

HOW TO PHOENIX

HI! IF YOU'RE READING THIS, YOU MADE THE WISE DECISION TO COME VISIT THE UPTOWN DESIGN DISTRICT HERE IN THE VALLEY OF THE SUN.

We made this little book to share with you all the things we love about this neighborhood (and this city). We really love this place. And we want you, too. So we hope you visit as many of these spots as you can while you're here. Feel free to take this guide with you! It doubles as a very handy sun visor and/or mini-placemat in a pinch.

Check out these places, and if you're looking for more, come chat with us at the popsicle shop or text 480.555.0123.

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BREAKFAST

Yes, it's 8 a.m. and the sun is at full force. Please have some water and fuel up before you drink anything with prickly pear in it.

Matts Big Breakfast

Possibly Phoenix's most famous breakfast spot. Long lines are worth the wait for the classic home-style offerings in a modern setting.



825 N. 1st St. AND
3118 E. Camelback Rd.

EAT

Vovomeena

at Matt's

It's like eating at grandma's house (your new favorite Portuguese grandma). Fuel up for the day with our favorite, the B.M.O.C. – a waffle made from scratch adorned with a porkchop, of course.



1515 N. 7th Ave.

Presidio Cocina Mexicana

Real Mexican found here. From the horchata to the street corn to the Chiles Rellenos, you may want to come back from lunch, too.



519 W. Thomas Rd.

Morning Glory Café at The Farm at South Mountain

Tree-shaded patio seating on a farm. Perfect for Sunday brunch or a picnic! Their seasonal omelets are the hands-down crowd-pleaser.



6106 S. 32nd St.

Lolo's Chicken Waffles

Southern fried chicken and fried green tomatoes. Kid and adult-friendly. And yes, drink the kool-aid.



1220 S. Central Ave.

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Cartel Coffee Lab

The closest coffee shop to your bed, these hometown heroes are coffee legends.



400 W. Camelback Rd.

Kream Coffee

Epic cold brew, hot coffee, and teas. Order at the walk-up window or have a seat and enjoy the mod shopping.



5102 N. Central Ave.



COFFEE

Have you ever gone on a cold brew tasting tour? We have! Not a great idea. Ours ended after the third cup when the jitters made it impossible to blink. Coffee is the best, isn't it?

Lux Coffee & Bar

Tucked away rustic coffee shop, this bakery, bar and bistro is known for attracting Phoenix hipsters and stays bustling past midnight. Get the mac and cheese.



4402 N. Central Ave.

Songbird Coffee & Tea House

Cozy cafe set inside an original downtown home, boasting a great tea selection. Enjoy the relaxed vibe inside or on the patio. Make sure to pet Bob the cat.



812 N. 3rd St.

Giant Coffee

Hip coffee shop with an airy lounge-like atmosphere and funky vibe.



1437 N. 1st St.

CLOSEST EATS

These remarkable culinary gems are just a stone's throw from the hotel. A small stone. Thrown by Diamondback's legend Randy Johnson. In favorable prevailing winds.

Windsor

Burger, sweet potato fries, historic building, and hunt for the cassette wall.



5223 N. Central Ave.

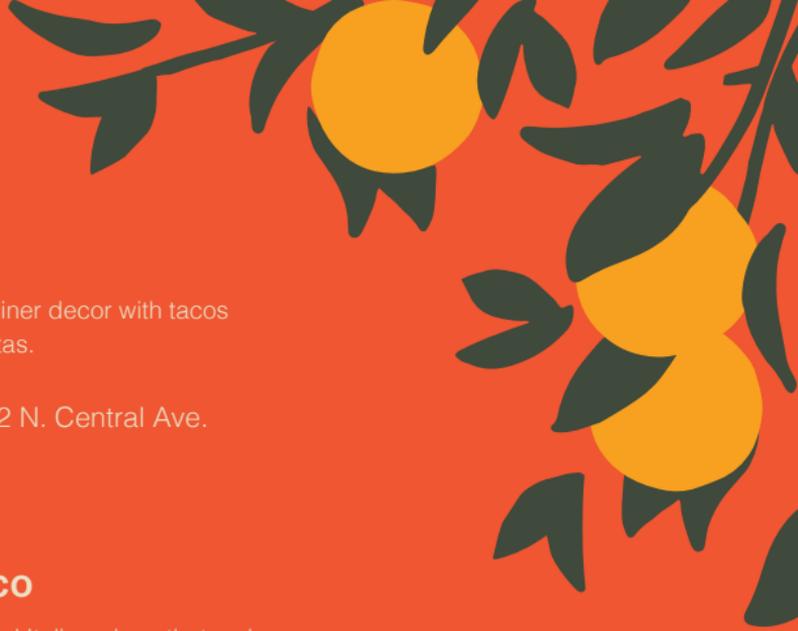
Postino Central

Choose bruschetta and wine for the win.



