



Tucson

Visitor Guide



El Tour De Tucson Visitor Guide

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Welcome to Tucson, the oldest continually inhabited communities in North America, where desert landscapes, mountain ranges, Indigenous cultures, Mexican heritage, and a thriving outdoor lifestyle come together. Nestled in the heart of the Sonoran Desert, our rich history is reflected in everything from the architecture and neighborhoods to the food, art, and traditions that make Tucson unmistakably its own.

We hope you'll enjoy the race. We also hope you'll take a little extra time to experience the place we're proud to call home.



Welcome to Tucson—and El Tour de Tucson! As a proud sponsor of El Tour, Long Realty is excited to welcome you to the community we've called home for 100 years. During your stay, we hope you discover the beauty, neighborhoods, culture and people that make Southern Arizona so special. And should your visit inspire a move, we'd be honored to assist with any of your real estate needs throughout Arizona. Enjoy El Tour, experience Tucson, and welcome!

Kevin Kaplan, CEO Long Companies



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Life in the Sonoran Desert

The Sonoran Desert is unlike any other desert in the world. Rich in biodiversity and unexpectedly lush, it's home to more than 2,000 plant species and hundreds of species of birds, mammals, and reptiles. It's also the only place on Earth where the iconic saguaro cactus grows naturally, making Southern Arizona one of the few places where you can experience these towering giants in their native habitat.

The landscape here is anything but flat. Five mountain ranges surround Tucson—the Santa Catalinas to the north, the Rincons to the east, the Tucson Mountains to the west, the Tortolitas to the northwest, and the Santa Ritas to the south. Together, they serve as the city's compass, creating breathtaking views in every direction.

November is one of Tucson's most comfortable months and one of the reasons El Tour de Tucson has become such a beloved tradition. Early mornings often begin in the 40s or 50s before warming into the low- to mid-70s by afternoon. Dressing in layers is your best bet, and don't forget sunglasses, sunscreen, and a reusable water bottle—the Arizona sun is strong no matter the time of year.

The desert shapes the rhythm of life here. Any given day, you'll find locals starting the morning with a walk up Tumamoc Hill, meeting friends for a ride along The Loop by bike or horseback, spending afternoons exploring the trails of Saguaro National Park, or gathering outdoors on patios long after the sun goes down. It's a lifestyle built around making the most of every season, especially this one.

DID YOU KNOW?

The iconic saguaro can take 60 to 75 years to grow its first arm and may live for more than 150 years. And if you want to sound like a local, it's pronounced suh-WAH-row—the "g" is silent.

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Love this City

VISITORS LOVE IT,
LOCALS CALL IT HOME!

Tucson's story stretches back more than 4,000 years, making it one of the oldest continually inhabited communities in North America. Long before Arizona became a state, Indigenous peoples cultivated the land along the Santa Cruz River, creating a foundation that continues to shape the city's culture today. Spanish missionaries, Mexican heritage, and the traditions of the American Southwest have all added new chapters to Tucson's story, resulting in a city that feels both historic and unmistakably modern.

That history is perhaps best experienced through food. In 2015, Tucson became the first city in the United States to receive UNESCO's City of Gastronomy designation, recognizing a culinary heritage rooted in thousands of years of agriculture and the blending of Indigenous and Mexican traditions. Whether you're grabbing breakfast before the race, stopping for a Sonoran hot dog, or lingering over dinner and drinks, every meal tells part of Tucson's story.



Those same influences and history are reflected in the way the region has grown. You can see it in the adobe homes of Barrio Viejo, the energy of Downtown, the desert foothills of the Catalina Foothills, and the thoughtfully planned communities of Oro Valley, Marana, Vail, Sahuarita, and Green Valley. Each area offers its own history, architecture, local businesses, outdoor spaces, and distinct sense of place, illustrating how Tucson has evolved into the diverse metropolitan area it is today.

As you make your way around Southern Arizona during race weekend, we encourage you to venture beyond the course. Stay for breakfast after the finish line. Watch the sunset from a scenic overlook. Wander a neighborhood you've never heard of. Strike up a conversation with a local. The moments you'll remember most are often the ones you never planned.





