in the car and within an hour or two be skiing on the slopes



of Flagstaff. Northern Arizona, at a higher elevation than the rest of the state, enjoys cooler weather, complete with shady forests, wooded slopes, and frequent snow cover in winter. This section of the state is dominated by rural areas and smaller towns including charming Sedona, Cottonwood, Jerome, Prescott, Payson and the largest city in the area, Flagstaff.

Northern Arizona is also home to both man-made and natural wonders of the state, including Meteor Crater, Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon.

Central Arizona, comprising the greater Phoenix metropolitan area and surroundings, has hot summers,



"Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tempe and Tucson are just a few cities to established laws protecting LGBTQ residents from discrimination."



mild winters, an arid climate and is heavily urbanized and populated. This is where you'll find many of the state's big-city amenities and attractions. In addition to Phoenix proper, this area includes the well-known cities of Tempe, Scottsdale, Glendale, Paradise Valley and Sun City, among others. It's also home to Tempe's Arizona State University, the state's largest university.

Southern Arizona is also arid, with

hot summers and mild winters.

dominated by the beautiful Sonoran Desert, a land of prickly cacti and other desert-adapted flora, including the iconic saguaro cactus found nowhere else in the United States. This area is home to the state's second-largest metropolitan area, Tucson, as well as the smaller communities of Yuma, Nogales and the famous towns of Tubac, Tombstone and Bisbee. Tucson is home to the University of Arizona the second-largest of the state's three major public universities.



Credit: Pete Gregorie

No matter which region you visit there are many open-minded and welcoming places where LGBTQ travelers and residents can feel at home. Many agencies, businesses, and local governments are working diligently to welcome and serve LGBTQ visitors and residents. Arizona's climate, friendly communities and diverse attractions make this a wonderful place to call home, vacation or tie the knot with your sweetheart.

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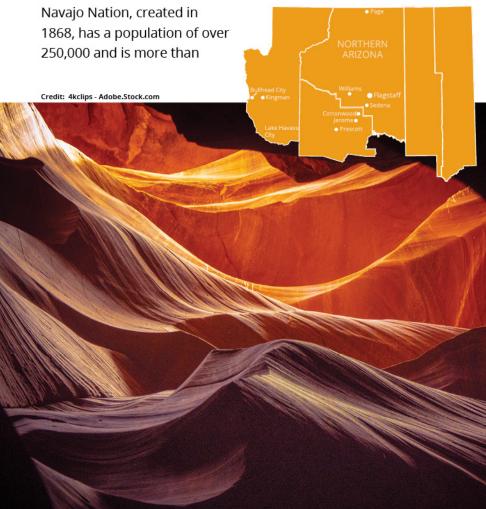
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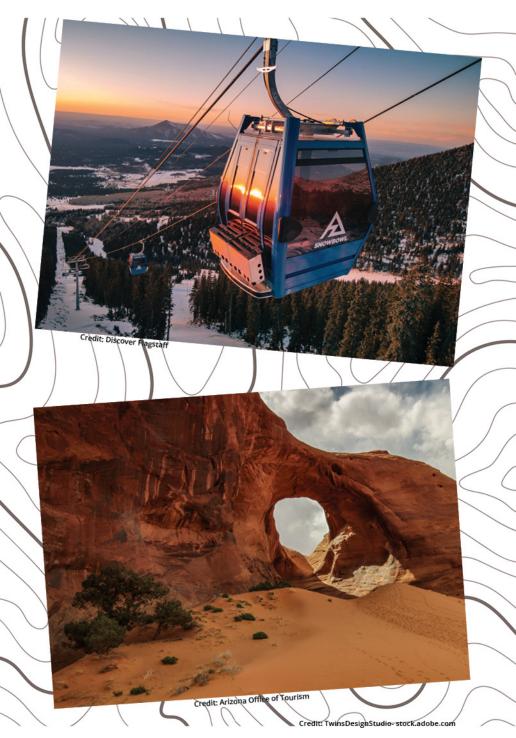
Northern Arizona

Northern Arizona is home to numerous native
American tribes. Navajo,
Hopi, Havasupai, Hualipai and Kaibab-Pauite are most prominent. By far the largest of all five reservations, the Navajo Nation, created in 1868, has a population of over 250,000 and is more than

18,000 square miles, extending into Utah and New Mexico.

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the Verde River, the town grew from a small farming community to the Verde Valley's population center, called "the biggest little town in Arizona" by the late 1920s. At that time Old Town businesses supported residents and workers of the many mines that operated in nearby communities.

Located just minutes from Sedona, Ierome and Clarkdale, Old Town Cottonwood is ideally situated near the Verde River offering a variety of recreational activities that include camping, horseback riding and fishing. Historic Old Town on Main Street is home to a number of LGBTO owned and friendly antique shops, fine dining, wine bars and art galleries, plus a multitude of wineries and vineyards, Dead Horse Ranch State Park, and the Tuzigoot and Montezuma Indian Ruins. Visiting Old Town provides a spectrum of activities to please everyone.

Sedona. The Verde River flows through the town as does Bitter Creek, an intermittent tributary of the river.

Hop aboard the Verde Canyon Railroad for the longest running nature show along the Verde River. Spot bald eagles and enjoy an array of special events onboard throughout the year. Experience the Arizona Copper Art Museum housed in the restored Clarkdale High School with its dazzling array of thousands of gorgeous copper artifacts (some of which you can touch). Float the Verde River with experienced local river outfitters and enjoy unspoiled riparian areas adjacent to the Audubon Important Birding Area in Tavasci Marsh. Explore the Tuzigoot National Monument featuring the ruins of an ancient Sinagua Indian pueblo. Savor local terroir at Clarkdale's wineries.

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atmosphere brings a wonderful
eclectic mix of coffee houses,
bookstores, shopping, restaurants
and eateries to the area.

In this lovely small mountain community, you'll find yourself surrounded by the 1.8 million acre Coconino National Forest. A hiker's delight, you'll find a wonderland of mountain meadows filled with Aspen trees swaying in the breeze. You can close your eyes and hear their leaves singing in the wind. Since the majority of the state is surrounded by desert land, these grassy meadows, often dotted with wildflowers, sing to your soul.

LGBTQ travelers will be happy to know that each year the Northern Arizona Pride Association sponsors Pride in the Pines, an annual pride festival. The June event brings in guests from all over the state. The park is home to numerous animals such as the California condor, mountain lions, cougars, rattlesnakes, elk, bald and golden eagles, bighorn sheep, and over 1,500 species of plants. It is one of the most complete archaeological sites dating back thousands of years. Sustaining these plant and animal communities, as well as carving the Canyon, is the powerful Colorado River, the lifeblood of the desert southwest.

The Hualapai (WALL-uh-pie) tribe, the "People of the Tall Pines," located on the far west end of the Grand Canyon, opened a breathtaking skywalk over the canyon in 2007.

The Grand Canyon can be toured by foot, mule, water or by train. Visitors will not be disappointed with any method they choose.

Credit: Scott Johnson Photography



Credit: Discover Flagstaff

IEROME

The old mining town with its coppery glowing hillsides is often dubbed the "Largest Ghost Town in America." It's a town that just won't die. Jerome began as an old copper mining camp that grew from a settlement of tents into a roaring mining community. Four disastrous fires destroyed large sections of the town during its early history, resulting in the incorporation of the City of Jerome in 1899.

Once the fourth-most prominent city in the Arizona Territory, the population peaked at 15,000 in the 1920's, Jerome's population today boasts 455 which includes artists, craft people, musicians, writers, hermits, bed and breakfast owners, museum caretakers, gift shop proprietors and perhaps an old prospector or two.

