

Rediscover Arizona's Urban Escapes

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If your ideal summer vacation involves lounging poolside at one the state's famed resorts or enjoying a day of pampering at the spa, look no further than your own backyard. With more than 300 golf courses, dozens of luxurious spas and resorts, countless boutiques, galleries and culinary creations, your urban oasis awaits just a short drive away.



Central Arizona

Experience the height of sophistication in greater Phoenix. Nestled in the shadow of Camelback Mountain is a world of modern Southwestern culture and urban treasures. Upscale resorts, world-class spas, glamorous shopping experiences and plenty of theaters and museums will get you into a cultured mindset.

North Central Arizona

Cottonwood may not be the first urban escape that comes to mind, but the heart of Verde Valley offers vibrant adventures. Well known for its lush vineyards, Cottonwood is home to award-winning wineries, including Alcantara Vineyards, Page Springs Cellars, Oak Creek Vineyards and Javelina Leap Vineyards.

If eclectic shopping, live music and fine dining are more your taste, head to the city of Jerome. Its rolling hills include a community of local artists, musicians and winemakers who pay homage to the city's Wild West roots. Known as the "largest ghost town in America," Jerome offers an amazingly good time.



Photo: Jerome

Southwest Arizona

A unique blend of cultural heritages and desert scenery make Tucson an ideal setting for destination resorts, rejuvenating spas and championship golf courses. Shoppers looking for artistic gifts can stroll down the tree-lined Fourth Avenue district, a six-block bohemian streetscape with more than 100 shops and restaurants.

Southern Arizona

Create a beautiful getaway in Tubac. Established in 1752 as a Spanish presidio, Tubac is one of Arizona's most treasured artist enclaves. Boasting 80 unique shops and galleries, scenic high desert vistas and a cooler 3,200-foot elevation, Tubac is not your average urban sanctuary.

For more urban escape ideas or to enter the "Pin It 2 Win It" contest, visit www.summerinaz.com.