

Arizona Relocation Guide

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WELCOME TO *Greater Phoenix*

On behalf of Stewart Title Agency, we proudly present our Greater Phoenix Relocation Guide. If you are moving or planning to move to the Valley of the Sun, this guide will give you some important information you'll need to start your new life here.

With over 300 days of sunshine every year, it is easy to see why this area continues to grow in popularity as a destination for visitors and new residents alike. The Arizona climate offers outdoor enthusiasts the ultimate playground. In the warmer months, Valley residents visit the nearby mountains and lakes to enjoy hiking and water sports. During the mild fall and winter months, residents enjoy a multitude of activities and events, as well as the nation's greatest selection of golf courses.

Millions of tourists and seasonal visitors have made the Valley one of the most popular relocation destinations in the nation. Tourism and hospitality, healthcare, education, retail, high-tech manufacturing are just a few of the established and growing industries preferred site for business. Phoenix also serves as a leading business and cultural hub of the Southwest. The reasons behind this region's phenomenal growth are rooted in the enviable high quality of life and a cost of living that compares favorably with other leading cities across the nation.

We hope this guide offers you a sample of the many reasons so many have fallen in love with the Greater Phoenix area and now call it home.

Sincerely,





GREATER PHOENIX

History

From its days as a center of Hohokam culture to its emergence as a tech hub, Phoenix has been a city on the rise. Here's a quick look at the forces that have shaped the place known as the Valley of the Sun.

Around 2,000 years ago, the Hohokum peoples settled on the spot that would become Phoenix. There on the Sonoran Desert, they built 135 miles of irrigation canals and started farming. For centuries they had a lively agricultural and trading center. Then sometime between 1300 and 1450 a cycle of drought and floods forced them to move on.

Fast forward to 1848, the end of the Mexican-American War, when the area became part of the New Mexico Territory. As the Civil War drew to a close, the U.S. Army erected Fort McDowell along the Verde River to protect trade routes.

The modern history of Phoenix begins in 1867 with Jack Swilling, a Confederate veteran. He had the same thought as the Hohokum: farming. A fellow settler, Darrell Duppa, suggested calling the town Phoenix, a nod to the mythical bird that rises from its predecessor's ashes.

By 1875, the town boasted 16 saloons, four dance halls, and a telegraph station. Six years later Phoenix was incorporated as a city, with about 2,500 residents.

The arrival of the railroad in the 1880s put Phoenix on track as a trade center. The five C's — cotton, cattle, citrus, copper, and climate — drove the local economy until after World War II. In 1903 work began on the Theodore Roosevelt Dam, the first constructed under the National Reclamation

Act. At the time, it was the largest masonry dam in the world. It was also the first multipurpose dam, providing both water and electricity to the city.

Changes came to the government structure as well. Arizona achieved statehood in 1912, and the next year Phoenix became one of the first U.S. cities to adopt a council-manager form of government.

As the '20s roared, Phoenix reached for the sky. Its first skyscraper, the Heard Building, opened in 1920. At the close of the decade, the first flights took off from Sky Harbor. Today, the airport serves more than 100 cities with non-stop flights.

Between 1940 and 2010, the population of Phoenix soared from 65,000 to 1.5 million, making it the sixth-largest U.S. city. Companies like Motorola, Intel and McDonnell Douglas chose sites in Phoenix.

Since 1979 Phoenix has been divided into 15 urban villages. Each has a distinct character, and a planning committee to maintain it. The villages are based on historic neighborhoods and communities annexed into the city. But the area's most widely recognized community name may have been made up by a developer. In 1960, Del Webb introduced a prototype community for active adults over age 55 named Sun City, just northwest of Phoenix. So this may come as a surprise: in 2011 Phoenix had a population younger than the nation as a whole. And for a city on the site of a 2,000-year-old community, that's quite a statement.

SOURCE: American Planning Association



The Grand Canyon State

Vast, magnificent and inarguably beautiful, the Grand Canyon is Arizona's most distinguishable landmark – and a natural wonder that you simply have to see to believe. Stretching 277 miles from end to end, steep, rocky walls descend more than a mile to the canyon's floor, where the wild Colorado River traces a swift course southwest. Grand Canyon National Park is a short drive from Greater Phoenix and makes a great weekend trip.

STATE FLOWER:
SAGUARO CACTUS
BLOSSOM



STATE GEM:
TURQUOISE



STATE BIRD:
CACTUS WREN



STATE TREE:
PALO VERDE



GREATER PHOENIX *Communities*

Phoenix

The heart of the Valley of the Sun, Phoenix truly understands how business, entertainment, tourism and education fuels economic growth. Surrounding the city are some of Maricopa County's oldest neighborhoods. Strong residential organizations make sure that the traditional look and feel of the area stays maintained.

Ahwatukee Foothills Village: A popular neighborhood separated from central Phoenix by South Mountain Park and Preserve. This area is well known for outdoor activities, community festivals, unique shopping and creative restaurant experiences. You'll see mostly clay tile roofs and southwestern architectural elements in each subdivision. Residents take advantage of the desert trails and bright Arizona sunshine, as well as the four championship golf courses. This area is part of the Kyrene School District which is highly recognized for its academic success.

Anthem: A place where people live because of its 'neighborhood' feel and its incredible amenities, the Anthem Community Center is home to enough activities to keep everyone busy with the Anthem Water Park, Anthem Community Park with kid-sized railroad, AdventureLand Playground and a catch-and-release fishing lake. And don't forget the two Anthem golf courses, retail shops and restaurants!

Arcadia: A wonderful place whose name does it justice. Large ranch-style homes, mature trees and charming surroundings, this desirable community is truly a peaceful oasis near the city.

