

# Excursions

## 1. Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

520-723-3172 • [nps.gov/cagr](http://nps.gov/cagr)

Arizona's largest prehistoric buildings, the Casa Grande Ruins were built by Hohokam Indians around 1350 AD. At four stories tall, it may have been used for ceremonies or astronomical observations and is the only structure of its type still standing. *32 miles one way*

## 2. The Apache Trail

[arizona-leisure.com/apache-trail.html](http://arizona-leisure.com/apache-trail.html)

A true wilderness adventure in the Sonoran Desert. The Apache Trail begins in Apache Junction and goes to Roosevelt Lake. Scenic sites include Canyon Lake, Tortilla Flat Restaurant & Saloon and Apache Lake. *55 miles one way*

## 3. Tonto National Monument

928-467-2241 • [nps.gov/tont](http://nps.gov/tont)

Enjoy a nature hike to two separate ancient Salado Indian ruins. Visitors are allowed to walk among the ruins. Hikes range from one to four hours. Spectacular view of Roosevelt Lake. *55 miles one way*

## 4. Arcosanti

928-632-7135 • [arcosanti.org](http://arcosanti.org)

"As urban architecture, Arcosanti is one of the most important experiments undertaken in our lifetime," according to *Newsweek* magazine. Galleries offer the famous wind bells by artist Paolo Soleri. *78 miles one way*

## 5. Out of Africa Wildlife Park

928-567-2840 • [outofafricapark.com](http://outofafricapark.com)

Out of Africa Wildlife Park is not a zoo or a circus; it is truly an experience. It is a garden-like setting that allows visitors to actually encounter the animals. See over 400 animals from all over the world. Lions, tigers, giraffe, rhinoceros, black bear, camel, ostrich, cobras, zebra, exotic birds, tortoise, leopards, wildebeest, jaguar, wolves, hyenas, more. *108 miles one way*

## 6. Montezuma Castle National Monument

928-567-3322 • [nps.gov/moca](http://nps.gov/moca)

The castle stands in a cliff recess 100 feet above the valley. Montezuma Well, also part of the monument, is a natural limestone sinkhole, and was an important source of water for the Sinagua Indians. One of the best preserved cliff dwellings in North America, Montezuma Castle dates back to 1150 AD. *114 miles one way*

## 7. Tuzigoot National Monument

928-634-5564 • [nps.gov/tuzi](http://nps.gov/tuzi)

Tuzigoot (Apache for "crooked water") is the remnant of a Sinaguan village that was built between 1125 and 1400 AD. The original pueblo was three stories high in places, with 77 ground-floor rooms. There were few exterior doors; entry was by way of ladders through openings in the roofs. *123 miles one way*

## 8. Jerome

[jeromechamber.com](http://jeromechamber.com) • 928-634-2900

Once known as the most wicked town in the West, Jerome grew from a settlement of tents to a roaring community. The copper mine closed in 1953 and the few residents who remained promoted Jerome as a ghost town. Today Jerome is a thriving artist community with a population of 450 and a popular tourist destination. *125 miles one way*

## 9. Verde Canyon Railroad

800-293-7245 • 928-639-0010

[verdecanyonrr.com](http://verdecanyonrr.com)

This four-hour scenic ride includes views of Sinagua Indian Ruins, wildlife and a 680-foot man-made tunnel, all seen from panoramic windows along the wilderness route. The historic route, between two national forests adjacent to a wilderness area, follows the upper Verde River. *120 miles one way*



## 10. Sedona & Oak Creek Canyon

800-288-7336 • 928-282-7722

[visitsedona.com](http://visitsedona.com)

Nestled in beautiful Red Rock country, monoliths of vivid red sandstone surround Sedona from all directions for great photo opportunities. Sedona is also known for its great shopping and world-class resorts. Oak Creek Canyon and Slide Rock State Park, just a few miles from Sedona, are great places to cool off in the summer or enjoy the bright colors of autumn leaves. *135 miles one way*



## 11. Kartchner Caverns

520-586-2283 • [pr.state.az.us](http://pr.state.az.us)

A stunning limestone cave in southeastern Arizona near the town of Benson. The caverns boast many unique features that have been protected since it was discovered in 1974. Highlights include incredible stalactites, stalagmites and rare quartz needles. *150 miles one way*

## 12. Williams and the Grand Canyon Railway

800-THE TRAIN • [thetrain.com](http://thetrain.com)

Travel a century-old rail line aboard the historic Grand Canyon Railway and arrive just steps from the Canyon's South Rim. During the 65-mile scenic rail journey, you'll enjoy the tunes of strolling musicians, be entertained by cowboy characters and be part of a mock train robbery. *189 miles one way*

## 13. Grand Canyon National Park

928-638-7888 • [grandcanyonchamber.com](http://grandcanyonchamber.com)  
[nps.gov/grca](http://nps.gov/grca)

Arizona's most spectacular natural site, the Grand Canyon is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, with one of the most colorful and striking landscapes in America. Most of the panoramic vistas can be viewed from many points along the South Rim of the Canyon. Inside the park, visit the Yavapai Museum, Visitor Center and Grand Canyon Village. *241 miles one way*

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*For more information, please contact  
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