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A quick trip down the I-10 can also provide the relief we are seeking, while offering plenty of entertainment, dining, and destination choices without breaking the bank or eating up vacation time from work.

Whether it's a day trip, weekend jaunt, or a three-day stay, Southern Arizona has a lot to offer families and couples alike with options to be found both high and low. The new Visit Tucson Travel Guide app offers a virtual journey through Tucson and Southern Arizona and will inspire exploration of the region.



RIDING HIGH ON MT. LEMMON

One popular day-trip destination is Mount Lemmon, which sits in the Santa Catalina Mountains within the Coronado National Forest 15 miles northeast of Tucson. The peak sits at 9,157 feet with Mt. Lemmon temperatures approximately 30 degrees cooler than Tucson.

A ride along the Mt. Lemmon Scenic Byway takes you up the mountain and provides a scenic drive to the summit. Visitors can choose from numerous shops and restaurants along the way. If you have time, make a quick pit stop at the Mt. Lemmon General Store and Gift Shop and buy some of their famous fudge or rent a bike. There are also many scenic overlooks, campgrounds and picnic areas along the roadway.



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Other popular destinations on Mt. Lemmon include Ski Valley, where you can ride the lift for a panoramic summer view of both the mountains and desert as well as eating at the Iron Door Restaurant. While you're at the peak, you can stargaze at Sky Center Observatory, but you'll need a reservation.

If you make this trip, we suggest downloading the Mt. Lemmon Science Tour app, which provides an audio narration of the natural surroundings, as you make the one-hour drive up the mountain.



EAT AND PLAY IN TUCSON

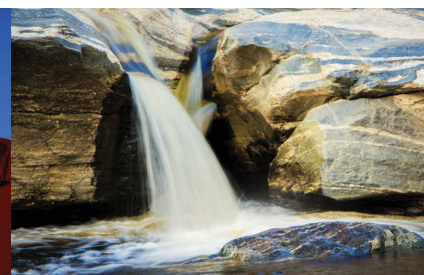
If you prefer to play closer to sea level, head a little further south and plan a day in Tucson. The Old Pueblo is known for many things but did you know Tucson was the first U.S. city recognized as a UNESCO World City of Gastronomy? Thousands of years of agricultural history and the unique farming

opportunities in the Sonoran Desert Region yields a unique food culture that is fueled by a locally farmed and healthy menu in an emerging and thriving dining scene.

The art and cultural scene are also well known as are destinations such as Casino Del Sol, but there are still a few secrets that may be of interest. Families may enjoy the Flandrau Science Center & Planetarium on the University of Arizona campus, which offers the only weekly, free, public astronomy program in Arizona.

Other hidden gems are The Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures, which showcases more than 300 antique and contemporary high-quality dollhouses and roomboxes for all ages, or the Tucson Bird & Wildlife Festival in August.

Also, Heirloom Farmers Market at Rillito Park, which is Tucson's only year-round farmers market or Hamilton Distillers, where you can take a tour and learn about the whiskey-making process that happens in our backyard. Finally,



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select from for an overnight stay including the JW Marriott Starr Pass Tucson. The Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort can provide an opportunity to tee off or hit the courts before returning to the road, while the Casino Del Sol Resort offers different games that tap into our competitive spirit. The Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort offers luxury for its guests and just

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day. Visitors can also enjoy an aquarium, botanical garden, natural history museum and art gallery with extended summer hours on Saturdays through September 3.

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Sierra Vista, which sits about 75 miles southeast of Tucson, Sierra Vista, is nestled against the Huachuca Mountains, and is a hub for some of the best historic sites, wildlife viewing, and outdoor adventure in Arizona. With an average year-round temperature of 74 degrees, Sierra Vista is a delightful getaway from hot summers and icy winters.

Home to Fort Huachuca, a national historic landmark and active U.S. Army installation, Sierra Vista is a multicultural melting pot and boasts nearly 25 international eateries with fare from around the globe.

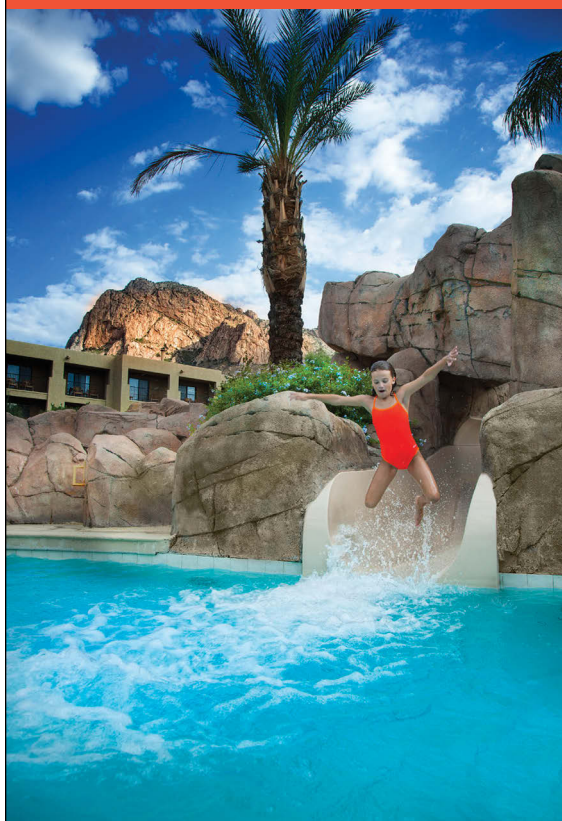
If you visit Sierra Vista, there are many favorite summer destinations in this region where the spirit of the Old West remains alive and well.