Biltmore: This 20-block long, upscale neighborhood is a "second city" to Downtown. It's a major shopping, dining and business destination, coupled with the center of its namesake - the Arizona Biltmore Resort. It's a premiere community where you can live, work and play.

Central City: This Downtown area is where all the action is. It is the center of political, business and cultural life. The State Capitol, County and City governments are located here. With two sports stadiums, several music and art facilities, many large hotels and exhibition centers, Central City is a vibrant section of the city that's busy both day and night.

Desert Ridge: Located in north Phoenix, this 5,700 acre sprawling community provides a balance of residential villages with business complexes, resorts, shopping and entertainment development. It is also conveniently located just minutes from Scottsdale and Cave Creek.

Encanto Village: Uptown Phoenix is one of the choice North Downtown areas. Containing Central Avenue, here you'll find massive homes surrounding Encanto Park as well as high-rise condos and luxury apartments.

Moon Valley: The area sits between three mountains and surrounds a beautifully manicured golf course in north Phoenix. It's a mixed neighborhood with hillside homes, townhomes and quaint, well-kept smaller houses.

South Mountain: Once an agricultural, floral and farming community, this rural area sits between South Mountain and the Maricopa Freeway. The community is comprised of mostly residential and some industrial development.

West Valley

The area encompassed by the West Valley is sprawling and vast, offering everything from upscale retirement amenities and emerald golf courses to the Pima cotton fields and rural atmosphere of Buckeye. It is also a great shopping hub and home to the Spring Training facilities of Peoria.

Avondale: This Southwest community is the home of the Phoenix International Raceway, where two of NASCAR's largest races are held. This growing area is a mecca for families due to the amount of schools, activities and the newly renovated "Old Town" Avondale.

Goodyear: Goodyear, a community with history of cultivating cotton, is now a booming town with employers like Lockheed Martin and the United States Military. Master-planned communities like Estrella Mountain Ranch and subdivisions like Palm Valley are making this area hum with upscale, family excitement.

Litchfield Park: This area is known for the Wildlife World Zoo and the historic Wigwam Resort Hotel, nestled into the heart of Litchfield Park. Residents love the palm tree lined streets, quaint restaurants and wine bars and the large homes situated on big lots. Well maintained parks and golf courses are another benefit to living and visiting this gorgeous town.

Glendale: Glendale has an affordable housing market as well as good schools. The large workforces in the city include the Luke Air Force Base and Glendale Community College. Westgate Center, where you will find the state-of-the-art stadium where the Arizona Cardinals play, is an up and coming place for nightlife with many restaurants, clubs, boutiques and a splash park for the kids during the day.

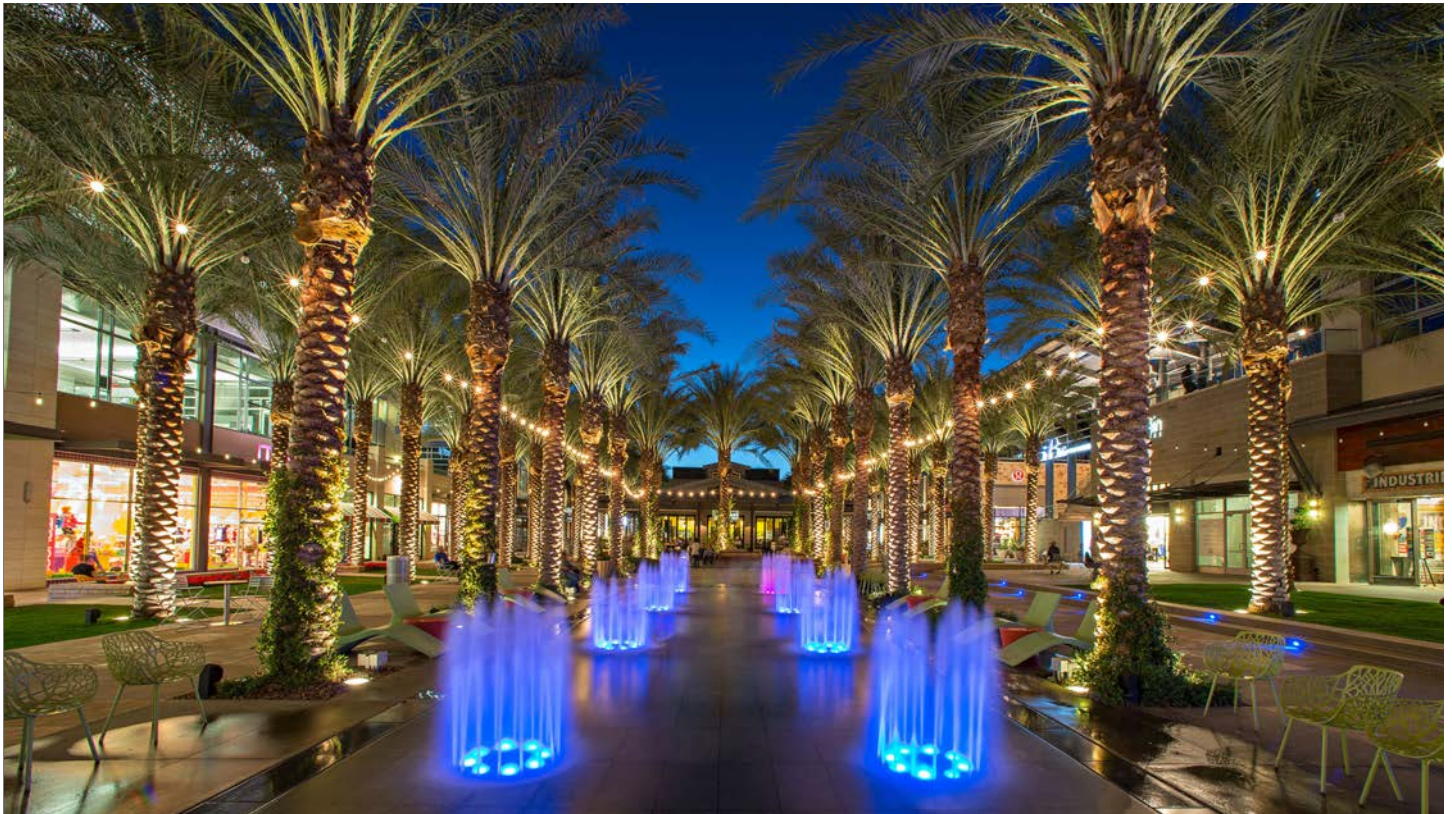
Peoria: Location, Location, Location! No matter where you live in Peoria, convenience abounds! Known for its good schools, affordability, huge shopping mall and central location, Peoria is also the Mecca for Spring Training baseball.



