

TUCSON ARIZONA NCVA REUNION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM & THE BONEYARD TOUR (TOUR 1 & 7)

Explore aviation history at Pima Air Museum...home of the largest privately owned collection of historical aircraft in the country. More than 200 military & civilian aircraft are here on display indoors and outdoors, along with aviation memorabilia such as flight simulators, uniforms, and engines. Lunch on your own at the cafeteria on site. After lunch we will travel to Davis Monthan Air Force Base. Be sure to bring a photo ID to get onto the base. We'll take a tour aboard our bus of more than 5,000 aircraft warehoused here in the desert. These aircraft are used to maintain & regenerate military planes to be flown again, repaired with parts, or stored for future use.

TOMBSTONE & BOOTHILL & THE OK CORRAL SHOOTOUT (TOUR 2)

One of the most famous western towns, and known as "The Town Too Tough To Die". Tombstone was immortalized by the famous shootout at the OK Corral and dedicated in 1962 as a registered national historic landmark. We'll visit Boothill Cemetery, and after lunch, we'll have a reenactment of the gunfight at the OK Corral. Free time to walk the same boardwalk that Wyatt Earp walked. See the Crystal Palace, Bird Cage Saloon, The Tombstone Epitaph, The Old Courthouse, and visit the many shops. Lunch on your own is available at the many western eateries and saloons.

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM & OLD TUCSON MOVIE STUDIOS (TOUR 3 & 9)

Nestled in the Tucson Mountain Park and next to Saguaro National Park is the worldwide recognized Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. This "living museum" displays over 300 animals, plants, and minerals found in the Sonoran Desert. The enclosures are designed to replicate their niche in the wild. For the more adventurous, there is a beautiful desert trail available for a moderate walk with up close viewing of javalinas and coyotes. Many areas to sit and rest and enjoy the open desert. This is home to the best hummingbird display anywhere in the world. Enjoy lunch on your own outdoors at their cafeteria. After lunch we travel just a few minutes to Old Tucson Movie Studios, "Hollywood in the Desert". More than 200 motion pictures, TV shows, music videos, and commercials have been filmed here. First used in 1939 for the film "Arizona" starring William Holden and Jean Arthur. Many of John Wayne's movies, and Little House on the Prairie episodes have been shot here. See the western sets up close, visit the shops and museum, enjoy the western shows, gunfights and reenactments.

SAN XAVIER MISSION & HISTORIC DOWNTOWN & OLD TOWN ARTISANS (TOUR 4)

The fabled "White Dove of the Desert", San Xavier Mission was founded by Father Kino in the early 1600's. It's located on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation and is still used as a church today. Regarded as the best example of Spanish Moorish architecture in the USA. Tucson, also known as "The Old Pueblo" is rich in Indian, Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo culture and is fortunate in having whole neighborhoods where the history has been preserved. We'll visit Historic Barrios, Snob Hollow where Tucson's early pioneers settled, A Mt., and The Garden of Gethsemane. We'll stop at Old Town Artisans located in the Historic District, a restored 1860 adobe structure that now offers unique southwest arts & crafts. Café on site.

EVENING AT TRAILDUST TOWN & DINNER AT PINNACLE PEAK STEAKHOUSE (TOUR 5)

This charming gas lamp lit western town is located in the heart of Tucson. Once a movie set for a Glen Ford movie, it is now a town filled with western shops, galleries, western memorabilia, and home to the famous Savoy Opera House & Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse. Western reenactments and shoot outs are staged here throughout the evening. Dinner offers a choice of a 1lb Cowboy Steak, Salmon, or Chicken, all mesquite grilled over an open fire.

It includes a Garden Salad, Western Beans, Texas Bread, Baked Potato, Cheesecake Dessert, Coffee, or Tea, tax and tip. Depending on our group size we'll dine either at Pinnacle Peak or The Savoy Opera House, right next door. Cash Bar Available. After dinner grab a cocktail or a beer and walk through Traildust Town and enjoy the western atmosphere, entertainment and shops.

TITAN MISSILE MUSEUM & ASARCO MINERAL DISCOVERY CENTER (TOUR 6)

During the Cold War, many ICBM's were stationed in and around Tucson. This Titan Silo & Missile are the last remaining evidence of that time period. We'll actually climb down 35 steps into the silo and revisit the

technology. An elevator is on site but can only handle a few guests at a time. Good walking shoes required. We'll also visit the history and development of copper mining in Arizona at the Mineral Discovery Center. We produce 1/3 of the world's copper here in Arizona. Stand at the edge of ASARCO's open pit mine. Buffet Lunch is included.

KARTCHNER CAVERNS STATE PARK & SONOITA VINEYARDS (TOUR 8)

Discovered 38 years ago and kept a secret for 25 years Kartchner Caverns is now one of the top 10 caves in the world. What's unusual is that it is a wet living cave in an arid climate. We'll pass through two air locks as to not contaminate the cave. We'll enjoy a light show in the cave with music. Easy walking. While enjoying our box lunch we'll travel to Arizona's wine growing region and visit the Sonoita Vineyards and a taste of Arizona wine. Limited to the first 45 guests.

SABINO CANYON TRAM & TED DEGRAZIA'S "GALLERY OF THE SUN" (TOUR 10)

Treat yourself to a breathtaking outdoor narrated tramride thru beautiful Sabino Canyon. A true desert oasis nestled in the Santa Catalina Mountains. Enjoy a variety of birds, animals, cactus, streams, as we wind our way through this canyon. This is said to be the most camera worthy scenery in Tucson. Onto the Gallery of the Sun created by Ted DeGrazia to capture the spirit and culture of the southwest. His classic depictions of native Indian and Mexican children have become icons of the southwest, used by UNICEF to raise money. Visit his Mission in the Sun and other adobe works on the property. Buffet Lunch included.

BIOSPHERE 2 "UNDER THE GLASS TOUR" (TOUR 11)

The World's largest, glass enclosed mini-world. Exploring Earth's Future now owned and operated by The University of Arizona, with ongoing experiments. Visit the tropical rainforest, the desert, and the beach and under the sea area. We'll stop at where the Biospherans lived and sustained their lives all while locked up for two years. A box lunch will be provided.

BISBEE "QUEEN OF THE MINING CAMPS" (TOUR 12)

Bisbee is one of the few towns left today where the streets still echo the colorful past. Nestled in the steep canyons of the Mule Mountains and long considered the richest mineral site in the world. Enormously popular with history buffs and architectural students. We'll ride on ore carts and don yellow rain slickers and mining lights and descend deep into the shaft of the Queen Mine We'll also visit Brewery Gulch, The Copper Queen Hotel, and the famous Lavender Pit. Lunch on your own.

DESERT DIAMOND CASINO & BUFFET LUNCH (TOUR 13)

Feeling lucky ! How can you miss with Slots, Blackjack, Poker, Keno and bingo available ? Located on the Tohono O'odham Indian reservation in a modern new resort hotel/casino. Wonderful buffet lunch included.

TUBAC "THE ARTISTS COMMUNITY" & TUMACOCORI MISSION (TOUR 14)

According to archaeologists people of many cultures have dwelt along the Santa Cruz River for over 10,000 years. Thanks to the Gadsden Purchase, Tubac is now part of the U.S.A. Previously the flags of Spain, Mexico, The Confederacy , and the United States have flown here. Now a quaint town with over 80 shops and galleries. Silver, Native American Jewelry, and original arts are popular here. Lunch on your own at one of the many cafes. After lunch we will visit the Tumacocori Mission which dates back to 1691. Father Kino established the mission. Father Font stayed here when traveling with Anza while Anza marshaled his forces at Tubac.