SEASONS

Mother Nature smiles on some cities more than others. Phoenix, obviously, is blessed in the sunshine department.

Phoenix basks in sunshine more than any other major metropolitan area in the U.S.—during 85 percent of its daylight hours. And the cliché that “it’s a dry heat” rings true: Humidity levels are pleasantly low, even in summer.

The bottom line: Any time is a good time to visit the Sonoran Desert.

WINTER

During the winter months Greater Phoenix enjoys blue skies and highs in the 60s and 70s. Winter nights in the desert can get chilly, though the temperatures rarely dip below freezing.

SPRING

Phoenix’s weather is consistently perfect during springtime. Daytime temperatures hit around 80 degrees, with evening temperatures comfortably cool. Spring is when hikers hit the trails to see blooming cactuses and wildflowers, and baseball fans flock to stadiums across the metro area for Cactus League Spring Training.

SUMMER

Summertime temps routinely reach triple digits in summer, but a 100-degree day in the desert actually feels much more pleasant than an 85-degree day in a locale with heavy humidity. The best thing about summer in Phoenix: It’s value season. Prices at resorts, hotels and golf courses plunge.

FALL

Autumn days in Phoenix are warm, sunny and exceedingly pleasant. It’s a great time for recreational pursuits, off-season sunbathing and, seemingly, everything. Nights can get cool, but patio dining and outdoor events are still comfortable.

Average Temperatures in Phoenix

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PHOENIX ARIZONA
Welcome to Greater Phoenix. Arizona’s sprawling metropolis and the cosmopolitan heart of America. This city is punctuated by majestic mountains and the sun shines during 90 percent of daylight hours.

Metropolitan Phoenix is expansive. It’s far in size to the radius of Denver and the state of Oklahoma, and encompasses more than 50 cities and towns. Getting around—thanks in part to the regional airport, Mercado del Norte, downtown Phoenix—including the CenturyLink center—is convenient.

What sets Phoenix apart from other big cities in the United States is its Sonoran Desert locale. Greater Phoenix has more parks and open spaces than any other major city in the nation, and the downtown core alone offers nine hundred miles of trails and four thousand acres of parks and open space.

This is Phoenix: Beautiful. Wild. Distinct. Diverse. Fun. for high-desert golf courses, destination spas and upscale shopping. street tacos, spring-training baseball and casual patio dining as it is easy to migrate between high culture and low. It is known as much for its Sonoran Desert scenery. Greater Phoenix has more acreage of parks and open space than any other major city in the nation.

Welcome to Greater Phoenix, America’s sunniest metropolis and the cosmopolitan heart of Arizona. The city is surrounded on all sides by mountains, and the sun shines during 85 percent of daylight hours.

Greater Phoenix’s perpetual sunshine might tempt you to spend all your time lounging poolside or on the beach. But don’t go there. Explore the Sonoran Desert’s horizons will broaden yours. Below are 10 must-see attractions, that will make your vacation one to remember.

1. Camelback Mountain. 
2. Desert Botanical Garden. 
10. Taliesin West.

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**ICONIC SOUTHWEST**

Greater Phoenix’s distinct Southwestern culture is defined by its colorful collection of activities. Ancient Pueblos, Native American Ponderosa Stables, Mexican-influenced restaurants, Romances, Cowboys. The legacy of these diverse peoples can be seen in the region’s architecture, culture and cuisine.

There are wonderful things to do in Greater Phoenix when you want to get a taste of authentic Southwest culture. Some steps are educational, others are pure fun. All that awaits you is a cornucopia of frontier and native cuisine.

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### SHOPPING

**Phoenix**
- Phoenix is a shopper’s Shangri-La! The bigbreadave: where to find it
  - Fashion Outlets of Arizona, Phoenix
  - Galleria at Scottsdale
  - Tanger Outlets Scottsdale
  - Premium Outlets Phoenix, Phoenix
  - Westgate Premium Outlets, Glendale

**Tempe**
- Tempe Marketplace
  - Downtown Tempe
  - Chandler Fashion Center
  - Tempe Marketplace

**Scottsdale**
- Scottsdale Fashion Square
  - Scottsdale Fashion Square
  - North Scottsdale
  - Old Scottsdale

**Chandler**
- Chandler Fashion Center

**Gilbert**
- Outlets at Gilbert

**Goodyear**
- Arizona Mills

**Peoria**
- Peoria Premium Outlets

**Other**
- Premium Outlets at Peoria

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**EVENTS**

**DOWNTOWN PHOENIX**

When the business day ends, downtown Phoenix lights up with entertainment options.

- Theaters: Downtown Phoenix features some of the best live theater in the Southwest. The Phoenix Theatre Company offers a variety of performances, from classic dramas to modern musicals. The Musical Hall of Arizona, located in the heart of downtown Phoenix, is the perfect spot for seeing concerts and Broadway productions. The Phoenix Symphony Hall, located in the heart of downtown Phoenix, is the perfect spot for seeing concerts and Broadway productions.

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**INNATURAL SOUTHWEST**

**Paddle Grand Mesa and Archeological Park**
- Expriences a unique natural area with artifacts from an early Native American site. The trail begins at a large rock formation and offers stunning views of the surrounding landscape. The park is 1,000 feet above the town and offers an excellent place for nature enthusiasts.

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**Rodeo Drive**
- Rodeo Drive is a popular shopping destination in Santa Monica, California, known for its upscale shops and high-end fashion boutiques. Visitors can find designer clothing, jewelry, and accessories at stores such as Gucci, Louis Vuitton, and Prada. The area also features a variety of restaurants and coffee shops, making it a popular destination for both locals and tourists.

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**Mesa**
- Mesa is the perfect place to shop for antiques, art, and collectibles. The area is known for its array of vintage stores, antique shops, and art galleries. Visitors can explore the city’s history and culture through its diverse array of small businesses and museums.

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**Tangier Outlets**
- Tangier Outlets is a popular shopping destination in Scottsdale, Arizona. The outlet mall features over 200 designer and name-brand stores, offering savings of up to 55% off retail prices.