

# THINGS TO SEE AROUND GREEN VALLEY

**ARIVACA SELF-GUIDED TOURS.** Discover some of the prettiest country in the U.S. and the oldest schoolhouse in Arizona. Located in high desert the Arivaca area boasts rich grazing land and Arivaca Lake offers great fishing. Brochures available at Arivaca town merchants. (25 miles SW of Green Valley) 398-2702.

**ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM.** Living animal and plants of the Sonora Desert region. Many unique exhibits indoor and outdoor. Kinney Rd. north of Old Tucson Studios. Open every day of the year. 8:30-5:00. Admission Fee. (36 miles from Green Valley)

**BISBEE.** Rustic, charming, turn-of-the-century western town. Home of Lavender Pit Mine. One of the world's largest open-pit copper mines. (135 miles from Green Valley) 24 miles south of Tombstone on Route 80.

**CASA GRANDE RUINS NATIONAL MONUMENT.** Ruins of a massive four-story structure built of coarse caliche earth (high lime desert soil) by Indians who farmed in Gila Valley more than 600 years ago. Admission Fee. (100 miles from Green Valley)

**CATALINA STATE PARK.** Encompasses over 8,000 acres at the base of the northwestern slopes of the Catalina Mts. near Tucson. Picnicking, camping, hiking, and riding trails. Numerous archeological and ecological sites. Located 12 miles north of Tucson on US 89.

**CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT.** Alive with plants and animals, the monument contains tall, slender pinnacles and other geological oddities carved by nature from volcanic rock. (145 miles SE from Green Valley)

**COLOSSAL CAVE.** Possibly the world's largest dry limestone cavern. Open daily, tours begin every few minutes. I-19 north to I-10, east to Vail exit, north to cave. Admission Fee. 520-647-7275.

**DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE.** Contains the Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center, filled with hundreds of old planes. Call for tour times. Take any major east-west Tucson street to Craycroft. South on Craycroft to the base. 520-228-4570.

**FLANDRAU PLANETARIUM.** A fun and educational science center on the University of Arizona campus. Star Theater programs, laser light shows and science demonstrations. Free walk-through exhibits, science store, meeting rooms and a 16" telescope. Call 520-621-STAR.

**FT. HUACHUCA HISTORICAL MONUMENT.** Located in Sierra Vista it depicts the story of the frontier military post established in 1877 to protect settlers during the Indian wars. (95 miles SE of Green Valley)

**KITT PEAK NATIONAL OBSERVATORY.** Established in 1958 as the country's first national observatory. Site of the Mayall 158" telescope and McMath Solar telescope, the world's largest solar observation instrument. On the Tohono O'odham (formerly Papago) Indian Reservation. Tours on weekends, holidays. Open to the public every day except December 25. No admission fee. No food available, take picnic lunch. I-19 north to Ajo exit, Hwy. 86 west to Hwy. 386 south. (75 miles from Green Valley) 520-318-8000.

**MADERA CANYON.** Located in the Santa Rita Mts. east of Green Valley, home to many plants and animals rare in the U.S. Also one of the bird-watching *hot spots*. Picnic areas and campground. Continental Road east, turn right on White House Canyon Road and follow paved road. (15 miles from Green Valley)

**MT. HOPKINS/SMITHSONIAN OBSERVATORY.** Tours to 8,550 ft. summit Monday, Wednesday, Friday, March-November. Reservations. 520-670-5707. I-19 south to Canoa exit 56, east Frontage Road to Elephant Head Road, east to Mt. Hopkins Road to Visitor Center.

**MT. LEMMON.** Highest peak in the Santa Catalinas, skiing in the winter, picnic area, viewpoints at various elevations. Take I-19 north, I-10 east to exit 270, Kolb Rd., north to Tanque Verde and follow the signs to Mt. Lemmon. (Two + hour drive from Green Valley).

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**ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT** 516 sq. miles of Sonoran Desert featuring the rare organ pipe cactus. Exhibits, guided walks, scenic drive. I-19 north to Ajo exit, west on Hwy. 86 to town of Why, left on Hwy. 85 to entrance. (150 miles from Green Valley)

**PATAGONIA LAKE** Fishing and boating facilities. Stop in the town of Patagonia and visit the Horse of a Different Color Emporium (located in the old Museum of the Horse). I-19 south to Nogales, Hwy. 82 northwest to Patagonia and follow signs. (60 miles from Green Valley)

**PENA BLANCA LAKE** 52 acre lake near Mexican border; fishing, boat rental, picnic area and campground. I-19 south and west on Ruby Road 289. (48 miles from Green Valley)

**PIMA AIR MUSEUM** Indoor, outdoor displays of over 200 types of aircraft; extensive WWII collection. Open every day of the year 9-5 except December 25. No admission after 4:00 p.m. I-19 north to 1-10, east to Wilmont Road exit, north two miles. Admission Fee.

**REID PARK** Includes Hi Corbett Field, home of the Tucson Toros Triple A baseball and the Colorado Rockies spring training. Reid Park Zoo, 36-hole golf course, tennis. I-19 north, I-10 west to 22nd Street exit, East on 22nd Street, between Alvernon and Country Club.

**SABINO CANYON** Picnicking, bicycling, hiking. Cars not allowed in canyon. Shuttle service into canyon operates every day of year; leave and reboard as you wish. Visitor center and nature trail at entrance. See directions to Mt. Lemmon. Tanque Verde Rd. to Sabino Canyon Rd., and follow signs. Open 365 days a year. (1½ hour drive from Green Valley)

**SAGUARO NATIONAL MONUMENT** 63,000 acres of magnificent saguaro cacti. Rincon Mountain Section. Monument headquarters, exhibits, 9 mile circular drive, picnicking. On Old Spanish Train east of Tucson. Tucson Mountain Section. Information center, picnicking. North on Kinney Rd., past Old Tucson and Desert Museum. Admission Fee.

**SAN XAVIER MISSION** "White Dove of the Desert". Considered by many to be the finest example of Spanish Mission architecture. Open daily, 9-6. 520-294-2624. Take I-19 north to exit 92 San Xavier Road.

**SONOITA VINEYARDS** and **SANTA CRUZ WINERY** Arizona wines are becoming a drink of preference. A number of excellent wineries are located near Sonoita and Patagonia. Sonoita, Call 520-455-5893. Santa Cruz, Call 520-394-2888.

**TOMBSTONE** "The Town Too Tough to Die". Historic silver boomtown. Boothill Cemetery, OK Corral. I-19 north to I-10, east to Rte 80 or I-19 south to Nogales, Rte 82 to Rte. 80 south. (90 miles from Green Valley or 110 miles via Nogales)

**TUBAC** Oldest European settlement in Arizona. Today it is a village thriving on arts and crafts. Shops, galleries, restaurants. I-19 south. (23 miles from Green Valley)

**THE TUCSON MUSEUM OF ART** Houses a fine collection of pre-Columbian art and artifacts and hosts a continuous series of traveling exhibitions. 520-323-7888.

**TUMACACORI MISSION** Just south of Tubac on I-19. Church standing today built in the 1800's. Adjoining museum contains models of the original mission and village. (28 miles south of Green Valley)

**TITAN II MISSILE MUSEUM** Only remaining Titan II complex just as it was during the Cold War. Guided tours of missile complex including silo. Located on the north side of Green Valley off Duval Mine Road. Admission Fee. Call 625-7736 for reservations.