

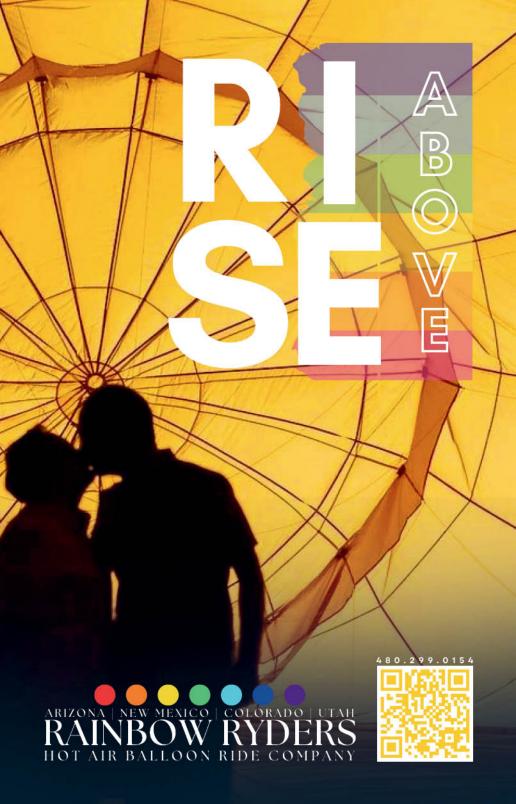


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# From the Publisher

As we begin 2025, it's clear that the road ahead demands unity, resilience, and action from the LGBTQ+ community. In a time when our rights are increasingly under threat, standing together has never been more important. We must remain vigilant and committed to moving forward, ensuring that the hard-won progress we've made is not reversed but strengthened.

We are grateful for the support of our loyal clients and readers, who have become an essential part of our extended family. Your dedication to Arizona's LGBTQ+community has empowered us to reach another milestone in 2025, where we proudly celebrate the 19th Anniversary Edition of Pride Guide®.

It's an honor to advocate for our community and connect our readers with LGBTQ+ friendly businesses, events, and organizations across State 48. Arizona, warmly welcomes the LGBTQ+ traveler with safe, inclusive environments, complemented by over 330 days of sunshine, breathtaking scenery, vibrant cultural attractions.

incredible dining, and year-round recreational adventures. Let Pride Guide® help you plan your long weekend, romantic getaway, or family vacation. And for those considering a move to Arizona, our guide, along with GayArizona.com and our mobile app, offers essential relocation resources, business connections, and community information to ease the transition.

In a time of "rainbow-washing," when some profess support but their actions say otherwise, it's more crucial than ever to stand with genuine allies.

Supporting LGBTQ+ owned or inclusive businesses that actively champion our community helps create a stronger, more authentic foundation of support.

Since its inception, Pride Guide® has been dedicated to uplifting the LGBTQ+ community, and we're honored to continue this mission.

Together, we can face the challenges ahead with strength, unity, and hope for a brighter future.

We deeply appreciate your unwavering support.

Michael Mc Fall President/CEO



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# Arizona Awaits

The Grand Canyon State is a thriving paradise, whether you're here vacationing, planning a move, or already calling it home. With its breathtaking landscapes, diverse cities, and distinctive flora and fauna, Arizona leaves a lasting impression.

Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tempe, and Tucson are just a few of the major cities that have implemented laws to protect the LGBTQ+ community from discrimination.

Our magical state offers surprises at every turn - everything from sun-drenched deserts to snowy peaks, and vibrant cities to quiet mountain towns. For LGBTQ+ travelers, it's not just the stunning landscapes and year-round adventures that draw you in, it's the spirit of inclusivity and acceptance that's blossomed across the state, especially in today's climate. Arizona's diverse communities, from artsy enclaves to larger urban hubs, are welcoming and open-minded, with a rich mix of history, culture, and outdoor fun waiting for everyone. Whether you're hitting the slopes up north or soaking in the desert sun, Arizona is a place to connect, explore, and truly be yourself.

# **Welcome to State 48**

Arizona is a state that embraces diversity and equality, and takes great pride in being a welcoming destination for LGBTQ+ residents and travelers. As Governor, I am delighted to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all LGBTO+ individuals, families, and allies. To enhance your experience and explore friendly establishments and events, Pride Guide® is an excellent resource, providing comprehensive information on LGBTQ+ friendly businesses, organizations, and activities that contribute to the rich tapestry of our diverse community. We celebrate love in all its forms and acknowledge that love knows no boundaries. We firmly believe that everyone deserves respect and dignity, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Our state is home to numerous inclusive organizations and support groups that provide safe spaces for fostering connections and

empowering one another.

As Governor, I remain committed to championing LGBTQ+ rights, advocating for equitable healthcare, education, and workplace opportunities.

Together, we can build a brighter future for all, where every person can thrive and contribute to the growth of our state. Arizona is not only known for its breathtaking landscapes and vibrant culture, but also for its warm and welcoming people.

Thank you for choosing Arizona as your home or destination.
Your presence enriches our state, and we look forward to creating beautiful memories together.

With open arms & warm regards, Katie Hobbs Governor

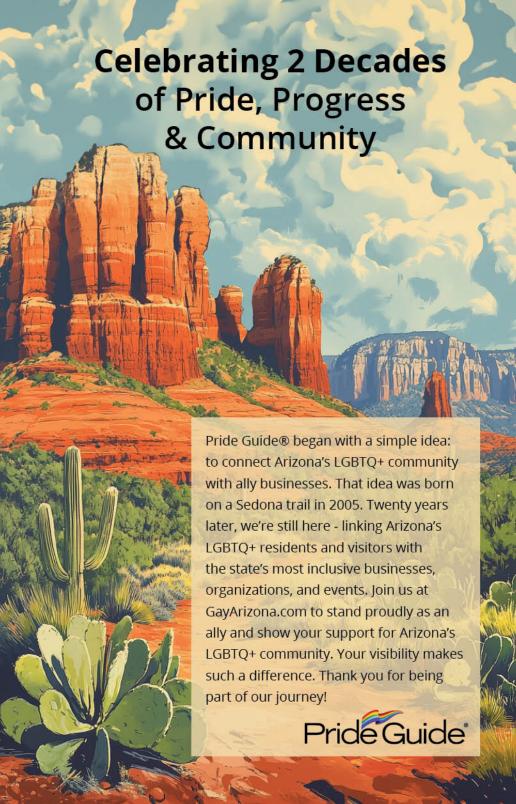


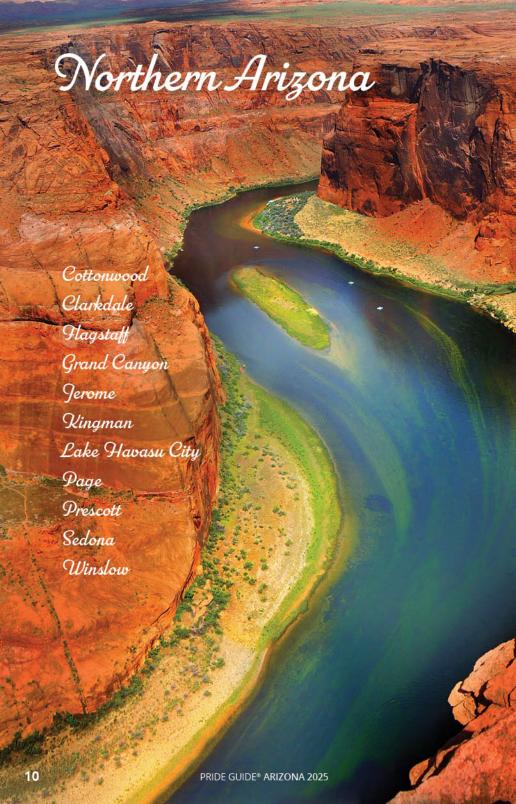
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**Northern Arizona** is known for its natural wonders, including the Grand Canyon, Sedona's Red Rocks, Meteor Crater, Monument Valley, and Horseshoe Dam to name a few. The area boasts year-round outdoor activities like hiking, skiing, and stargazing, all set against breathtaking landscapes. Expect cool summers, snowy winters, and crisp mountain air in this inclusive haven for LGBTQ+ visitors and residents.

**Central Arizona**, comprised of Greater Phoenix Metro area boasts abundant sunshine year-round, with hot, dry summers and delightfully mild winters. Packed with big-city amenities and top attractions, it's a hub of excitement and opportunity. Home to Arizona State University in lively Tempe, the region thrives on energy and innovation. Even better, the Phoenix Metro area proudly celebrates its vibrant LGBTQ+ community with diverse support, inclusive spaces, and a welcoming vibe that invites everyone to shine.









### Cottonwood

The Town of Cottonwood, nestled between jagged mountains to the south and west, and mesas and buttes to the north and east. is named after the Cottonwood trees along the Verde River. Originally a farming community, it grew into the Verde Valley's population hub by the late 1920s, earning the title "the biggest little town in Arizona." At that time, Old Town businesses supported the nearby mining towns. Located minutes from Sedona, Jerome, and Clarkdale. Cottonwood offers a range of recreational activities, including camping, horseback riding, and fishing. Historic Old Town features LGBTQ+ owned and friendly antique shops, dining, wine bars, art galleries, wineries, Dead Horse Ranch State Park, and the Tuzigoot and Montezuma Indian Ruins.

### Clarkdale

The heart of the Verde Valley, Clarkdale is only 10 minutes from Jerome and 30 minutes from Sedona. The Verde River flows through the town as does Bitter Creek, an intermittent tributary of the river.

Discover the Arizona Copper Art Museum, housed in the beautifully restored Clarkdale High School, where thousands of captivating copper artifacts including interactive displays await. Drift along the Verde River with expert guides through pristine riparian zones near the Tavasci Marsh, a haven for birdwatchers in an Audubon Important Birding Area. Savor the flavors of the region at Clarkdale's charming wineries.

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# Welcome to Flagstaff

On behalf of the Flagstaff City
Council and the citizens of
Flagstaff, we welcome you to our
mountain town in the clouds. The
City of Flagstaff is excited and
honored to be a part of this
distribution and promotion
for the 2025 edition of
Pride Guide® Arizona.