5144 N. Central Ave.





Joyride

Funky 50's diner decor with tacos and margaritas.



5202 N. Central Ave.

Pubblico

Neighborhood Italian place that makes pastas and sauces from scratch.



5813 N. 7th St.

Pane Bianco

Enjoy Italian-inspired sandwiches and salads showcasing Chris Bianco's fabulous bread in a relaxed setting.



4404 N. Central Ave.

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Durant's

Enter through the backdoor, head through the kitchen, and begin a Soprano-esque evening of steaks, fine wines, and light racketeering.



2611 N. Central Ave.

Tee Pee Mexican Food

A Phoenix classic that's been around forever. Generations have grown up eating here, and the fact that it's still around says it all.



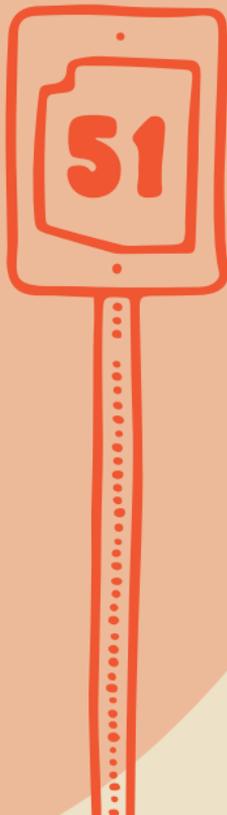
4144 E. Indian School Rd.

Pa'la

Wood-fired seafood and creative vegetable fare served in a cozy renovated house with large small patio. Don't let the paper plates fool you, this is some of the best cooking in Phoenix.



2107 N. 24th St.



WORTH-THE-TREK EATS

Science has proven that food tastes better after a short drive. You believe in science, don't you?

Nogales Hot Dogs

Sonoran-style hot dog stand, open after 7pm only. You won't be sorry you went.



1945 E Indian School Rd.

Pizzeria Bianco

Chris Bianco's second location of his landmark pizzeria. This one is every bit as good – but without the long lines. (Shhh...don't tell anyone).



4743 N. 20th St.



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The Churchill

Indecisive? Then this might be your spot. 20 shipping containers stacked with surprises for all. Grab a bite to eat, an Arizona signature t-shirt, a cocktail – or all three.



901 N. 1st St.

Cibo

For the romantics among us, some enchanted twinkling trees to go with your pizza and wine. Or go alone, we're not judging.



603 N. 5th Ave.



DOWNTOWN EATS

Downtown: when you've eaten your way through Uptown.

Phoenix Public Market Cafe

Freshest of feasts. And the parking lot transforms into a Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.



14 E. Pierce St.

Barrio Café Gran Reserva

Avant-garde Mexican cuisine that disrupted the old school guacamole game with a pinch of pomegranate seeds. Visionaries, indeed.



1301 NW. Grand Ave.

Bar Bianco

Grab a cocktail at this intimate bar while you wait for your table next door at Pizzeria Bianco to be ready. Yes, if your table is ready before you finish, you can bring your drink right over with you.



609 E. Adams St.

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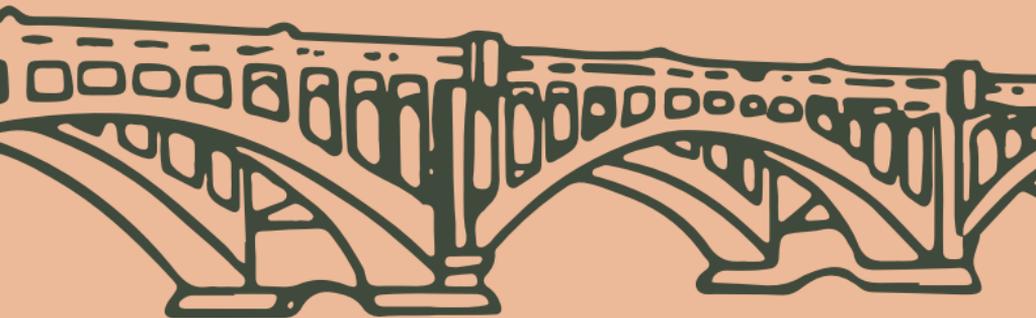
FESTS OF THE WEST

January

New Years' Eve Block Party. Ring in the new year with a few thousand of your best friends. A single ticket gets you entry to various shows across the city.

February

Bite into the best cuisine, wine and brews Phoenix has to offer at the region's premier culinary festival, the Devour Culinary Classic.