Sun City: Built nearly 45 years ago, Sun City is one of the original retirement communities! It is a desirable location to purchase a home because of the low property taxes, reasonably priced homes and proximity to the freeways. These attributes, along with newly remodeled homes and recreation centers, proximity to extensive shopping and restaurants options make Sun City a value that cannot be ignored.

Sun City West: Sun City West is the premier retirement golf community in Arizona. It is a self-contained and self-governed community with recreation, shopping, and a nationally ranked hospital. Residents can also enjoy taking their furry friends to the Sun City West Pet Park.

Surprise: There is a great diversity in people who live, work and play in the area. Whether looking for a family community or an active adult retirement community, this area will provide it all. Surprise is just minutes away from the hustle and bustle of the city, but offers great Arizona desert beauty to ride horses, all terrain vehicles or just sit out on the patio and enjoy the views.



Scottsdale Quarter shopping center in Scottsdale, Arizona

Northeast Valley

This fashionable and highly livable quadrant of the Valley of the Sun is sprawling and diverse, offering a kaleidoscope of possibilities for housing, recreation and lifestyles. The Northeast reflects the epitome of year-round resort living in a distinctively Southwestern style.

Carefree & Cave Creek: Experience the spirit of Arizona nestled in the Sonoran Desert. Art galleries, eclectic shops, restaurants, museums, rodeos, hiking and tons of fun to be had in the Arizona desert. Cave Creek and Carefree are two great Southwest communities here in the northeast section of the Valley.

Fountain Hills: Home to the world-famous Fountain Hills Fountain. The current daily height of the Fountain is estimated to be 330 feet as only two pumps operate it at any one time. Fountain Hills is a master-planned community originally founded in 1970 that offers breathtaking views of Four Peaks, great schools and close proximity to Scottsdale.

Scottsdale: Scottsdale is located in central Arizona, just east of Phoenix, between Carefree and Tempe. It is known for its 100+ art galleries, specialty shops, high end shopping and golf courses. It is a popular retirement spot, tourist community and a growing destination for younger generations. Outdoor enthusiasts love the McDowell Mountain Preserve where they can horseback ride, hike and explore Arizona's amazing desert. Come to Scottsdale and you will see why it was voted "America's Most Livable Town".

Paradise valley: Surrounded by Scottsdale, Paradise Valley is home to some of the nicest resorts in the country with some of the best golf courses and fine dining. In Paradise Valley, multi-million dollar homes are the rule rather than the exception. And don't be surprised if you see professional athletes, musicians or CEO's in town.

Southeast Valley

The Southeast Valley has developed into a well connected group of suburban communities. Much of the agricultural growth in the Valley of the Sun was made possible by irrigation water from Roosevelt Dam in the early 1900's. Some of those orange groves, dairy farms and cotton fields have been transformed into these suburban enclaves filled with high tech businesses and the modern shopping and dining amenities you would expect from growing and prosperous communities.

Chandler: Chandler has it all! There are always events at local parks, libraries and in town. There is a large presence of locally-owned businesses and restaurants that give the community a small town feel and make it easy to support your neighbors. Chandler is home to the high-tech businesses like Intel, Orbital Sciences, Freescale, Microchip Technology, Inc. and more. Chandler has evolved from an agricultural community into a suburban city that offers a vibrant residential life and a solid business infrastructure! Chandler also has several golf courses that allow golfers to take advantage of the beautiful Arizona climate.

Gilbert: Gilbert has been one of the fastest growing communities in Arizona for many years and was recently voted one of the top places to live in America. Gilbert has all the shopping and dining options you would expect from a growing community. San Tan Village is one of the newest Valley shopping centers offering many of the most popular shops and restaurants. Gilbert's Town seal reads, "We the People" and this traditional, friendly community plays host annually to the Gilbert Days Parade and Rodeo as well as U.S. Constitution Week at Town Hall. With great public parks and a superb public school system, Gilbert has something for everyone.

Mesa: Mesa is a suburb of Phoenix with its own distinct atmosphere and character. Downtown Mesa offers some of the Valley's best in performing arts and museums for all ages. Mesa Public Schools boasts highly rated Sports, Arts and Academic programs. It is also the proud home each year during the Cactus League Spring Training season to the Chicago Cubs professional baseball team. Mesa neighborhoods vary from the traditional suburban ranch styles, to citrus grove estate homes and high desert master-planned communities with incredible amenities and views. Compared to some other close in cities in metropolitan Phoenix, Mesa is very affordable and could be the area you've been searching for.