Credit: Discover Flagstaff



KINGMAN

The Heart of Historic Route 66 & one of the hidden treasures of Arizona, is conveniently located on Interstate 40 and is the perfect launching point for "Route 66 and Beyond." Scenic hiking, historic charm, great cafes and restaurants, and the allure of Route 66 combine to make Kingman a remarkable destination. The roots of Arizona are captured by the Historic Route 66 Museum, Army Airfield Museum and the Mohave Museum of History and Arts. At an elevation of around 3,300 feet Kingman offers a temperate climate yearround. Take a 70-mile journey to enjoy the Skywalk at the Grand Canyon West and many other fabulous day trips...returning to the relaxing accommodations in Kingman at the end of the day.

LAKE HAVASU CITY

There is nothing more amazing than the contrast of the arid Arizona desert and the cool, refreshing, rapid Colorado River. Along Arizona's border, stretching more than 300 miles from Nevada to Mexico, the Colorado unfolds in a sapphire blue lake teeming with fish and surrounded by an abundance of wildlife. Nowhere is this convergence of land and water more spectacular than in the center of it all, Lake Havasu.

Rising effortlessly from the shore and set against the scenic backdrop of the Sonoran and Mojave deserts, Lake Havasu City and its surroundings take many forms: sand swept dunes, hidden canyons, and breathtaking rock formations among them, and offers everything from lake and desert tours to golf, tennis, shopping, dining, to a full range of water-sports activities.



PAGE

Your mecca for hiking, biking, boating and off-road adventure. A short seven miles from the water sports playground of Lake Powell, Page is your ideal base for exploring this exceptional region. Hike the striking wind and water carved beauty of Antelope Canyon. Set out on your Colorado River rafting trip. Take in the dramatic vistas of Lake Powell and Glen Canyon Dam. Located beside Navajo Tribal lands, Page is rich in geographic, cultural and historic marvels to explore.

PRESCOTT

Take a step back to the old Southwest, Redolent of the past. the town's architecture still holds onto the secrets of the days gone by. Prescott, pronounced "PRES-kit" in the way that rhymes with "biscuit"... any local will surely let vou know it. Prescott's allure is its beautiful downtown area called Courthouse Plaza, surrounded by a lovely grassy square. Prescott is filled with many historic buildings and areas. Fort Whipple, a former military base now serves as a medical facility. Prescott is also home to the Hassayampa Inn, the Sharlot Hall Museum and "Whiskey Row," a notorious red-light district until 1956.

SEDONA

Filled with wide-open spaces for mountain biking, hiking and off-roading adventures, **Sedona** has it all! Visit a state park, play golf, take a scenic drive or visit a winery. Sedona boasts art galleries, musical and theatrical performances, spiritual and personal enrichment activities, annual festivals and many community events.

All this with a backdrop of some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Sedona is called "Red Rock Country" for good reason. Everywhere you look it is filled with spectacular views of picturesque red rock formations with colorful names: Coffeepot, Cathedral Rock, Thunder Mountain, Steam Boat "Rock, Courthouse Butte and more.

At the north end of the city is the stunning Oak Creek Canyon, full of twists and turns. It's often rated as one of the top 10 canyon drives in the country.

Sedona welcomes the LGBTQ tourist with open arms.

WINSLOW

Winslow today is timeless...very much in touch with its past, in tune with the present and right on target for its future. Due to its location and the influence of the railroad industry, Winslow is a combination of cultures: European, Native American, Hispanic, Asian, Black, and Anglo American, all blended together to share a strong sense of community pride in this place we call home.

Besides standing on the corner of Winslow, enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities at Clear Creek Reservoir, Activities that include swimming, fishing, hiking and picnicking. With a canoe, (rentals available) one can follow the creek along Clear Creek Canvon, a magnificent deep rock waterway. This place is one of Northern Arizona's best-kept secrets that has been enjoyed by locals for over one hundred years. Its existence and beauty are becoming more known and popular for sure. If you're looking for an amazing place to stop, relax and cool down, this is the spot.



Credit: Julie Chapman

Welcome to the City of Cottonwood

A vibrant community combining natural and cultural experiences, a thriving historic district, and lively parks and recreation opportunities all surrounded by the scenic beauty of the stunning Verde Valley. As Mayor, I welcome your visit to **Cottonwood**, an authentic Arizona experience.

With one of the last free flowing rivers in Arizona, Cottonwood boasts many access points to the Verde River as well as excellent hiking, biking, and kayaking adventures. To compliment a long list of outdoor adventures, Cottonwood is The Heart of Arizona Wine Country with an array of tasting rooms in the historic core of the community known as Old Town. Stay in town or venture out on one of many self guided or custom tours to the region's amazing wineries and vineyards.

Cottonwood has other local flavors with a growing culinary industry. Find tasteful fine dining restaurants and cafes or casual food trucks parked along the shopping district. We have incredible service and an entrepreneurial spirit.

Just minutes from other unique destinations like the historic mining town turned art destination of Jerome, the Verde Canyon Railroad of Clarkdale, and the Red Rocks of Sedona, Cottonwood is the perfect place to land, find your fun, and have your next best experience.

Join me in fulfilling our council's mission: Inspiring a Vibrant Community. Be amazed in Cottonwood.

Sincerely Mayor Tim Elinski







Credit: Doug Stremel

Thoenix Metro

The "Valley of the Sun" is truly an Oasis in the Desert. Phoenix and the surrounding areas are the fastest growing in the country with an average of 291 new residents a day. Phoenix, the 5th largest city in the US, is seeing a population boom due to amazing weather year round,

endless outdoor adventures statewide, and the lower cost of living. The population of the Phoenix Metro area is currently estimated at over 5.2 million and estimated to reach 6.75 million by 2030.





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Phoenix Metro is comprised of various towns and cities. Tempe, Chandler, Mesa, Gilbert, and Apache Junction are in the East Valley. Glendale, Avondale, Peoria, Goodyear, Sun City, and Buckeye are in the West Valley. Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are Northeast Valley communities and the state capital, Phoenix proper, lies in the center of it all. Phoenix Metro enjoys some of the easiest navigation in comparison to other major cities.

The extensive freeway system and our grid-oriented cities makes navigating the streets of Phoenix a breeze. The Valley Metro Light Rail currently connects Central Mesa to Central Phoenix. Over 40 miles of Light Rail are scheduled to be completed by 2030. Running since 2022 is a streetcar that travels to 14 stops along its three-mile route in Downtown Tempe and ASU.



Credit: Nick Cote

Arizona and Phoenix are leading the way in Biotech and Green/Sustainable innovation. Arizona State University's School of Sustainability is the first of its kind in the nation, offering both Undergraduate and Graduate degrees. These newly popular industries are helping to rebuild the local economy through creation of new jobs. The Green/Sustainable innovations will also help sustain the Valley's natural beauty for generations to come.





Credit: Rachel Bires

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Credit: Scott Frances



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PHOENIX

The Capital of the state of Arizona, **Phoenix**, is its largest city, with over 1.7 million residents. Being so extensive Phoenix offers something for every type of lifestyle, from the urban life of Downtown and the Central Corridor, to the suburban, desert life of the Ahwatukee Foothills in the southern part of the city.

Phoenix recently ranked eighth in the nation as one of the most inexpensive cities to live, work and own a business. Its cost of living estimates are below that of Las Vegas, San Diego, and Seattle.

With the addition of the Valley Metro Light Rail, Downtown Phoenix has seen resurgence in life. Many new modern housing units as well as cafés, coffee shops, restaurants, bars, and nightclubs have popped up along the route, which passes right through Central Phoenix.