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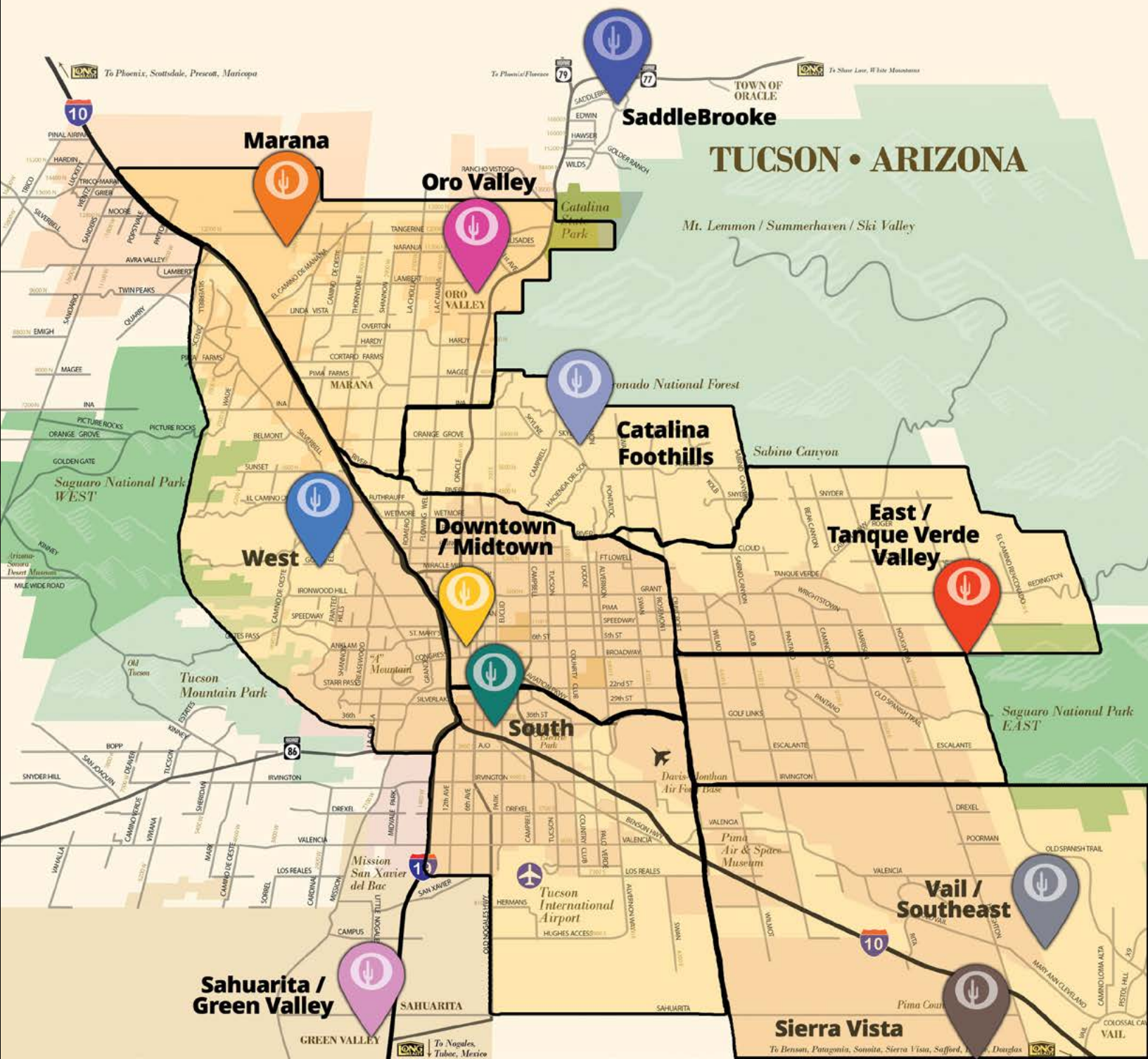
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Downtown & MIDTOWN

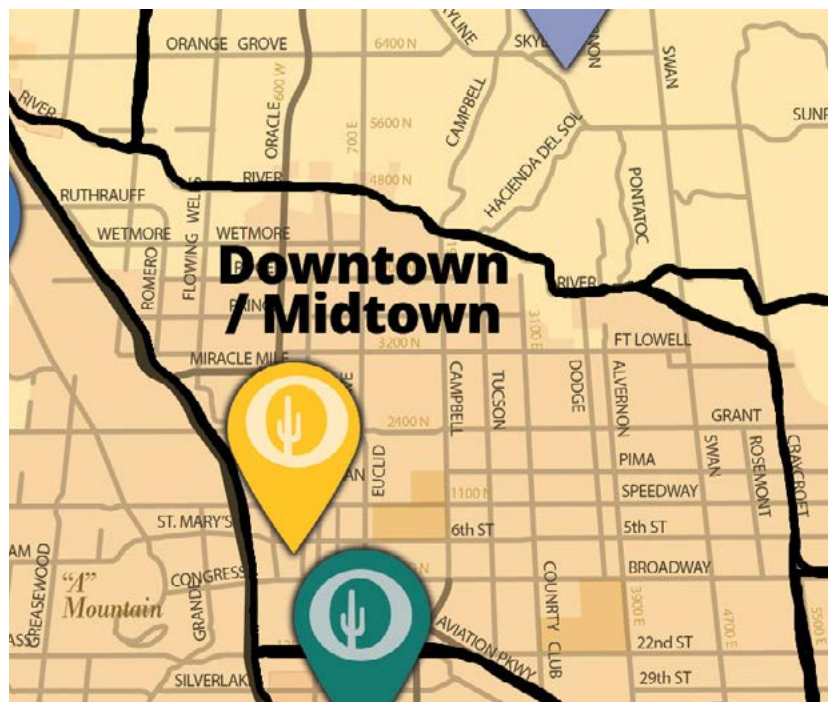
Downtown and Midtown sit at the heart of Tucson, but each offers a different way to experience the city. Downtown is where Tucson feels most historic, urban, and energetic, with walkable streets, restored buildings, colorful murals, theaters, boutique hotels, breweries, restaurants, and gathering places that bring the city's creative side to life. This is where you'll find Congress Street, the Presidio District, Barrio Viejo, the Tucson Convention Center, the Fox Tucson Theatre, and the Rialto Theatre all within easy reach.

Midtown has a more local, lived-in rhythm. It's where longtime restaurants, coffee shops, parks, shopping corridors, historic districts, mid-century homes, and everyday Tucson favorites come together. With easy access to the University of Arizona, Reid Park, Broadway Village, local cafés, and some of the city's most established neighborhoods, Midtown gives visitors a closer look at the places Tucsonans return to again and again.