Tempe: Home of the Arizona State Sun Devils. People like living in Tempe for the exciting college atmosphere, urban feel, hip boutiques and active lifestyle. It hosts sporting events from college ball to the Ironman. Tempe is also just around the corner from Sky Harbor International Airport, the Metro light rail and downtown Scottsdale. The city also boasts an arts and culture scene that will captivate your senses all year long. Whether you are a college student, educator, business professional or retiree, you can call Tempe home.

Queen Creek: This urban ranching community near the San Tan Mountains is on the move. Some of the Valley's newest master planned communities are in Queen Creek, as well as a surprising mix of upscale estate homes with acreage. This may be due to the fact that Queen Creeks offers a lot of open space. Long time residents of the Town find it hard to believe all of the recent growth. It was less than a decade ago that "the QC" got its first traffic control light. This vibrant community is a longer daily commute to central Phoenix or Scottsdale, but Queen Creek is a real treasure for many new residents every year.

GREATER PHOENIX *Attractions*

When it comes to attractions and entertainment, Phoenix is a major league town! The area is home to the Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball Club, Arizona Cardinals Football team, the Phoenix Suns of the NBA, the Phoenix Coyotes of the NHL and the Phoenix Mercury of the WNBA.

In January, the PGA sanctioned Waste Management Phoenix Open is held at the Tournament Players Club in Scottsdale. The LPGA tournament, the Safeway International at Superstition Mountain, draws the world's best female golfers each March.

There's also NASCAR, the Arizona State Fair, the Phoenix Zoo, Tempe Festival of the Arts, casino games and spring baseball training.

Each February, the Valley hosts nine separate ball clubs for Spring Training including the Chicago Cubs; the San Francisco Giants; Oakland A's; San Diego Padres; Seattle Mariners; Texas Rangers; KC Royals; Milwaukee Brewers; and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. For six glorious weeks, baseball under the sun rules. Players sign autographs. Volunteers grill brats. Tickets are very reasonably priced. Visit www.cactusleague.com for complete schedules and venues.

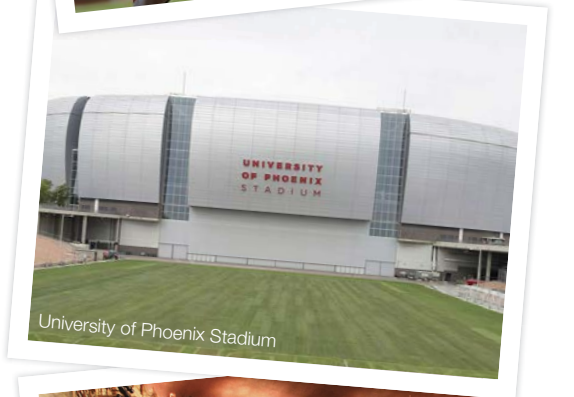
Symphony Hall, the historic Orpheum Theatre and the Herberger Theater Center feature world-class opera, musicals, theatre and dance presentations. Nearly one half million people visit these wonderful facilities each year.

The ASU Galleries and Collections, the Phoenix Art Museum, the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art and Taliesin West (part of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation) highlight the Valley's cultural strength.

Ticket Sales:

The Phoenix Convention Center Ticket Office
Located at 100 N. 3rd St., it is the official ticketing service for events happening in our venues. The ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and can be reached at 602.262.7272.
Arizona State ticket sales: 1.888.SUN.DVLS

U of A ticket sales:
Athletics 520.621.2287 / Fine Arts 520.621.1162 / Centennial Hall 480.621.3341



GOLF COURSES

Anthem Golf & Country Club
2708 W. Anthem Club Dr., Anthem
480.409.4817

Arizona Biltmore Golf Club
2400 E. Missouri St., Phoenix
602.955.9656

Arizona Golf Resort
425 S. Power Rd., Mesa
480.832.3202

ASU Karsten
1125 E. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe
480.921.8070

Augusta Ranch Golf Club
2401 S. Lansing, Mesa
480.354.1234

The Boulders Resort
34631 N. Tom Darlington Dr., Carefree
866.397.6520

Camelback Golf Club
7847 N. Mockingbird Ln., Scottsdale
480.596.7050

Cave Creek Golf Club
15202 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix
602.866.8076

Coyote Lakes Golf Club
18800 N. Coyote Lakes Pkwy., Surprise
623.566.2323

Dobson Ranch Golf Course (city)
2155 S. Dobson Rd., Mesa
480.644.2291

Dove Valley Ranch Golf Course
33244 N. Black Mtn. Pkwy., Cave Creek
480.488.0009

Eagle Mountain Golf Club
14915 E. Eagle Mountain Pkwy., Ftn. Hills
866.863.1234

The Foothills Golf Club
2201 E. Clubhouse Dr., Phoenix
480.460.4653

Gold Canyon Golf Resort
6100 S. Kings Ranch Rd., Gold Canyon
480.982.9449

Grayhawk Golf Club
8620 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Scottsdale
480.502.1800

Johnson Ranch Golf Club
433 Golf Club Dr., Queen Creek
480.987.9800

Kierland Golf Club
15636 Clubgate Dr., Scottsdale
480.922.9283

Kokopelli Golf Club
1800 W. Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert
480.926.3589

Las Sendas Golf Club
7555 E. Eagle Crest Dr., Mesa
480.396.4000

Legacy Golf Resort
6808 S. 32nd St., Phoenix
602.305.5550

Longbow Golf Resort
5601 E. Longbow Pkwy., Mesa
480.807.5400

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
7505 E. McCormick Pkwy., Scottsdale
480.948.0260