Phoenix's cultural scene is also increasing in popularity. Phoenix plays host to various different national and international art exhibits throughout the year in its museums. Downtown hosts "First Fridays," a free monthly art walk with galleries, studios, and other unique businesses featuring local, national, and international artists and craftsmen.

Phoenix's various theaters and performing arts centers feature local productions as well as internationally traveling dance companies and shows year round.

Phoenix is not left out of the shopping scene either. A valley institution, the Biltmore Fashion Park and the surrounding area, is home to internationally renowned luxury brands as well as much of Phoenix's fine dining. However, unique clothing shops and restaurants featuring all types of international cuisine and concepts are scattered throughout the city.

MELROSE DISTRICT

Unlike some other major metropolitan areas, Phoenix does not have a central LGBTQ neighborhood. As Phoenix is so geographically spread out, most LGBTO Phoenicians are too. However, the Melrose District of Central Phoenix has a high concentration of diverse residents as well as inclusive businesses. Many bars and nightclubs are situated in this area. The Phoenix LGBTO area stretches north from Roosevelt Street to Northern Avenue and West from 16th Street to 15th Avenue. Additional LGBTO businesses can also be found scattered throughout the Valley.

Credit: An Pham



Credit: Visit Phoenix

Welcome to the City of Phoenix

On behalf of the **Phoenix City Council and the citizens of Phoenix,**welcome to the fastest growing
city in the United States! The City
of Phoenix is honored to be a part
of the distribution and promotion
for the 2023 edition of Pride
Guide® Arizona.

No matter who you are, where you're from, or what you're seeking to do, Phoenix has something for you. Interested in exploring the great outdoors? You'll fall in love with our city's internationally-renowned parks and hiking trails. Looking for an educational experience during your visit? Be sure to visit our abundance of world-class museums.

Seeking an exquisite and incomparable dining experience that can't be found anywhere else? Phoenix is home to hundreds of award-winning restaurants.

Not only are we proud of all that we offer, we are proud of who we are. In Phoenix, we celebrate diversity and inclusivity, and reject intolerance. Phoenix truly is a city for all and we look forward to demonstrating why!





of the finest residential living as well as recreational activities in the Valley.

Established by Army Chaplain Winfield Scott, Scottsdale has, since its beginning, been a haven for cowboys as well as the social elite. Many of the original settlers of Scottsdale, recruited by Scott from the east coast, were well-educated and had a great appreciation for cultural events. In 1937, Frank Lloyd Wright purchased 600 acres of Sonoran Desert land and built Taliesin West, his winter home and architectural firm/school's southwestern headquarters. Throughout the 1950's, greatly under the guidance of Del Webb, Scottsdale became an upscale getaway, with luxury resorts attracting movie stars and prominent public figures.

Today, Scottsdale still promotes its western heritage as made visible throughout its westernthemed Old Town district. It

Credit: Visit Phoenix

Scottsdale also has a thriving arts community, with over 125 art galleries, as well as museums and performing art centers.

THE FAST VALLEY COMMUNITIES

APACHE JUNCTION, CHANDLER, GILBERT, MESA & TEMPE

The East Valley cities have shared in the population growth along with Phoenix. Many who move to the East Valley count affordable housing and small town appeal along with proximity to the urban hub among their assets.

Mesa is Arizona's third largest city and one of the fastest growing cities in the state. Historically, Arizona has been home to countless citrus groves. Mesa has found a way to incorporate many of the existing orchards into commercial and residential developments, thus preserving the history and natural beauty of the area.

Tempe is home to Arizona State University as well as Mill Avenue, a main drag and Tempe's downtown, featuring shopping, restaurants, and a lively nightlife frequented by ASU's more than 50,000 students. ASU is also home to Gammage Auditorium, an opera house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, originally proposed for Baghdad, Iraq. It is now a multi-functional performing arts facility that hosts Off-Broadway productions as well as various other performances.

Tempe is also one of the state's most dynamic business communities, with more than 15 percent of the state's high-tech companies located there.

Credit: Arizona Office of Tourism

FOUNTAIN HILLS & CAREFREE

The desert communities of Fountain Hills and Carefree offer some of the most beautiful views of the Valley's desert landscape. The town of Fountain Hills. located about 30 minutes northeast of downtown Phoenix on the eastern slope of the McDowell Mountains and about 500 feet above the Valley, is home to over 22,000 residents and one very conspicuous landmark. Situated in the middle of a lake in Fountain Park, is a fountain that shoots a plume of water an amazing 560 feet into the air.

The town of Carefree is located 15 miles northeast of Phoenix and is noted for its artisan population and cooler temperatures. The Carefree town motto is "home of cowboys and caviar, where the old west meets the new" and boasts the best of small town Arizona. Its population is less than 4,000, but growing.



THE WEST VALLEY COMMUNITIES

AVONDALE, BUCKEYE, GLENDALE, GOODYEAR, PEORIA

The West Valley has gone through a major makeover in recent years. Agriculture has made way for residential communities that are thriving as the Valley continues to spread out. Avondale has ambitious development plans and the smaller city of Buckeye plans over 250,000 new homes in the next 20 years. Nearby Peoria is a model of the fast-growing Arizona city, with a stellar school system, affordable homes, and accessibility to the rest of the Valley.

Arizona's sixth largest city is **Glendale**, a rapidly growing financial and business hub in the Northwest Valley. Glendale is a mix of older communities and new, masterplanned developments. In 2023, Glendale will host the NFL Super Bowl at State Farm® Stadium. The state of the art facility, designed by architect Peter Eisenman, boasts the first retractable, natural grass field in North America and permanent seating for approximately 63,400. It is truly a must see for anyone visiting or relocating to the state.

Credit: Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Dept.





Credit: Visit Phoenix



Credit: Doug Stemel



With the exception of often record-breaking heat during the summer months, the near-perfect weather in the Valley of the Sun goes hand-in-hand with exciting year-round recreation and outdoor adventure.

Visiting the Valley

There are over 200 pristine golf courses across the Valley and opportunities for biking, hiking, and boating, as well as many other outdoor activities abound, Piestewa Peak Park and Camelback Mountain, both in the heart of the Valley, provide great trails for the novice and experienced hiker alike. Tempe Town Lake is the practice ground for many rowing teams and has paddle-boats available to rent. For a less active vacation, why not spend your time at one of more than three-dozen resorts and spas, offering world-class treatments, some unique to Arizona. Whether you want to

If you are more of a spectator than a participant, Phoenix is home to all of Arizona's major league teams and hosts spring training for major league baseball.

relax poolside, play tennis, or both, you can do it in the

Valley.

Our professional sports teams include the Arizona Cardinals, the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Phoenix Suns, the Phoenix Mercury, the Phoenix Rising and the Arizona Coyotes.

The Valley also hosts world-class golf, tennis, and racing events. The Waste Management Phoenix Open boasts the largest and most boisterous crowds on the PGA tour. The infamous 16th hole and the festivities at the Bird's Nest in the evenings are not to be missed.

If shopping is your addiction, you will love the fabulous malls, unique boutiques, and antique shops across the Valley.

You can also browse a multitude of museums and galleries, with unique works by local as well as international artists.
The Valley has been privileged to host exhibitions from King Tut, Monet, Rembrandt, El Greco, Picasso, as well as many up and coming artists.

After a day of shopping, relaxing by the pool, or hiking Camelback Mountain, you'll need a good meal before tackling the Valley's nightlife. Valley restaurants have something for every pallet and every budget. With the amalgamation of so many different cultures and influences, the Valley's food scene will give any self-proclaimed "foodie" a vacation to remember.