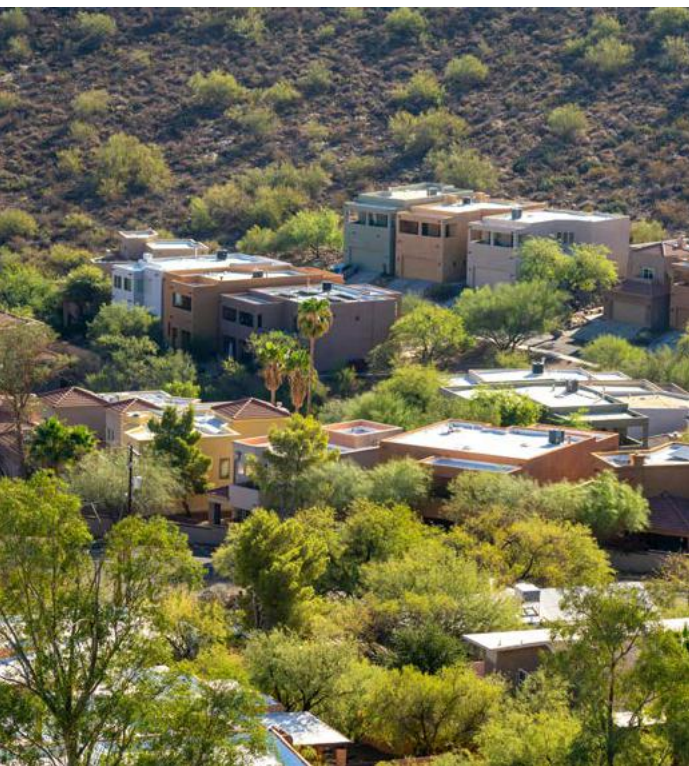


Together, Downtown and Midtown offer one of the best introductions to Tucson. Spend the morning exploring historic streets and murals, grab lunch at a neighborhood favorite, catch a show or browse local shops, then settle onto a patio as the evening cools down. Downtown gives you the city's energy; Midtown gives you its everyday soul.

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CENTRAL TUCSON.**
See a map of businesses,
lifestyle markers, market
trends, and neighborhoods here.



West TUCSON



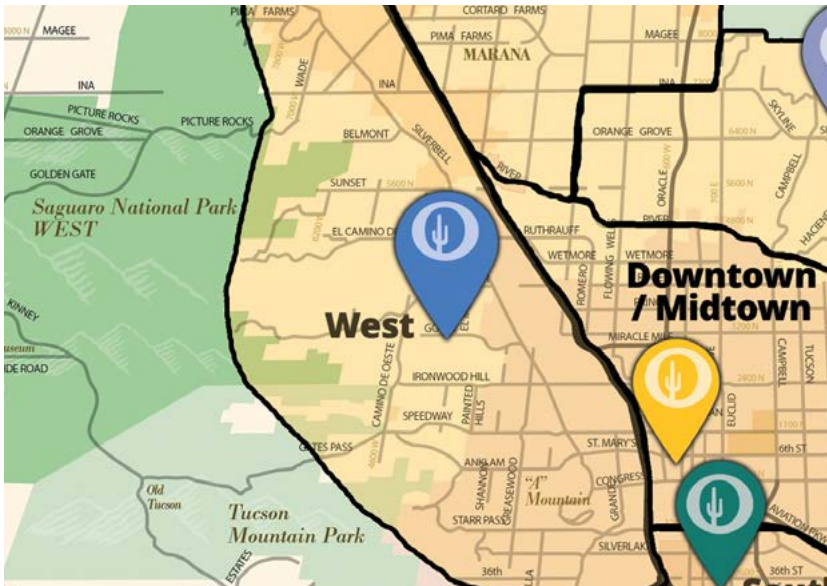
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WEST TUCSON.**



West Tucson offers some of the region's most dramatic desert scenery, with the Tucson Mountains creating a rugged backdrop just beyond the city. Generally stretching west of I-10, this side of town includes historic neighborhoods, hillside communities, desert-view homes, resort-style settings, and access to some of Tucson's most recognizable natural landmarks. It feels a little more open, a little more scenic, and closely connected to the desert landscapes that make Southern Arizona so memorable.

For visitors, West Tucson is home to several essential stops. Saguaro National Park West showcases dense stands of towering saguaros, scenic drives, hiking trails, and unforgettable sunset views. Nearby, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum offers one of the best introductions to the plants, animals, and ecosystems of the Sonoran Desert, while Gates Pass is a favorite place to watch the mountains and sky change color at the end of the day. The area also includes popular outdoor spaces like Tucson Mountain Park and Sweetwater Preserve, both offering trails, desert views, and a quieter way to experience the landscape.

West Tucson also connects visitors to some of the city's history and local character. From the Mercado District and Menlo Park to the scenic foothills around Starr Pass, this part of town blends historic roots, outdoor recreation, and striking desert architecture. Whether you're exploring a national park, stopping for a sunset view, or simply taking the scenic route back into town, West Tucson offers a powerful reminder that the desert is never far from the heart of the city.



Catalina FOOTHILLS

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Santa Catalina Mountains, the Catalina Foothills is one of Southern Arizona's most sought-after places to call home. Known for its distinctive desert architecture, custom homes, luxury estates, and panoramic views, the area offers a lifestyle that feels both private and connected. While the Foothills is home to some of Tucson's most prestigious real estate, you'll also find a variety of townhomes, condominiums, and established neighborhoods that appeal to a wide range of buyers.

Beyond its beautiful homes, the Catalina Foothills is a destination for shopping, dining, and outdoor recreation. Explore local boutiques and nationally recognized retailers at La Encantada, discover art galleries and specialty shops along Skyline Drive, or enjoy a meal with mountain views at one of the area's many acclaimed restaurants. Whether you're looking for an upscale dining experience, a neighborhood café, or a relaxing patio for happy hour, the Foothills offers some of Tucson's most memorable places to gather.

Life in the Catalina Foothills is defined by its balance of natural beauty and everyday convenience. Minutes from hiking trails in the Santa Catalina Mountains, world-class golf courses, and premier shopping and dining, it's easy to see why so many visitors find themselves returning—and why many eventually choose to stay.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE CATALINA
FOOTHILLS.**







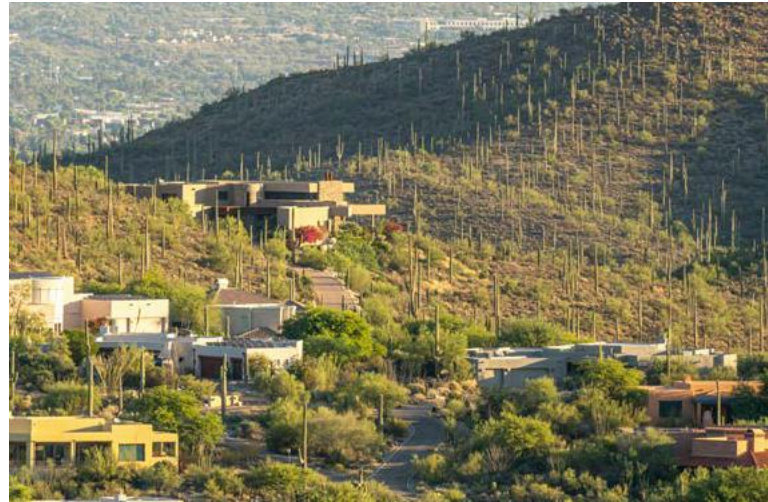
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EAST TUCSON.**