Flagstaff is an extremely inclusive community, and we welcome everyone from all walks of life. In 2023 we had our first Pride Parade, hosted by Northern Arizona Pride and it was amazing.

That was followed by our annual Pride in the Pines event that is always a huge hit and I strongly encourage everyone to come experience it.

From our Downtown restaurants and shops to our world-renowned hiking trails, Flagstaff has something for everyone.

We are not only proud of what we have to offer, but we are proud of who we are. Flagstaff celebrates diversity and inclusivity, and we reject intolerance on all levels.

We welcome you to come and visit our small mountain town and experience all we have to offer.

Warm regards, **Becky Daggett** Mayor

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## Flagstaff

A college town, a mountain town, a town filled with history and charm. Skiing, hiking, museums, astronomy, festivals; this is what Flagstaff has to offer. Adjacent to the towering 12,633 foot tall San Francisco Peaks, Flagstaff is surrounded by Ponderosa Pine trees, lies at an elevation of about 7,000 feet and is nestled along historic Route 66.

Home to Northern Arizona University (NAU), the college atmosphere brings a wonderful eclectic mix of coffee houses, bookstores, shopping, restaurants and eateries to the area.

In this lovely small mountain community, you'll find yourself surrounded by the 1.8 million acre Coconino National Forest. A hiker's delight, you'll find a wonderland of mountain meadows filled with Aspen trees swaying in the breeze. You can close your eyes and hear their leaves singing in the wind. Since the majority of the state is surrounded by desert land, these grassy meadows, often dotted with wildflowers, sing to your soul.

### Grand Canyon

A National Park since 1919, attracting more than five million visitors yearly, the **Grand Canyon** is the most visited National Park in the United States.

The park is home to numerous animals such as the California condor, mountain lions, cougars, rattlesnakes, elk, bald and golden eagles, bighorn sheep, and over 1,500 species of plants. It is one of the most complete archaeological sites dating back thousands of years. Sustaining these plant and animal communities, as well as carving the Canyon, is the powerful Colorado River, the lifeblood of the desert Southwest.

The Hualapai (WALL-uh-pie) tribe, the "People of the Tall Pines," located on the far west end of the Grand Canyon, opened a breathtaking skywalk over the canyon in 2007.

The Grand Canyon can be toured by foot, mule, water or by train. Visitors will not be disappointed with any method they choose.





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## Gerome

The old mining town with its coppery glowing hillsides is often dubbed the "Largest Ghost Town in America." It's a town that just won't die. Jerome began as an old copper mining camp that grew from a settlement of tents into a roaring mining community. Four disastrous fires destroyed large sections of the town during its early history, resulting in the incorporation of the City of Jerome in 1899.

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Once the fourth-most prominent city in the Arizona Territory, the population peaked at 15,000 in the 1920's. Jerome's population today boasts 455 which includes artists, craft people, musicians, writers, hermits, bed and breakfast owners, museum caretakers, gift shop proprietors and perhaps an old prospector or two.



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### Kingman

The heart of Historic Route 66 and one of Arizona's hidden gems, Kingman sits conveniently on Interstate 40, making it the perfect launch point for "Route 66 and Beyond." With scenic hiking, historic charm, and great cafes, Kingman is a mustvisit. Explore its rich past at the Historic Route 66 Museum, Army Airfield Museum, and Mohave Museum of History and Arts. The town's temperate climate and elevation of 3,300 feet add to its appeal, with warm summers and mild winters. Take a day trip to the Skywalk at Grand Canyon West and return to Kingman's welcoming accommodations each evening. For adventure seekers, the nearby Hualapai Mountain Park offers hiking, wildlife viewing, and spectacular views.

## Lake Havasu City

Nothing compares to the stunning contrast between the arid desert and the cool, inviting Colorado River. Spanning over 300 miles along Arizona's border from Nevada to Mexico, the river reveals a sapphire-blue lake brimming with fish and teeming with wildlife. At the heart of this breathtaking convergence of land and water lies the crown jewel: Lake Havasu.

**Lake Havasu City**, set against the scenic backdrop of the Sonoran and Mojave deserts, and its surroundings take many forms: sand swept dunes, hidden canyons, and breathtaking rock formations among them, and offers everything from lake and desert tours to golf, to a full range of water-sports activities.





# **Welcome to Sedona**

Dear LGBTQ+ visitors,

As the Mayor of Sedona, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you. Our community thrives on diversity, and your presence enriches our tapestry of culture and expression. Thank you for considering Sedona in your travel plans.

Our locally owned galleries, spas, retreat centers and restaurants offer wonderful cultural experiences that complement the many opportunities for outdoor adventure in our famous red rock landscape. With 400 miles of local trails, world-class lodging, great food and exciting events, we know you'll come to love it as we do, like a local, treating it with care and respect so that it remains available for generations to come.

While visiting, be sure to use the Sedona Shuttle, our new transit service that takes you around town without the hassles of driving and parking, and can deliver you to popular areas like Cathedral Rock and Devil's Bridge for free.

Also consider visiting during summer or winter when the trails are less busy and the roads are less crowded, offering even more space for you to create lasting memories of your travels.

In Sedona, please know you are in a community that values and respects your individuality. Whether you are here for relaxation, adventure, art, or soul searching, Sedona offers a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

May your time here be filled with wonder, discovery, and a sense of belonging that will forever hold a special place in your heart.

Warm regards, Scott Jablow Mayor



### Page

Your mecca for hiking, biking, boating and off-road adventure. A short seven miles from the water sports playground of Lake Powell, Page is your ideal base for exploring this exceptional region. Hike the striking wind and water carved beauty of Antelope Canyon. Set out on your Colorado River rafting trip. Take in the dramatic vistas of Lake Powell and Glen Canyon Dam. Page is rich in geographic, cultural and historic marvels to explore.

### Prescott

Take a step back to the old Southwest. Redolent of the past, the town's architecture still holds onto the secrets of the days gone by. **Prescott** is pronounced "PRESkit" in the way that rhymes with "biscuit"... any local will surely let you know it. Prescott's allure is



its beautiful downtown area called Courthouse Plaza, surrounded by a lovely grassy square. It's a town filled with many historic buildings and is home to the Hassayampa Inn, the Sharlot Hall Museum and "Whiskey Row," a notorious red-light district until 1956.

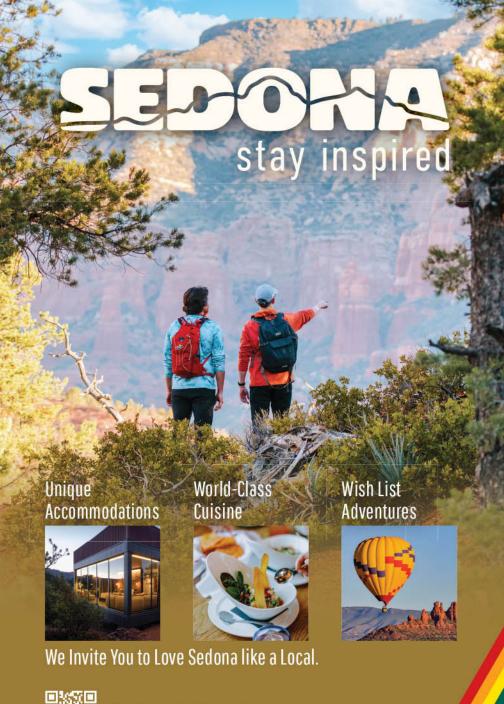
### Sedona

Filled with wide-open spaces for mountain biking, hiking, and offroading, Sedona offers something for everyone! Explore a state park, play golf, take a scenic drive, or visit a winery. The quaint town also features art galleries, musical and theatrical performances, spiritual activities, and annual festivals. All of this is set against the stunning backdrop of Sedona's iconic red rock formations, like Coffeepot, Cathedral Rock, and Thunder Mountain, attracting visitors from across the world. Known as "Red Rock Country," Sedona is also celebrated for its inclusive spirit, with a welcoming LGBTO+ community that embraces diversity, making it a truly open and friendly destination for all.

### Winslow

A timeless town, **Winslow** is very much in touch with its past, in tune with the present and right on target for its future. Due to its location and the influence of the railroad industry, Winslow is a combination of cultures: European, Native American, Hispanic, Asian, Black, and Anglo American, all blended together to share a strong sense of community pride.

Besides standing on the corner of Winslow, enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities at Clear Creek Reservoir. This town is one of Northern Arizona's best-kept secrets that has been enjoyed by locals for over one hundred years.

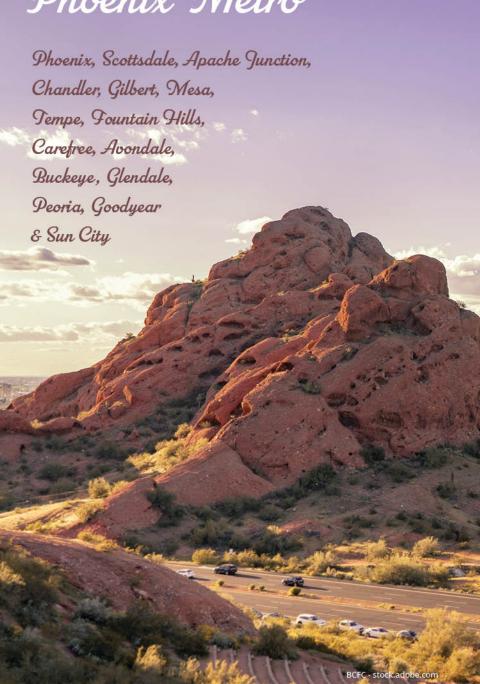




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## The Valley of the Sun

Anchored by Phoenix, the 5th largest U.S. city, The Valley is a rapidly growing oasis in the desert, attracting 291 new residents daily.

The area's population surge is driven by year-round great weather, abundant outdoor activities, and a lower cost of living. The current population of the Phoenix Metro area is over 5.4 million, projected to reach 6.75 million by 2030.



