

Phoenix, AZ

Description:

- Near-perpetual sunshine, natural beauty in every direction, and jaw-dropping sunsets paint the desert sky on a nightly basis.
- Thanks to a metamorphosis in [Phoenix's urban core](#) — including a newly expanded convention center, a new 1,000-room hotel, and a light-rail system that connects meeting attendees to a new world of dining and entertainment options — convening here packs more value than ever.
- Sky Harbor International Airport is just a few miles from downtown Phoenix. All major domestic airlines, as well as a number of smaller carriers, fly into Phoenix.

Architectural Interest:

- Historic Heritage Square encompasses the only remaining group of residential structures from the original town site of Phoenix. In 1870, a meeting was held to select a town site for the influx of pioneers coming to the recently recognized town of Phoenix. 320 acres were purchased for \$50 raised by popular subscription. This original site, the whole of the town of Phoenix in that day, encompasses what would presently be the Downtown Core.
- Roosevelt has reinvented itself from a blighted, drug infested area to the epicenter of the Central Phoenix art scene. Pedestrian friendly.
- Downtown and Central Phoenix are home to several historic neighborhoods ranging from turn of the 20th-century Victorian to mid-20th-century modern architecture.
- Encanto-Palmcroft Historic District - Beautiful movement of planning, the Palmcroft and Encanto Districts were developed starting in the late 1920s. With winding lanes, tree-lined streets, lush landscaping and nearby Encanto Park, this neighborhood resembles more of an English suburb than a Phoenician neighborhood. The district contains many larger, period revival manors, marking a time when it was a getaway from the hustle and bustle of early city life.

Other Points of Interest:

- Arizona Science Center - over 350 permanent hands-on exhibits & IMAX theatre
- Phoenix Museum of History
- Phoenix Art Museum – the Southwest US's largest museum for visual art
- Rosson House - built in 1895 and still sits in its original foundation in downtown Phoenix's Heritage Square. Originally named for Dr. Roland Lee Rosson and his wife Flora Murry, this house changed hands numerous times before finally being purchased by the city and restored very accurately to its original condition.
- Downtown Phoenix has a large sports presence.
- Biltmore Fashion Park + lots of other shopping and dining opportunities

Possible Hotels:

- Arizona Biltmore <http://www.arizonabiltmore.com>
- Arizona Grand Resort & Spa <http://www.arizonagrandresort.com>
- JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phxdr-jw-marriott-phoenix-desert-ridge-resort-and-spa/>
- Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort <http://www.squawpeakhilton.com/>
- Westin Kierland Resort & Spa <http://www.kierlandresort.com/>