24-Hours in Sedona: Where to Stay and What to Do

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It's no surprise that Sedona now attracts over 4 million tourists each year. The scenic paradise gives travelers a chance to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and enjoy natural serenity amidst the picturesque desert. For us locals, it's not too hard to escape. But before you do, check out our travel itinerary for an upscale and adventurous trip to beautiful Sedona, Arizona.



Where to Stay



For the ultimate four and a half star lodging, hang your hat at **L'Auberge de Sedona** nestled in the forefront of the dramatic Red Rocks and sits on 11 acres of lush landscape. However central in its location, L'Auberge is a magical hideaway for natural tranquility or for an intimate getaway. The resort comes fully equipped with spa packages to enhance your relaxing stay, along with an award-winning, four-diamond restaurant. www.lauberge.com.

Other AFM top picks for Sedona resorts: Sedona Rouge Hotel & Spa, Amara Resort & Spa, Adobe Grand Villas

Sedona Tours



Nothing's better than a view from the skies! As exciting as it is romantic, hot air balloon rides above Sedona offer more than just a mile-high panoramic view of the beautiful desert. Arizona Balloon Works provide breakfast with a Champagne toast, free pick up and drop off service at Java Love Café and complimentary photos. www.sedonahotairballoons.com



Wine Tasting Tour

Experience Sedona with a fresh and savory glass of wine made straight from the vineyards of Sedona. Sedona Adventure Outfitters & Guides will take you on a Scenic Wine Tasting Tour offering comfortable and relaxing wine tastings throughout Sedona's finest vineyards. www.sedonaadventuretours.com

Things to Do



For premier Sedona golf, discover the Oakcreek Country Club, an 18-hole championship golf course nestled in the majestic Sedona Red

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Rocks. Take in the astonishing backdrop as you enjoy golfing at its best. The course, designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Robert Trent Jones Jr., is truly paramount in the world of scenic golfing. www.oakcreekcountryclub.com

Peruse Famed Art Galleries

Aside from taking in the jaw-dropping natural sites, be sure to peruse Sedona's beloved art galleries on Highway 179. Encompassing a wide range of diverse pieces, the galleries feature such stunning pieces as paintings, prints, sculptures, photography, art glass, jewelry, sculptures and more. A few must-see galleries are **Kuivato Glass Gallery**, **Geoffrey Roth Gallery**, **Kaufman Clark Gallery** and **Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village**.

Where to Dine



Although you have many fabulous choices for superb dining in Sedona, we have chosen **Yavapai Restaurant** located inside the Enchantment Resort as our must-try hotspot. This AAA Four Diamond rated, fine dining restaurant offers breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday Brunch, along with breathtaking views of Boynton Canyon through massive windows that provide a 180-degree view. www.enchantmentresort.com