The Valley features a beautiful, easy-to-navigate cityscape, thanks to its grid system and well-connected freeway network. Our Valley Metro Light Rail connects Central Mesa to Central Phoenix, with plans to expand by over 40 miles by 2030.

In The Valley, you'll find a rich tapestry of captivating sights waiting to be explored.

Visit the renowned art galleries and indulge in upscale dining along the vivid streets in Scottsdale.

Head over to Tempe for the lively atmosphere around Arizona State University and enjoy a scenic stroll along Tempe Town Lake or down Mill Avenue.

Glendale offers sports enthusiasts a haven with the State Farm Stadium, while Chandler beckons with its historic downtown charm.

Each of these neighboring cities adds a unique flavor to the Greater Phoenix experience, providing a delightful array of cultural attractions and adventures.



### Phoenix

The bustling state capital, **Phoenix**, is its largest city, with over 1.7 million residents. Being so extensive Phoenix offers something for every type of lifestyle. While Phoenix may no longer be ranked as one of the most affordable cities due to the post-pandemic boom in 2020, it still offers great value for those looking to live, work, and run a business. Its cost of living, although higher now, remains lower than cities like Las Vegas, San Diego, and Seattle.

Phoenix's downtown has transformed with the opening of new urban spaces, bringing a mix of modern housing, cultural venues, and diverse dining options. This revitalization has created a walkable community with an exciting blend of old and new. Phoenix's cultural scene continues to thrive and draw attention. The city hosts numerous art exhibits throughout

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the year in its museums.
Downtown comes alive during
"First Fridays," a free monthly
art walk showcasing galleries,
studios, and businesses featuring
local, national, and international
artists and craftsmen.

Sports enthusiasts can enjoy downtown Phoenix's colorful and electric atmosphere, home to professional teams like the Suns, Diamondbacks, and the Mercury, adding to the area's energy.

Phoenix's theaters showcase local productions and world-class dance performances year-round, at notable venues like the Herberger Theate, Arizona Opera and The Orpheum Theatre. The city also offers a dynamic shopping scene, featuring luxury brands and fine dining at Biltmore Fashion Park, along with unique boutiques and international restaurants throughout.





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### Melrose District

Unlike some other major metropolitan areas, Phoenix does not have a central LGBTQ+ neighborhood. As Phoenix is so geographically spread out, most LGBTQ+ Phoenicians are too. However, the Melrose District of Central Phoenix has a high concentration of diverse residents as well as inclusive businesses. Many bars and nightclubs are situated in this area. The Phoenix LGBTO+ area stretches north from Roosevelt Street to Northern Avenue and West from 16th Street to 15th Avenue. Additional inclusive and welcoming businesses can also be found scattered throughout the Valley.

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## **Welcome to Phoenix**

On behalf of the Phoenix City Council and the citizens of Phoenix, welcome to the fastest growing city in the United States!

The City of Phoenix is honored to be a part of the distribution and promotion for the 2025 edition of Pride Guide® Arizona.

No matter who you are, where you're from, or what you're seeking to do, Phoenix has something for you. Interested in exploring the great outdoors? You'll fall in love with our city's internationally-renowned parks and hiking trails. Looking for an educational experience during your visit? Be sure to visit our abundance of world-class museums.

Seeking an exquisite and incomparable dining experience that can't be found anywhere else? Phoenix is home to hundreds of award-winning restaurants.

Not only are we proud of all that we offer, we are proud of who we are. In Phoenix, we celebrate diversity and inclusivity, and reject intolerance. Phoenix truly is a city for all and we look forward to demonstrating why!

Warm regards, **Kate Gallego**Mayor

### Scottsdale

Bordering Phoenix to the east, **Scottsdale** has over 260,000 residents and is home to some of the finest residential living as well as recreational activities in the Valley.

Established by Army Chaplain Winfield Scott, Scottsdale has, since its beginning, been a haven for cowboys as well as the social elite. Many original settlers of Scottsdale, recruited by Scott were well-educated and had a great appreciation for cultural events. In 1937, Frank Lloyd Wright purchased 600 acres of Sonoran Desert land and built Taliesin West, his winter home and architectural firm/school's southwestern headquarters.

Today, Scottsdale still promotes its western heritage as made visible throughout its western-themed Old Town district. It has also become an upscale destination for shopping. And Scottsdale remains a popular vacation destination with its many chic hotels and resorts. Scottsdale also has a thriving arts community, with over 125 art galleries, as well as museums and performing art centers.

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### East Valley Cites

### Apache Junction, Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa & Tempe

The East Valley cities have shared in the population growth along with Phoenix. Many who move to the East Valley count affordable housing and small town appeal along with proximity to the urban hub among their assets.

Mesa is Arizona's third largest city and one of the fastest growing cities in the state. Historically, Arizona has been home to countless citrus groves. Mesa has found a way to incorporate many of the existing orchards into commercial and residential developments, thus preserving the history and natural beauty of the area.

Chandler celebrates a notable history of entrepreneurship as a thriving business community with rich diversity, offering a perfect blend of modernity and heritage. Explore its vibrant downtown brimming with eclectic dining, boutique shops, and cultural events. Enjoy outdoor activities in the sunny desert climate or delve into its rich history and culture. Chandler welcomes visitors with warmth and endless opportunities to discover.

Rawhide/Casey James



## Welcome to Chandler

Whether you are here for business, pleasure – or both – you will find Chandler to be an ideal place for a visit.

We're known as a Community of Innovation and have an entrepreneurial spirit that allows people and companies to thrive amid a lifestyle of tech innovations, diverse cultures and unique hometown traditions.

Foodies will enjoy culinary options that deliver on taste, complexity and atmosphere. And if you enjoy a nice glass of wine, craft beers and spirits, we have that, too!

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golf courses,
hiking and biking
trails and a United
States Tennis
Association's
top-rated tennis
center.

We work hard to keep Chandler a premier destination for pleasure and business travelers, and continue to add amenities, including a downtown entertainment district that is a hub for live music and hosts an active events calendar.

The Chandler Fashion
Center is also elevating
with the recent addition of
SCHEELS, an attractionfilled destination sports
store featuring an indoor
Ferris wheel.

We encourage you to explore all our city has to offer. I am confident you will find Chandler to be one of the friendliest and most inviting communities in the Southwest.

Warm regards,

Angel Encinas
Council Member





Scottsdale welcomes LGBTQ+ travelers from around the world with hospitality that's as warm as our sun-filled skies. Whether you're planning a cozy weekend for two or a week-long vacation with family or friends, we've got you covered with these recommendations for staying, playing, dining and partying.





### STAY

If pampering is on your agenda, you'll love the plush accommodations and spa offerings at Andaz Scottsdale Resort & Bungalows and JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa. For serene desert views and luxe amenities, the Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale or Boulders Resort & Spa are your go-to digs. And if urban energy is what you crave, head for Old Town where favorites include Hotel Valley Ho, Caesars Republic, The Scott Resort & Spa, Canopy by Hilton Scottsdale Old Town and the W Scottsdale.

### PLAY

Soak up the fresh air and sunshine on a guided morning hike, hot air balloon flight or kayaking excursion in Scottsdale's lush Sonoran Desert. Post-adventure, relax with lunch and cocktails in a poolside cabana at your resort. Afternoons are ripe for indulging in some well-deserved retail therapy at Scottsdale Fashion Square, strolling the Desert Botanical Garden, admiring architecture at Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West or browsing around Old Town where you'll find boutiques, art galleries and museums including the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art.





#### DINE

Get your day off to a tasty start with My Rich Uncle's French Toast and a seasonal latte at **Beginner's Luck**. Lunch is best enjoyed on one of the city's sun-drenched patios, like the ones at **Barrio Queen**, **Hula's Modern Tiki** and **ZuZu**. When the sun sets, head to dinner at one of our independently owned restaurants. Must-try eateries include **FnB**, known for its veggie-forward cuisine and stellar wine list; **Fat Ox**, home of Chef Matt Carter's modern Italian fare; and **AZ88**, which boasts rotating art displays, elevated pub grub and filled-to-the-brim martinis and cosmos.

### PARTY

You've played. You've chilled. You've dined. Now it's time to get the real party started. If it's Wednesday evening, head for Old Town's The Hot Chick for "It's Bingo B\*+#%!" hosted by the fabulous Barbra Seville (who also reigns supreme over the Chick's Peace, Love & Bubbles drag brunch on Saturdays). About 15 minutes West of Old Town Scottsdale lies Phoenix's Melrose District "gayborhood", which offers a collection of LGBTQ+ businesses and clubs, including Charlie's, Stacey's @ Melrose and Pat O's Bunkhouse Saloon.





### Tempe

Home to ASU, Tempe, is buzzing with energy, especially around Mill Avenue, a lively hotspot full of shopping, great eats, and nightlife that keeps ASU's 79,000+ students coming back for more. Don't miss the breathtaking Gammage Auditorium, a Frank Lloyd Wrightdesigned opera house that hosts everything from Off-Broadway shows to unique performances. Known for its LGBTQ+ friendly reputation, Tempe is also a thriving business hub, with over 15% of the state's high-tech companies calling it home. For outdoor fun, Tempe Town Lake offers boating, walking, festivals, and more in a picturesque setting.



Tempe Office of Tourism

### Fountain Hills and Carefree

These desert communities offer some of the most beautiful views of the Valley's desert landscape, with stunning vistas of the rugged McDowell Mountains, epic sunrises and sunsets, and sprawling desert scenery that will take your breath away.

Fountain Hills, located about 30 minutes northeast of downtown Phoenix on the eastern slopes of the McDowell Mountains, sits 500 feet above the Valley and is home to over 24,000 residents and a striking landmark. In the center of Fountain Park's lake, a fountain shoots an impressive 560-foot plume of water into the sky.

Carefree, 15 miles northeast of Phoenix, is known for its artisan community and cooler temperatures. With a town motto of "home of cowboys and caviar, where the old west meets the new," Carefree offers the best of small-town Arizona. Its population, though under 4,000, is steadily growing.



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# Welcome to Tempe

On behalf of the City of Tempe, welcome to the 19th Annual Edition of Pride Guide® Arizona. We are honored to be a part of the distribution and promotion of Arizona's premiere LGBTQ+ resource guide.