Mountain Brook Golf Club
5783 S. Mountain Brook Dr., Gold Canyon
480.671.1000

Ocotillo Golf Club
3751 S. Clubhouse Dr., Chandler
480.917.6660

Orange Tree Golf Resort
10601 N. 56th St., Scottsdale
480.948.3730

Painted Mountain Golf Club
6210 E. McKellips Rd., Mesa
480.832.0156

Papago Park
5595 E. Morelan St., Phoenix
602.275.8428

Raven Golf Club at South Mountain
3636 E. Baseline Rd., Phoenix
602.243.3636

Starfire At Scottsdale Country Club
11500 N. Hayden, Scottsdale
480.948.6000

SunRidge Canyon Golf Club
13100 N. SunRidge Dr., Ftn. Hills
480.837.5100

Superstition Springs Golf Club
6542 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
480.985.5622

Toka Sticks Golf Course
6910 E. Williams Field Rd., Mesa
480.988.9405

Trilogy Golf Club
4415 E. Village Pkwy., Gilbert
480.988.0004

Whirlwind Golf Club
5692 W. Northloop Rd., Chandler
480.940.1500

Wigwam Golf and Country Club
415 N. Old Litchfield Rd., Litchfield Park
623.856.1059

Wildfire Golf Club at JW Marriott
5350 E. Marriott Dr., Phoenix
480.473.0205

CULTURAL FACILITIES

Metropolitan Phoenix

Arizona Biltmore
2400 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix
602.955.6600

Arizona Mineral Museum
1502 E. Washington, Phoenix
602.255.3791

Arizona State Capitol Museum
1700 W. Washington, Phoenix
602.542.4675

George Washington Carver Museum
415 E. Grant St., Phoenix
602.254.7516

Central Library
1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602.262.4636

Heard Museum
2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602.252.8840

Historic District

Orpheum Theatre
203 W. Adams St., Phoenix
602.534.4874

Pueblo Grande Museum
4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix
602.495.0901

Tovrea Castle
5041 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix
602.262.6412

Wrigley Mansion
2501 E. Telawa Tr., Phoenix
602.955.4079

East Valley

Arizona Historical Society Museum
1300 N. College Ave., Tempe
480.929.0292

ASU Anthropology Museum
900 Cady Mall, Tempe
480.965.7065

Chandler Museum
178 E. Commonwealth Ave., Chandler
480.782.2717

Mesa Historical Museum
2345 N. Horne St., Mesa
480.835.7358

Mesa Southwest Museum
53 N. MacDonald St., Mesa
480.644.2169

Peterson House Museum
1414 W. Southern Ave., Tempe
480.350.5151

Tempe Historical Museum
809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe
480.350.5100

Northeast Valley

Cave Creek Museum
6140 E. Skyline Dr., Cave Creek
480.488.9817

Heard Museum North
34505 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480.488.9817

Scottsdale Historical Museum
7333 E. Scottsdale Mall, Scottsdale
480.945.4499

Sylvia Plotkin Judaica Museum
Temple Beth Isreal
10460 N. 56th St., Scottsdale
480.951.0323

Taliesin West
Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation
12345 N. Taliesin Dr., Scottsdale
480.860.8810

West Valley

Historic Sahuaro Ranch
9802 N. 59th Ave., Glendale
623.930.4200

ART, MUSIC, THEATER

Downtown

US Airways Center
201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix
602.379.7800 (Seats 16,000)

Comerica Theater
400 W. Washington St., Phoenix
602.379.2800

Herberger Theater
222 E. Monroe, Phoenix
602.254.7399

Phoenix Symphony Hall
225 E. Adams St., Phoenix
602.495.1999

Phoenix Theater
100 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix
602.254.2151

Phoenix Art Museum
1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
602.257.1222

Shemer Art Center and Museum
5005 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix
602.262.4272

East Valley

Arrowhead Meadows Park
1475 E. Erie St. Chandler
480.782.2727

Chandler Center for the Arts
250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler
480.782.2680

Mesa Amphitheater
201 N. Center St., Mesa
480.644.2560

Gammage Center for the
Performing Arts
1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe
480.965.3434

Wells Fargo Arena
ASU, Tempe
480.965.5062

Arizona Museum for Youth
35 N. Robson, Mesa
480.644.2467

Mesa Contemporary Arts
155 N. Center, Mesa
480.644.2056

Northeast Valley

Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center
33606 N. 60th St., Cave Creek
480.488.1981

El Pedregal Festival Marketplace
34505 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480.488.1072

Kerr Cultural Center
6110 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480.596.2660

Scottsdale Center for the Arts
7380 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale
480.994.ARTS

Stagebrush Theater
7020 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale
480.990.7405

Gallerie Judaica Temple Beth Israel
10460 N. 56th St., Scottsdale
480.951.0323

Museum of Contemporary Art
7374 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale
480.874.4682

West Valley

Cricket Pavilion
2121 N. 83rd Ave., Phoenix
602.254.7200

Jobing.com Glendale Arena
9400 W. Maryland Ave., Glendale
623.772.3200

West Valley Art Museum
17420 N. Avenue of the Arts, Peoria
623.972.0635

Arizona Commission on the Arts
602.255.5882
www.azarts.gov

TicketMaster
480.784.444
www.ticketmaster.com

Sun City West

Sundome Center for Performing Arts
19403 R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West
623.975.1900

NEW RESIDENT *Resources*

General Tax Information

Consult your tax attorney or advisor for updated, individual information.

State Income Tax – Arizona imposes a graduated income tax, similar to the Federal Income Tax. Tax rates range from 2.59% to 4.54% of Arizona Adjusted Gross Income.

