

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Phoenix, Arizona, offers year-round attractions from shopping, to hiking, to museums, to golfing. While at EUEC 2010, take advantage of what this beautiful state has to offer.

Desert Botanical



Nestled amid the red buttes of Papago Park, the Desert Botanical Garden hosts one of the world's finest collections of desert plants. One of only 44 botanical gardens accredited by the American Association of Museums, this one-of-a-kind museum showcases 50 acres of beautiful outdoor exhibits. Home to 139 rare, threatened and endangered plant species from around the world, the Garden offers interesting and inspiring experiences to more than 300,000 visitors each year. We open at 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Adults: \$15.00 Seniors: \$13.50 (60 years and older) Students (13-18 and college with ID): \$7.50 Children (3-12): \$5.00 Children under 3 are admitted free.

Scottsdale Fashion Square



Scottsdale Fashion Square is the Southwest's distinctive address for premier shopping, dining and entertainment. Scottsdale Fashion Square offers a compelling retail experience in the heart of the country's fastest-growing major metropolitan area. In Scottsdale, where shopping is a top passion for domestic and international visitors, Scottsdale Fashion Square offers the very best in every category. Elite brands beckon at every turn – from Burberry and Boss Hugo Boss to Kate Spade, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Tiffany & Co., St. John, Juicy Couture, Max Mara, Carolina Herrera, Ferragamo, Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus. Recognized as one of the top tourist destinations in Arizona, Scottsdale Fashion Square is a retail powerhouse, unequalled in its ability to deliver premier brands to exclusive shoppers. 480-945-5495

Phoenix Museum



Phoenix Art Museum is the Southwest's premier destination for world-class visual arts. Popular exhibitions featuring artists such as Rembrandt, Norman Rockwell, Annie Leibowitz and Monet are shown along side the Museum's outstanding collection of more than 18,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design.

Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot



About one and a half hours north of Phoenix are two National Monuments that are well worth a day trip from the Phoenix area. Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot are managed by the National Park Service, and there is small fee for entry. The museum at Montezuma Castle provides good information, but needs a bit of refurbishment. The Visitor Center at Tuzigoot, however, is very well done. Both monuments are very interesting, but for the younger crowd Tuzigoot will be the more popular of the two since you can actually walk up, in and around the structure.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West



A few miles northeast of Scottsdale, Arizona there is a living memorial to a great American architect. Nestled in the foothills of the rugged McDowell Mountains and surrounded by the spectacular Sonoran Desert lays a sprawling 600-acre complex called Taliesin West. It was designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright. Taliesin West today houses The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, The Frank Lloyd Wright Memorial Foundation, and The Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture.

Rawhide Western Town and Steakhouse



Rawhide has got to be the best place to take kids from back east that want to be cowboys and cowgirls. At Rawhide you can experience gunfights, stunt shows, stagecoach rides, desert train rides, enjoy the petting ranch, bull riding, gold panning, camel rides, see a working blacksmith, shop in western shops, play games, and go horseback riding. Many of the activities at Rawhide require an admission fee of between \$2 and \$5. For more information, contact the Rawhide at 480-502-5600

Wildlife World Zoo



Wildlife World Zoo has Arizona's largest collection of exotic animals with over 2400 individual animals representing more than 400 exotic and endangered species. For nearly a quarter of a century, Wildlife World Zoo has endeavored to set the highest standards for our animals, our customers, and our staff. Our goal is to educate visitors about the importance of conserving wildlife and wild places by creating a family friendly and fun environment.

Arizona Mills Mall



As the state's largest value-oriented mall, Arizona Mills Mall in Tempe AZ boasts more than 175 shops, restaurants and entertainment venues under one roof. Located at Interstate 10 and US 60, the mall features manufacturer outlets including Last Call From Neiman Marcus, Off 5th Sak's Fifth Avenue Outlet and GameWorks. Also located at the Arizona Mills Mall is IMAX Tempe, showing documentaries and Hollywood blockbusters in both 2D and stunning IMAX 3D. At the IMAX Tempe, you can experience movies like never before while you treat your senses to the most powerful movie experience yet created.

Piestewa Peak



Surrounding the base of 2,608-foot Piastewa Peak, the Phoenix Mountains Park and Recreation Area and Dreamy Draw Recreation Area are gateways into diverse desert that offers everything from fantastic views to secluded valleys. You don't have to fight crowds on the Piastewa Peak Summit Trail to enjoy the area -- the area boasts dozens of miles of trails to enjoy the glory of the Sonoran Desert in relative solitude. An assortment of picnic area nestled in the hills offer a picturesque spot for gathering. Phoenix Mountains Park is open from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Chase Field



Chase Field, formerly known as Bank One Ballpark, is home to the Arizona Diamondbacks and is famous for its retractable roof, air conditioning, natural turf field, and - only in Phoenix, people - swimming pool, located just beyond right-center field. Whether families come for a game, guided tour, or one of many special events, this state-of-the-art facility will thrill any baseball fan. The stadium has a seating capacity of over 49,000 and boasts incredible sight lines. An 8,000-ton cooling system and the retractable roof guarantee a comfortable environment throughout the game - perhaps one of the reasons Valley fans are so enthusiastic about their home team!

US Airways Center



US Airways Center is home to the Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury and Phoenix Roadrunners. Come watch Mens and Womens Professional Basketball, or ECHL Premier 'AA' Hockey at the state-of-the art downtown Phoenix facility. With soaring glass walls, a 12x20 foot video screen and over 14,000 square feet of indoor space, the new Pavilion creates a grand entrance to the "all-new" U-S Airways Center that leaves a lasting impression on all guests. A uniquely flexible indoor/outdoor venue, the Bud Light PASEO features state-of-the-art sound and projection systems, as well as a stylish bar area and facilities for full stage shows.

The Heard Museum



The Heard Museum is one of the nation's finest museums dealing exclusively with Native American cultures and is an ideal introduction to the indigenous peoples of Arizona. From pre-Columbian to contemporary, if it's art created by Native Americans, you'll find it here. If you're interested in the native cultures of Arizona, this should be your very first stop in the state. The museum is an invaluable introduction to the state's many tribes.

Mystery Castle



Constructed during the 1930s and '40s, this 18-room castle was built by Boyce Luther Gulley after he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Abandoning his family in Seattle, he came to Phoenix for the climate and built the folk-art mansion from recycled materials and old bricks in honor of his young daughter. After he died, the house went to her, and she and her mother moved in immediately. The daughter still lives there today and conducts tours. A "Life" magazine article put the house on the map in 1948.

Papago Park



This desert park, dotted with red rock and weather-sculpted buttes, is located near the zoo and the botanical gardens. A network of trails runs through the grounds and fishing lagoons punctuate the landscape. Ramadas (covered picnic shelters) provide a perfect place to take in the views and can be reserved with a call. The area is ranger-patrolled for safety. Located at East Van Buren Street and North Galvin Parkway.