

American Legion 2008 National Convention

The Activities and Tours listed below are available each day beginning Friday, August 22, 2008 and ending Monday, August 25, 2008.

Half Day Tours

Shopping Tours @ \$28.00 Per Person (Select only one of the three listed below)

- 1) Downtown Scottsdale, Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall and Southbridge.
- 2) Desert Ridge Marketplace
- 3) Arizona Mills

Casino Tours @ \$40.00 Per Person

At Casino Arizona guests will find 1,500 ticket-pay multi-denominational slot machines, including 80 high-limit slots, live Blackjack, 50 poker tables and the Sports Bar area where guests can enjoy their favorite sports game and video poker. Choose to play on your own or enter into the slot tournament we have arranged for American Legion attendees!

Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force Museum @ \$45.00 Per Person

Memorabilia and artifacts make up a large part of any museum. This is no less the case at the Arizona Wing hangar/museum where exhibits are displayed ranging from the "Home Front" to the "Front Lines." There will always be aircraft available for you to see, feel, smell and hear on occasion, as they come to life. But to an even greater degree, the displays of the equipment that were used so long ago will give you a sense of what it was like to fight a World War in the 1940's. *Please note this tour is not available on Monday, August 25, 2008.*

Valley of the Sun City Tour @ \$55.00 Per Person

Your tour will start as you drive through the opulent Paradise Valley and Biltmore Districts to see some of the remarkable homes owned by the wealthy and famous residents of the Valley. Next, you will learn the history of the Wrigley Mansion, built between 1929 and 1931. The mansion sits hillside with dramatic views of the Valley of the Sun, downtown Phoenix and nearby Camelback Mountain. A docent will tour you throughout the mansion's 24 rooms, 17 bathrooms all with custom tiles from the family's Catalina Island estate, and 11 unique fireplaces all with their own individual character and charm. Your tour will continue in downtown Phoenix where you see the incomparable Chase Field Ballpark, which features a retractable roof and natural grass playing field and the US Airways Arena, which hosts the Phoenix Suns. A final stop at Historic Heritage Square will let you explore several historic homes dating back as far as 1881. *(Please note due to Light Rail construction, this portion of the tour may need to be changed.)*

Heard Museum Tour @ \$55.00 Per Person

Built in 1929, the internationally acclaimed Heard Museum is one of the best places to experience and learn about the fascinating cultures and art of Southwestern Native Americans. The Spanish Colonial-style architecture of the Heard Museum, with its arched walkways, spacious galleries and outdoor-bricked patios and fountains, is surrounded by lush desert landscapes, adding to the rich, southwestern experience. You will enjoy a private, guided tour of the museum's exhibit galleries, elegant outdoor courtyards, Ironwood Café, Shop and Bookstore.

Duck Tour @ \$65.00 Per Person

Hop aboard a World War II “duck” and start the off-road adventure out with a tour of the Sonoran desert and all that it has to offer. The tour continues as the duck drives right into Lake Pleasant and turns into a boat! As you float along the lake, the captain will continue to entertain you with music, history of the lake and the duck along with some funny stories.

Frank Lloyd Wright Taliesin West Tour @ \$70.00 Per Person

Enjoy a fascinating, private, guided tour of the world-renowned westward home of Frank Lloyd Wright in the midst of 600 acres of rugged Sonoran desert. Constructed in 1937 from rocks and sand gathered from the desert floor, Taliesin West is now a National Historic Landmark. Taliesin West began as a winter home for Wright's Wisconsin school. Students lucky enough to study at Taliesin lived in tents and simple shelters, and now, more than 50 years later, they still do! Noted for its unusual form, this architectural masterpiece is an excellent example of the way in which Frank Lloyd Wright attempted to harmonize his creations with their natural surroundings.

Carefree/Cave Creek Tour and Lunch @ \$75.00 Per Person

Just north of Scottsdale, in the shadow of 12 million-year-old boulders, you will experience the “Carefree way of life.” You will visit El Pedregal, which resembles an ancient, Moroccan oasis with a brilliant canopy-arching overhead. Towering walls reflect the colors of the desert. This Carefree destination includes upscale boutiques, artisan-crafted gifts, Southwestern apparel, and intriguing art galleries. The neighboring town of Cave Creek is an authentic Western community with frontier charm surrounded by the desert’s unspoiled beauty. As guests stroll through a genuine western trading post and enjoy lunch at Crazy Ed's Satisfied Frog Restaurant, they will begin to understand life in the old west. At Crazy Ed's Satisfied Frog Restaurant, guests can sample their famous Chili Beer, the world's only beer with a chili pepper in every bottle! This tour offers an abundance of unique shopping! **Be sure to stop by the local American Legion Chapter located in the heart of Cave Creek!**

Scottsdale Gallery Tour @ \$100.00 Per Person

The streets of old town Scottsdale are lined with prestigious galleries including art from contemporary, Southwestern, Native American, Impressionist and Western influences. An expert art guide will accompany you and visit two or three of these galleries to view the work of both well-known and up-and-coming artists. As you visit each gallery, you will meet with the gallery owners or directors and discuss with them the styles and careers of the artists and their influence of art in Arizona. If the artist’s schedules permit, they will also be at the gallery to meet with the guests!

