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# Sample Tucson Itinerary

## SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF TUCSON 3-Day Itinerary *Sample Tour Created by Visit Tucson*

*We offer custom itinerary assistance, lodging RFPs, and much more. Our services are complimentary.*

### Day 1

Begin your day with a tour at the **Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**, which tells the unique story of the Sonoran Desert region. More than 300 species of live animals and 1,400 species of plants indigenous to the Sonoran Desert are exhibited in naturalistic habitats.



Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum



Old Tucson

Your next visit is **Old Tucson**, the famous movie location and theme park. Take a step back in time and enjoy watching a simulated gunfight and saloon show and then enjoy lunch.

Take a drive-through tour of **Saguaro National Park West** and get a breathtaking view of thousands of saguaros, the giants of the desert.



Saguaro National Park West

### Day 2

Enjoy the views at **Sabino Canyon Recreation Area**-a true desert oasis. The narrated ground-tram ride lasts 45-minutes and travels through some of the most camera-worthy scenery in the Tucson area. Head west to **DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun**, a unique adobe construction with beautiful decorative features and rooms exhibiting Ted DeGrazia originals on subjects such as Padre Kino, Cabeza de Vaca, and Yaqui Easter.

Break for lunch at **La Encantada** and experience an upscale outdoor specialty shopping center that celebrates the splendor of old-world Spanish traditions alongside modern sophistication.

Drive south to the **Pima Air & Space Museum**, where more than 300 aircraft are on display, representative of America's aviation history. This impressive aircraft collection ranges from the first (a replica of the Wright flyer) to the ultimate flying machine, the famous SR-71A Blackbird.



Pima Air & Space Museum

Dine at any one of the many unique locally-owned restaurants in Tucson, which was named by UNESCO in 2015 as **International City of Gastronomy**, the first in America!

### Day 3

Become familiar with Tucson's past, present, and future on a city tour including historic sites in the downtown area.

Break for lunch and shopping at **Old Town Artisans**, located in downtown Tucson's El Presidio Historic District. Housed within the 150-year-old restored adobe buildings are several distinctive shops and galleries, featuring contemporary and traditional art and fine crafts from hundreds of local and national artists.



Old Town Artisans

Visit **Mission San Xavier del Bac**, the oldest intact European structure in Arizona and one of the finest examples of Spanish mission architecture in the United States. Founded in 1692 by a Jesuit missionary, Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, the mission was created to serve, as it still does, the Tohono O'odham ("Desert People") of the village of W̱a:k. Visitors can learn about the history, architecture, culture, and surroundings of the mission -- known as "The White Dove of the Desert" -- during docent-led tours, which are free (donations accepted) and last approximately 45 minutes.



Mission San Xavier del Bac

Enjoy dinner at one of Tucson's many award-winning Mexican restaurants like **El Charro** or **Café Poca Cosa**.