



The Journey: Savor the Southwest  
Duration: 7-days / 6-nights  
Destination: Tucson, Arizona



*"Land of extremes. Land of contrasts. Land of surprises. Land of contradictions. A land that is never to be fully understood but always to be loved sprung from such a diversity of origins, animated by such a diversity of motives and ideals, that generations must pass before they can ever fully understand each other."*

- Arizona: A State Guide

If you've always wanted to experience the wild west, but prefer a wine glass to a canteen, the 'old west' charm meets vibrant modern life in the breathtakingly beautiful city of Tucson.

Guest ranches, horseback rides, and cattle drives recall Old West roots, but you'll also find yourself smack-dab in a hub of spas, resort hotels, and championship golf courses...not to mention amazing, trend-setting restaurants. Tucson was the first city to earn the designation of World City of Gastronomy by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Plus, with a thriving visual and performing arts scene and respected galleries and museums, Tucson's vibrant multicultural heritage shines.

Famous for its dramatic beauty, the Sonoran Desert covers this region with spectacular cacti – including the giant saguaro, a symbol of the American Southwest. But don't be fooled by the term "desert" because mountain ranges in all directions offer scenic drives, and even snow skiing. Tucson's legendary year-round sunshine and saguaro-and-sunset landscape have romanced visitors for decades.



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Once you immerse yourself in the laid-back atmosphere of Tucson, you may never want to leave.

Savor the Southwest - Tucson, Arizona					
Day	Morning	Afternoon		Evening	
1	Travel to Tucson, Arizona; transfer the White Stallion Ranch and check-in			Dinner & Welcome	
2	El Presidio Museum	Old Town Artisans + Lunch at La Cosina	The Turquoise Trail - Guided Tour	Salsa making at the Carriage House	Dinner on Own
3	Mission San Xavier Del bac	Arizona Sonora Desert Museum	Old Tucson Studios	Group Dinner	Free Time
4	Copper Queen Mine Tour in Bisbee	Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum	The O.K. Corral / Tombstone / Historama	Dinner on Own	Free Time
5	Colossal Cave Mountain Park + Guided Cave Tour + Horseback Trail Ride		Trail Dust Town + Museum of the Horse Soldier	Dinner at Pinnacle Peak	
6	Free Time	Tohono O'odham Nation Cultural Center & Museum		Kitt Peak National Observatory with Nightly Observation	
7	Transfer to Airport; return flight home				



#### **Day 1 – Welcome Dinner**

Fly to Tucson and transfer to your incredible resort – the **White Stallion Ranch**. This evening we'll get to know each other a bit with a fabulous Welcome Dinner.

#### **Day 2 – Breakfast & lunch included; dinner on own**

After starting the day with breakfast, we'll set off for the Presidio San Agustín del Tucson Museum, a reconstruction of the original Tucson Presidio built in 1775. Docent tours of this history museum give us a glimpse of Tucson history and what life in the Presidio was like for soldiers and other residents. Afterwards, we'll discover Old Town Artisans and the fort built by the Spanish to stake claim to the northern frontier of New Spain. Stroll through the shops and galleries featuring fine art, imports and crafts from hundreds of local and regional artists. Lunch will be onsite.

In the afternoon, we'll take a guided walk along the Turquoise Trail, a 2 ½ mile long loop trail through downtown Tucson that highlights structures and sites of historic interest. We'll wrap up with a visit to the Carriage House for a bit of fun in a salsa-making class, then have dinner on or own.

#### **Day 3 – Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own**

Today is going to be brilliant! We start the morning off visiting the Mission San Xavier del Bac - a historic Spanish Catholic mission located on the Tohono O'odham San Xavier Indian Reservation, fondly dubbed the "Sistine Chapel of North America." Then, we're off to one of the very best museums in the country.



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Continually ranked in the 'Top 10' nationally, the 98-acre Senora Desert Museum is a fusion experience - zoo, botanical garden, art gallery, natural history museum, and aquarium. Prepare to be thrilled!

In the afternoon, we'll jump into action by exploring the incredible Old Tucson Studios, where the spirit of the 'Old West' comes alive! Old Tucson features live action stunt shows, musicals and live entertainment, vintage rides and genuine southwest BBQ. Step back in time as you make your way through town, walking the same streets made famous by movie legends such as John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, Elizabeth Taylor, Steve Martin, Sharon Stone and Martin Short.

In the evening, we'll get to relax after a super busy day. Dinner will be in the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 4 – Breakfast included; lunch & dinner on own**

Today we'll see two more fabulous sites in the Arizona desert. We'll start our morning in Bisbee focusing on the copper mining of the past, and follow up with our afternoon in Tombstone discovering the O.K. Corral!

BISBEE - a name to stir the interest of mining men everywhere - has been one of the greatest copper camps the world has ever known. In almost 100 years of continuous production before the Bisbee mines closed in 1975, the local mines produced metals valued at \$6.1 billion (at 1975 price), one of the largest production valuations of all the mining districts in the world incorporating copper, gold, silver, lead and zinc. We'll take the Queen Mine Tour and step back through the pages of history.

Afterwards, we'll make a stop at the Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum. Once known as "The Queen of the Copper Camps", Bisbee nestles among the Mule Mountains of southeast Arizona, world renowned for its diverse minerals and wealth of copper. The Museum is the first rural affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution nationwide, forming a partnership between the nation's largest museum and one of its smallest.

