



JW MARRIOTT DESERT RIDGE
RESORT & SPA
PHOENIX

Things to Do

We recommend calling the phone numbers provided to confirm times, days and prices, as they may change

Apache Trail

1 Hour

A beautiful 5 to 7 hour drive through the Superstition Mountains where you will experience the breathtaking canyons, desert lakes, towering saguaro cacti, and desert wildflowers. You may also discover the Lost Dutchman Mine and Ancient Native American cliff dwellings or enjoy a Steamboat Ride on Canyon Lake.

Located off US60 and Idaho Rd. to US88

Arcosanti (602)254-5309

1 Hour

An urban city being constructed north of Phoenix in Cordes Junction, when completed, will house 5,000 people by combining compact urban structure with large-scale solar greenhouses on 25 acres. Daily tours of the site begin in the Arcosanti Gallery, every hour on the hour between 10am and 4pm. The basic tour provides a quick but comprehensive introduction to the history and design philosophy of the Arcosanti project, takes you through much of the site, and shows you the proposed designs for future structures. The famous Soleri Windbells are made and sold here and also at Cosanti.

Located off I-17 at Cordes Junction.

Camp Verde

1 Hour

Home to the historic U.S. Military Post. The post, located in Fort Verde State Park, was used in the conflict with the Native Indians in 1865. Five minutes south of Montezuma Castle on Montezuma Castle Highway. Approximately 95 miles north of Phoenix.

Carefree/Cave Creek

25 Minutes

A unique western town with one of the largest sundials in the world, the K.T. Palmer Sundial. The town includes art galleries, boutiques, and a microbrewery.

Casa Grande Ruins (520)723-3172

1 Hour

The Hohokam Indians resided here about 600 years ago.

Located approximately 45 miles southeast of Phoenix. Take I-10 to Highway 387

Casino Arizona (480)850-7777

25-30 Minutes

Indian Bend Location- They offer Poker, Keno, 500 slots, 36 Blackjack tables, and Sports Bar.

McKellips Location- They offer Keno, 950 Slots, 60 Blackjack tables, Fine Dining and also a Buffet Restaurant.

They also feature the Showstoppers Performance on Sunday & Tues. at 7PM, Wed-Sat 7PM & 9PM.

Located at the Loop 101 Freeway and Indian Bend (25 minutes) or McKellips (30 minutes).

Cerreta Candy Company (602)930-9000.

30 Minutes

A 70 year old family owned Candy Company. Watch as candy is being made the old fashion way.

Tours offered Mon – Thurs at 10am to 1pm.

Located in Glendale at 5345 W. Glendale Avenue

Cosanti Foundation (480)948-6145

15 Minutes

Here you will find the world-famous Soleri windbells being crafted. Open daily.
Located in Scottsdale at 6433 Doubletree Ranch Road

Deer Valley Rock Art Center (623)582-8007

20 Minutes

Explore the mysteries of the past by taking a tour of this museum to learn about petroglyph production, preservation, and interpretation. After the tour, head out on the interpretive trail to view some of the 1500 petroglyphs preserved on the grounds. A visit to the Deer Valley Rock Art Center also provides a great opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the desert. Located at 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix

Desert Botanical Garden (480)941-1217

30 Minutes

Displays one of the most extensive collections of desert plants in the world.
Located at 1201 N. Galvin Parkway in Phoenix

Downtown Tempe / ASU (480)894-8158

30 Minutes

Home to trendy restaurants, elegant shops, galleries and ASU Sun Devil Stadium.
Located in Tempe on Mill Avenue between University Drive and Rio Salado Parkway
Also check out Tempe town lake where you can bike, paddleboat or just stroll around.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West (480)860-8810

20 Minutes

Situated on nearly 600 acres, Taliesin is a National Historic Landmark that showcases Wright's brilliant ability to integrate indoor and outdoor spaces into a desert masterpiece. Tours of the facility are available from 9am to 4pm daily.

Located in north Scottsdale at 114th Street and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard

Glendale Antique District

40 Minutes

More than 70 antique stores, craft galleries, boutiques and restaurants in the 4-block area.
Located in downtown Glendale between 59th and Glendale Avenues

Goldfield Ghost Town and Mine Tours (480)983-0333

1 and ½ Hours

This ghost town features mine tours, gold panning, specialty shops, a saloon, and a spectacular view of the Superstition Mountains.

Located four miles north of Apache Junction on Highway 88, 4650 N. Mammoth Road.

Grand Canyon

4-4 ½ Hours

One of the seven natural wonders of the world can be reached from the Resort in 4 ½ hours by car and shorter by air. Take I-17 north from Phoenix to Flagstaff. From there take Route 180 northwest to the Canyon.

Hall of Flame (602)275-3473

30 Minutes

America's largest antique fire-fighting collection.
Open Mon-Sat. from 9-5 pm, Sun. 12-4pm (closed Holidays)
Located at 6101 E. Van Buren

Heard Museum (602)252-8840

30 Minutes

Collection of nearly 75,000 Indian artifacts and exhibits.
Hours are Mon-Sat 9:30am-5pm and Sun 12pm-5pm (Closed Holidays).
Located at 2301 N. Central Ave. between Thomas and McDowell

Jerome

2 Hours

Once a thriving mining town, Jerome is now an artistic community with a population of about 450. This picturesque town, carved into a mountainside, is one of the largest ghost towns in America. Located 112 miles north of Phoenix on Highway 89A.

Montezuma Castle National Monument (928)567-3322

1 ½ Hours

These well-preserved 12th century dwellings were built by the Sinagua Indians. Located ninety-five miles north of Phoenix, off of I-17

Old Town Scottsdale

30 Minutes

See the historic area of Scottsdale comprised of a collection of unique shops, non traditional gifts, restaurants, art galleries and nightclubs.