March

Spring starts early in the desert and that means enjoying outside events before the heat picks up: Modern Phoenix Week, McDowell Mountain Music Festival, and the Arizona Renaissance Festival are our top picks.

May

The Cave Creek Balloon Festival is totally worth the 45 minute drive. Amazing hot air balloons, food, music and fun.

October

When you spot the pink-winged fair lady, you know it's time for the Arizona State Fair, where things get freaky and it's time for fried food galore.

December

Phoestivus. An amazing holiday craft market for Phoenicians. Local beer, food trucks, and lots of handmade gifts.



Arizona Wilderness DTPHX

Beer garden in the heart of downtown Phoenix. A great place to people watch and taste desert-inspired brews.



201 E. Roosevelt St.

Huss Brewing

An Arizona staple with national praise and also just an 8 minute walk from your door. You can never go wrong with a Koffee Kölsch.



100 E. Camelback Rd.

Wren House

Craft beers + barrel-aged brews all in a quaint 1920's bungalow. Bring your own food.



2125 N. 24th St.



TAPROOMS

As Phoenix's own Dierks Bentley once sang: "If it's five o'clock and you're ready to rock, you grab a beer." So wise. These places will let you grab a beer anytime you're ready to rock (even if it's not five yet!) #ChooseAZBrews

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Don Woods' Say When Rooftop Bar

TBD



TBD

Undertow

Keep splashing away at this underground tiki cocktail bar. Reservation required.



3620 E. Indian School Rd.

BARS

As Phoenix icon Sandra Day O'Connor once sang: "If it's three o'clock and you're ready to rock, pour them shots, then pop and lock." So wise. These are our favorite places to unwind after a long day on the bench.

Little Rituals

The only place to get a cocktail topped with a glistening view of the Phoenix skyline.



132 S. Central Ave., 4th Floor

Rokerij Cellar Bar

Intimate basement bar hidden just underneath the Rokerij. Please don't trip down the steep stone steps. Tough way to start the night.



6335 N. 16th St.

Lylo

TBD



TBD

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Filmbar

Art films, foreign films, cult... you get the point.
Go enjoy a beer.



815 N. 2nd St.

Valley Bar

Underground bar and drinks inspired by our
politics. An infamous 1931 double murder,
becomes a kinetic light sculpture above the bar.



130 N. Central Ave.



AFTER DARK

If the sun's gone down and you're looking to get into some trouble, these are some of Phoenix's off-kilter evening options.

Charlies

Cowboy up! One of the best gay nightclubs and bar conveniently next to Taquería los Yaquis.



727 W. Camelback Rd.

The Van Buren

A destination for live music with a David Bowie -inspired pizza joint (Ziggy's) and pinball bar (Stardust Pinbar) with a light up dancefloor. Enter through the fridge.



401 W. Van Buren St.

EYE CANDY

For that spare time between eating, drinking and sunbathing, we recommend popping into these Phoenix gems. You won't be sorry.

The Newton

Your one-stop shop for a hyperlocal bookstore with an inside bar, garden shop and even southern dining at Southern Rail restaurant.



300 W. Camelback Rd.

Stinkweeds

Stinkweeds supplies ARRIVE with all their tasty vinyl. Checked out of the hotel, but can't take the vinyl home? Come on over and get your fix. Locally owned since 1987.



12 W. Camelback Rd.

Frances

Whimsical and charming boutique to find a selection of clothing, jewelry and other artisan gifts.



10 W. Camelback Rd.

Practical Art

Endless rad souvenirs from 150 local artists and you can grab a glass of wine inside while shopping.



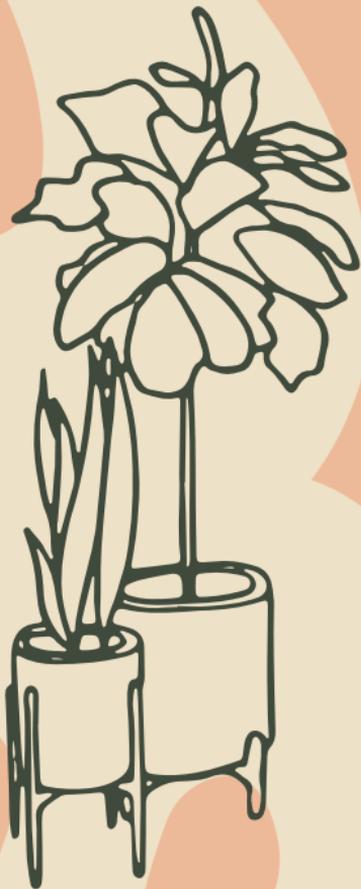
5070 N. Central Ave.

For The People

Curated mod design shop with home goods and one-of-a-kind jewelry made right on site.