Finally, in the afternoon, get ready to meet the old west up close and in person at the O.K. Corral. Spend the afternoon visiting the "living museum" of Old West history and site of notorious '1881 Gunfight at the O.K. Corral'. See Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday in daily reenactments and stand where the legendary Gunfight began; visit Doc Holliday's room, the stables, the blacksmith, the boarding house and the bunkhouse along with the museum. Also, visit The Tombstone Epitaph newspaper museum to read the paper's original reports of the Gunfight and learn how newspapers were printed in the 1880s. The Tombstone Historama provides an authoritative account of Tombstone's history from Geronimo's Apaches to modern times.

After our thrilling historical day, we'll travel back to our hotel for dinner on our own.

**Day 5 – Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own**

Another exciting day awaits us! After breakfast, we're off to go caving! Hidden high in the southern Arizona Mountains with its endless Sonoran Desert vistas, rich history, and authentic Wild West vibe, Colossal Cave Mountain Park is a destination for the adventurous at heart. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this desert refuge has sheltered people for over a thousand years. It has been home, shrine, hideout, inspiring workplace, exciting playground, tranquil retreat. The 2,400-acre park showcases crystal-filled Colossal Cave and historic La Posta Quemada Ranch. While here, we'll enjoy a guided cave tour, approximately 45 minutes.

In the early afternoon, it's time to saddle up! We'll enjoy a leisurely guided Western trail ride through scenic La Posta Quemada Ranch.



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We'll wrap up the day with a visit to Trail Dust Town, a collection of shops and eateries in a slice of the 19th-century West, with boardwalks, an old-fashioned town square lit by the glow of authentic gas streetlamps, shaded park benches, and a gazebo in the middle of it all. Guests will also enjoy the Dragoon Street Wild, Wild West Stunt Shows, a spin on the vintage Carousel and more. You'll be able to ride the Trail Dust Town Railroad (a replica of the 1863 C. P. Huntington narrow-gauge train), visit the Museum of the Horse Soldier (dedicated to preserving the history of the U.S. Military's mounted services) and pan for gold at Gabby's Gulch.

This evening we'll grab a cowboy dinner at Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse, known for "the best steaks in Tucson"!

**Day 6** – Breakfast included; lunch and dinner on own

We'll have the morning free and then in the afternoon, we'll have the opportunity to visit the Tohono O'odham Nation Cultural Center & Museum in Topawa, Arizona. Their facility stands on 30-acres in pristine desert land and serves its visitors and community with diverse cultural programming and exhibitions.

In the late afternoon, we'll head to Kitt Peak Observatory where the world's largest collection of optical telescopes is located high above the Sonoran Desert. Kitt Peak is home to 24 optical and two radio telescopes representing dozens of astronomical research institutions. The National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO), funded by the National Science Foundation, oversees site operations. In the evening, we'll participate in the **Nightly Observing Program**, a program that introduces us to astronomy by various types of observing, naked-eye, binocular, and telescopic. The program begins around sunset and lasts for approximately 3-3 ½ hours.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Although the Visitor Center is open to all, the US Government requires passports for visitors from other countries when driving through the Border Control check point on Arizona State Route 86. Please be sure you bring your passport with you.

Dinner will be on own this evening.

**Day 7** – Breakfast included

After breakfast, we'll transfer to the airport for our flight home, saying goodbye to our new friends and taking away memories that will last a lifetime!

**Trip Inclusions**

- Domestic roundtrip flights to Tucson, Arizona
- Airport transfers & group transportation as shown in the itinerary
- 6-nights' accommodation in San Jose, Sarapiqui, Puerto Viejo Limon, Arenal, Montverde and Panama City areas
- Meals in destination - Breakfasts daily, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- All activities & excursions as shown in above itinerary
- Travel insurance for each participant

**Not Included**

- Airport transfers in your home city
- Airline baggage fees; please pay direct at airport during flight check-in
- Meals not shown as 'included' above
- Gratuities at hotels and restaurants, gratuities for guides



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- Hotel incidental bills – internet services, spa services, purchases billed to room, etc
- Food, beverages, sightseeing and transportation not shown as included above
- Personal expenditures
- Baggage handling in destination

### ***Important Notes***

- All guests are quoted on double occupancy in the hotel property. If single occupancy is required, please understand that a supplemental fee will be required.
- Should the numbers in your group change, please contact us directly for potential cost revisions.
- A 'Release of Liability' waiver is required from all participants, including those organizing the trip, prior to travel. Additionally, local suppliers may also have select waivers which require signature.
- Each person registering is supplied with a basic travel insurance policy that meets minimum standards. If you wish to expand your coverage, you may wish to add a private, supplemental policy.
- Due to fluctuation in air rates, please understand that the initial quote issued is based on a credible assumption, however it may vary at the actual time of booking. Flights will be reserved once first deposits have been received and are generally available approximately 11-months prior to departure. If at that time flight rates exceed the assumption and it increases the cost of the trip, the organizational lead will have an option to decline the booking at no penalty to your group.
- Each guest should be prepared to present a credit card at check-in for security deposit holds and in-room charging.
- If traveling internationally, each guest should ensure awareness of passport and Visa requirements.