High up in the Huachuca Mountains, Coronado National Memorial invites visitors

to search for Francisco Vazquez de Coronado's Seven Cities of Cibola and its fabled gold. This 4,750-acre park is riddled with hiking and riding trails. Coronado Cave is perfect for folks who would like a caving experience without rappelling, squeezing through tiny passageways, or belly crawling.

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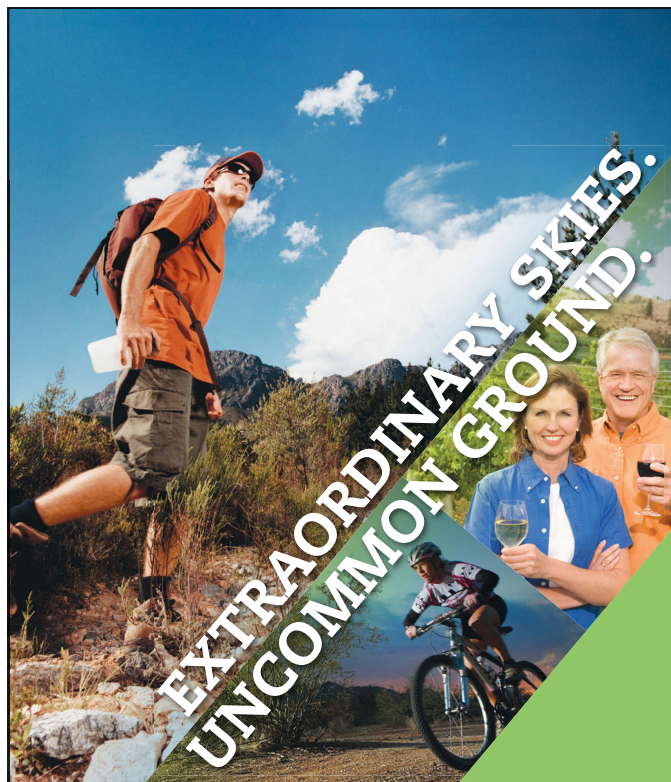
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Mogollon, Trincheras, and Casa Grandes cultures, who left evidence behind in the form of pictographs and petroglyphs. The Garden Canyon Village Site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon Preserve is world-renowned, thanks to the unique interplay of geology, biology, topography, and climate that create a diverse habitat for plant and animal life. The 280-acre preserve provided a haven for over 170 varieties of birds, including 14 species of hummingbirds. The Southwest Wings Festival is Arizona's longest running nature festival providing educational celebration of the diversity of birds, mammals and reptiles. This event attracts visitors from around the world.

Two hidden gems in Sierra Vista are Indochine Family Restaurant, where you can enjoy authentic Vietnamese cuisine at one of Sierra Vista's top rated restaurants. Also, Fort Huachuca MI Soldier Heritage Learning Center. See the history of military intelligence, starting from our nation's birth through present day military missions at this museum. Visit sierravistaaz.gov for more information.

★ ★ ★ CATCH THE BUZZ

Located just 15 miles from Sierra Vista is Bisbee, which was once known for its copper mining. This free-spirited community has drawn a lot of attention recently with its thriving arts, music and hospitality scene, which all sits within a remarkably well-preserved historical architectural setting.

Bisbee has been selected as a top destination in the west by many publications and other media outlets, which is drawing more visitors to this once hidden gem in Arizona.

Phoenicians are increasingly setting their sights on this quaint community during the summer, as temperatures are typically 10-20 degrees cooler the Valley. There are many summer events to choose from including a couple staples in the Bisbee After 5 Art Walk, which runs every second Saturday and the Farmers Market, which is held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Other special events to consider are Bisbee Pride on June 17-19, its Fourth of July Celebration, Pirates of the High Desert on August



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13-14 and the Altered Books Show on August 27. Visit discoverbisbee.com for more information.

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Other small, but interesting Southern Arizona destinations include Tombstone, which offers

an authentic trip back to its restored Old West history, Sonoita/Elgin, which are home to many great wineries, Dragoon, which is the home of Amerind Museum, which houses a research center, library and art gallery dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Native American cultures and Tubac, which is close to Tucson and is known as an artist enclave because of the high number of working artists who live there. The Tubac Presidio State Historical Park is also a must see if you are in the area.

Summer in Phoenix signals the time when many of its residents are seeking ways to beat the heat by getting out of town. These escapes don't always have to involve big budgets and out-of-state travel. There are many destinations within Arizona's borders that offer both temperatures and activities that are cool and you can find them by simply heading south for the summer.



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