

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

There is so much to do in and around Scottsdale, and we encourage you to get out and enjoy the area while you're visiting. A few popular activities include:

Hike Camelback Mountain

During the late 1800s, the federal government reserved Camelback Mountain for an Indian reservation. By the 1940s, however, almost the entire mountain fell into private hands and remained so for most of the next two decades. Efforts on the county, state, and federal level to restrict development above the 1,600-foot level largely were unsuccessful, including failed efforts in 1963-64 in the state legislature to arrange land exchanges. In 1965, the Preservation of Camelback Mountain Foundation led by Barry Goldwater spearheaded community efforts to save as much of the summit as possible. This effort ultimately succeeded and was capped-off by a ceremony in 1968 marking a land exchange that President Lyndon Johnson and Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall attended. Two hiking trails ascend 1,280 feet (390 m) to the peak of Camelback Mountain. The Echo Canyon Trail is 1.14 miles (1900 m) and the Cholla Trail is 1.4 mi (2300 m). Both trails are considered strenuous with steep grades. The hiking path has dirt, gravel, boulders, and some handrail-assisted sections. The average hike requires a round trip time of 1.5 to 3 hours. For more information, please visit www.hikecamelback.com.

Downtown/Old Town Scottsdale

Downtown Scottsdale is the ultimate destination for visitors and residents alike to enjoy art galleries, specialty retail, a wide range of dining venues, southwestern cultural attractions, and an extraordinary nightlife. For more information, please visit www.downtownscottsdale.com.

Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall

Get ready for an exceptional shopping experience. Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall features Arizona's largest assortment of luxury brands, upscale amenities, exclusive sales and events, and a central location in the heart of Scottsdale. For more information, please visit www.fashionsquare.com.

Taste It - Food Tours

Make plans with other attendees for a culinary experience to remember! *Taste It Tours* started in 2011 as the creation of second-generation Arizonan Jessica Combest, a self-described foodie whose grandfather owned the first roller skating rink in Arizona, the RollerDrome. Jessica began her journey as a food tour customer in San Diego and fell in love with the concept. When she realized Phoenix/Scottsdale had no such offering, and since she was already an expert on the Phoenix/Scottsdale food scene, *Taste It Tours* was born. Since the beginning, *Taste It Tours*' goal has been to connect guests with the restaurants that have impacted the Downtown Phoenix and Old Town

Scottsdale culinary culture. You'll sample delicious food and drinks, learn a few facts, and definitely not go home hungry. For more information, please visit www.tasteittours.com.

Pink Adventure Tours

Since 1960, Pink Adventure Tours has been providing the most talked about off-road adventures in the Southwest. Their award-winning excursions are known as the premier "must-do" tours in Scottsdale. The exclusive Broken Arrow, Ancient Ruin, and Diamondback Gulch tours take you to places you never imagined existed. Pink Adventure Tours has the right tour for you, whether you're seeking rugged adventure; Native American history and culture; or nature, geology, and panoramic vistas. So, sit back and enjoy the ride! For more information, please visit www.pinkadventuretoursscottsdale.com.

If you find yourself with free time before or after the meeting, Sedona and the Grand Canyon are sites not to be missed.

Sedona

Sedona nestles among a geological wonderland. Multi-hued stone formations jut upwards from the high desert floor creating a vivid, mesmerizing setting that changes hourly with the light. When *USA Weekend* compiled its "Most Beautiful Places in America" list, Sedona claimed the top spot. Surrounded by 1.8 million acres of national forest land, visitors have instant access to many recreational activities. Trails for hiking and biking, along with bouncy jeep tracks, weave among the bristling forest of pinnacles, spires, buttes, and domes. Yet, you're never far from the indulgences of town. Sedona is equal parts rugged and resort. Regarded by Native Americans as sacred, Sedona continues to be recognized as a place of healing and spiritual renewal. Most recently, with its nearby vineyards and tasting rooms, Sedona has emerged as a destination for wine enthusiasts. For more information, please visit www.visitsedona.com.

Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon National Park is one of the world's premier natural attractions with about five million visitors per year. With its layered bands of red rock revealing millions of years of geological history, it is truly a site to behold. Viewpoints include Mather Point, Yavapai Observation Station, and architect Mary Colter's Lookout Studio and her Desert View Watchtower. Lipan Point, with wide views of the canyon and Colorado River, is popular at sunrise and sunset. 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. For more information, please visit www.thecanyon.com.