East Tucson

TANQUE VERDE

A quieter side of the city, where wide open desert landscapes, horse properties, and mountain views create a sense of space that's uniquely Southern Arizona. Framed by the Rincon Mountains to the east and the Santa Catalina Mountains to the north, the area features a diverse mix of established neighborhoods, custom homes, sprawling desert estates, and rural properties. It's a place where natural beauty takes center stage while remaining just minutes from shopping, dining, and everyday conveniences.



Outdoor enthusiasts will find no shortage of ways to explore. The east entrance to Saguaro National Park offers miles of scenic hiking trails among towering saguaros, while nearby Sabino Canyon and Agua Caliente Park provide additional opportunities to experience the Sonoran Desert. Cyclists appreciate the area's quieter roads and stunning scenery, and the nearby Tanque Verde Wash and surrounding trail systems are popular for hiking, horseback riding, and wildlife viewing.



Life in East Tucson and the Tanque Verde Valley is defined by a balance of tranquility and accessibility. Local restaurants, neighborhood cafés, golf courses, and shopping centers are never far away, yet it's easy to find yourself watching a desert sunset with unobstructed views of the mountains. Whether you're visiting for a weekend adventure or imagining life surrounded by Arizona's iconic desert landscape, this corner of Tucson offers an authentic connection to the outdoors and the relaxed pace that draws so many people to Southern Arizona.



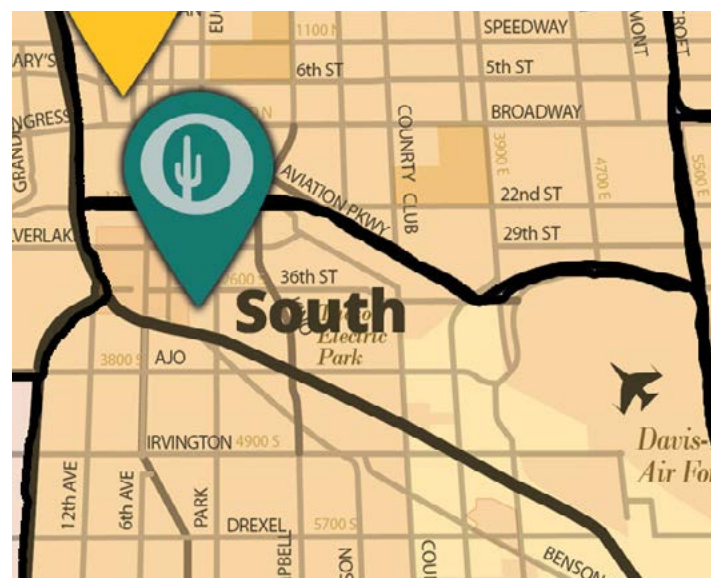
South TUCSON

South Tucson and Tucson's broader southside offer a deeply rooted look at the city's history, culture, and everyday character. The City of South Tucson is its own distinct place, a small incorporated city surrounded by Tucson and known for its strong sense of identity, colorful murals, local businesses, and some of the region's most beloved Mexican restaurants. Surrounding it, Tucson's southside stretches across neighborhoods, commercial corridors, parks, and community gathering places that reflect the area's long-standing connection to the Santa Cruz Valley.

Food is one of the best ways to experience this part of town. From longtime family-owned restaurants and casual taquerias to bakeries, markets, and Sonoran-style favorites, South Tucson and the southside are central to the flavors that helped make Tucson the first UNESCO City of Gastronomy in the United States. Visitors looking for an authentic taste of the Old Pueblo will find plenty worth exploring here, especially along historic corridors like South Fourth Avenue and 12th Avenue.

This part of Tucson also connects visitors to important landmarks and local experiences. Mission San Xavier del Bac, often called the "White Dove of the Desert," sits southwest of the city and remains one of Southern Arizona's most iconic historic sites. Nearby, places like the Tucson Rodeo Grounds, Kino Sports Complex, local parks, and neighborhood restaurants give the area a distinct rhythm all its own. South Tucson and the southside are not simply places to pass through — they are essential to understanding Tucson's culture, history, and sense of place.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT
SOUTH TUCSON.**







Oro VALLEY

Nestled at the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains, Oro Valley has earned a reputation as one of Southern Arizona's most desirable communities. Thoughtfully planned neighborhoods, beautiful desert landscapes, and a strong commitment to preserving open space have created a town that offers both scenic beauty and everyday convenience. Housing options range from low-maintenance townhomes to custom homes and luxury estates, with many properties showcasing stunning mountain views.

Outdoor living is at the heart of life in Oro Valley. Miles of multi-use paths connect neighborhoods to parks, golf courses, and community amenities, while nearby Catalina State Park offers hiking, wildlife viewing, and access to the Coronado National Forest. Throughout the year, residents and visitors enjoy local events, farmers markets, and recreational opportunities that make it easy to embrace Tucson's year-round sunshine.

Oro Valley also offers a vibrant mix of shopping, dining, and entertainment. Browse locally owned boutiques, enjoy a meal at one of the area's many restaurants, or catch a performance at the Gaslight Music Hall. Whether you're spending the afternoon exploring Steam Pump Ranch, teeing off at one of the area's renowned golf courses, or simply taking in the mountain views, Oro Valley offers a welcoming blend of outdoor adventure, modern amenities, and a relaxed Sonoran lifestyle.