Graduated Tax Scale – Income tax is calculated on a variable scale based on income level. For more information please contact the Arizona Department of Revenue at 602.542.1991 or www.aztaxes.gov

Property Tax – The first installment is due October 1st. The second is due on March 1st of the following year. Maricopa County divides the tax into two values. The first is assessed on Limited Values (Primary) and the second is based on Full Cash Values (Secondary). Full Cash is the approximate property value based on the recent assessment by Maricopa County.

Estate, Inheritance & Gift Taxes – Residents pay no estate, gift, inheritance or poll tax. For more information, contact the Estate Tax Division at 602.542.4643

Vehicle/Gasoline Taxes – The state imposes an annual motor vehicle license tax in lieu of personal property tax.

Homeowner's Exemption – Every person over the age of 18 residing in Arizona is entitled to the Homestead Exemption. Homeowners do not need to take any action to assert the exemption because the exemption attaches by operation of Arizona law. The Homestead exempts a single family home, condo, cooperative or mobile home in which the person resides, from attachment, execution and forced sale due to a non-consensual judgment or lien, up to \$150,000 in value or equity.

Licenses & Registration

Pet Licenses – All dogs must have a license. All new dogs must be registered and vaccinated for rabies within 30 days of arriving in state. For more information, contact the Maricopa County Animal Care at 602.506.PETS or www.pets.maricopa.gov

Boating, Fishing & Hunting Licenses – Arizona requires licenses for fishing, hunting and boating. For detailed information, contact: AZ Game & Fish Department, Mesa at 480.981.9400

Vehicle Registration – For more information, contact the Arizona Dept. of Transportation at 602.255.0072 or www.servicearizona.com

Registering a new Business – Visit www.aztaxes.gov for a guide for expanding, relocation and other details to starting or growing your business in Arizona.

Important Contacts

New to Arizona? Visit www.servicearizona.com

Maricopa County Assessor – 602.506.3406
or www.maricopa.gov/assessor

Arizona Tax Assistance – 602.255.3381

Property Tax – 602.716.6843

IRS – 800.829.1040 (individual) 800.829.4933 (business)

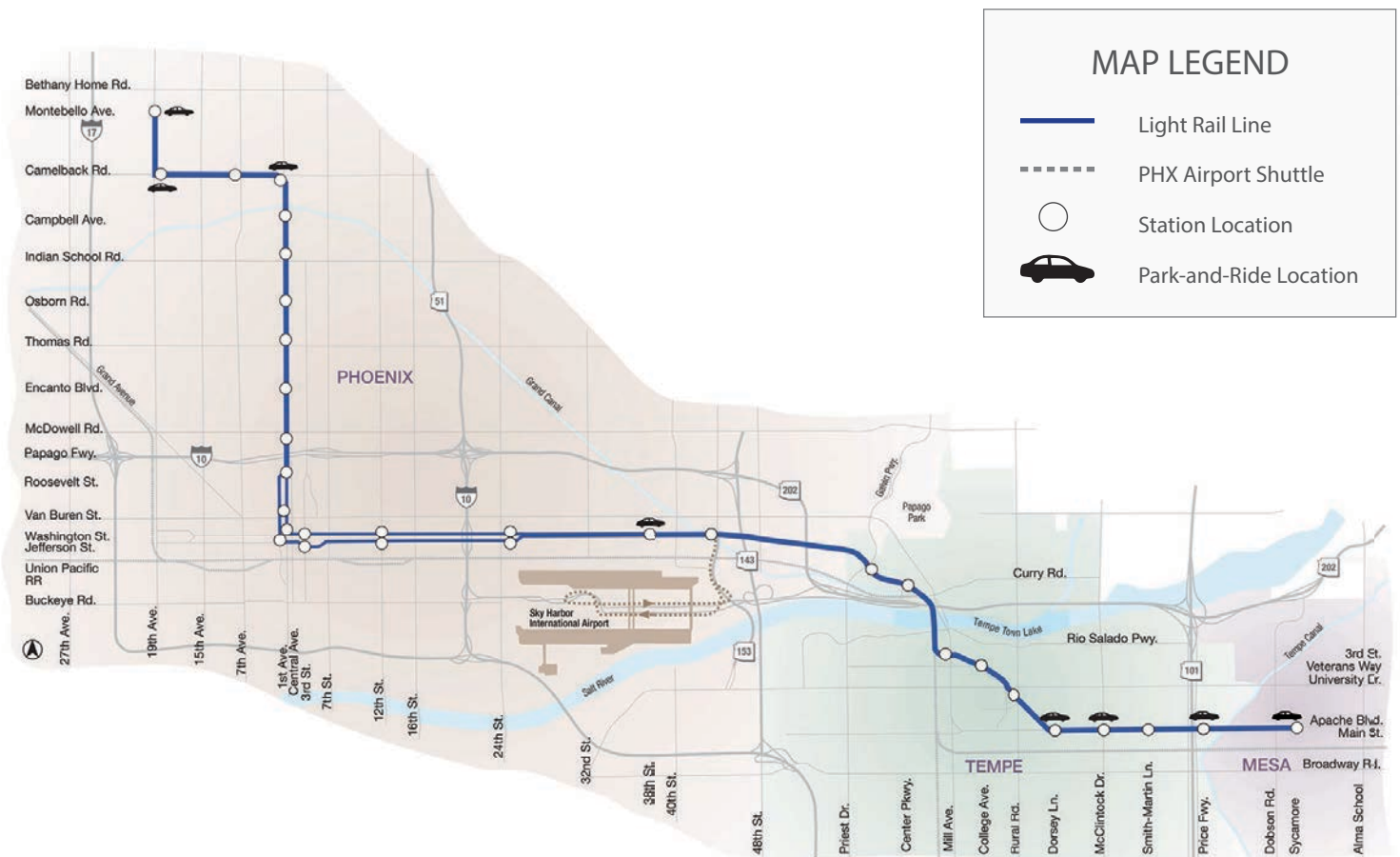
Emissions information – Car Care Hotline 800.284.7748
or www.myazcar.com

Arizona Department of Insurance – 602.364.2499
or www.id.state.az.us

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Greater Phoenix public transportation system is mostly comprised of a bus system and light rail operated by Valley Metro. To view full details on bus schedules and station locations, visit www.valleymetro.org.