Wine bars and Tapas bars have had a recent upswing in popularity in American culture, and Phoenix has not been left behind. Wines from around the world and also local vineyards find homes throughout the Valley. Phoenix is home to some spectacular microbreweries that will have any beer-snob sporting a foam mustache and a big smile. Of course, happy hour is a must for valley residents and visitors alike. And, being so close to the Mexican border, the Valley's Mexican restaurants cannot be beat.

Phoenix's LGBTQ nightlife is often a happy surprise to new visitors — over 15 bars and clubs offer something for everyone. Whether you are looking for a spot to see and be seen, a place to dance the night away, or just a bar to grab a drink, there is something for every taste.

Dance clubs range from boot-kickin' country to hot Latin salsa and pulsating techno. Martini bars offer up manicures, sports bars offer up martinis, and there are plenty of casual places to meet new friends. Clubs and bars are open until 2:00 a.m. and a few offer after hours. All are non-smoking. However, many have outdoor patio smoking friendly lounges.

Credit: Visit Phoenix - Jimmy Fox



Credit: Visit Phoenix/Adam Rodriguez

Welcome to the City of Tempe

On behalf of the City of Tempe, welcome to the 17th Annual Edition of Pride Guide® Arizona. We are honored to be a part of the distribution and promotion of Arizona's LGBTO travel. wedding, relocation and business resource guide.

I am proud to say that the City of Tempe has taken the approach of inclusion and made it the core of our values. In 2014, we enacted an anti-discrimination ordinance, and in 2015, we took it one step further by amending our city charter, to protect individuals against discrimination whether it be the color of their skin or the person that they love.

And while the City of Tempe was embracing inclusive policies, we also found that it has been good for our local economy. Businesses considering locating or expanding

in Arizona look to Tempe because they know that we are open and welcoming to all of our populations. This results in increased quality of life and makes for happy, productive, and creative employees. The bottom line is, being inclusive of all people is just the right thing to do. We are all better when we celebrate, respect. and protect all of our citizens.

From a relaxing stay downtown at Tempe Mission Palms to fullservice remodeling with Messina Renovations Inc., businesses all over Arizona are embracing our community values and it is vitally important to support them. The

2023 Pride Guide® will help you do just that!

Sincerely Mayor Corey D. Woods



Credit: Visit Phoenix

Welcome to Maricopa County

As Sheriff of **Maricopa County**, I welcome you to one of the most dynamic and diverse communities in America.

Maricopa County, named for the Maricopa Native American people, offers an amazing lifestyle. Whether you choose to visit or reside in one of our fastgrowing and friendly cities, or prefer the breathtaking Sonoran desert with its mountain views and legendary sunsets, you'll discover a memorable and unique experience. In Maricopa County, world-class resorts stand alongside the places that celebrate our unique and authentic mix of cultures, including Latino, Native American, and American West. You won't have to look far to find a place or event that makes terrific memories.

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So, enjoy all that Maricopa County has to offer. We're glad you're here!

Sincerely Sheriff

Paul Penzone



Credit: Arizona Office of Tourism

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own personality and style. 100 miles south of Phoenix, Tucson is a unique blend of metropolitan convenience and rural charm, striking the comfortable balance between a city and a small town. Including the suburbs of Marana, Oro Valley, South Tucson and other surrounding towns, the metropolitan population is over 1 million residents

Benson Bisbee Casa Grande Clifton Marana Oro Valley

Patagonia Sierra Vista Tombstone Tubac Tucson Yuma



and growing.





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Tucson's culture is a mix of Native American, Mexican, African American and Anglo-American influences who all share a commitment to the rare lifestyle afforded them in their unique community. There are also picturesque towns in surrounding southern Arizona that are easy to reach, making tourism a fun pastime for all.

The city is home to the University of Arizona, the largest employer in the region and an intellectual resource for the entire nation. Tucson also houses the Davis Monthan Air Force Base and several high-tech electronics and defense firms including Honeywell and Raytheon. The city expects to see continued growth in its tech job force.

The cost of living in Tucson compares favorably with other cities in the United States. Estimates put Tucson at one third the living cost of cities such as Los Angeles, San Diego or San Francisco, and less than half the cost of living in

New York City. Tucson's cost of living estimates are also lower than Austin, Albuquerque and Las Vegas. Getting around Tucson is easy, though a car is pretty much required. However, there is a city transit system and a substantial community of cyclists, which is encouraged with a cycling infrastructure.

It has one of the strongest, most active LGBTQ populations in the U.S. and is ranked by www.advocate.com as one of the top five places for gays and lesbians to live. Tucson residents are considered open-minded and are very supportive of the LGBTQ community. It has one of the premier LGBTQ community centers in the southwest, SAAF as well as the Tucson LGBT Chamber of Commerce. "Pride in the Desert" is held every fall. Tucson also boasts several gay and LGBTQ friendly bars and clubs, all of which are typical of the laid-back, friendly nature prevalent in the "Old Pueblo."

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Credit: Visit Tucson

Welcome to the City of Tucson

Hello and Bienvenidos! Tucson welcomes you to the sunniest city and one of the cleanest airs in the United States. You will find tons of excitement no matter what interests you have. Have an interest in food? Well, you came to the right place. Tucson is known as the first UNESCO designated city of Gastronomy in the entire United States. We are in the melting pot of art, food, and culture in the Southwest. In Tucson we pride ourselves with our diversity. Along with everything Tucson has to offer, we must always acknowledge that we are on Tohono O'odham Native land, Our influences also include a heavy Mexican American/ Chicano culture, all these together truly makes our city unique. You can see it in our food, our murals all around the city and especially

in all our barrios. Twenty minutes outside of the city, you can see all the amazing wildlife Tucson has to offer. As home to the second most diverse place of birds in the world, Tucson is also home to the Saguaro cactuses that grow up to 40 feet tall! If you're looking to hike the desert or have a picnic up in the mountains, we have Mount Lemmon, which has an abundance of vegetation and all kinds of activities that even include snow in the desert! On behalf of the City of Tucson and its residents we thank Pride Guide® for uplifting everything our great city has to offer. Tucson looks forward to

Sincerely Mayor Regina Romero

your visit!

TUCSON

The perfect blend of small town charm and big city convenience. The Southwest is well-represented by **Tucson's** cactus-covered landscape, ring of green mountains and Mexican-inspired architecture. Indeed, the area is so hospitable that archaeologists believe it has been continuously inhabited for the last 12,000 years.

Tucson is nestled in the valley of five small mountain ranges, the shining star of which is Mount Lemmon in the Santa Catalina range. At over 9,000 feet, it is the southernmost winter ski resort in the country. But don't let the mountains fool you. Tucson is a desert city. Several state and national parks surround the city, including Saguaro National Park. The Spanish Mission, San Xavier del Bac is located near Tucson. Known as "the white dove of the desert", it is a charming sight to behold against its desert mountian backdrop.

Downtown Tucson is the historic and cultural heart of "Old Pueblo," with ten historic districts, an arts district, professional theatre, opera, ballet, and symphony. Downtown landmarks include the Hotel Congress and two historic train depots. The area is known for unique shopping, great restaurants, vintage theaters, bed-and-breakfasts, exciting nightlife and eclectic architecture.

Tucson is a great city to explore and enjoy. Dining out in Tucson should be experienced Southwestern-style. Filled with the smells of sizzling fajitas and mesquite–fired grills, Tucson boasts some of the best Mexican and Southwestern cuisine in the world. Experience dining to fit all tastes and all budgets, from five-star restaurants to great local favorites.

