

# Arizona Scottsdale



Scottsdale is only an hour flight from San Diego. Known as “The Most Livable City,” Scottsdale is a mix of Western nostalgia and urban living. With 330 days of sunshine every year, the Valley of the Sun is a visitor’s playground. A rising culinary scene, thriving art culture and top-rated golf courses make Scottsdale the perfect weekend getaway.

## GALLERIES/MUSEUMS

One trip to downtown Scottsdale and you’ll notice the city’s love affair with art. The heart of Phoenix’s art culture is located in Scottsdale’s **Downtown Art and Shopping District (4)**, composed of Main Street, Marshall Way and Fifth Avenue in Old Town. Here, you’ll find everything from Native American art to contemporary collections in more than 125 galleries. You can peruse many galleries at the weekly Scottsdale ArtWalk. Every Thursday evening for the past 30 years, patrons have enjoyed a glass of wine while chatting with owners and artists.

Art lovers can also visit the **Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (2)** at 7374 E. Second St. (480-874-4666).

SMoCA visitors will be wowed by the extensive collection of modern art, architecture and design. Be sure to visit the sculpture garden and ask about the art programs for kids and adults.

## SHOPPING

For the ultimate in shopping, visit the largest shopping mall in the Southwest, **Westcor’s Scottsdale Fashion Square (9)** at the northwest corner of Camelback and Scottsdale Roads (480-941-2140). With around 2 million square feet of retail space, locals and visitors enjoy high-end shopping at stores such as Hugo Boss, BCBG Max Azria, Neiman Marcus and the new Barney’s New York set to open fall 2009.

## GOLF

With 330 days of sunshine each year, it’s not surprising *Golf Digest* ranked Scottsdale the number one place in the West for golfers to live. Of the Valley of the Sun’s 200 golf courses, the most well-known is **TPC Scottsdale (12)**, home to the FBR Open at 17020 N. Hayden Rd. (480-585-4334). Join the world’s best-attended golf event in late January each year.

## WHERE TO DINE

For the best fish, take a quick trip into Phoenix to the **Fish Market (10)** at 1720 E. Camelback Rd. (602-277-3474). Open since 1986, this was the first place in town to introduce a sushi bar. With a wide selection of fresh fish, you’ll forget you are in the desert. See Restaurants.

You can soak up the “West’s Most Western Town” with a trip to the **Roaring Fork (11)** at 4800 N. Scottsdale Rd. Ste. 1700 (480-947-0795). This Texas-style steak saloon features Dr Pepper-braised short ribs served with chili cheese grits. Or try the “Big Ass Burger,” 12 ounces of beef smothered with Colby cheese and smoky bacon.

Make sure to visit the new Waterfront and dine at **Olive & Ivy (8)** at 7135 E. Camelback Rd. Ste. 195 (480-751-2200). Sit on the spacious patio overlooking the canal and sip homemade sangria. For dinner try the smoked salmon flatbread or the marinated hanger steak with white truffle fries.

Down the Scottsdale strip is **Oregano's Pizza (1)**, which is straight out of the Windy City at 3622 N. Scottsdale Rd. (480-970-1860). You'll find a huge menu of thin crust and traditional deep dish, Chicago-style pizzas. Every trip to Oregano's must end with a famous pizza cookie of mouthwatering cookie dough piled high with water cream. You'll fight over the last bite!

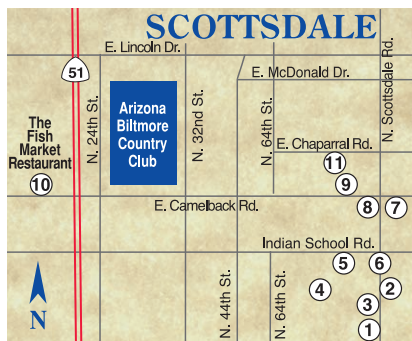
Next-door is the best happy hour in town—**Salty Seniorita (3)** at 3636 N. Scottsdale Rd. (480-946-7258). You'll find great deals on drinks and appetizers everyday from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Salty's also has a menu boasting 134 varieties of tequila and a Sunday Brunch with create your own Bloody Marys.

No trip to historic Old Town would be complete without a visit to a true Scottsdale landmark, which is the **Sugar Bowl (6)** at 4005 N. Scottsdale Rd. (480-946-0051). This old-fashioned ice cream parlor has been scooping up sweets for over 50 years.

#### WHERE TO STAY

With more than 70 hotels and resorts in the Scottsdale area, there are plenty of great places to stay. One recommendation is the new **W Scottsdale Hotel (7)** at 7277 E. Camelback Rd. (480-970-2100). There are 224 rooms from (\$179), all equipped with hip and trendy amenities. Bliss Spa offers creative spa treatments and Sushi Roku restaurant provides the freshest in Japanese cuisine.

So what are you waiting for? Come to Scottsdale for a weekend getaway. Roundtrip airfare from San Diego for two is less than (\$500).



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