I am proud to say that the City of Tempe has taken the approach of inclusion and made it the core of our values. In 2014, we enacted an anti-discrimination ordinance, and in 2015, we took it one step further by amending our city charter, to protect individuals against discrimination whether it be the color of their skin or the person that they love.

And while the City of Tempe was embracing inclusive policies, we also found that it has been good for our local economy. Businesses considering locating or expanding in Arizona look to Tempe because they know that we are open and welcoming to all of our populations. This results in increased quality of life and makes for happy, productive, and creative

being inclusive of all people is just the right thing to do. We are all better when we celebrate. respect, and protect all of our citizens. Expressing gratitude for your continued support of Tempe and our vision. We remain committed to supporting Arizona's diverse and growing LGBTO+ community and visitors. now and in the future. Warm regards, Corey D. Woods

Mayor

employees. The bottom line is,

### West Valley Communities

Avondale, Buckeye, Glendale, Goodyear, Peoria & Sun City

The West Valley has undergone a major transformation in recent years. Agriculture has given way to thriving residential communities as the Valley continues to expand. Avondale boasts ambitious development plans, while Buckeye is one of the fastest growing ciites in the U.S. Nearby Peoria exemplifies the fast-growing Arizona city with its excellent school system, affordable housing, and easy access to the rest of the Valley. The West Valley also shines as a spring training destination, hosting several Cactus League teams that draw sports fans every year.

**Glendale** is a rapidly growing financial and business hub in the Northwest Valley. It's a mix

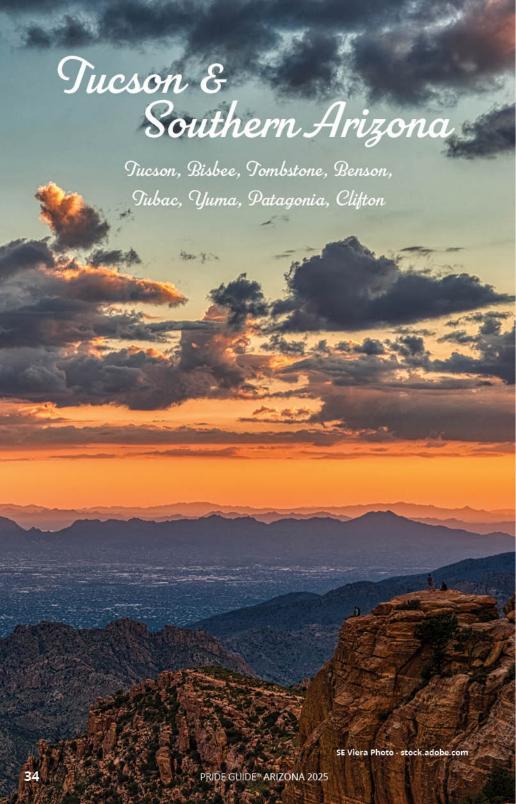


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of older communities and new, master-planned developments. Be sure to check out State Farm® Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals. The state of the art facility, designed by architect Peter Eisenman, boasts the first retractable, natural grass field in North America.









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#### Tucson

Nestled in the heart of the Sonoran Desert, Tucson, Arizona. is a destination that seamlessly blends big-city amenities with small-town charm. Just 100 miles south of Phoenix, Tucson boasts a unique personality that makes it a magnet for LGBTQ+ travelers seeking adventure, culture, and community. Tucson is celebrated as one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly cities in the United States. Advocate.com ranks it among the top five cities for gays and lesbians to live, and it's easy to see why. The city is home to SAAF, one of the premier LGBTQ+ community centers in the Southwest, and the Tucson LGBT Chamber of Commerce. Tucson Pride, held every fall, is a lively celebration of love and inclusivity, while an array of LGBTQ+ friendly bars, clubs, and spaces ensure there's always something happening.

The city's cultural tapestry is woven from Native American, Mexican, African American, and Anglo-American influences. This diversity is reflected in everything from its festivals to its food scene.

The city's downtown pulses with creativity and history, featuring ten historic districts, vibrant arts venues, and iconic landmarks like the Hotel Congress. Whether you're exploring eclectic shops, sampling inventive dishes at local restaurants, or taking in a performance by the symphony or ballet, there's always something to inspire.

Surrounded by five mountain ranges and framed by striking desert landscapes, Tucson is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Mount Lemmon, the southernmost ski resort in the U.S., offers cool alpine escapes, while Saguaro National Park showcases the iconic cacti that define the region. Nearby, the Spanish Mission San Xavier del Bac, known as "the white dove of the desert", stands as a stunning testament to the area's history and architecture.

Food lovers, rejoice! Tucson is renowned for its Mexican and Southwestern cuisine. From sizzling fajitas and mesquite-grilled specialties to innovative fusion dishes, the city's dining scene is a feast for the senses.



# **Welcome to Tucson**

Hello and Bienvenidos! Tucson welcomes you to one of the sunniest cities with some of the cleanest air in the United States. You'll find tons of excitement no matter what interests you have. Have an interest in food? Well, you came to the right place. Tucson is known as the first UNESCO designated city of Gastronomy in the entire United States. We are in the melting pot of art, food, and culture in the Southwest. In Tucson we pride ourselves with our diversity. Along with everything Tucson has to offer, we must always acknowledge that we are on Tohono O'odham Native land. Our influences also include a heavy Mexican American/Chicano culture, all these together truly makes our city unique. You can see it in our food, our murals all around the city and especially in all our barrios. Twenty minutes

> outside of the city, you can see all the

amazing wildlife Tucson has to offer. As home to the second most diverse place of birds in the world, Tucson is also home to the Saguaro cactuses that grow up to 40 feet tall!

If you're looking to hike the desert or have a picnic up in the mountains, we have Mount Lemmon, which has an abundance of vegetation and all kinds of activities that even include snow in the desert! On behalf of the City of Tucson and its residents we thank Pride Guide® for uplifting everything our great city has to offer.

Tucson looks forward to your visit!

Warm regards,

Regina Romero

Mayor



Visit Tucson





Just south of Tucson, Arizona's burgeoning wine country in Sonoita-Elgin is a must-visit. With over a dozen wineries producing award-winning wines, it's the perfect day trip or weekend getaway for savoring bold reds and crisp whites while soaking in the picturesque landscapes.

With a population exceeding one million and a cost of living far lower than major cities like Los Angeles or New York, Tucson strikes an ideal balance of affordability, opportunity, and quality of life. Whether you're cycling its bikefriendly streets, exploring its historic districts, or connecting with its welcoming LGBTQ+ community, Tucson's welcoming spirit and endless adventures make it a destination like no other. So pack your bags, and get ready to fall in love with the Old Pueblo - a city that's as warm and inviting as its desert sunsets.





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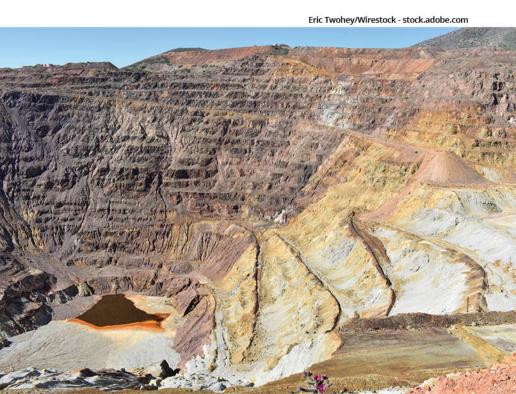
#### Bisbee

Ninety miles southeast of Tucson, and situated in the Mule Mountains, **Bisbee**, is the picturesque county seat of historic Cochise County. The town was founded in 1880 as a mining community. Once known as the "Queen of the Copper Camps," this Old West mining camp proved to be one of the richest mineral sites in the world, producing nearly three million ounces of gold and more than eight billion pounds of copper.

By the early 1900's the Bisbee community was the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco and had become one of the most cultured cities in the Southwest; home to Arizona's first community library, a popular opera house, the state's oldest baseball field, and the state's first golf course.

When the mines closed, many artistic free spirits decided Bisbee was an ideal, attractive, and inexpensive location to settle in and pursue their artistic endeavors. Today, Bisbee has evolved into an attractive and welcoming artist and retirement community, known for its accepting and laid-back quality of life.

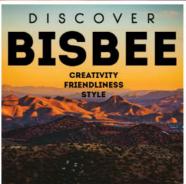
The happiest news is that up to 60% of Bisbee's population is LGBTQ+. The entire town is incredibly accepting of everyone. There are no gay bars in Bisbee, but the bars that are there are welcoming to all, allowing you not to think twice if you choose to share a kiss with your partner.





town, nestled in the Mule Mountains, comes alive with a colorful celebration of inclusivity and diversity. Enjoy lively parades, drag shows, live music, and art exhibitions that showcase both LGBTQ+ culture and Bisbee's artistic charm. With its small-town feel, friendly locals, and stunning mountain views, Bisbee offers a welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels at home. Make Pride Weekend an unforgettable celebration of community, culture, and nature.

DiscoverBisbee.com







#### Tombstone

Perhaps Arizona's most renowned town, "The town too tough to die," Tombstone is a step back into Arizona's Old West history. Shootings and other crimes got so bad in Tombstone in the 1880's that then-President of the U.S.. Chester Arthur, declared martial law in Tombstone and sent in the troops! That was just after the infamous shooting at the O.K. Corral in 1881 involving Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, You can see reenactments of that famous fight on a regular basis.

Residents of the city embrace their Old West history and have sought to preserve the historic old buildings and stories. The result is a unique look into America's past. The entire town of Tombstone is a true historic American landmark, and any lover of western memorabilia should definitely give Tombstone a visit.

#### Visit Tucson

#### Renson

Nestled in southern Arizona, Benson offers scenic beauty and a welcoming atmosphere for LGBTQ+ visitors and residents alike. Begin your adventure at Kartchner Caverns State Park, where guided tours reveal breathtaking limestone formations. Outdoor lovers can enjoy hiking, wildlife watching, and exploring other natural wonders in the area. Afterward, take a leisurely stroll through the historic downtown district, filled with cozy shops and inclusive eateries.