One adventure not to be missed south of Tucson is Arizona's rapidly growing "wine country." Located in the Sonoita-Elgin area with approximately fourteen wineries – tiny, but producing some world-class, award winning wines. Take a day, or even a weekend, to visit this beautiful part of Arizona and get a "taste" of our state's exciting new venture!

Credit: Visit Tucsor



out of the ordinary

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Bisbee is a town that's full of surprises, great weather, and a bustling LGBTQ+ scene. Home to one of the best known pride celebrations in Arizona, Bisbee offers a LGBTQ+ friendly getaway any time of the year. Come join in on the fun in a town full of extraordinary historic architecture, as well as a vital, living, breathing art and music scene, all in a setting of rugged natural beauty. Bring a friend and make some new ones!



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BISBEE

Ninety miles southeast of Tucson, and situated in the Mule Mountains, **Bisbee**, is the picturesque county seat of historic Cochise County. The town was founded in 1880 as a mining community. Once known as the "Queen of the Copper Camps," this Old West mining camp proved to be one of the richest mineral sites in the world, producing nearly three million ounces of gold and more than eight billion pounds of copper.

By the early 1900's the Bisbee community was the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco and had become one of the most cultured cities in the Southwest; home to Arizona's first community library, a popular opera house, the state's oldest baseball field, and the state's first golf course.

When the mines closed, many artistic free spirits decided Bisbee was an ideal, attractive, and inexpensive location to settle in and pursue their artistic endeavors. Today, Bisbee has evolved into an attractive and welcoming artist and retirement community, known for its accepting and laid-back quality of life.

The happiest news is that up to 60% of Bisbee's population is LGBTQ. The entire town is incredibly accepting of everyone. There are no gay bars in Bisbee, but the bars that are there are welcoming to all, allowing you not to think twice if you choose to share a kiss with your partner.

TOMBSTONE

Perhaps Arizona's most renowned town, "The town too tough to die," **Tombstone** is a step back into Arizona's Old West history. Shootings and other crimes got so bad in Tombstone in the 1880's that then-President of the U.S., Chester Arthur, declared martial law in Tombstone and sent in the troops! That was just after the infamous shooting at the O.K. Corral in 1881 involving Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday. You can see reenactments of that famous fight on a regular basis.

Residents of the city embrace their Old West history and have sought to preserve the historic old buildings and stories. The result is a unique look into America's past. The entire town of Tombstone is a true historic American landmark, and any lover of western memorabilia should definitely give Tombstone a visit.

BENSON

Nearby, Kartchner Caverns State Park features one of the world's best preserved "live" caves with one-of-a-kind formations and colors that aren't ordinarily seen in unpreserved caves. Check online for reservations tobook same-day tours.









TUBAC

Tubac is a nice road trip to take, as it is only two and half hours from Phoenix or just 50 minutes from Tucson. The landscape is high desert with cottonwood and mesquite forests. Tubac boasts temperatures several degrees cooler than both Tucson and Phoenix, making a nice little getaway.

As Arizona's first European settlement, the village of Tubac has seen its share of history and change. First settled in 1752 when Spanish soldiers built a presidio, Tubac also bears evidence of mammoth hunters, who preceded the O'odham peoples (formerly known as the Pimas and Papagos). Five flags have flown over the town.







Tubac has been:

An Indian community
A Spanish Colony
Part of the New Mexico Territory
A Mexican community
An Arizona Territory

Nestled between the Tumacacori and Santa Rita mountain ranges, Tubac is a small community known as the place where art and history meet. Tubac has since transformed into the premier destination in Southern Arizona for culture, history, and art.

Spend some time in this Spanish Presidio turned artist colony, where creativity is present in the galleries and shops. Recently Tubac has won *USA Today's* 10 Best Readers' Choice 2021 and 2022 "Best Small Town Arts Scene!"



Tubac offers an astonishing array of premium galleries, unique shopping, fine art, and dining. Here, one can find world-renowned birding, hiking (or strolling), biking, holistic health and spa treatments, wine tastings, and art classes. Tubac is also home to 27 gorgeous holes of golf at the Tubac Golf Resort & Spa. Tubac Inn, another amazing property, is within walking distance of Tubac's shops and restaurants. The Inn glows like peach, making a rich background for the chile ristras hung along its facade and the French doors painted in vibrant blue of Mexican tile. Adding to Tubac's appeal are the historic Presidio State Park and the nearby Tumacacori National Historical Park, which offer doorways into Arizona's rich history and culture.

A day in Tubac seems a wonderous dream, walking among galleries, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, and photographs. The unique regional fashion, leather, crafts, antiques, and jewelry beckon your senses and eyes to the beauty and craftsmanship of yesterday and today. The Village atmosphere takes you a world away from urban life. Whether you come for the day or stay overnight, you will simply love Tubac.







PATAGONIA

Tucked away in the rolling hills of southeastern Arizona is a hidden treasure. Spend time outdoors, then sample the local cuisine and arts scene in this small town south of Tucson.

Set your sights on birds. Patagonia sits along a prime avian migratory path and is part of the Sky Islands - multiple mountain ranges that rise from 6,000 feet to nearly 10,000 feet high and support five diverse habitats - boasting more than 7,000 species of plants and animals.

A great place to spend outdoors is Patagonia Lake State Park. An excellent place for fishing, water kiing, camping, picnicking, and hiking all year round. The park offers a campground, beach, picnic area with ramadas, tables and grills, a creek trail, boat ramps, and a marina.

After some time in nature, try one of this southeastern town's restaurants, get inspired by local art and explore more things to do in Patagonia.

Credit: Arizona State Parks



YUMA

Discover Yuma, a desert tourist haven on the Colorado River with a rich history of the Old West. Yuma is located in the southwest corner of Arizona, near the Mexican border. According to *The Guinness Book of World Records*, Yuma is the sunniest city on earth. The sun shines 90% of the time! The clean air, mild winters, temperate summers and vista of surrounding rugged mountains make Yuma an ideal vacation spot all year long.

Yuma was ranked by Money Magazine as one of the top places to live in the U.S., and is one of the country's fastest growing cities. City leaders say Yuma's livability, accessibility, proximity (especially to California and Mexico), and climate make it a popular place to visit and to live.

Yuma is home to the Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park. The prison was started in 1876 when Arizona was a U.S. territory, and closed in 1909, when it was moved to Florence. It is now operated as a historical museum. Other places of interest in Yuma are the Yuma Quartermaster State Park, and a historic downtown, which is designated as an "Arizona Main Street City."

Yuma has a growing and active LGBTQ population that keeps locals informed about the club scene in nearby Mexico and the many LGBTQ activities and events that are happening all year 'round, including Yuma Pride.

CLIFTON

Clifton is a town in and is the county seat of Greenlee County, within the canyon of the meandering San Francisco River. There's so much to see and do in Clifton, you'll be glad you made the trip! From the quaint old mining town framed by dramatic canyon walls, to the majesty of bighorn sheep clinging to impossible cliffs.

Clifton's unique setting in a canyon surrounding a year-round river provides prime habitat for a wide variety of birds. From northern cardinals and red-tailed hawks to cliff wrens and great blue herons, Clifton is one of the finest areas for seeing a surprising diversity of our feathered friends.

And now, with a series of three beautiful and easy-to-access riverside nature trails, seeing Clifton's birds is better than ever. Clifton's rich history and friendly people will ensure your visit is one to remember.







2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS





Credit: Phoenix Pride and Leaked Glass

FEBRUARY

Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase: Over 65,000 guests around the world buy, sell, trade to enchanting gems, minerals, and fossils at over 48 gem show locations across the city.

Phoenix Open Golf Tour: Held annually in Scottsdale, this event is a most spirited tournament during the day and live concerts in the evening.