Whether you're here for the weekend or imagining a future in Southern Arizona, Oro Valley is a place that's easy to explore—and even easier to fall in love with.



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ORO VALLEY.**



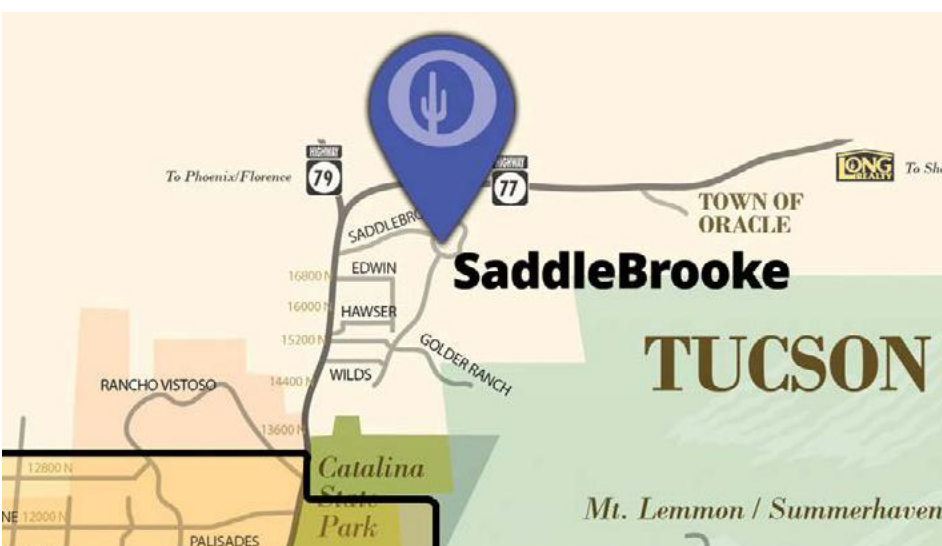
SaddleBrooke

North of Tucson near the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains, the SaddleBrooke area is known for scenic desert views, golf, recreation, and resort-style living. It has long been a popular retirement and seasonal-living destination, with age-qualified communities, golf course homes, low-maintenance residences, and properties that take advantage of the surrounding mountain and desert scenery. For visitors curious about what life on the quieter northern edge of the Tucson region can look like, SaddleBrooke offers a recreation-focused view of desert living, with golf, mountain scenery, and resort-style amenities shaping much of the area's appeal.

Visitors will find plenty to enjoy here, too. Golf is a major part of the area's identity, with multiple courses, clubhouse settings, and mountain-view fairways. The area is also close to Catalina State Park, Oro Valley shopping and dining, scenic drives, trailheads, and attractions farther north such as Oracle and Biosphere 2. It feels removed from the pace of the city while still

keeping restaurants, services, and everyday conveniences within reach.

For cyclists, the SaddleBrooke area offers a different kind of ride than central Tucson. Instead of urban bike paths and downtown streets, expect rolling desert roads, wide-open views, and routes that stretch toward Catalina, Oracle, and the northern foothills. The scenery can be beautiful, especially in the morning, but riders should come prepared with water, sun protection, and awareness of rural road conditions. Whether you're here to ride, golf, explore, or imagine a future stay, SaddleBrooke showcases a quieter, recreation-focused side of Southern Arizona.



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SADDLEBROOKE.**







Marana

DOVE MOUNTAIN

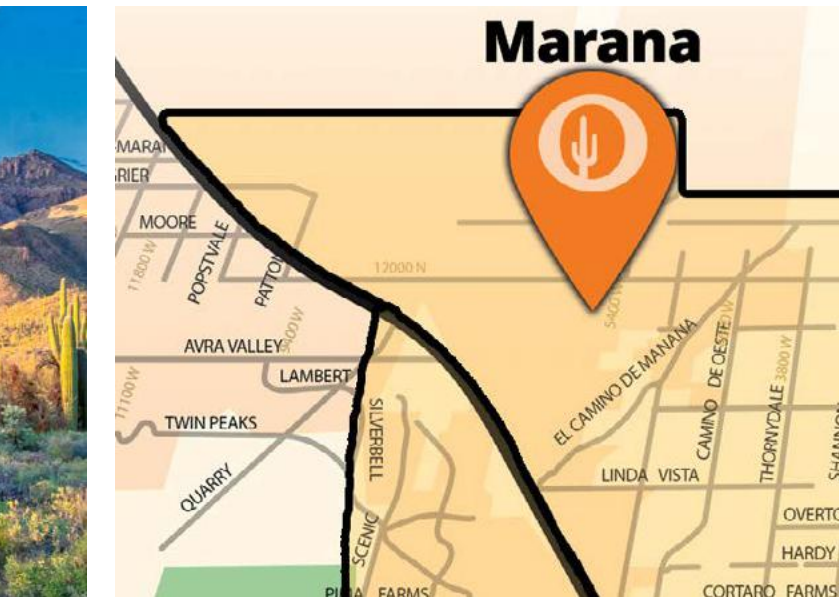


Located just northwest of Tucson, Marana blends Sonoran Desert beauty with a spirit of growth and adventure. Once rooted primarily in agriculture, the town has evolved into one of Southern Arizona's fastest-growing communities while maintaining its wide-open landscapes and connection to the land. Today, you'll find everything from master-planned neighborhoods and custom homes in Dove Mountain to working farms, desert preserves, and mountain views.



Outdoor recreation is a way of life in Marana. The Tortolita Mountains surrounding Dove Mountain provide a scenic backdrop for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding, while trails, golf courses, and parks offer countless ways to enjoy Arizona's sunshine. Visitors can also experience the town's agricultural heritage at Marana Heritage River Park or spend the day exploring the shops, restaurants, and entertainment at Tucson Premium Outlets.

