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*Across Arizona, the air is turning crisp, the leaves are flaring into golds and ambers, and festivals are filling the calendar. From Sonoita to Sonoma, grapes are ripe for harvest, forming photogenic backdrops to flights of wine. Foodies can make pilgrimages to a host of new restaurants. History and science buffs can feed their minds with a litany of lectures and field trips. Water lovers can savor lakes in shoulder-season serenity. Families are spoiled for choice with pumpkin patches and carnival rides galore. And it's time to start dreaming about ski season – miles of fresh powder followed by fireside hot cocoa.*

## TUSCON

A UNESCO World City of Gastronomy, Tucson is attracting foodies from around the world. At Penca, students, professors, hippies and hipsters alike savor sublime tacos crafted with handmade tortillas. Scott & Co.'s masterful mixologists serve an array of adventurous cocktails. And the atmosphere at Maynard's bar is as classy and classic as its Manhattan and Martini.

It's patio season, and downtown eateries deliver with easy-breezy alfresco settings. Breakfast on hearty Mexican plates and agua frescas at verdant Little Cafe Poca Cosa. Fancy yourself in Paris while dining on Continental European fare at The Coronet. Sip

spicy cocktails and nibble on small plates while soaking up the relaxed urban vibe at Downtown Kitchen + Cocktails. Or head to Mercado San Augustin to peruse the farmer's market, shop at a handful of boutiques, and listen to live music in the open courtyard while tucking into tacos from Seis.

The Old Pueblo is also home to a hotbed of breweries and distilleries capturing the essence of Arizona. Hamilton Distillers has garnered awards for its unique single malt Whiskey del Bac, which owes its smoky flavor to mesquite wood. Visit on a second Saturday for tours, tastings, live music and cornhole.

Tucson also offers history and science buffs plenty to chew on. The Pima Air & Space Museum is one of the world's largest non-government-funded air and space museums, with 325 aircraft, 125,000 artifacts, and a hangar housing rare aircraft from WWII's Pacific Theater. The Titan Missile Museum – the only Titan II site open to the public – puts you up close and personal with a ballistic missile. Relive the fascinating (and sobering) reality of the Cold War, when Mutual Assured Des-

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Rather be more grounded? Lace up your boots and amble beneath the autumn foliage on scenic trails like Wilson Meadow, Aspen Nature Loop and Bismarck Lake. Reward yourself with a pumpkin or cranberry craft beer from Historic Brewing Company. Then continue the sylvan theme with a gourmet dinner of forest-foraged fare from Coppa Cafe.

Numerous festivals also color Flag's fall calendar. The Flagstaff Festival of Science combines inspirational talks, field trips, star parties, archaeological excavations and more (Sept. 22 - Oct. 2, [scifest.org](http://scifest.org)). The Cornucopia Fall Festival is a windfall of carnival rides, a hay maze, pumpkin patch, petting zoo, cornhole, live music, and microbrews (Sept. 30, [flagcorn.com](http://flagcorn.com)). Flagstaff Oktoberfest models itself after Munich with an impressive lineup of beers, root beer for the kids, and polka bands – because you know you secretly love polka (Oct. 7, [flagstaffoktoberfest.com](http://flagstaffoktoberfest.com)). Celebraciones de la Gente brings fine art and crafts, music, dancing, Day of the Dead altars, and heritage programs to the Museum of Northern Arizona (Oct. 21-22, [musnaz.org](http://musnaz.org)). The Pumpkin Walk and Fall Fest at the Arboretum of Flagstaff is a family-friendly extravaganza, with Jack-o-Lanterns lighting up gardens trails, hayrides, apple bobbing, spooky stories and fireside performances (Oct. 22, [thearb.org](http://thearb.org)).



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It may be only an hour drive west of Phoenix, but Wickenburg feels infinitely more Western. From November through March, the town turns into the “Team Roping Capital of the World,” with thousands of ropers competing at various rodeo grounds and arenas. The Desert Caballeros Western Museum kicks off October with an exhibit showcasing the Picrnie Collection of Arizona Landmark Art – a paean to the state’s mountains, canyons and vistas. Plus, catch the museum’s “Arizona Military Memories” and “West of Center” exhibits before they ride off into the sunset on October 29.

Beloved dude ranch Rancho de los Caballeros turns 70 this season. Celebrate with horseback riding on desert trails or team penning (that’s herding yearling steers into an arena, city slicker). In addition, expert instructors will help you hone your trap- and skeet-shooting technique, nature guides will hike with you through the Hassayampa River Preserve, and

cowboys will serenade you around a campfire. And because days on the range can be rough on the skin and muscles, soothe yourself at the spa with a Bourbon Bubbler Body Scrub or a Hassayampa Hot Stone Massage.

All that hiking and horseback riding works up an appetite. The Local Press Sandwich Bar satisfies savory cravings in a historic setting, while button-cute Pie Cabinet & Coffee Bar serves scrumptious homemade pies and specialty drinks like a cookie dough latte.

