

Welcome to Arizona

Tombstone...the OK Corral...Saguaro cactus...Monument Valley...and of course the largest geological wonder in the United States, the Grand Canyon, can all be found here in Arizona! While the train only crosses the southern portion of the state, Arizona is home to a land of immense diversity both in its culture and in its natural wonders. Through the lenses of Hollywood, more images of the great American west have been created in Arizona than any other state. Images of stark, silhouetted buttes and vast expanses of desert, and of course the ever present Saguaro cactus, have filled the television and movie screens both here in the United States and abroad. You can still find working cowboys and cowgirls, as well as Native Americans on landscapes reminiscent of yesteryear. You will also find people from variety of cultures in the large cities of Tucson and Phoenix, in the mountains of Northern Arizona and on ranches large and small. Their legacy can be found in the many historical sites, ghost towns, ancestral lands and museums scattered throughout the Grand Canyon State.

Arizona has only been a state since February 14, 1912 and was the last of the lower 48 states to be admitted to the United States. Since then, Arizona has grown rapidly and has become home to the warm weather tourism crowds. With an ever increasing population and great outdoor weather, Arizona has some of the most accessible public lands, including 25 National Park Service areas. Hiking, camping and a whole range of outdoor activities are available throughout the state. In the northeast corner of the state, you can stand on one foot and touch four states: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. If you like time travel, a hike down the Grand Canyon will take you through millions of years of history. Check out the array of festivals and activities around the state - they happen all year.

For more information this state, you can visit the website of the Arizona office of tourism at <http://www.arizonaguide.com/> .

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