Marana's combination of natural beauty, modern conveniences, and room to grow has made it an increasingly popular destination for both visitors and those considering Southern Arizona as home. Whether you're teeing off at a Dove Mountain golf course, watching a desert sunset over the Tortolita Mountains, or discovering one of the area's locally owned restaurants, Marana offers a relaxed pace and an authentic taste of the Southwest.



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ABOUT MARANA/
DOVE MOUNTAIN.**



Vail

SOUTHEAST TUCSON



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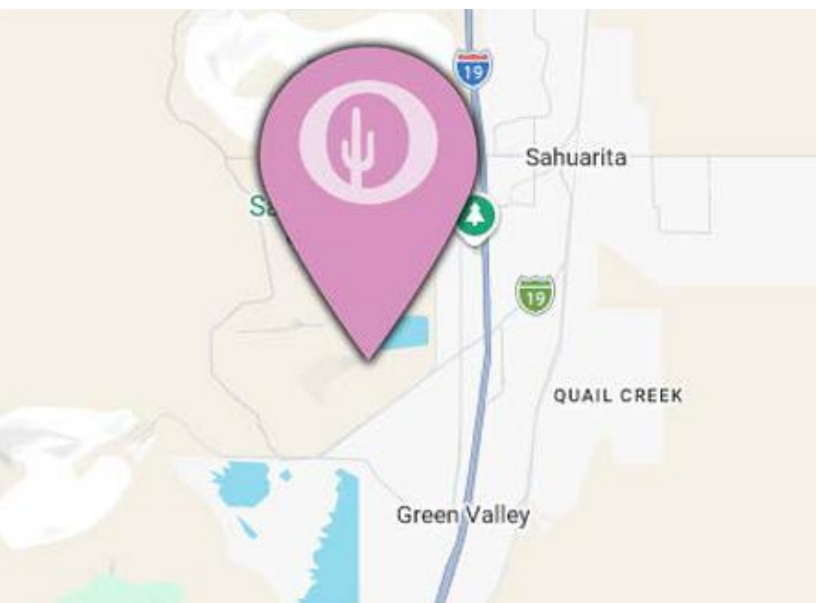


Stretching east and southeast of Tucson, Vail and the surrounding communities offer a unique blend of open desert, mountain views, and thoughtfully planned neighborhoods. Once a quiet railroad town, Vail has grown into one of Southern Arizona's fastest-growing communities while preserving the wide-open landscapes and natural beauty that continue to draw people to the area. From established neighborhoods and new residential developments to custom homes on larger parcels, the region offers a variety of living options surrounded by the Sonoran Desert.

Outdoor recreation is never far away. The Rincon Mountains and east district of Saguaro National Park provide miles of hiking and biking trails, while nearby Colossal Cave Mountain Park offers opportunities for cave tours, horseback riding, camping, and exploring the region's rugged beauty. Cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts also appreciate the area's quieter roads, scenic desert vistas, and easy access to some of Southern Arizona's most iconic landscapes.

While Vail embraces a peaceful desert setting, everyday conveniences are close at hand. Shopping, local restaurants, breweries, golf courses, and entertainment continue to grow alongside the community, while Downtown Tucson, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, and Tucson International Airport remain within an easy drive. Whether you're looking for outdoor adventure, room to spread out, or a relaxed pace of life with convenient access to the city, Vail and Southeast Tucson offer a welcoming gateway to Southern Arizona.





Sahuarita

GREEN VALLEY

Just south of Tucson, Sahuarita is a growing community known for its planned neighborhoods, desert scenery, and convenient access to I-19. Set within the Santa Cruz Valley and surrounded by views of the Santa Rita Mountains, Sahuarita offers a mix of modern amenities, local parks, shopping, dining, and nearby attractions. Visitors may know the area for the Titan Missile Museum, Green Valley Pecan Company, and the scenic routes that connect Southern Arizona's history, agriculture, and outdoor lifestyle.

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SAHUARITA**



Neighboring Green Valley has a more established feel, with golf courses, recreation, mountain views, and easy access to some of Southern Arizona's most beautiful natural areas. Madera Canyon, located in the nearby Santa Rita Mountains, is a favorite destination for hiking, birding, picnicking, and cooler mountain air. With local restaurants, arts and cultural activities, and a relaxed desert pace, Green Valley offers a quieter look at life south of Tucson while still keeping the city within easy reach.



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GREEN VALLEY.**

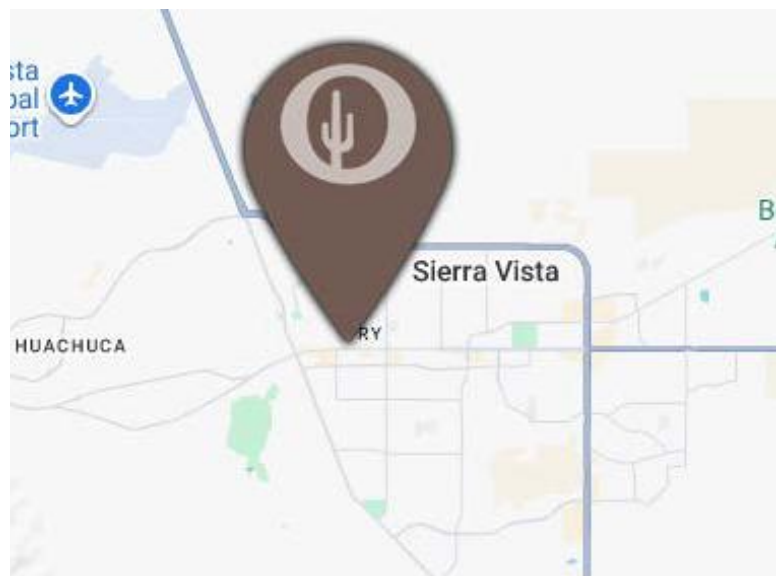
Sierra VISTA

Located southeast of Tucson near the Huachuca Mountains, Sierra Vista offers a distinctive mix of high-desert scenery, outdoor recreation, military history, and everyday convenience. Known as the “Hummingbird Capital of the United States,” the area is surrounded by mountain views, grasslands, canyons, and wide-open skies that give it a character all its own. The real estate landscape includes established neighborhoods, newer residential communities, custom homes, acreage properties, and homes with views of the surrounding desert and mountains.