For a peaceful escape, visit the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, ideal for birdwatching and moments of tranquility. As night falls, head to the Sky Islands Observatory for mesmerizing stargazing under the clear desert sky. With its unique charm and countless activities. Benson is the perfect place to create lasting memories.



# TUBAC Where Art and History Meet

Tubac is a charming and vibrant walking village with a unique history, many fine art galleries, and abundant natural beauty. Tubac's streets are also lined with restaurants and specialty shops. Plan your visit today!

# **ANNUAL EVENTS**

JAN Tubac Center of the Arts Home Tour

FEB Annual Tubac Festival of the Arts

MAR Tubac Nature Center's Hawk Watch
Tubac Center of the Arts Open Studio Tour
Tubac Spring Art Walk
Tubac Rotary's Taste of Tubac

SEPT Tubac Jack's Luau

OCT Boys and Girls Club Intl Wine Festival SCHS Barktoberfest Tubac Presidio's Anza Day

NOV Día de los Muertos Celebration & Procession Equine Voices Black, Blue & Boots Gala Tubac Fall Art Walk Amado Chili Cook Off GGVCF - Sip, Swirl, Shop & Support

DEC Luminaria Nights de Tubac Fiesta de Tumacácori Tubac Center of the Arts Cowboy Christmas Tubac Presidio Hanukkah Lighting









For more events and additional information, visit the event page at tubacaz.com

Paintings Courtesy of Tubac Artists: Dale Nichols ca. 1949, Bruce Baughman ca. 2024, Linda Star Landon ca. 2024 and Leslie Miller ca. 2024









#### Tubac

**Tubac** is a nice road trip to take, as it is only two and half hours from Phoenix or just 50 minutes from Tucson. The landscape is high desert with cottonwood and mesquite forests. Tubac boasts temperatures several degrees cooler than both Tucson and Phoenix, making it a nice little getaway.

As Arizona's first European settlement, the village of Tubac has seen its share of history and change. First settled in 1752 when Spanish soldiers built a presidio, Tubac also bears evidence of mammoth hunters, who preceded the O'odham peoples (formerly known as the Pimas and Papagos). Five flags have flown over the town.





Tubac has been:
An Indian community
A Spanish Colony
Part of the New Mexico Territory
A Mexican community
An Arizona Territory

Nestled between the Tumacacori and Santa Rita mountain ranges, Tubac is a small community known as the place where art and history meet. Tubac has since transformed into the premier destination in Southern Arizona for culture, history, and art.

Spend some time in this Spanish Presidio turned artist colony, where creativity is present in the galleries and shops. Recently Tubac has won *USA Today's* 10 Best Readers' Choice 2021 and 2022 "Best Small Town Arts Scene!"

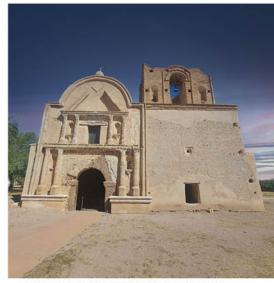




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Tubac offers an astonishing array of premium galleries, unique shopping, fine art, and dining. Here, one can find worldrenowned birding, hiking (or strolling), biking, holistic health and spa treatments, wine tastings, and art classes. Tubac Inn. an amazing property, is within walking distance of shops and restaurants. The Inn glows like peach, making a rich background for the chile ristras hung along its façade and the French doors painted in vibrant blue of Mexican tile. Adding to Tubac's appeal are the historic Presidio State Park and the nearby Tumacacori National Historical Park, which offer doorways into Arizona's rich history and culture.

A day in Tubac seems a wonderous dream, walking among galleries, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, and photographs. The unique regional fashion, leather, crafts, antiques, and jewelry beckon your senses and eyes to the beauty and craftsmanship of yesterday and today. The Village atmosphere takes you a world away from urban life. Whether you come for the day or stay overnight, you will simply love Tubac.



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#### Yuma

Venture to **Yuma**, a sun-soaked desert haven nestled along the Colorado River, offering a perfect mix of history, outdoor adventure, and year-round sunshine. Known for having the most sunshine in the world, 90% of the time, Yuma enjoys clean air, mild winters, and temperate summers, making it an ideal spot for recreation.

The Yuma Sand Dunes, one of the largest dune systems in the U.S., are a thrilling destination for off-roading, attracting ATV, motorcycling and dune buggy enthusiasts. With miles of golden sand, the dunes offer a rush of adventure, whether you're climbing steep hills or cruising along gentle slopes.

With a growing LGBTQ+ community and vibrant events like Yuma Pride, the city provides a welcoming atmosphere for all.

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#### Patagonia

Tucked away in the rolling hills of southeastern Arizona is **Patagonia**, a hidden treasure. Spend time outdoors, then sample the local cuisine and arts scene in this small town south of Tucson.

Set your sights on birds. Patagonia sits along a prime avian migratory path and is part of the Sky Islandsmultiple mountain ranges that rise from 6,000 feet to nearly 10,000 feet high and support five diverse habitats - boasting more than 7,000 species of plants and animals.

A great place to spend outdoors is Patagonia Lake State Park. An excellent place for fishing, water skiing, camping, picnicking, and hiking all year round. The park offers a campground, beach, picnic area with ramadas, tables and grills, a creek trail, boat ramps, and a marina.

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## Clifton

Clifton is a town in and is the county seat of Greenlee County, within the canyon of the meandering San Francisco River. There's so much to see and do in Clifton, you'll be glad you made the trip! From the quaint old mining town framed by dramatic canyon walls, to the majesty of bighorn sheep clinging to impossible cliffs.

Clifton's unique setting in a canyon surrounding a year-round river provides prime habitat for a wide variety of birds. From northern cardinals and red-tailed hawks to cliff wrens and great blue herons, Clifton is one of the finest areas for seeing a surprising diversity of our feathered friends.

And now, with a series of three beautiful and easy-to-access riverside nature trails, seeing Clifton's birds is better than ever.



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# 2025 Calendar of Events Proudly Sponsored by

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### January

Desperado LGBTQ+ Film Festival: Hosted by the Desperado Film Club, a vibrant student organization at Paradise Valley Community College, this festival celebrates LGBTQ+ cinema with energy and passion!

## February

AGRA Rodeo: The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's signature annual event.

Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase: Over 65,000 guests buy, sell, and trade enchanting gems, minerals, and fossils at over 48 gem show locations across the city.

Phoenix Open Golf Tour: Held annually in Scottsdale, this event offers an exciting day of spirited tournament action followed by live concerts in the evening.

World Championship Hoop Dance Contest: Top American Indian and Canadian First Nations hoop dancers compete at the Heard Museum for the prestigious World Champion title in this two-day event, where men and women compete equally.

Tubac Festival of the Arts: Southern Arizona's longest running art festival since 1959.

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#### March

AIDS Walk Arizona Festival & 5K: Arizona's largest event supporting people living with HIV.

Annual Bands and Brews by the Beach: Kick back with great music and a cold drink in Lake Havasu City!

Melrose Street Fair: An award-winning celebration of local art, businesses, and music on Phoenix's 7th Avenue, right in the heart of the LGBTQ+ community.

MLB Spring Training: Cactus League Spring Training brings 15 MLB teams to gear up for the baseball season.

Oro Valley Spring Festival: A vibrant 2-day outdoor market featuring the Southwest's best in fashion, food, home goods, and stunning visual arts!

Tempe Festival of the Arts: This festival consistently ranks among the Top 100 Classic & Contemporary Craft Shows in the nation.

# April

Rainbows Festival: An LGBTQ+ Street fair in the heart of Downtown Phoenix

**Pima County Fair:** A Tucson favorite with live animal shows, concerts, carnival rides, and plenty of vendors.

Tucson Folk Festival: Arizona's biggest free music event, with 125+ performances on five stages in Downtown Tucson's Jácome Plaza!



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# May

Bartlett Lake Bash: An epic campout that started years ago as a vibrant gathering of gay men and women at the lake.

**Mohave Pride Fantassance:** A Storybook Fantasy Pride Experience for the whole family!

# June

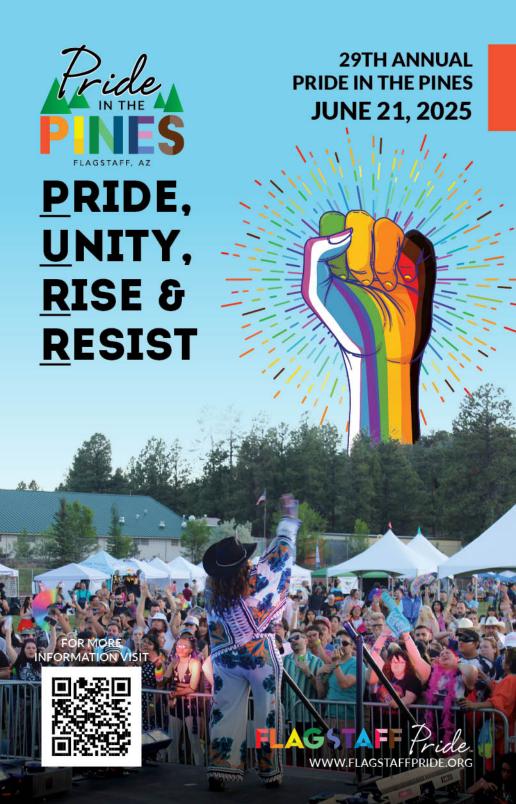
**Bisbee Pride:** A small-town Pride that's one of the most celebrated in Arizona and New Mexico.

Lavender Festival: In Wilcox and Southern Arizona's Wine Country, lavender will be in full, spectacular bloom. Enjoy cheese, food, art, and wine from local artisans.

**Pride in the Pines:** Celebration of Pride in beautiful Flagstaff.

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#### July

Independence Day Celebrations: In Northern Arizona, events light up both day and night. In Phoenix and Tucson, people cool off in swimming pools during the day and gather in city parks for dazzling fireworks displays in the evening.

