

A city full of surprises

Here are some fun facts that will make you fall even more in love with vibrant Phoenix and its quirks, natural wonders and experiences that it offers on every visit: where sun, culture and history converge to offer a unique experience in the Southwestern United States.

Sun City

Phoenix is known as the "Sun City" because of its more than 300 days of sunshine a year. Its desert climate attracts visitors in search of warm temperatures and clear skies.

Camelback Mountain and Piestewa Peak

These majestic rock formations not only offer breathtaking views, but also have names that pay homage to local history.

Camelback Mountain is named for its resemblance to a camel lying down, while Piestewa Peak honors Lori Piestewa, the first Native American woman to die in combat.

Historic Old Town

Old Town Phoenix, with its cobblestone streets and restored buildings, transports you back to 19th-century Arizona. It is also home to Arizona's first grocery store, Fry's Market.

Roosevelt Row

This arts district is noted for its vibrant murals and cutting-edge galleries. A curiosity: some of these murals have been created in collaboration with local and nationally renowned artists.

Sky Harbor International Airport

Named one of the best airports in the country, Sky Harbor International Airport features a unique Aviation Museum that showcases artifacts and interactive exhibits.

Desert Botanical Garden

This oasis in the middle of the desert features an amazing variety of plants adapted to the extreme conditions of the Southwest. One of the most fascinating facts is that it is home to the world's largest cactus, *Carnegiea gigantea*.

Papago Bridges

These unique bridges, known locally as "Los Grapadoras", are a masterpiece of modern engineering. Their distinctive shape and importance in the urban landscape make them a must-see attraction.

Indigenous History

Phoenix is located on the ancestral homeland of the Yavapai and Akimel O'odham tribes. The Heard Museum highlights the rich cultural heritage of these communities, displaying art and artifacts that tell their story.

Van Buren Avenue and the Classic Car District

For collector car lovers, Van Buren Avenue is a hidden treasure with a concentration of stores and workshops dedicated to the restoration and display of vintage automobiles.

Phoenix Symphony Hall

This majestic building is home to the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra and houses one of the most acclaimed concert halls in the country, known for its excellent acoustics.

Sunlight Sculptures

Downtown, sunlight sculptures known as "Her Secret is Patience" transform the cityscape during the day with their intricate patterns of shadows and lights.

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Arizona State Fair

The annual state fair held in the Grand Canyon State is the fifth largest in the United States. In addition to typical fair attractions, it features shows, concerts and competitions celebrating local culture and agriculture.

Sports Culture

Phoenix is home to professional sports teams Arizona Cardinals (football), Phoenix Suns (basketball) and Arizona Diamondbacks (baseball), offering visitors the opportunity to enjoy exciting sporting events during their stay.

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