Outdoor exploration is one of Sierra Vista's biggest draws. Ramsey Canyon Preserve, Garden Canyon, Brown Canyon Ranch, and nearby Coronado National Memorial offer hiking, birding, wildlife viewing, and scenic drives through some of Southern Arizona's most beautiful high-desert terrain. The city is also closely connected to Fort Huachuca, an important part of the region's history and economy, while nearby towns like Bisbee and Tombstone make it easy to turn a weekend visit into a broader Southern Arizona adventure.

Sierra Vista offers a relaxed pace with access to shopping, dining, parks, schools, medical services, and community amenities. Whether you're visiting for the scenery, exploring the region's history, or considering a future in Southern Arizona, Sierra Vista offers a compelling blend of natural beauty, local character, and room to enjoy the high-desert lifestyle.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT
SIERRA VISTA.**





What you'll see ALONG THE R



One of the reasons cyclists travel from around the world to participate in El Tour de Tucson is the scenery. Over the course of 100 miles or more, riders experience a cross-section of Southern Arizona that few visitors ever see. The route showcases everything from the urban energy of Tucson's city center to wide-open desert landscapes framed by mountain ranges in every direction. Throughout the ride, the Santa Catalina, Rincon, Tucson, Tortolita, and Santa Rita Mountains serve as a constant backdrop, reminding riders that they're exploring a region defined by its connection to the outdoors.

As the miles unfold, you'll pass through a variety of communities that each offer their own glimpse into life in Southern Arizona. Historic neighborhoods, established residential areas, growing suburban communities, and stretches of open desert all contribute to the story of the region. Riders often find themselves moving from bustling commercial corridors to quiet desert roads in a matter of minutes, experiencing the remarkable diversity that makes the Tucson metropolitan area unique.

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there are several tall saguaro cacti and some low-lying desert shrubs. A dirt road or path is visible in the lower left corner. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a blue sky with some clouds. A pink horizontal bar is at the top of the image.

IDE

Of course, no ride through Tucson would be complete without encountering the Sonoran Desert itself. Towering saguaros, palo verde trees, ocotillo, and prickly pear cactus line portions of the route, while roadrunners, jackrabbits, quail, and other desert wildlife occasionally make an appearance. The desert landscape changes throughout the day, with the soft morning light giving way to brilliant blue skies and golden afternoon views that make even the toughest miles memorable.

For those extending their stay, many of the places you'll ride past are worth exploring after the event. Downtown Tucson offers historic architecture, local breweries, galleries, and restaurants, while areas like Oro Valley, Marana, and the Catalina Foothills provide access to golf courses, shopping districts, scenic trails, and some of the region's most popular dining destinations. Visitors looking to experience Tucson's culinary scene can find everything from Sonoran hot dogs and family-owned Mexican restaurants to award-winning chefs and outdoor patios with mountain views.

While race day is certainly the main event, the ride also serves as an introduction to Southern Arizona itself. Every mile offers a new perspective on the desert, the mountains, and the communities that call this region home. Whether you're chasing a personal record or simply taking in the scenery, you'll come away with a deeper appreciation for the landscapes and culture that make Tucson one of the premier cycling destinations in the country.

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ALONG THE RUN

The El Tour 5K offers a different perspective on Tucson than the cycling routes. Beginning near the Tucson Convention Center, runners make their way through the heart of Downtown Tucson, where historic neighborhoods, colorful architecture, and a vibrant urban atmosphere showcase some of the city's oldest and most cherished areas. The flat, approachable course makes it easy to focus less on the miles and more on the experience around you.

One of the highlights of the route is Barrio Viejo, a neighborhood known for its colorful adobe homes, historic architecture, and deep cultural roots. Many of the buildings date back generations and reflect the Spanish and Mexican influences that helped shape Tucson into the city it is today. As you move through the neighborhood, you'll notice bright facades, charming courtyards, and details that make this part of Tucson unlike anywhere else in the Southwest.

The course also passes through Armory Park, one of Tucson's oldest residential neighborhoods. Lined with historic homes, mature trees, and welcoming streets, the area offers a glimpse into Tucson's past while remaining just steps from the energy of Downtown. Together, Barrio Viejo and Armory Park tell the story of a city that has spent centuries growing while still preserving the character that makes it unique.

After crossing the finish line, you're only a short walk from many of Downtown Tucson's restaurants, coffee shops, breweries, galleries, and public spaces. Whether you're celebrating a personal best, cheering on friends and family, or simply enjoying the weekend festivities, the 5K serves as both a race and an introduction to the history, culture, and community that define Tucson.

Things to do while YOU ARE HERE

There's no shortage of ways to experience Tucson, so we thought we'd connect you directly to the source. Visit Tucson has the inside track on what to see, where to eat, what's happening, and how to make the most of your time in the Old Pueblo. Choose your adventure, follow your curiosity, and start exploring.





TO EAT & DRINK

Tucson's food scene is rooted in Indigenous, Mexican, and Southern Arizona traditions, with flavors shaped by thousands of years of agriculture and cultural influence. As the first UNESCO City of Gastronomy in the United States, Tucson offers a culinary experience that is deeply local, richly historic, and unmistakably its own.



EVENTS

El Tour de Tucson is just one example of how this city loves to come together. Throughout the year, Tucson hosts music festivals, cultural celebrations, food events, art walks, markets, and community gatherings that reflect the spirit of the Old Pueblo. Whether you're planning a return trip or extending your stay, there's almost always something happening worth exploring.



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VISIT AGAIN

November is a wonderful time to meet Tucson, but it is only one version of the city. Come back in winter and you'll find crisp mornings, mild afternoons, patio dining, golf, hiking, and some of the best weather of the year. Return in spring and the desert begins to bloom, with wildflowers, bright cactus blossoms, and long, sunny days that invite you back outside.