The Salt River Tubing: A hub of adventure for the Greater Phoenix area for thousands of years. Beat the heat with thrilling river tubing, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding.

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#### August

Barks & Brews in Flagstaff: Join hundreds of craft beer and dog lovers for the ultimate doggie pub crawl—an exciting event for a great cause.

#### September

Arizona State Fair: For over a century, this has been an iconic gathering spot, drawing residents from every corner of the state for unforgettable fun and excitement.

**Coconino County Fair:** A must-attend event every Labor Day Weekend.

Flagstaff Music Festival: Celebrating Flagstaff's local music scene while supporting the Haven Walker Music Scholarship Fund.

Sedona Winefest: Savor exquisite Arizona wines, delicious food, live music, and an array of vendors, all set against the stunning backdrop of the majestic red rock views.



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#### October

Willcox Playa: Each winter, the playa in Willcox becomes a spectacular gathering place for over 20,000 Sandhill Cranes.

ARTrageous Gala: Presented by Scottsdale Arts, this unforgettable evening offers a celebration of art, gourmet cuisine, live music, and dynamic entertainment.

#### Pumpkin Patches and Hayrides:

Arizona farms welcome you to enjoy the bounty of their harvest and embrace the autumn spirit with familyfriendly festivities, from corn mazes to pumpkin patches and more.

**Sedona Arts Festival:** Set against the stunning backdrop of iconic red rock landscapes.

AIDS Walk Tucson: A family and petfriendly walk (or run) fundraiser aimed at raising awareness and support for those living with or impacted by HIV and AIDS.

Phoenix Pride Festival & Parade: A vibrant weekend of unity, celebration, and pride, bringing together the LGBTQ+ community and allies to honor our past, present, and future!

#### November

**Tucson Pride Festival & Parade:** Founded in 1977, Tucson Pride is Arizona's first and oldest LGBTQ+ organization.





Nightfuse/Phoenix Pride

Day of the Dead: Experience the lively Altar Tour and Procession in Tubac, a thrilling celebration of life, culture, and tradition.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's: A powerful event to raise awareness and support the fight against the disease.

All Souls Procession and Grand Finale in Tucson: The highlight of All Souls Procession Weekend, this event is preceded by community workshops and citywide art celebrations, leading up to the moving procession.

Arizona Fall Fest in Phoenix: A free, family-friendly celebration showcasing everything Arizona has to offer, with local vendors, restaurants, food trucks, a Kid Zone, Sports Zone, and live entertainment.

**Sedona's Annual Turkey Trot:** A fun and festive family event to kick off Thanksgiving morning.

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#### December

The APS Electric Light Parade: A festive celebration where families, neighborhood groups, and businesses from all over the city come together to spread holiday cheer and joy.

LightsUp! A Festival of Illumination: A thoughtfully curated series of dazzling, illuminated displays will transform the Tucson Botanical Gardens into a captivating, brand-new holiday experience.

Sedona Festival of Lights: Enjoy a full lineup of energetic musical performances, a visit from Santa, and complimentary cider—an ideal outing for families and friends.

Phoenix Zoo Lights: The zoo comes to life with spectacular lights, transforming into one of the largest holiday lighting extravaganzas in the Southwest!







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Luminaria Nights de Tubac: Experience the magic of the holiday season in the charming Village of Tubac!

Tucson Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair: Featuring over 400 arts and crafts booths, 35+ food vendors, two stages of live entertainment, street musicians, jugglers, carnival treats, a kids' art zone, face painting, balloons, and so much more.

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Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum



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With over 570 bird species and 28 bat species. Arizona ranks as one of the richest states for avian and aerial biodiversity.

From deserts to mountain peaks, the state offers a little something for everyone—especially if you're an aficionado of our treasured feathered friends.



#### A Hummingbird Haven

Let's talk about Sierra Vista, aka the Hummingbird Capital of the United States. Why the crown? This charming town, located near the Mexico border, is a migration hotspot for up to 15 hummingbird species annually. Sierra Vista delivers the goods with glittering species like the broadbilled hummingbird and the elusive magnificent hummingbird (yes, that's its real name).



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The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, just a short drive away, is an epicenter of bird activity. Here, you'll not only spot hummingbirds but also species like vermilion flycatchers. If you visit in July, you can catch the annual Southeast Arizona Birding Festival, where seasoned bird-watchers gather to celebrate and photograph these tiny treasures.



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#### Curious Case of Cardinal

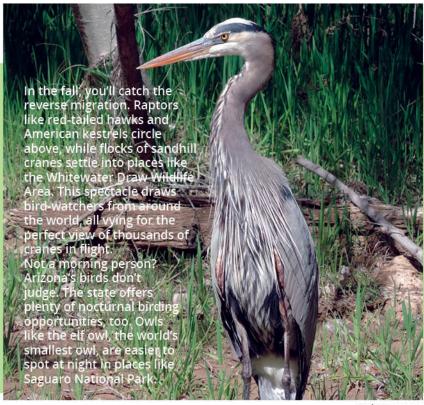
Arizona is home to the striking northern cardinal, a vivid red bird that thrives in riparian zones and tree-filled suburban neighborhoods. These crimson beauties bring unexpected bursts of color to Arizona's desert landscapes. Prime spots to see them include the Hassayampa River Preserve and other water-rich areas in the southern part of the state.

Venture into Arizona's Sky Islands, where you might encounter the cardinal's rarer cousin, the pyrrhuloxia, also known as the "desert cardinal." With its muted red hues and curved, parrot-like beak, it's a favorite among photographers seeking unique southwestern species.

If you're scratching your head over why Arizona's NFL team is called the Cardinals, here's the backstory: the team name dates back to its origins in Chicago, inspired by its cardinal-red jerseys. Add in other feathered wonders like Gila woodpeckers, Gambel's quail, and painted redstarts, and Arizona's bird scene is as colorful as it is diverse.

#### Best Birdwatching Seasons/Times

Arizona's bird watching scene reaches its peak in spring and fall, when migratory birds use the state as a pit stop. During these seasons, hotspots like the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve and Madera Canyon are brimming with activity. Spring, in particular, welcomes brightly colored warblers, orioles, and grosbeaks as they pass through on their journey north.



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Birds might steal the show, but Arizona's 28 bat species deserve their moment in the spotlight. These nocturnal creatures play a vital role in the ecosystem, pollinating plants and devouring mosquitoes.

In Tucson, the Rillito River Park hosts nightly bat flights from mid-summer through early fall, as thousands of Mexican freetailed bats emerge from under bridges to feed. Another popular spot is Kartchner Caverns State Park, where you can learn about bat biology and conservation

From the hummingbird-filled skies of Sierra Vista to the bat-packed nights of Tucson, this state serves up wildlife experiences as colorful and captivating as its sunsets.

So grab your binoculars, a field guide, and maybe a travel mug of coffee. Whether you're a diehard birder or just looking to reconnect with nature, Arizona's wild side is ready to take you under its wing.

while observing the cavedwelling wonders in action. Don't miss the lesser long-nosed bat, a critical pollinator of the iconic saguaro cactus. Without these little night-shift workers, Arizona's desert landscape would look a whole lot different.

#### Want to learn more?

Visit Bat Night at Colossal Cave Mountain Park, where naturalists lead guided tours and provide fascinating insights into these misunderstood mammals.

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## Birding Festivals: Flock to the Fun

Arizona's birding festivals are the perfect excuse to stretch your wings and dive into the state's vibrant avian scene. Not only do they offer expert-led opportunities to learn about the local feathered celebrities, but they also point you toward some of the best hiking trails in Arizona's most bird-rich hotspots. It's the ultimate combo of education, exploration, and outdoor adventure.

January - Wings Over Wilcox Birding and Nature Festival

Celebrate winter birding in southeastern Arizona with guided tours and nature walks. wingsoverwilcox.com

March - Tubac Hawk Watch Watch hawks soar over the lush landscapes of Tubac at this annual spring event.

tubacnaturecenter.com/hawk-watch

April - Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival

A must-visit for bird lovers, with hikes, workshops, and great views in the Verde Valley. verderiver.org/birding-festival

July - Sedona Hummingbird Festival
Celebrate these tiny wonders in the picturesque
Red Rocks of Sedona.
sedonahummingbirdfestival.com

August - Southwest Wings Birding Festival A birding bonanza in southern Arizona, with plenty of expert-guided hikes. swwings.org

August - Tucson Bird & Wildlife Festival
Explore Tucson's birding hot spots while
enjoying interactive exhibits and guided walks.
tucsonaudubon.org/festival

These festivals showcase Arizona's stunning birdlife, with ample opportunities to learn, explore, and connect with fellow bird enthusiasts.







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- Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park
- Buenos Aires National
   Wildlife Refuge
- · Cave Creek Canyon
- · Chiricahua National Monument
- · Dead Horse Ranch State Park
- Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Huachuca Mountains
- Humphreys Peak
- Las Lagunas
- Lyman Lake State Park
- Madera Canyon

- Mount Lemmon
- Muleshoe Ranch Preserve
- Patagonia Lake State Park
- Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve
- Portal
- Ramsey Canyon
- Red Rock State Park
- · Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch
- Sabino Canyon
- San Pedro Riparian
   National Conservation Area
- Slaughter Ranch Museum
- Sweetwater Wetlands Park
- Watson Woods Riparian Preserve
- Whitewater Draw State Wildlife Area



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Every child deserves a safe, loving, and affirming home. Yet in Arizona, as in much of the United States, thousands of children in the foster care system are waiting for that stability and love to be a part of their daily lives. For LGBTQ+ individuals and couples, fostering or adopting isn't just a way to expand your family—it's an opportunity to make a life-changing impact on children who need it most.

#### Why LGBTQ+ Families Matter in Adoption

As LGBTQ+ people, many of us understand what it feels like to search for acceptance, safety, and love. For children in foster care—many of whom have faced neglect, abuse, or systemic instability—this understanding can be transformative. Studies show that LGBTQ+ parents are more likely to adopt older children, sibling groups, and kids with special needs, demographics often considered "harder to place."