Metro Light Rail is a great way to get to work, school, shopping and events in Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa. Light rail connects seamlessly with the bus system - your transit pass is good for both. The light rail line will travel south and east to Camelback Road, toward Sky Harbor International Airport and continue all the way to Tempe.



SOURCE: www.valleymetro.org



MARICOPA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The public school system in Maricopa County serves more than 625,000 students. Additionally, there are about 130 private, charter and college pre-boarding schools serving tens of thousands of children.

Agua Fria Union High School
750 E. Riley Dr., Avondale
623.932.7000

Alhambra Elementary
4510 N. 37th Ave, Phoenix 602.336.2920

Apache Junction Unified
1575 W. Southern Ave., AJ,
480.982.1110

Arlington Elementary
16351 Arlington School Rd., Arlington
512.386.2031

Avondale Elementary
235 W. Western Ave., Avondale
623.772.5000

Balsz Elementary
4825 E. Roosevelt, Phoenix
602.629.6400

Buckeye Elementary
210 S. 6th St., Buckeye, 623.386.4487

Buckeye Union High
902 Eason Ave., Buckeye, 623.386.9701

Cartwright Elementary
401 N. 67th Ave., Phoenix, 623.691.4000

Cave Creek Unified
33606 N. 60th St., Cave Creek
480.575.2000

Chandler Unified
1525 W. Fry Rd., Chandler
480.812.7000

Creighton Elementary
2702 E. Flower St., Phoenix
602.381.6000

Deer Valley Unified
20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix
623.445.5000

Dysart Unified
11405 N. Dysart Rd., El Mirage
623.876.7000

East Valley Institute
1601 W. Main St., Mesa, 480.461.4173

Fountain Hills Unified
16000 Palisades Blvd., Fountain Hills
480.664.5000

Fowler Elementary
1617 S. 67th Ave., Phoenix,
623.707.4500

Gilbert Unified
140 S. Gilbert Rd., Gilbert, 480.497.3300

Glendale Elementary
7301 N. 58th Ave., Glendale
623.842.8100

Glendale Union High
7650 N. 43rd Ave., Glendale
623.435.6000

Higley Unified District
15201 S. Higley Rd., Higley,
480.279.7000

Isaac Elementary
348 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix
602.484.4700

Kyrene School
8700 S. Kyrene Rd., Tempe
480.783.4000

Laveen Elementary
9401 S. 51st Ave., Laveen, 602.237.9100

Liberty Elementary School
19818 W. Highway 85, Buckeye
623.327.2940

Litchfield Elementary
553 Plaza Circle, Litchfield Park
623.535.6000

Madison Elementary
5601 N. 16th St., Phoenix, 602.664.7900

Maricopa County Regional
358 N. 5th Ave., Phoenix, 602.452.4700

Mesa Unified
63 E. Main St., Mesa, 480.472.0000

Murphy Elementary
615 W. Buckeye Rd., Phoenix
602.353.5000

Osborn Elementary
1226 W. Osborn Rd., Phoenix
602.707.2000

Palo Verde Elementary
10700 S. Palo Verde Rd., Pala Verde
623.386.4461

Paradise Valley Unified School
15002 N. 32nd St, Phoenix
602.867.5100

Pendergast Elementary
3802 N. 91st Ave, Phoenix, 623.772.2200

Peoria Unified
6330 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale
623.486.6000

Phoenix Elementary
1817 N. 7th St., Phoenix, 602.257.3755

For a complete list of school districts visit:
www.ade.state.az.us

MEDICAL SERVICES

Phoenix is home to the world-famous Mayo Clinic, the Barrow Neurological Institute and the nationally recognized Phoenix Children's Hospital. The Valley has many assisted living centers with thousands of units.

Metropolitan Phoenix

Estrella Medical Center
9201 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix
602.327.4000

Good Samaritan Medical Center
1111 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix
602.839.2000

Maricopa Medical Center
2601 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix
602.344.5011

Maryvale Hospital
5102 W. Campbell Ave., Phoenix
623.848.5000

Mayo Clinic Hospital
5777 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix
800.446.2279

North Mountain Hospital
250 E. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix
602.602.943.2381

Paradise Valley Hospital
3929 E. Bell Rd., Phoenix
602.923.5000

Phoenix Baptist Hospital
2000 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix
602.249.0212

Phoenix Children's Hospital
1919 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix
602.546.1000

Phoenix Indian Medical Center
4212 N. 16th St., Phoenix
602.263.1200

Phoenix Memorial Hospital
1201 S. 7th Avenue, Phoenix
602.716.5000

Barrow Neurological Institute
350 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix
602.406.3000