Super Bowl LVII: The NFL's Championship weekend with many festivals and events throughout the Phoenix Area.

World Championship Hoop Dance Contest: Top American Indian and Canadian First Nations hoop dancers compete at the Heard Museum for the prestigious World Champion title.

Tubac Festival of the Arts: Southern Arizona's longest running art festival since 1959.



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MARCH

Annual Bands and Brews by the Beach: Enjoy the music and a cold one in Lake Havasu City.

Melrose Street Fair: The annual Melrose Street Fair on 7th Avenue in Phoenix, an award-winning event that celebrates local art, businesses and music. In the heart of the LGBTQ Community.

MLB Spring Training: The Cactus League Spring Training where 15 of the Major League Baseball teams train for the new season and a great chance for fans to watch their favorite players.

Pride Run Phoenix: Run or walk the Half Marathon, 10k, or 5k timed courses with fast, flat routes around midtown Phoenix.

AIDS Walk Arizona Festival & 5K:

The largest gathering in Arizona to support people living with HIV and raise community awareness

Oro Valley Spring Festival: This 2-day outdoor artisan market in Oro Valley showcases some of the Southwest's finest artisans in fashion, food, home goods, painting, and visual arts.

Credit: Camelback Ranch



Credit: Visit Phoenix



APRIL

ARTrageous Gala:

Produced by Scottsdale Arts, an unforgettable evening immersed in a celebration of art, elevated culinary delights, live music, and vibrant entertainment.

Rainbows Festival:

An LGBTQ+ Street fair in the heart of Downtown Phoenix.

Tucson Folk Festival:

Arizona's largest free-to-the-public music festival. It features an exciting weekend of over 125 musical performances across five stages near lácome Plaza in Downtown Tucson.



Credit: Visit Phoenix-Fernando Hernandez

JUNE

Bisbee Pride:

A small town Pride Celebration, but one of the most talked about Pride Festivals in Arizona.

Pride in the Pines:

A celebration of the LGBTQ+ community and allies in beautiful Flagstaff.

JULY

July 4th Celebrations:

AZ hosts many celebrations throughout the state. In Northern Arizona events go on during the day and evening. In Phoenix and Tucson, many hit the swimming pools during the day then gather in city parks to watch the fireworks in the evening.

The Salt River Tubing:

Arizona's iconic Salt River has been a source of recreation for the Greater Phoenix area for thousands of years. Cool off by river tubing, kayaking, and stand up paddleboarding.



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AUGUST

Barks & Brews in Flagstaff:

Join hundreds of other craft beer & dog lovers for the original doggie pub crawl for charity.

SEPTEMBER

Arizona State Fair:

For more than a century, the Arizona State Fair has been a gathering place for residents from the far corners of the state.

Coconino County Fair:

Takes place over Labor Day Weekend each year. Interest in agriculture, horticulture, livestock, household arts, and diverse traditions, as well as many other areas.

Flagstaff Music Festival:

Aims to celebrate our local music scene by showcasing Flagstaff bands while raising money for the Haven Walker Music Scholarship Fund.

Sedona Winefest:

Enjoy fabulous Arizona wines, tasty food, music, and vendors galore while enjoying the breathtaking panoramic views of the majestic red rocks.

OCTOBER

Pumpkin Patches and Hayrides:

Farms across Arizona invite you to experience the fruits/veggies of their harvest and celebrate autumn with a wide variety of festivities – from corn mazes to pumpkin patches – with the entire family.

Tucson Pride Festival & Parade:

Tucson Pride was founded in 1977 making it Arizona's first and longest established LGBTQ+ Organization.

Sedona Arts Festival:

Held against the backdrop of Sedona's breathtaking red rock vistas.

AIDS Walk Tucson:

A family and pet-friendly walking (or running) fundraiser with the goal of increasing awareness and support for people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Phoenix Pride Festival & Parade:

The Pride Festival and Parade brings our diverse LGBTQ+ and allied communities together for a weekend of camaraderie and celebration of our past, present and future.



NOVEMBER

Day of the Dead:

Altar Tour and Procession in Tubac.

Alzheimer's Walk:

The Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease and raise awareness.

All Souls Procession and Grand Finale in Tucson:

The series of All Souls Procession Weekend events culminates in the Procession and are preceded by community workshops and citywide art events.

Arizona Fall Fest in Phoenix:

Celebrating all things local to Arizona with a free, family-friendly event featuring local vendors, restaurants and food trucks, Kid Zone, Sports Zone, live local entertainment.

Sedona Annual Turkey Trot:

Great family activity to attend on Thanksgiving morning.

DECEMBER

Phoenix Electric Lights Parade:

The APS Electric Light Parade has been an event where families, neighborhood groups and businesses from across the city come together to celebrate the joy of the holiday season.

LightsUp! A Festival of Illumination:

A carefully curated and artfully sequenced series of illuminated experiences will transform the Tucson Botanical Gardens into a compelling, all new holiday show.

Sedona Festival of Lights:

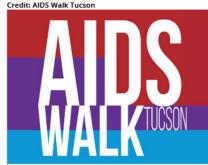
A full schedule of lively musical entertainment, a visit from Santa, and free cider awaits, making it the perfect outing for families and friends.

Phoenix Zoo Lights:

The zoo magically transforms into one of the largest holiday lighting events in the Southwest.

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Preparing for homeownership:

A guide for LGBTQ+ home buyers

Article sponsored by Butch Leiber, REALTOR® Associate Broker

LGBTQ+ folks are much less likely to own a home than heterosexual people. Here are tips on how the LGBTQ+ community can prepare to buy a home and begin to close the gap.

While having a home to call your own is a common life goal, those in the LGBTQ+ community face longstanding barriers to homeownership.

As of March 2021, the Fair Housing and Equal Credit Opportunity Act expressly prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, the lack of legal protection in the past is at least in part responsible for

homeownership among the LGBTQ+ population to be significantly lower than that of the overall U.S. population.

An estimated 49 percent of the LGBTQ+ community owns a home compared with nearly 64 percent of the total U.S. population, according to a 2019 analysis by Iowa State University researchers.

To help you achieve your homeownership goals, this guide lays out a two-step process specifically for LGBTQ+ home buyers. From organizing your finances to building your home buying team, you'll have actionable steps to help forge a path toward a home to call your own.

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Prepare your finances for homeownership

Having your financial house in order is the first step toward homeownership. Go through the checklist below to make sure you have everything ready when you approach a mortgage lender.

Request your credit reports: You can get a free copy of your credit report from all three credit bureaus once per year. Knowing your credit score and current credit profile will identify anything you need to fix before applying for a mortgage.

If needed, takes steps to raise your credit score: A higher credit score may mean you'll get a lower interest rate on your mortgage, translating to a lower total cost.

Gather your tax returns: Most lenders will need copies of your tax returns for the two most recent years. Having copies on hand can speed your pre-approval process.

Organize your pay stubs: If you receive a W-2 from your employer, gather your most recent two months' worth of pay stubs as proof of income.

Locate your financial account statements: This includes bank



accounts, investment accounts and retirement accounts. Your lender will need proof of your assets.

Figure out your home buying budget: Knowing how much you're comfortable spending on your mortgage is the first step to figuring out your price range. An affordability calculator can help you explore what you're comfortable paying.

Determine your down payment:

While there are mortgages that require less, some conventional mortgages will require a 20 percent down payment. Having an idea about your down payment can help you determine how long you'll need to save before starting to shop for a home.

Building your LGBTQ+-friendly home buying team

To smooth your path toward homeownership, you'll want an LGBTQ+-affirming home buying team by your side.