Flat Water Rafting @ \$100.00 Per Person

Enjoy the day on the peaceful waters of the lower Verde and Salt Rivers as you float past giant Saguaro Cacti and the towering Red Mountains. You will take in the beauty of the national forests and Indian reservation lands, rich with extensive wildlife and historical appeal. Professional guides will lead, educate and entertain you through these unique riparian areas in state-of-the-art crafts.

Kayak Tour @ \$160.00 Per Person

Float down the Verde River and discover a scenic and relaxing desert oasis. While floating along this class 1 river you will be surrounded by spectacular, unobstructed 70-mile views into four different mountain ranges. This reliable source of water attracts a variety of wild life, making it common for you to enjoy close encounters with animals enjoying their natural habitat. Some favorites include; groups of wild horses ambling along the riverbanks, Great Blue Herons and the majestic Bald Eagle hunting for prey!

Bass Fishing Adventure @ \$170.00 Per Person

Who says you cannot fish in the desert? Arizona is a top destination for Largemouth, White Strip, and Stripped Bass fishing. Our fishing adventures are like no other with the surrounding Sonoran desert, unique wildlife and the professional guides and beautiful rigged boats that are ready to zip through the serene waters to help you catch that winning fish! Whether it is a day of casual fishing and relaxing or the excitement of competing against your fellow fishermen to see who can catch the biggest fish, we can put together a fishing adventure that will never be forgotten!

Full Day Tour

Sedona Tour by Land @ \$65.00 Per Person

A land of timeless, awe-inspiring beauty, Sedona mesmerizes visitors with its magnificent, natural red rock sculptures and pristine National Forests. The first stop on this journey to Sedona is Montezuma Castle National Monument, nestled into a limestone recess high above the flood plain of Beaver Creek in the Verde Valley. Montezuma Castle is one of the best preserved and most easily accessible cliff ruins in North America. More than 600 years ago, this five-story, 20-room cliff dwelling served as a "high-rise apartment building" for prehistoric Sinagua Indians. As you reach Sedona our knowledgeable guides will point out surreal landmarks and allow for scenic stops and photo opportunities along the way. Next, you will be transported past panoramic views of majestic red rock formations to the village of Tlaquepaque (T-lockey-pockey). Named for a picturesque suburb of Mexico's Queen City, Guadalajara, Tlaquepaque's construction began in 1971 with the creation of the wall along the highway. Soon artists and artisans, craftsmen and chefs were plying their art within its confines. Today, its boundaries enclose more than 40 shops featuring one-of-a-kind items that make a visit to Tlaquepaque incomparable. Uptown Sedona shops and restaurants are also a short walking distance away. As you depart Sedona, they will enjoy the breathtaking hues as the sun sets against the Red Rocks.

Tour Information:

All above Activities and Tours include: roundtrip transportation, professional guides, needed equipment, bottled water on most tours, permits, taxes, gratuities and tons of fun.

Please contact We Are Arizona, Inc. for information on tours available prior to and after the dates listed.

Tours will depart between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM daily from the Phoenix Convention Center. With your confirmation you will receive a specific departure time and location for you selected tour.

Comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen and sunglasses are recommended for all tours.

Tours cancelled within 30 days of the tour date are non-refundable. Tours cancelled more than 30 days of the tour date are 50% non-fundable after booking.

Airport Transfers

Airport Transfers are available each day beginning Wednesday, August 20, 2008 and ending Friday, August 29, 2008 between 8:45 AM and 5:45 PM.

One-way airport shuttle transfers are for \$15.00 per person to the following hotels:

DoubleTree Guest Suites
Radisson Airport North
Embassy Suites
Marriott Buttes Resort
Crowne Plaza Airport
Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs
Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak
Arizona Biltmore Resort

Upon transfer confirmation you will receive specific shuttle times and pick-up locations.

Transfers cancelled within 30 days of the tour date are non-refundable. Tours cancelled more than 30 days of the tour date are 50% non-fundable after booking.