Arizona law allows LGBTQ+ individuals and couples to foster and adopt. While challenges still exist, the growing acceptance of diverse family structures has opened the door for us to show that love knows no bounds. By stepping into this space, LGBTQ+ people not only provide homes for children but also challenge outdated ideas of what family means.

#### The Importance of Visibility

When LGBTQ+ people foster or adopt, we become visible examples of resilience, inclusion, and the power of chosen families. For queer youth in the foster system, representation matters. Imagine the relief of a child questioning their identity or struggling with self-acceptance, knowing their new parents understand those struggles. By being open about our identities, we signal to these children that they, too, can live authentically.

#### Addressing Misconceptions

Some people hesitate to foster or adopt because they worry about discrimination or believe the process is too complicated. It's true that LGBTQ+ families still face bias in certain areas, but organizations like **Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health** and **Spence-Chapin** actively support LGBTQ+ individuals in navigating the process. Moreover, studies repeatedly show that LGBTQ+ parents are just as capable of raising happy, healthy children as heterosexual parents.

As prospective parents, your sexual orientation or gender identity shouldn't dissuade you from pursuing this path. Agencies and advocates are here to guide you, ensuring your journey is one of empowerment and success.





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#### The Foster Care Crisis in Arizona

Arizona's foster care system faces significant challenges. On any given day, over 13,000 children are in the system, with a pressing need for loving foster and adoptive homes. For these children, every moment in care can feel uncertain, and the sooner they find a permanent family, the better their outcomes.

By fostering, even temporarily, LGBTQ+ individuals and couples can fill a critical gap. Whether you can commit to long-term fostering or are ready to adopt, your willingness to step forward sends a powerful message of hope to children who might otherwise feel forgotten.

#### Transforming Lives, Including Your Own

The benefits of fostering or adopting as an LGBTQ+ person extend beyond the child you welcome into your life. Parenting can deepen your empathy, expand your understanding of the world, and bring immense joy and purpose to your life.

For children, having parents who celebrate diversity and difference can be life-saving. For LGBTQ+ parents, the experience is a profound reminder of the strength and resilience that comes from choosing to love and be loved.



# Adoption Pathways For All Families



Domestic & International Adoption Programs



Home Study Services



Lifetime Adoption Support



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#### How to Get Started

Ready to make a difference? Start by reaching out to local organizations that specialize in LGBTQ+ adoption and fostering, like our wonderful Pride Guide® partners at AASK, Child Crisis Arizona, Devereux **Advanced Beahvioral** Health or Spence-Chapin. Plan to attend informational sessions, connect with other LGBTQ+ foster or adoptive parents, and learn about the unique needs of the many children in Arizona's foster care system.



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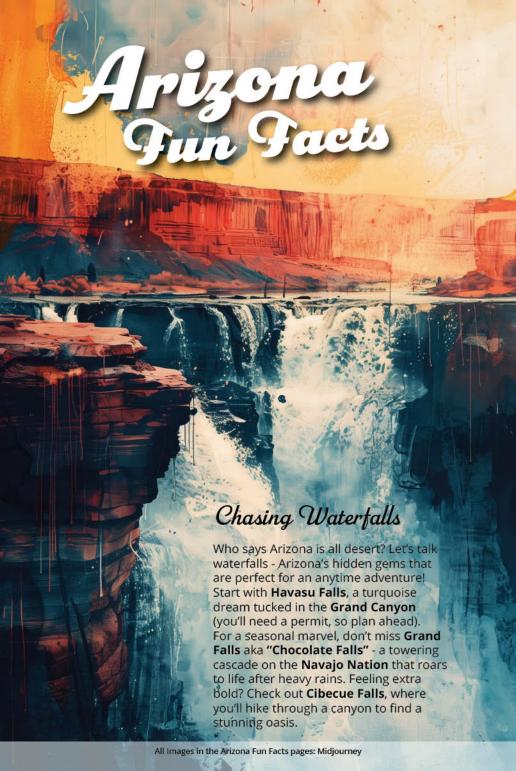
#### A Call to Action

Every child deserves a home where they can thrive. As LGBTQ+ individuals and couples, we have a unique capacity to provide that love and stability while breaking down stereotypes about what families can look like. Together, we can make Arizona a better place for every child, one family at a time.

The road to fostering and adopting may have its challenges, but the reward is immeasurable. Your love could be the missing piece in a child's life, and in opening your heart, you'll discover that your family is exactly what it was always meant to be.



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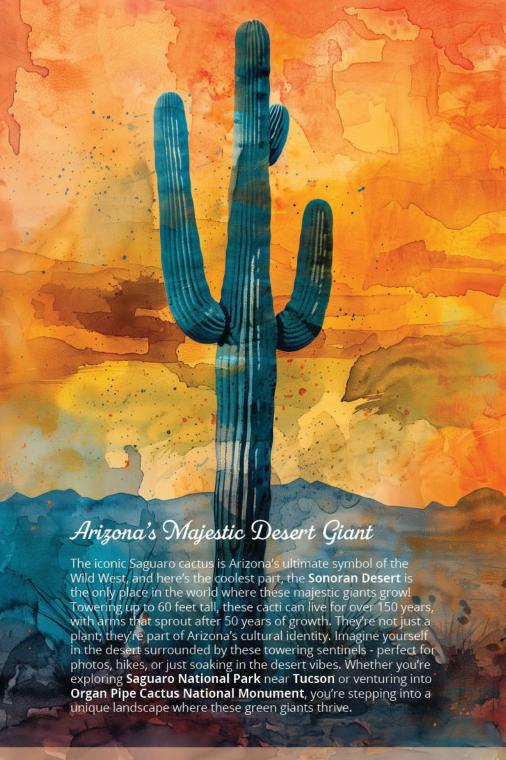


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- Yuma holds the World Record for the most sunshine on Earth, with 4,015 hours of sunlight annually, nearly 92% of the year!
- · Phoenix enjoys sunshine 85% of the year.
- Tucson averages over 350 sunny days annually.
- Flagstaff, while cooler and more mountainous, still enjoys plenty
  of sunny days that contrast with its snowy winters.
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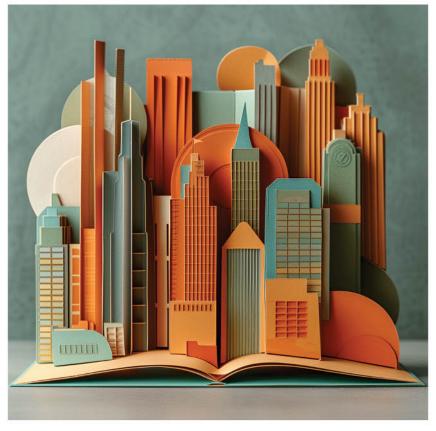
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# 2025 EVENTS

#### **Annual Hero Awards**

June 6th The Camby

#### **Queer Summer Market**

June 8th 10am-4pm Warehouse215

### Queer Holiday Market & Festival Cocktail Party

Nov 24th 10am-7pm Warehouse 215

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### Luncheons

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### MISSION



GPECC promotes an equitable business community by supporting the interests of the LGBTQ+ businesses in the Greater Phoenix area. We accomplish this by fostering business growth, visibility, connections, and professional development opportunities.

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Inclusion Community Equity

Intersectional diversity







### **Our Mission:**

To promote the success and growth of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied business community in Southern Arizona through education, networking, and advocacy.

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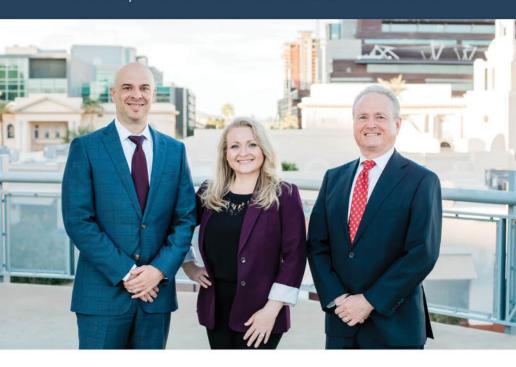




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#### PHOENIX METRO

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#### TRANSGENDER LEGAL SERVICES

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#### STATEWIDE

Transgender Law Center P.O. Box 70976 Oakland, CA 94612 510-587-9696 www.TransgenderLawCenter.org



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www.FlagstaffPride.org Together, we support, unite, and strengthen our LGBTQIA2S+ community.

See our ad on page 51

#### **NORTHERN AZ**

Northland Cares 203 S. Candy Lane, Suite 4A Cottonwood, AZ 86326 928-649-0833 www.NorthlandCares.org

To improve the quality of life of those infected by HIV/AIDS in Northern Arizona.

#### **NORTHERN AZ**

Northland Cares
3112 Clearwater Drive, Suite A
Prescott, AZ 86305
928-776-4612
www.NorthlandCares.org
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those infected by HIV/AIDS in
Northern Arizona.

#### NORTHERN AZ Prism Network

303 E. Gurley St., #413
Prescott, AZ 86301
928-583-3514
www.prismaz.net
A non-partisan organization that
provides an umbrella of support
to members, family, friends, and
allies of the LGBTQ+ community
by referring to a range of inclusive
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community connections.

#### PHOENIX METRO

Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter 340 E Palm Lane, Ste. 230 Phoenix, AZ 85004 602-528-0545

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We provide education and support
to all those facing Alzheimer's and
other dementias throughout our

other dementias throughout our community, including those living with the disease, caregivers, health care professionals and families.

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#### PHOENIX METRO

Aunt Rita's Foundation
326 E. Coronado Rd., Suite 102
Phoenix, AZ 85004
602-882-8675
www.AuntRitas.org
Helping to support Phoenix area
AIDS service organizations.
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Straight Education Network

### PHOENIX METRO Gay, Lesbian &

(GLSEN) Phoenix
P.O. Box 2386
Phoenix, AZ 85002
602-341-5543
www.GLSENPhoenix.org
The Gay, Lesbian & Straight
Education Network strives to ensure
that each member of every school
community is valued and respected
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gender identity/expression.