"Having a real estate agent and a mortgage lender that you trust is a simple but really important way to feel confident and protected as you go into what is one of the most important financial decisions you'll make," says Stephen Truso, CFP®, senior vice president, Investment Products Group at U.S. Bancorp Investments. Most people only buy a home once or twice in their life, so building a team that will understand you and your needs will make that home purchase an ultimately more satisfying and valuable process.

Finding an LGBTQ+-friendly real estate agent

You can begin your search for an agent by reaching out to your own

network. If you're moving to a new area where you don't yet have a support network, look into local organizations that could help. Visit our website, www.GayArizona.com or download our Pride Guide® USA Mobile App to find a real estate agent.

As you speak to potential agents, don't be shy about asking each about their experience in the market and how they typically work with clients. Some agents are more hands-off and will only show you the listings you send them. In contrast, others will help you tour potential neighborhoods and add an extra layer to your home search, including recommending nearby queer-owned businesses and LGBTQ+ events in the area.

Finding an LGBTQ+-friendly mortgage lender

Gay couples are 73 percent more likely to be denied a mortgage than heterosexual couples with the same creditworthiness, according to an lowa State University analysis of national mortgage data. That's one reason why finding a lender who's LGBTQ-affirming is important.

As you consider different mortgage lenders, keep in mind that your loan type, term and interest rate are only part of your total mortgage equation. Be sure to ask about estimated closing costs, documentation requirements and time to close; 30 days from an accepted offer is standard. Having this data will help you better compare loans and lenders.

Get pre-approved for a home mortgage

Once you have your finances in shape, a real estate agent in your corner and a mortgage lender by



your side, it's time to get preapproved.

Mortgage pre-approval is the process where a lender gives you tentative approval for a mortgage based on your financial and employment information. Once you're pre-approved, the lender will issue you a letter with your loan type, maximum loan amount and interest rate.

Mortgage pre-approval is an essential step because it lets you know if there are additional steps you need to take to improve your finances. It also indicates to both your agent and a seller's agent that you're a serious buyer and likely to be able to close on the loan.

And now, the only thing you have left to do is take your time and find your dream home.

"Homeownership is a long-term strategy for accumulating wealth for the LGBTQ+ community," Truso says. "With the right finances and team by your side, you'll be off to a strong start on what's hopefully a lifetime of financial prosperity."

-Source: USBank.com

Get Your Kicks On

U.S. Route 66, also known as the Will Rogers Highway, was a major United States Numbered Highway. Route 66 starts in downtown Chicago and goes through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and ends at the Santa Monica pier in California.





Credit: Arizona Office of Tourism



Credit: Meteor Crater

Route 66 was active in the state of Arizona from November 11, 1926, to June 26, 1985 until Interstate I-40 was completed. Fortunately, just as the official Route 66 designation faded from the U.S. highway system, an effort was underway to preserve Arizona portions of the road. Because of these efforts, today Arizona is home to the longest and best-maintained stretch of Route 66 anywhere, where you'll find a wigwam-shaped motel, a petrified forest, kitschy shops, a street corner dedicated to an Eagles song, and so much more. U.S. 66 covered a total of 385.20 miles

through Arizona and the Grand Canyon State is considered one of the favorite Route 66 destinations.

Included in this article are a few of our favorite places and scenes along the Mother Road. As we approach nearly 100 years of Route 66 there are many plans in the works for the celebration. The Arizona Office of Tourism and Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona have launched a "Rock the Route" where you use the free, easily downloadable Route 66 Check-in Challenge Passport. Just check-in along the route and you will be automatically entered to win cool prizes.

Go to https://www.visitarizona.com/ plan/road-trips/arizonas-route-66/ for more information.

HOLBROOK

Let's start from East to West in Holbrook, Northeastern Arizona. It's a canvas painted with midcentury Route 66 kitsch, Wild West characters, and unforgettable landscapes. Cherished for its roadside Americana charm, Holbrook sits within the Painted Desert, a remarkable area of rocky badlands that stretches from the Grand Canyon to the Navajo Nation. It's one of Arizona's most dazzling and lonesome landscapes, with layered bands that change color seemingly every hour.

But back to that tepee. The whitewashed concrete and steel teepees are part of Wigwam Village, constructed in 1937 on Route 66. It's a blast for the kids – and nostalgic adults, too – to spend a night here. The vintage cars parked outside just add to the retro appeal.

Downtown, a self-guided walking tour starts at the courthouse visitor's center and introduces you to historical sites like the Bucket of Blood Saloon and the Blevins House, where a shootout between the gangsters and the sheriff occurred.

The vibrant history of the people is more than matched by the geological wonders here. Once native grasslands, the eroded, quiet beauty of the Petrified Forest is bewitching.

Credit: Arizona Office of Tourism



WINSLOW

Winslow has always been an important stop on Route 66, first popular with railroad travelers, and now with motorists and motorcyclists.

Whistling a tune known the world over is what you do when you're at Winslow's Standin' On a Corner Park, which capitalizes on the song's multi-decade fame. In the same block, you'll find the Old Trails Museum which houses memorabilia – much of it donated by citizens – that tells the history of a town shaped by American Indians and Western pioneers.

Considered among the finest trackside hotels, La Posada was designed by Fred Harvey Company architect Mary Jane Colter for the Santa Fe Railroad. Stepping into this historic hacienda-style masterpiece, with its red-tiled roof, public gardens, and graceful arches, is like stepping back to a more elegant time. The restored rooms – graced by guests such as Amelia Earhart, Clark Gable,



Credit: Jessica Dunham

Will Rogers, and Jane Russell – feature Ponderosa Pine beds, Mexican tile, and Zapotec rugs. The on-site restaurant, the Turquoise Room, is considered one of the finest restaurants in the Four Corners region.





Credit: idriskthefall-Instagram



FLAGSTAFF

Enjoy all four seasons in Northern Arizona's largest city — located along historic Route 66 just 80 miles from the Grand Canyon.

Immerse yourself in the college atmosphere of laid-back Flagstaff. Visiting Flagstaff is perfect for getting outside and exploring historic sites. The city is equally well-known for recharging at local festivals and breweries.

Route 66 continues to bisect Flagstaff today and the road is lined with relics from the route's glory days. Travel its original path on a self-guided walking tour, "Walk This Talk," which begins at the historic train station and passes by classic drive-in motels and historic Flagstaff landmarks. Pedestrian signs at locations along the route notify you to call a tollfree number to hear pre-recorded oral histories at specific sites. Photo opportunities abound along the tour, including the downtown Route 66 mural and vintage motels.





Credit: Discover Flagstaff

WILLIAMS

Midway between Flagstaff and the Grand Canyon, Williams' small-town charms invite lingering. This gateway to the Grand Canyon boasts a vibrant historic downtown district, plenty of lodging and dining options, and access to outdoor recreation.

In 1954, U.S. Route 66 was expanded in Williams with two lanes running east and two to the west creating a loop to cruise around the town. Drivers would cruise endlessly from one end of town to the other, showing off their cars and checking out others' rides. You can still drive the same loop through the town of Williams and get a taste of the old Route 66 days, especially at night when the street glows from the light of saloons', restaurants', motels' and shops' neon signs.



Credit: Jessica Dunham

SELIGMAN

The Seligman of today owes a lot to Angel Delgadillo, a soft-spoken Seligman barber who led efforts to preserve Route 66. When the town was bypassed by Interstate 40 in 1978, he formed the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona. In 1987. Seligman became the Birthplace of Historic Route 66 when the State of Arizona acknowledged the stretch of road from Seligman to Kingman as Historic Route 66. The designation regenerated interest in Route 66's old-fashioned Americana, and Seligman remains as the starting point of the longest surviving section of America's iconic road, which runs 160 miles to Topock, Arizona.

