

TOURS
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AZA Events will be offering tours during The American Legion's 102nd National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Should you wish to take advantage of any tours, as the attendee you are personally responsible for registering and paying for all charges associated with each tour.

A current listing of tours and their descriptions is listed below.

For pricing and registration please click [here](#).

Scottsdale Art & Cultural Walking Tour

Experience fascinating Scottsdale in a whole new way! On your private walking tour of downtown, you will learn how the lifestyle we enjoy can exist and how it came to be. Walking along Scottsdale's newly developed Waterfront you will hear how if not for the visionary efforts of the ancient Hohokam Scottsdale as we know it may not exist for, they were the ones who used stone hoes to construct the ditches we use today to supply water to this arid desert. Today these same canals provide the water that sustains our fabulous way of life. Start your downtown walking adventure with your personal art tour guide. Along the way learn about Scottsdale's renowned public artwork, including Hashknife, The Doors, the Tributary wall and the much anticipated Soleri pedestrian bridge as well as many others. You will also hear about Scottsdale's fascinating history, culture and arts.

A Taste of Phoenix or Scottsdale

This incredible walking food and cultural tour opens your mind and palette with tales full of rich history—one taste at a time. On this tour you will sample great food and sip fine wine as you travel through time to some of the same streets that have been stomped on by the cowboys of the early 1900's frontier. You will be led through Old Town Scottsdale from past to present and discover how it has grown throughout the years and why it is still, today one of the most popular and tasty tourist destinations in the U.S. Tourists and locals alike can learn and explore many great places that may otherwise go unseen!

Valley of the Sun

Arizona truly has a diverse and intriguing arts and cultural scene. The Sonoran Desert has long been an inspiration to architects as well as artists. This informative half day tour is the perfect introduction to the ins and outs of Phoenix! The possibilities are endless and an extraordinary place to witness the southwest culture. At tours end you will be a specialist on the unique sights of our city as well as where to dine and shop

Heard Museum

Boasting a collection of over 32,000 artifacts and works of art, the Heard Museum offers each visitor “an unparalleled journey into Native American art and culture,” commented one reviewer. Dedicated to providing moving and accurate portrayals of the art and way of life of the Southwest’s indigenous people, the displays examine their issues, stories and traditions. Set in Spanish Colonial architecture, every moment is a pleasure. Acclaimed by USA Today as “the nation’s most prestigious private Indian arts center,” the museum incorporates ten exhibit galleries that showcase outstanding traditional and contemporary art.

Desert Botanical Gardens Tour

Think the desert is all dirt and tumbleweeds? Think again. Desert Botanical Garden is home to thousands of species of cactus, trees and flowers from all around the world spread across 55 acres in Phoenix, Arizona. Within sight of the red, rocky folds of Phoenix’s Papago Park lies the Desert Botanical Garden, home to the one of the world’s largest and most diverse collection of desert plants. A stroll through the Garden’s meandering trails will show how much life and beauty the desert holds. The Garden inhabits 145 acres and has a garden collection with over 20,000 cataloged plants and represents one of the most important collections of desert plants in the world.

Musical Instrument Museum

Experience music and instruments from around the globe at Phoenix's \$250 million music museum. The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) is grand in scale and scope and celebrates music by showcasing instruments collected from every country around the globe. MIM is the first of its kind with more than 10,000 instruments, 3,000 of which are on display at any given time. The collection includes instruments from around two hundred countries and territories in the world. Some larger countries such as India, China, Russia, the United States, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and others have multiple displays with subsections for different types of ethnic, folk, and tribal music. The instruments have both historic and artistic merit, and many are more than fifty years old. MIM's goal is to acquire instruments that have been used for folk and tribal occasions wherever possible.

Native Cultures & Plants of the Southwest

This tour begins at The Desert Botanical Gardens. Founded in 1939, it has flourished into one of the best botanical gardens in the world and the only one whose mission is to focus solely on desert plant life. This tour is an unbeatable southwest experience, which acquaints you with the diversity of the Sonoran Desert and the resourcefulness of its native people.

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Architectural Digest - Frank Lloyd Wright's & Paolo Soleri Tours

Your personalized tour of Taliesin West takes you along the courtyards and terraces, garden paths and reflecting pool area, past a bearing citrus grove and beside the working drafting studio of the Taliesin Architectural Group. Often acclaimed as the greatest architect of the 20th Century, Frank Lloyd Wright discovered the Arizona desert in the late 1920's. By 1937, he decided to build a permanent home, studio and architectural campus on 600 acres of beautiful, rugged foothills of the McDowell Mountains. We'll follow this with a visit to Cosanti. Tour of Paolo Soleri's Cosanti Studios is a lovely stop to include on any tour of the Scottsdale area. Paolo Soleri was a world-renowned architectural innovator who briefly studied with Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin West. Guests will especially enjoy Cosanti as the headquarters, foundry, studio, & gallery for Paolo Soleri Bronze & Ceramic Windbells & Sculptures that are renowned all over the world.

Desert Hiking Tour

Our Guided Desert Hiking Tour will give you a chance to experience this remarkable ecosystem in the company of our expert guide staff. We'll begin by meeting your group at their accommodations and accompanying them to the trailhead. During your hike we'll examine the unique adaptations of our otherworldly cacti and desert vegetation and discuss the lifeways and survival strategies of the animals that make this arid land home. We'll take note of seasonal blooms and migratory birds and learn how settlers throughout history thrived on the surprising abundance found in this environment. Bring your camera and your wonder and leave with the memories and images of this incomparable landscape.