

# Holiday Markets in Phoenix

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This holiday season, get your present shopping done before the crowds start to form. AZFoothills.com has rounded up some local holiday markets in the Valley so you can get all of your gift ideas in one place. Bring your wallet, endurance and get ready to shop!

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## 1. Wonderland Market at WestWorld of Scottsdale

This three-day shopping experience is one you do not want to miss. From Dec. 4-6 starting at 10 a.m. each day, the Wonderland Market at WestWorld of Scottsdale will have merchants from all over the United States. Vendors will be selling items that include jewelry, clothing, décor, gourmet foods, children's toys, and other amazing gifts. There will be local choirs and musicians that will serenade you with holiday music as you get your shopping done. Additionally they will even be able to gift wrap your presents and ship them directly from the market. This trip will make your holiday shopping a breeze.

<http://www.wonderlandmarket.com/>



## 2. Queen Creek Holiday Festival and Parade

Kiwanis Club of Queen Creek and Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce are hosting the 33rd annual Queen Creek Festival and Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5. The festival will start at 12 p.m. and attendees will be able to purchase goodies from craft and food vendors. There will also be local live entertainment, activities for children, and complimentary photos with Santa. The parade will start at 3:30 p.m. and will be great to watch after a day of shopping. If you stay until 6:30 p.m. you will be able to enjoy the tree lighting ceremony that takes place in the library.

<http://queencreekparade.org/>



## 3. Mesa Arts Festival

If you are looking for unique holiday presents for friends and family, Mesa Arts Festival will be the place for you. Dec. 12 and 13, starting at 10 a.m., you will be able to purchase gifts from local, regional, and national artists in many different kinds of mediums. This annual festival will not

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only have an exceptional market, but also musical entertainment, live artist demonstrations, delicious culinary options, and their Family Activity Area. Admission for this event and parking are free.

<http://mesaartscenter.com/index.php/events/mesa-arts-festival>



### 4. Phoenix Festival of the Arts

From Dec. 11-13, come experience a huge amount of shopping options at the fourth annual Phoenix Festival of the Arts. You will be able to shop from more than 100 art vendors and cultural organizations. The event will take place on the east side of Margaret T. Hance Park and admission is free. If you get hungry while perusing all the booths, don't forget to stop by their festival's featured food trucks and beer and wine garden.

<http://phoenixfestivalofthearts.org/>



### 5. Carefree Christmas Festival

From Dec. 11-13, you can come experience a winter wonderland. The eighth annual Carefree Christmas Festival is back and better than ever this year. It is located at the Carefree Botanical Gardens and will feature daytime and late-night holiday shopping along with their Electric Light Parade, Holiday Fireworks Extravaganza, and 25 tons of real snow. Admission for the festival is included when you purchase tickets for the Carefree Botanical Gardens.

[www.carefreechristmasfestival.com/](http://www.carefreechristmasfestival.com/)



### 6. Peoria's 25 Festival and Street Market

From Saturday, Dec. 11 until Friday, Dec. 12, you have the opportunity to join in on all the festivities at the Peoria 25 Festival. They will have a family friendly street market that can help you cross off some names on your Christmas list. There will also be complimentary photos with Santa and even real reindeer rides. Tickets are available for \$3 dollars at the door or \$2 ahead of time. Don't miss this fun holiday experience.

<http://www.azstreetmarket.com/>

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### 7. Jackalope Arts and Crafts Fair

The Jackalope Arts and Crafts Fair is the perfect place to find unique Christmas presents for the ones you love. On Dec 12-13 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. you can browse products from local artisans, crafters, and DIY experts. Not only do you get to purchase these beautiful items but you get to meet the artist behind the craft. The fair will be held at Indian School Park and admission is free.

<http://www.jackalopeartfair.com/>