Seligman embraces yesteryear. Several colorful and quirky gift shops - including Angel & Vilma Delgadillo's Original Route 66 Gift Shop, The Historic Seligman Sundries, Return to the 50s, Rt. 66 Hippie Cricket and The Rusty Boltsell soda shop classic Coca-Cola memorabilia, license plates and road signs, records best listened to while wearing a poodle skirt,

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HACKBERRY

Hackberry General Store is a museum of old Route 66 that has been called the "mother lode of Mother Road memorabilia." No gas is sold but vintage pumps from various stations stand outside. Take a walk through the vintage diner, have a bottle of Route 66 Beer (root beer), and find a special souvenir of your trip. Take a stroll through the yard decorated by tin signs including some original Burma-Shave road signs. The 1957 Red Corvette is a favorite photo spot for many visitors.







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KINGMAN

A block north of Route 66 in Kingman, on Beale Street, you'll find the iconic "Kingman Club" at its former home, now reopened as Rickety Cricket Brewing. The neon sign evokes memories of the early years of downtown Kingman, which the club called home for 70-plus years. Many Route 66 travelers make a point of finding it, making it one of the most-photographed sites in Kingman.

Kingman is very proud of their history as they host the Route 66 Fest. A celebration of all things Route 66 and is hosted in beautiful Lewis Kingman Park, a historic park that was one of Arizona's few shady rest stops along the Mother Road.

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Oatman is best known for its beloved burros, small donkeys descended from miners' beasts of burden. The town is home to more burros than people, and it's not unusual to see dozens of donkeys in Oatman wandering the main drag, sticking their heads through the rails along the woodplank sidewalks, nudging people for treats and otherwise delighting visitors. The burro has become such an integral part of Oatman's identity that the town now plays host to an annual Burro Biscuit Toss, where residents and visitors alike compete to see who can throw a dried-out, gold-painted burro dropping the farthest.



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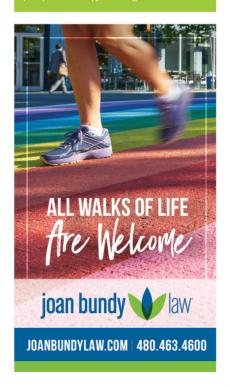
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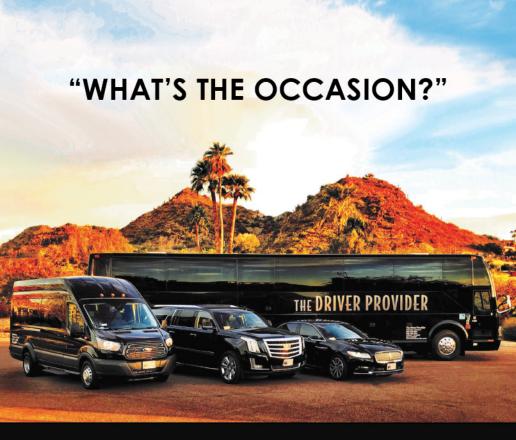
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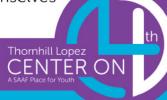
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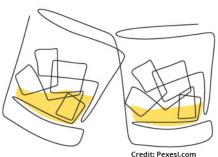
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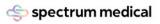


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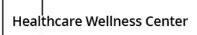
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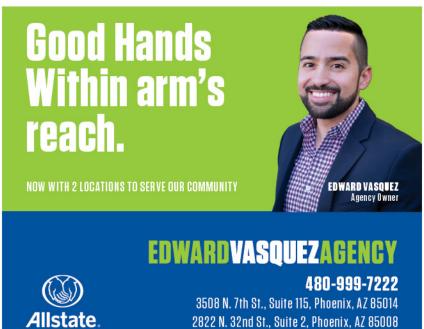
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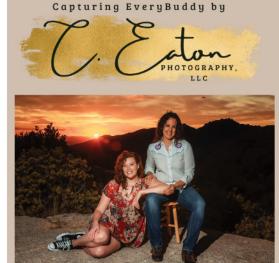


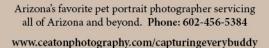
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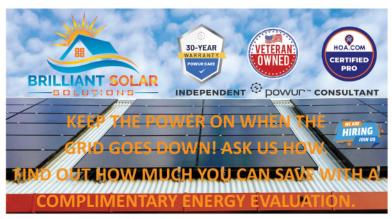
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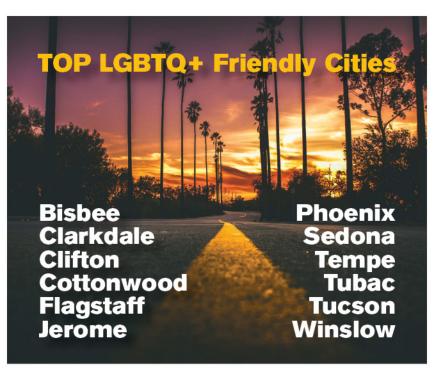
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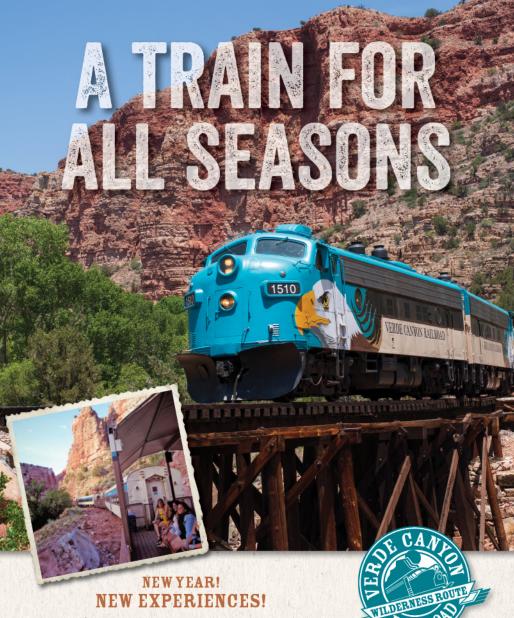
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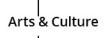
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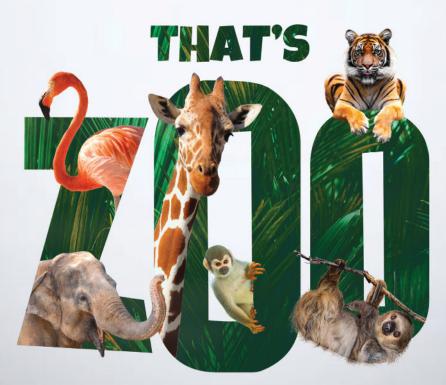
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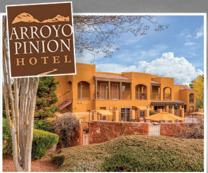
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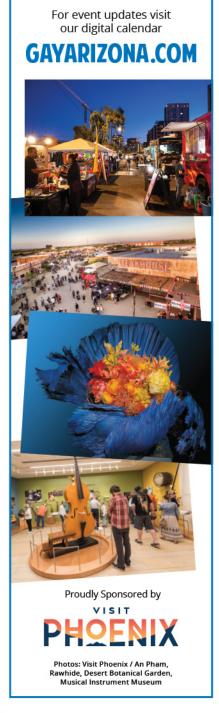
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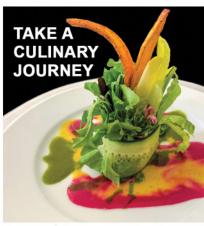
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