St. Luke's Medical Center
1800 E. Van Buren, Phoenix
602.251.8100

East Valley

Baywood Medical Center
6644 E. Baywood Ave., Mesa
480.321.2000

Chandler Regional Hospital
475 S. Dobson Rd., Chandler
480.728.3000

Desert Medical Center
1400 S. Dodson Rd., Mesa
480.512.3000

Banner Mesa Medical Center
1010 N. Country Club Dr., Mesa
480.834.1211

Tempe St. Luke's Hospital
1500 S. Mill Ave., Tempe
480.784.5500

Northeast Valley

Osborn Medical Center
7400 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale
480.882.4000

Shea Pediatric Center
9003 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale
480.860.3000

Thompson Peak Hospital
7400 E. Thompson Peak, Scottsdale
480.675.4636

Scottsdale Rehabilitation Hospital
9630 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale
480.551.5400

West Valley

Arrowhead Community Hospital
18701 N. 67th Ave., Glendale
623.561.7170

Boswell Memorial Hospital
10401 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City
623.977.7211

Banner Thunderbird Medical Center
55555 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale
602.865.5555

Banner Del E. Webb
Memorial Hospital
14502 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West
623.214.4000

West Valley Hospital
13677 W. McDowell Rd., Goodyear
623.882.1500

VA Hospitals

Hayden VA Medical Center
650 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix
602.277.5551
www.va.gov/visn18

VA Southwest Health Care Network
6950 E. Williams Field Rd., Mesa
602.222.2681
www.va.gov/visn18



GREATER PHOENIX *Parks*

White Tank Mountain Regional Park

Metropolitan Phoenix

Dreamy Draw Recreation Area
421 E. Northern Ave., Phoenix
602.262.7901

Echo Canyon Recreation Area
McDonald Dr. & Tatum, Phoenix
602.256.3220
Camelback Mountain and miles of hiking trails are located here.

Papago Park
Van Buren & Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
602.256.3220
1,200 acres of hills, mountains, hiking, museums and golf.

Phoenix Zoo
455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
602.273.1341
Named "One of the Top 5 Best Zoos for Families and Kids," by Child Magazine.

South Mountain Park & Preserve
10919 S. Central Ave., Phoenix
602.495.0222
America's largest municipal park.

Arizona Desert Botanical Gardens
1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
480.941.8134
Features one of the largest desert plant collections in the world.

Encanto Park
1202 W. Encanto Blvd., Phoenix
602.254.1200
www.enchantedisland.com

Northeast Valley

Cave Creek Recreation Area
7019 N. Lava Ln., Cave Creek
623.465.0431

McDowell Mountain Park
15612 E. Palisades Dr., Fountain Hills
480.471.0173

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale
480.312.2312
www.therailroadpark.com

East Valley

Mesa Community College
Rose Garden
1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa
480.461.7000

Usery Mountain Regional Park
3939 N. Usery Pass Rd., Mesa
480.084.0032

Freestone Park and Recreation Center
1141 E. Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert
480.503.6202

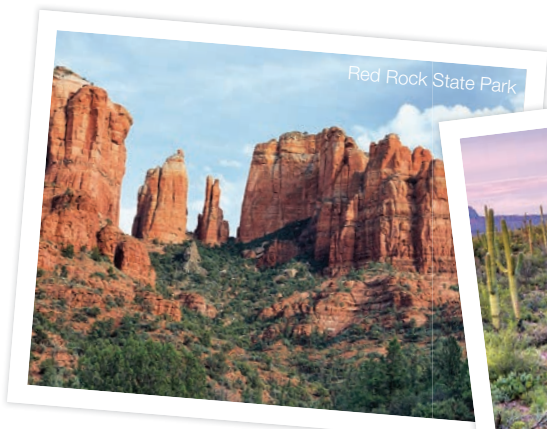
Kiwanis Park and Recreation Center
All American Way and Baseline, Tempe
602.350.5200

West Valley

Boyce Thompson Arboretum
37615 U.S. Hwy 60, Superior
520.689.2811
Arizona's largest and oldest botanical garden.

Estrella Mountain Regional Park
14805 W. Vineyard Ave., Goodyear
623.932.3811

White Tank Regional Park
13025 N. White Tank Mountain, Waddell
623.935.2505
Maricopa County's largest park



Arizona Day Trips

Casa Grande Ruins, Coolidge, AZ: 520.723.3172
Submerge yourself into the history of the Hohokam settlers.

Jerome State Historic Park, Jerome, AZ: 928.634.5381
A 100 year old copper mining town – fun for people of all ages.

Kit Peak National Observatory, AZ: 520.318.8726
Located about 50 miles southwest of Tucson. An 18-story observatory and the world's largest solar telescope are featured.

Lake Powell, Page, AZ: 928.608.6404
A reservoir on the Colorado River, straddling the border between Utah and Arizona - a major vacation spot.

Organ Pipe National Monument, Ajo, AZ: 520.387.6849
The Sonoran Desert's plants and wildlife create a fascinating ecosystem.

Petrified Forest National Park, Petrified Forest, AZ: 928.524.6228
Explore the Puerco Indian ruins amid a forest of petrified wood.

Red Rock State Park, Sedona, AZ: 928.282.6907
Unbelievably beautiful red rocks surround this 100 year-old town. Twenty minutes away is Slide Rock State Park, home of nature's own made smooth sandstone water slides.

Saguaro National Park, Tucson, AZ: 520.733.5153
See the world's most iconic cacti in this protected 143 square mile park.

Sunset Crater National Monument, Flagstaff, AZ: 928.526.0502
Nearly 1,000 years old, these cinder cones among the highest mountains in Arizona are breathtaking.



One of the original U.S. highways, also known as the Will Rogers Highway is a fun trip down memory lane with attractions to stop and explore along the way.



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