5102 N. Central Ave.



Piestwa Peak

Awesome views from the peak or explore other trails.



2701 E. Squaw Peak Dr.



Desert Botanical Garden

DBG as it's called by locals of all ages. Known for desert plant life, wildlife, and attractions.



1201 N. Galvin Pkwy.

A stylized white graphic of a sun with rays, two desert flowers, and a mountain range silhouette, set against a dark orange background.

NO AC

During those beautiful times of year here where the weather gods smile upon us Phoenicians, we like to shut off the air conditioning, get outdoors, and shake our fists at the sun. These are some of our favorite places to defiantly bask in nature.

Japanese Friendship Garden

Feed the koi, they're waiting, or sign up for tea ceremony.



1125 N. 3rd Ave.

South Mountain Park

Enormous park so close! Opportunities to go cycling, hiking and horseback riding. Spot ancient rock art and a lizard.



10919 S. Central Ave.

Uptown Farmers Market

MISSING DESCRIPTION



1125 N. 3rd Ave.

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ARTS & ARCHITECTURE



If drinking cocktails by the pool sounds a bore, perhaps you are looking for something a little more high brow? Get your fancy self over to these cultural icons, and bring home a well-deserved sense of self-satisfaction.

Murals of Phoenix

While Phoenix's color palette may be predominantly tan, we've got some great pops of color if you look closely. Keep your eyes peeled on 16th Street, Roosevelt Row, Downtown Phoenix and neighborhood alleyways.



muralsofphoenix.com

Herberger Theater Center

Three theaters with frequent performance by local companies.



222 E. Monroe St.



First Fridays on Grand Avenue

6 to 10pm on the first Friday of each month. Walk down this eclectic art district neighborhood and check out the art galleries, studios and grab a pot of tea at Cha Cha's.



1325 Grand Ave.

Crescent Ballroom

Check their calendar to see if your favorite band is playing here while you stay. This downtown spot always has something going on.



308 N. 2nd Ave.

The Nash

Hot jazz in downtown Phoenix. The Nash brings amazing live performances and educational events.



110 E. Roosevelt St.

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Downtown Gilbert & Agritopia

Agritopia: where urban farming meets residential community. Eat at Joe's Farm House and shop at Bar None.



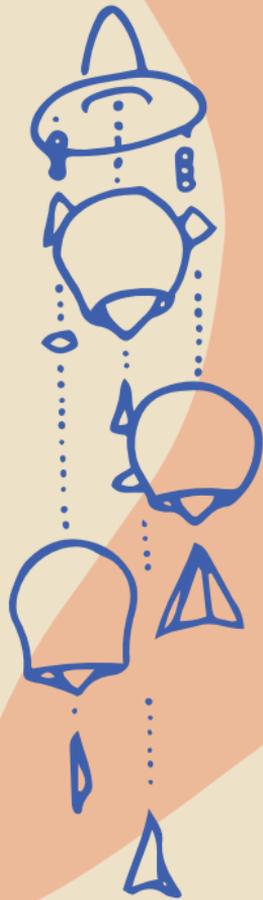
Ray Rd. and Higley Rd.

Downtown Chandler

Must-visit spots: The Ostrich Speakeasy, Peixoto Coffee, walk around stop by galleries and local shops.



Chandler Blvd. and Arizona Ave.



DAYTRIPS

For those of you who like the thrill of the open road, here are our favorite places for a daytrip.

Taliesin West

Frank Lloyd Wright's second home is here, and it's an architectural school. The icon grounds tours offer desert drama day or night and learn about FLW.



12621 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.

Arcosanti

Just an hour drive to this experimental microcity of the future. It looks like the set of a big-budget sci-fi movie, but it's totally real and worth the drive.



13555 S. Cross L Rd.

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STINKWEEDS





If you've made it down to our "After Dark" section of the guide, you know there isn't a shortage of places to see and be seen. But circa 1987, Stinkweeds was the only option in Phoenix. The little shop, and the three store locations before that, were where musicians like Elliott Smith and Neutral Mike Hotel would stop to play in the Valley, and where household names like The Format and Jimmy Eat World got their start and sold their very first records.

The name? Inspired by a former Channel 5 movie critic, Bill Rocz, known for awarding "roses" to the good stuff and "stinkweeds" – or dead little roses – to the rest. (Bill made a quick appearance in the movie *Raising Arizona*.) Let's just say...Stinkweed's owner Kimber Lanning and Bill Rocz never quite saw eye-to-eye.

Today, the record store – with its unmistakable mint green paint coat – prides itself in carrying new and used vinyl, independent labels from all over the world, and shares with its fans staff-curated playlists (as any local independent record store should).

If you make it out, tell them the ARRIVE Phoenix crew sent you and requests some new listens for the journey home.

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