This fall, don’t miss the Wickenburg Fly-In and Classic Car Show, when you can watch aircraft fly into town, peruse nearly 100 classic automobiles, and chat with pilots and car owners (Oct. 14, [visitwickenburg.com](http://visitwickenburg.com)). Then head back for the 38th Annual Bluegrass Festival & Fiddle Championship, featuring toe-tappin’ musical contests at the rodeo grounds (Nov. 10-12, [visitwickenburg.com](http://visitwickenburg.com)).

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## PAGE AND LAKE POWELL

Break out the camera and beeline to one of the world's most photogenic places. Head to dramatic Horseshoe Bend, where the blue-green river goosenecks around vermilion cliffs. Take a tour of Antelope Canyon, where shafts of sunlight pierce through the corkscrew-walled slot canyon. Here's a tip: Horseshoe Bend Slot Canyon Tours ([horseshoebend-tours.com](http://horseshoebend-tours.com)) guides visitors to Secret Canyon – Antelope Canyon's less visited twin – as well as the Horseshoe Bend Overlook.

Explore the jewel of the area: Lake Powell, where towering sienna sandstone plunges into a crenulated coastline. The main question, though, is how to see the lake. Cruise the

azure waters to Rainbow Bridge on a guided boat tour? Kayak through secluded canyons? Try something new while toning your muscles on a standup paddleboard? Rent a houseboat, relax with friends, and enjoy some fishing? There's no need to commit to just one.

You can also ply the placid waters of the Colorado River on a half-day or full-day motorized raft trip, stopping to peek at petroglyphs. Prep for your trip with a visit to the free John Wesley Powell Museum to learn how the one-armed Civil War veteran and his crew explored the river in its wilder days. Every Friday night through November, the museum hosts an Art Walk on its front lawn (4 to 9 p.m.).

The Balloon Regatta & Street Fair (Nov. 2-5, [pageregatta.com](http://pageregatta.com)) brings Lake Powell's most Instagrammable moments, as the second-largest fleet of balloons in the country takes to the sky from Lake Powell National Golf Course. A highlight (literally) is the nighttime Balloon Glow event, when standing, inflated hot-air balloons light up downtown Page. During the day, the Street Fair (Nov. 3-4) features 100 vendor booths, live entertainment, and a beer garden.

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## COTTONWOOD

Don't let the name fool you: In Old Town Cottonwood, there's constantly something new cropping up. New wine tasting rooms, new restaurants, new foodie-centric shops. This fall, a new 30-room expansion is opening at The Tavern Hotel (928-639-1669, [thetavern-hotel.com](http://thetavern-hotel.com)), bringing the total to 42 rooms. The chic boutique offers several packages like the Sip & Stay Wine Package, including tastings at award-winning Pillsbury Wine Company, Burning Tree Cellars, Arizona Stronghold, and Fire Mountain Wines, plus breakfast at Crema Craft Kitchen & Bar (newly opened in 2016) and a \$50 gift card for dinner at Nic's Italian Steak & Crab Restaurant. In addition, the Tavern Hotel offers a Verde Canyon Railroad Package and a romantic Date Night in Old Town Package.

Though anytime is ripe for swirling and sipping Verde Valley wines, art lovers can pair their petit sirah and malvasia bianca with paintings during Cottonwood's monthly Sec-

ond Saturday Art Walk. Crema Craft Kitchen & Bar will start participating in the walk by spotlighting local artists, musicians, small bites and craft cocktails at its alfresco shipping container bar. Speaking of walks, the first weekend in December gets festive with the Cottonwood Christmas Parade and the 24th Annual Chocolate Walk. Stroll between Old Town mom-and-pop shops, sampling homemade or packaged gourmet chocolates.

## SEDONA

Red rock country continues its rise as a red-hot food and drink destination. This year, Jeff Smedstad of Elote Cafe was a semifinalist in the James Beard Awards for best chef in the Southwest, thanks to scrumptious dishes like lamb adobo. Chef Lisa Dahl – who helms four stunning Sedona restaurants including Dahl Ristorante Italiano and South American-inspired Mariposa – was invited again this year to show off her favorite dishes at the James Beard House. Amara Resort has debuted Salt

Rock Southwest Kitchen, offering temptations like osso buco in chorizo cassoulet, rabbit confit tacos, and a mezcal cocktail with pineapple and chile. And the new-ish Cafe Paleo Brio is winning over health nuts and traditional carnivores alike with its paleo, gluten-free, veggie, grass-fed, and free-range fare.

Base yourself at Red Agave Adventure Resort (877-284-9237, [redagaveresort.net](http://redagaveresort.net)) to burn off all those calories. The resort partners with Bike & Bean to get you saddled up on a mountain bike to beginner-friendly trails like Bell Rock. Plus, several hiking paths start right at Red Agave's doorstep

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## TELLURIDE, COLORADO

This charming, postcard-perfect yet unpretentious Western town comes alive when snow settles on the San Juan Mountains. Conde Nast Traveler has named Telluride Ski Resort the No. 1 ski resort in North America, several times. That's thanks to its 2,000-plus acres of advanced, intermediate, and beginner skiing and snowboarding trails. But the magic number in Telluride is 300 – as in 300 inches of snow coupled with 300 days of sunshine per year.