#### PHOENIX METRO

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#### **PHOENIX METRO**

Phoenix Pride P.O. Box 16847 Phoenix, AZ 85011 602-27-PRIDE

www.PhoenixPride.org Phoenix Pride unites and engages individuals and organizations to empower, educate and support the LGBTQ+ Community.

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#### PHOENIX METRO

Teen Lifeline
PO Box 10745
Phoenix, AZ 85064
602-248-TEEN (8336)
Outside Maricopa County:
1-800-248-TEEN (8336)
www.TeenLifeline.org
Teen Lifeline's Peer Counseling
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Counselor every day of the year.

#### STATEWIDE

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
Chapters throughout Arizona 202-467-8180
www.PFLAG.org
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#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

AIDS Ribbon Tucson 1575 E. Blackridge Dr., Ste. 2 Tucson, AZ 85719 520-207-0902 520-834-7470 www.Facebook.com/

AIDSRibbonTucson Southern Arizona's only interactive public memorial dedicated to all those lost to AIDS.





#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

Family Pride Initiative

526 N. 4th Ave Tucson, AZ 85705

www.familyprideinitiative.com
The purpose of Family Pride Initiative
is to reduce behavioral health
disparities and improve outcomes
for LGBTQ+ youth by strengthening
support for youth, caregivers,
families, and the providers who
serve them.

#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

∰ Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN) Tucson 480-776-4936

www.glsenarizona.org
The Gay, Lesbian & Straight
Education Network strives to ensure
that each member of every school
community is valued and respected
regardless of sexual orientation or
gender identity/expression.

#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

I Pride

3800 E. River Rd Tucson, AZ 85718

520-299-3000

www.tucsonjcc.org/culturecommunity/equality-diversityinclusion/lgbt/ Non-profit organization which fosters a welcoming Jewish Community for LGBT Jews.

#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

LGBTO+ Alliance Fund

5049 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 201 Tucson, AZ 85711

520-770-0800

alliancefund.org

LGBTQ+ Alliance Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, fosters giving to support our communities LGBTQ+ programs.

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#### NATIONAL

🥨 🦞 National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce®

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Washington, D.C. 20005

202-234-9181

www.NGLCC.org

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#### TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ

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800-553-9387

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#### TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF)

375 S. Euclid Ave.

Tucson, AZ 85719

520-628-7223

www.SAAF.org

The Mission of SAAF is to cultivate a healthy and stigma-free society through transformative action.

See our ad on page 93

#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

🦞 Southern Arizona

Gender Alliance

PO Box 41863

Tucson, AZ 85717

520-477-7096

www.SAGATucson.org

Meetings will be held at Studio One Check website for updates.

#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

Thornhill Lopez Center on 4th

526 N. 4th Ave

Tucson, AZ 85705

520-628-7223

saaf.org/services/thornhill-lopez-

center-on-4th

The Thornhill Lopez Center on 4th is a SAAF place for LGBTQ+ and allied youth ages 13-24 to visit in order to access a variety of services to support their health and well-being. *See our ad on page 93* 

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#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN)

Scott Blades 2660 N. 1st Ave. Yuma, AZ 85719 **520-299-6647** www.TIHAN.org

TIHAN: a compassionate interfaith response to HIV, where caring volunteers make a difference.

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#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

University of Arizona LGBTQ Affairs
P.O. Box 210017

Tucson, AZ 85721
520-621-7585
LGBTQ.arizona.edu
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#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

Yuma County Health Department 2200 W. 28th St. #137 Yuma, AZ 85367 928-317-4580 Ext. 1735 HIV/AIDS Care Services.

#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

Yuma Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

www.GaylnYuma.com Promoting diversity, unity and resources to the gay community.

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#### **NORTHERN AZ**

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P.O. Box 478

Sedona, AZ 86339

928-204-1123

www.SedonaChamber.com
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for things to see and do in Sedona.

#### PHOENIX METRO

**ૄ ૄ ૄii** Greater Phoenix Equality Chamber of Commerce 1101 N. Central Ave., #108

Phoenix, AZ 85004

480-648-9423

www.equalitychamber.org Serving the LGBTQ+ and Allied Business Community.

See our ad on pages 74 & 75

#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

Tubac Chamber of Commerce

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Tubac, AZ 85646

520-398-2704

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#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

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√ Tucson LGBT Chamber of Commerce

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#### CHURCHES & RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

#### NORTHERN AZ

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882 Sunset Ave.

Prescott, AZ 86305

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www.PrescottUU.org

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#### PHOENIX METRO

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Mesa, AZ 85210

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#### PHOENIX METRO

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Phoenix, AZ 85004

602-258-6891

www.PhoenixUCC.org We are spiritual, inclusive, and justice-seeking.

#### PHOENIX METRO

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623-521-7689

www.StAvila.org An inclusive and affirming 21st century faith community firmly rooted in the Catholic tradition.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS**

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Mohave County Pride The And Then Initiative Inc.

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#### **NORTHERN AZ**

Navajo Nation Pride 505-569-1516

www.navajonationpride.com Diné Pride is honoring & celebrating our LGBTQ+ relatives & reaffirming the sacredness of their heritage.

#### **NORTHERN AZ**

Northern Arizona Pride Association

**DBA Flagstaff Pride** 

P.O. Box 1604

Flagstaff, AZ 86002

928-814-0076

www.FlagstaffPride.org

Celebrating Pride In The Pines!

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#### PHOENIX METRO

Arizona Gay Rodeo Association

**Bob Pimentel** 

P.O. Box 40465

Phoenix, AZ 85067

602-287-9026

www.AGRA-Phx.com

We host the Annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo every February and other events throughout the year.

#### PHOENIX METRO

Desperado Film Festival

Paradise Valley Community College

602-787-7276

www.DesperadoFilmFestival.com The Desperado Film Festival showcases LGBT Films. Proceeds from this event funds the PVCC.

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#### PHOENIX METRO

🧐 Phoenix Pride Festival

P.O. Box 16847

Phoenix, AZ 85011

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Rainbows Festival

P.O. Box 16847 Phoenix, AZ 85011

#### 602-27-PRIDE

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#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

Bisbee Pride Inc.

P.O. Box 451 Bisbee, AZ 85603 bisbeeprideaz.com Top 5 Best Rural Prides in the Country (GAY.com) Held every June on Father's Day weekend.

#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

🌵 Tucson Pride, Inc. P.O. Box 18675 Tucson, AZ 85731

520-622-3200

www.tucsonpride.org To unify, celebrate, and strengthen the LGBTQ+ community of Southern Arizona through advocacy, education, leadership, and support.

#### PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS

#### **TUCSON & SOUTHERN AZ**

Community Foundation For Southern Arizona

5049 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 201 Tucson, AZ 85711

520-770-0800

cfsaz.org

The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona connects donors to the causes they care about, bridging philanthropy and the community's needs.

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#### PHOENIX METRO

Arizona Nude Dudes (ANDES)

www.aznudedudes.org A group of gay and bisexual men enjoying nudity. Parties include pool, hottub, games, cards, movies, massage, and hikes.

#### PHOENIX METRO

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#### PHOENIX METRO

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#### STATEWIDE

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for a list of additional community resources.

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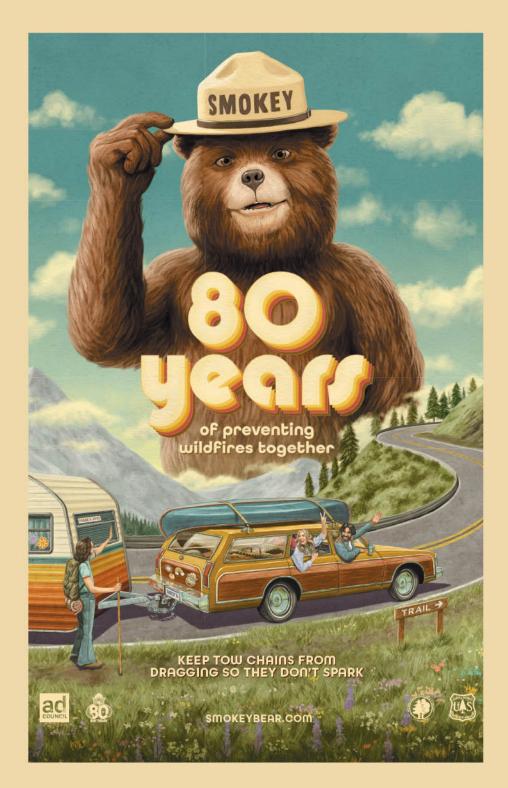




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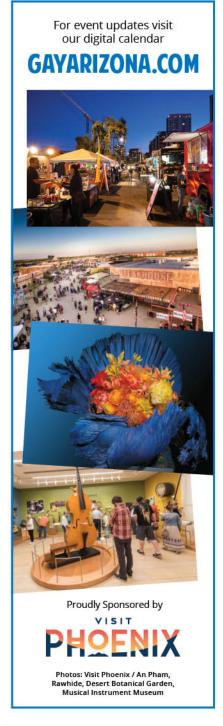
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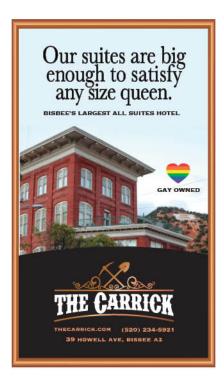
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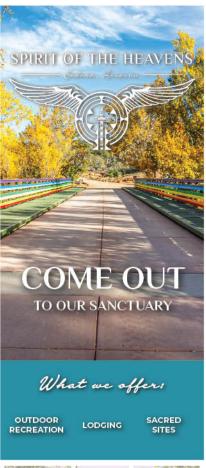
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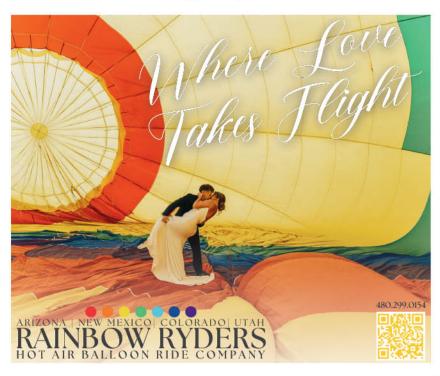
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