Summer has its own personality. Yes, it is hot, but it is also the season of dramatic monsoon skies, glowing sunsets, early-morning hikes, shaded patios, resort pools, and quick escapes to higher elevations like Mount Lemmon. By fall, the desert begins to soften again, event season comes back to life, and Tucson settles into the kind of weather that makes outdoor living feel effortless.

That is one of the things people love most about Tucson: every season gives you a different reason to be here. Whether you return for another ride, a food festival, a desert hike, a long weekend, or simply a little more sunshine, Tucson has a way of feeling new each time you visit.

A year of reasons TO VISIT AGAIN

SPRING

Spring brings color back to the desert. Wildflowers, cactus blooms, longer days, and comfortable temperatures make this a favorite time for outdoor adventures. It is also a great season for festivals, markets, food events, and exploring neighborhoods on foot.



March

- Tucson Festival of Books
- Fourth Avenue Spring Street Fair
- Arizona International Film Festival

April

- Agave Heritage Festival
- Tucson Folk Festival
- Pima County Fair
- Tour de Zona, Southern Arizona cycling trip

May

- Tucson International Mariachi Conference
- Willcox Wine Country Spring Festival, a Southern Arizona day trip

SUMMER

Summer in Tucson is bright, bold, and unmistakably desert. Days are hot, so locals tend to move early, slow down midday, and come back outside as the evening cools. This is the season for sunrise hikes, resort weekends, pool time, shaded patios, indoor museums, and drives up Mount Lemmon.

When monsoon storms roll in, the desert changes almost instantly, bringing dramatic clouds, cooler air, and some of the most unforgettable sunsets of the year.

Summer

- Tucson Juneteenth Festival
- Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum's Summer Nights
- Safari Nights at Reid Park Zoo
- Summer Night Markets at MSA Annex
- Fourth of July Festivities
- Southeast Arizona Birding Festival
- El Día de San Juan Festival
- Tucson Presidio Birthday Celebration
- HarvestFest at Sonoita Vineyards



FALL

Fall is when Tucson finds its rhythm again. Cooler mornings return, patios fill up, cyclists get back on the roads, and the city wakes back up after a sleep summer. Along with El Tour de Tucson, the season brings community favorites like Tucson Meet Yourself, the All Souls Procession, fall markets, cultural celebrations, and outdoor concerts. It's a season that feels both active and reflective — very Tucson, in other words.



September

- Sonoran Restaurant Week
- Pueblos del Maíz
- Tucson Comic-Con
- Fall gem, mineral, and fossil shows

October

- Tucson Meet Yourself
- Film Fest Tucson
- Cyclovia Tucson
- Nightfall at Old Tucson
- Marana Pumpkin Patch

November

- All Souls Procession
- El Tour de Tucson
- DUSK Music Festival

WINTER

Winter is one of Tucson's most inviting seasons, with sunny days, cooler evenings, and plenty of reasons to spend time outdoors. It's a great time for hiking, cycling, golf, patio dining, scenic drives, and exploring the city without the intensity of summer heat. It is also one of Tucson's busiest event seasons, with major happenings like the Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase, Tucson Rodeo, and Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair bringing visitors from around the world.



December

- Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair
- Winterhaven Festival of Lights
- Tucson Tamal & Heritage Festival
- ZooLights at Reid Park Zoo
- Tucson Marathon
- The Arizona Bowl

January

- Tucson Jazz Festival
- Tucson Fringe Festival
- Dillinger Days

February

- Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase
- La Fiesta de los Vaqueros / Tucson Rodeo
- Cologuard Classic
- 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo



Should you WANT TO STAY

**Many people come to Tucson for a weekend.
Some decide to make it home.**

After a few days in Tucson, it's easy to understand why people start imagining a longer stay. Maybe it's the mountain views, the winter sunshine, the cycling routes, the food, the neighborhoods, or the slower moments that happen between plans. Whatever catches your attention, Long Realty is here to help you understand what life in Southern Arizona could look like beyond a visit.

As Tucson's hometown real estate company, Long Realty brings a century of local knowledge, deep market experience, and a true love for the communities we serve. Our agents know the difference between Downtown and Midtown, the rhythm of the Foothills, the open space of Marana, the trails around Vail, the pace of Green Valley, and the neighborhoods that make each part of the region feel distinct. For newcomers, that local perspective matters. We don't just help you search for homes; we help you understand the area.





With leading market share, generations of Tucson expertise, and a network of agents who know this region block by block, Long Realty is expertly positioned to help visitors become neighbors.

If relocating to Tucson is on your mind, our Relocation Department can help make the process easier from the start. Our Relocation Department offers:

- Personalized support tailored to your needs and timeline
- Introductions to top agents locally and in your current market
- Home buying or selling assistance—from market insights to closing day
- Access to a global network of real estate professionals through LeadingRE

Long Realty also offers a complete real estate experience through OnePoint, bringing together the services that support a successful move. From real estate guidance to mortgage, title, insurance, home warranty, and related services, OnePoint is designed to help simplify the process and give you access to experienced professionals every step of the way.

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Contact the Long Realty Relocation Department to get started with a trusted advisor today.
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The background of the entire advertisement is a photograph of a desert landscape at sunset. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, yellow, and red, with wispy clouds. In the foreground, the silhouettes of two saguaro cacti are prominent. One cactus is on the right side, tall and slender with two arms. The other is on the left side, shorter and wider. In the distance, the silhouettes of mountains are visible against the horizon.

When a visit
turns into **HOME.**

Come experience
Tucson for yourself.

Experience a city unlike anywhere else, where mountain views, desert beauty, rich history, and a vibrant local culture come together in the best possible way. From incredible food and outdoor adventures to arts, events, and welcoming neighborhoods, Tucson offers something memorable around every corner. Whether you are visiting for the first time or rediscovering it all over again, it is easy to see why so many people fall in love with this amazing city.