Located at Scottsdale Rd and Indian School Rd

Out of Africa (928) 567- 2840

1 Hour

The Out Of Africa Wildlife Park features the new Wildlife Preserve, where large land predators like lions, panthers and hyena prowl majestically in natural habitats. Visitors can choose to take an educational tram excursion or "walk about." Great photo opportunities! They also offer Safari Excursions where you ride safari vehicles among African wildlife and get to feed the giraffes too!

Open Tuesday-Sunday 9:30am-5:00pm—Saturdays 9:30am-8:00pm—Closed Mondays

Preserve Admission (Tram Tour and "walk about" All Day)

Safari Excursions (Ride safari vehicles among African Wildlife and feed the giraffes)

Located in Camp Verde, AZ about 1 hour North of Phoenix (I-17 Freeway & 260 Freeway)

Phoenix Art Museum (602)257-1880

30 Minutes

Phoenix Art Museum's Collection includes almost 16,000 artworks that span the centuries. Emphasis is on American, Asian, European, Latin American, Modern and Contemporary, and Western American art. The Museum also features an interactive "child-friendly, please touch!" gallery called ArtWorks. Open Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 10am to 5pm & Thurs. 10am to 9pm.

Located at Central and McDowell

Phoenix Zoo (602)273-1341

30 Minutes

Regular season hours - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - September 7 through November 9, and January 10 through May 31

Summer season hours - 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. - June 1 through September 6

Located at 455 N. Galvin Pkwy (In Papago Park)

Sedona/Oak Creek Canyon (928)282-7722

2 Hours

Sedona is the home to deep red rock buttes, boutiques, and galleries. Other attractions include the Chapel of the Holy Cross, situated in the rocks, and Tlaquepaque, a replica 18th century Mexican village. Please see the Concierge for a fact sheet on Sedona.

Take I-17 north to Junction 179, Exit for Sedona/Oak Creek Canyon.

Tucson (520)792-2250

2 ½ Hours

Tucson is the home of the University of Arizona. Activities available are the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum, Biosphere 2, Kartchner Caverns State Park, and Kitt Peak National Observatory. Located 2 1/2 hours south on I-10.

Verde River Canyon Excursion Train (928)639-0010.

1 ½ Hours

This round-trip, scenic train ride takes you through magnificent red rocks and the Sycamore wilderness area. Approximately 1 1/2 hours north of the Resort, 300 N. Broadway in Clarkdale.



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Concierge Guide to Recreational Activities

Here are a few ideas that will help you make the most of your leisure time. Prices are subject to change, group pricing is available

*****Don't forget to use plenty of sunscreen, wear a hat, and drink plenty of water*****

JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa ~ 5350 E. Marriott Dr. ~ Phoenix, AZ 85054 ~ (866)348-9600

Air Tours

Cost: Approx. \$215 to \$500 per person

Hours: Pick up times vary with tour

Enjoy the beauty of Arizona with a flight to the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley or Sedona. A variety of tours are available ranging from 3 to 9 hours.

Jeep / Hummer Tours

Cost: Jeeps - Approx. \$80 per person

Hours: Daily at 8am or 1pm

Hummers – Approx. \$125 per person

Explore the scenic Arizona desert and mountain landscape in an open-air 4-wheel drive vehicle. Experienced guides will enlighten you with knowledge on desert plants and wildlife, and colorful Arizona history and folklore.

Hot Air Ballooning

Cost: Approx. \$160 per person

Hours: Pick up at approx. 5am or 3:30pm (November-March)

A flight fantasy offering limitless panoramas of dramatic desert terrain. The total adventure lasts for about 3 hours which includes pick-up, the balloon flight, Champagne breakfast (or appetizers), certificate of achievement, and drop-off.

Horseback Riding

Cost: Approx. \$40 - \$80 per person

Hours: Hourly rides or full day rides available (times vary with each stable)

Beginners to experts will enjoy this wonderful trek back into the old Wild West. Experienced cowboys will be escorting you along a scenic trail through Arizona's nostalgic desert. A variety of ranches are located within 20-60 minutes of the resort.

Grand Canyon Flight Tours

Cost: Approx. \$270 - \$350 per person

Hours: Approximately 6 1/2 hours (includes air tour, bus tour and lunch)

Enjoy the beauties and wonders of one of the seven natural wonders of the world, the Grand Canyon. This journey will allow you to see these massive and colorful walls from a bird's eye view. Your journey begins with transportation from the resort.

Sightseeing Tours

Cost: Approx. \$38 - \$190 per person

Hours: Half day tours: City tours include Heard Museum, Biltmore, State Capital and Scottsdale's shopping district

Full day tours: Sedona, Grand Canyon and Apache Trail

An array of tours offer visitors the opportunity to experience all of Arizona.

River Rafting: Desert Voyagers

Cost: Prices start at \$75 per person

Hours: Approximately 8:30 am and 1 pm

Enjoy a relaxing 3 hour flat water rafting trip down the majestic Salt River. Advanced reservations are required. (Year Round)

Steam Boat Cruises

Cost: Adults \$14 Children \$8

Sightseeing: 90 Minute cruises depart daily at 12pm (resv. suggested)

Dinner Cost: Adults \$38

Cruise Arizona's secluded waterways of the Salt River Canyon on a classic, charming steamboat. Bring your camera and binoculars for an adventure along the historic Apache Trail.

Dinner: 2 1/2 Hour twilight dinner cruises depart one hour before sunset. Buffet style dinner excursions are planned mainly on weekends and often are available during the week. These cruises require advance reservations.