Base yourself at the Fairmont Heritage Place, Franz Klammer Lodge (800-257-7544, [fairmont.com/klammer-lodge-telluride](http://fairmont.com/klammer-lodge-telluride)), a ski-in, ski-out resort just steps from the slopes, a ski school, and a complimentary ski valet. (One more boon for Phoenixians flying nonstop to nearby Montrose: The lodge offers complimentary transportation from the airport.) The atmosphere in the Lodge's two- and three-bedroom luxury residences is meant to be homey, as long as your idea of home includes a stone fireplace, two master baths with jetted spa tubs, and a private balcony overlooking snowy peaks. Après-ski, thaw out in an outdoor hot tub at Himmel Spa. Then cook dinner and mull wine in your fully appointed kitchen, or head downtown to Cosmopolitan, a culinary hotspot set in a former grand saloon.

## SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

With nonstop flights on American Airlines to Santa Rosa in the heart of Sonoma County wine country, it's easy to take a chardonnay getaway. Some of the best and most beautiful wineries in the area are Jordan Vineyard & Winery, with a chef's garden, lakes and gorgeous views; the vast Chalk Hill estate, which also offers a culinary tour and estate dinners; and Williams Selyem Winery, famous for its pinot noir. For an active and fun intro to the area, pedal past grapevines to various tasting rooms with Sonoma Valley Bike Tours.

Feast on rustic French fare at The Girl and the Fig, or order a wood-fired pizza and strike up a game of bocce at Campo Fina. For a splurge, bed down at charming Cottage Inn & Spa, or save money for more wine at Sonoma Creek Inn.



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## SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

With a daily nonstop on American Airlines, Santa Fe's world-famous art and culinary arts scenes are just an hour and a half away. Pop into some of the 100-plus galleries and boutiques that dot Canyon Road ([visitcanyonroad.com](http://visitcanyonroad.com)). Make a pilgrimage to the soothing and gorgeous Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. The New Mexico Museum of Art will be closed for part of the fall in preparation for its reopening and 100th anniversary celebration on November 25, 2017; look for special events, new exhibitions and surprises.

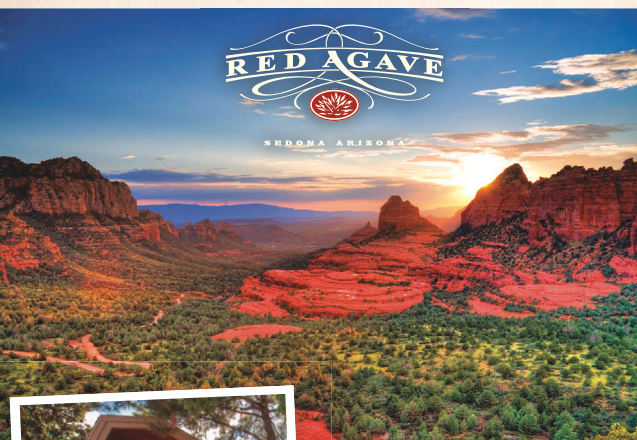
No less artistic, though certainly more temporal, is the cuisine at Terra in the Four Seasons. Chef Kai Autenrieth tempts the palate with a palette of New Mexican flavors: think grilled prawns with prickly pear pesto or tomatillo gazpacho with avocado sorbet. Cow-girl Santa Fe dishes up homier fare, like green chile mac 'n' cheese and chiles rellenos. The city offers so much fantastic food it can be difficult to know where to go, but if you're uncertain, follow the Santa Fe Margarita Trail ([santafe.org/margaritatrail](http://santafe.org/margaritatrail)).

Treat yourself to a stay at the Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado Santa Fe, tucked in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, or in the historic center of it all at La Fonda on the Plaza.

## ST. GEORGE, UTAH

The gateway to Zion National Park, this historic town is an outdoor lover's paradise. In Zion, hike to emerald pools and waterfalls or to spectacular Observation Point, where the Virgin River squiggles beneath sheer cliffs. Hop on a mountain bike and hit the scenic red slick-rock at Zion and the greater St. George area, known as one of the best mountain biking destinations in the country. Horseback ride through Zion or lesser-known yet majestic Snow Canyon State Park. Rev up your adrenaline on a scenic Jeep or ATV tour of the rugged, russet-colored backcountry. Then dip into the lakes at Sand Hollow State Park, Quail Creek State Park, and Gunlock State Park.

Downtown St. George is a hive of galleries spotlighting Southwestern artists, as well as Hopi, Navajo and Zuni jewelry, pottery, rugs and more. Explore the area's rich history at the Daughters of Utah Pioneers museum, dedicated to the intrepid men, women, and children who founded Utah. Or go further back in time at the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm.



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