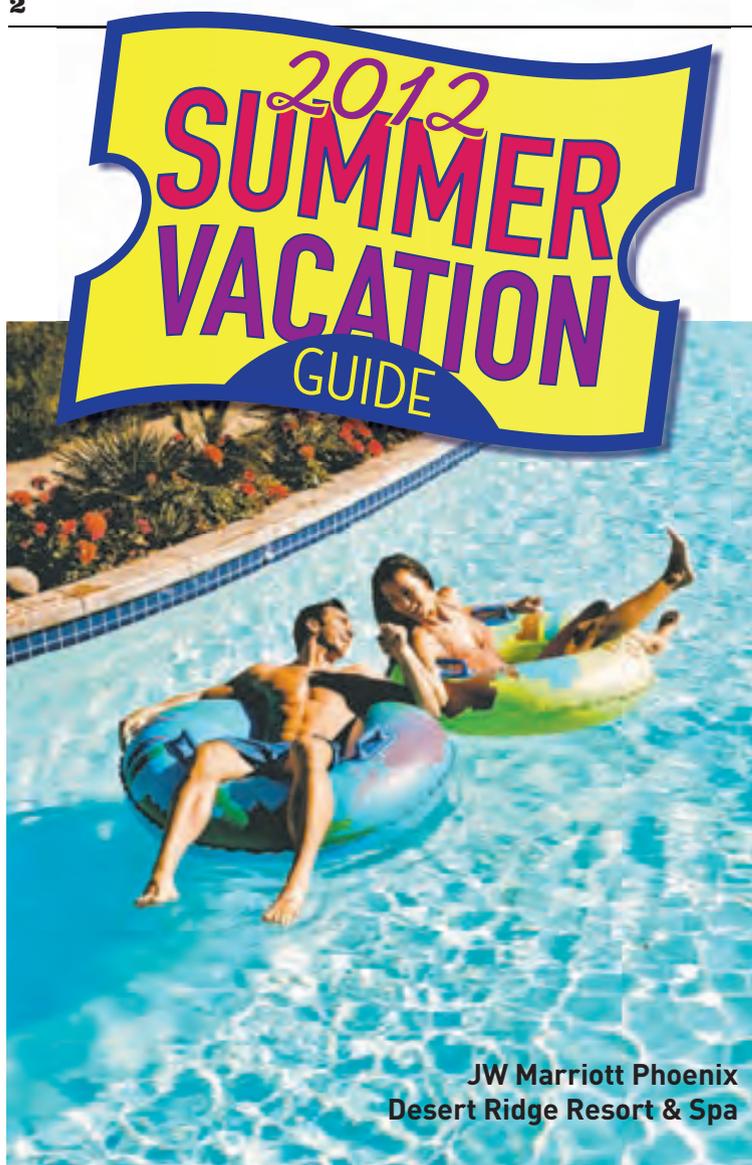




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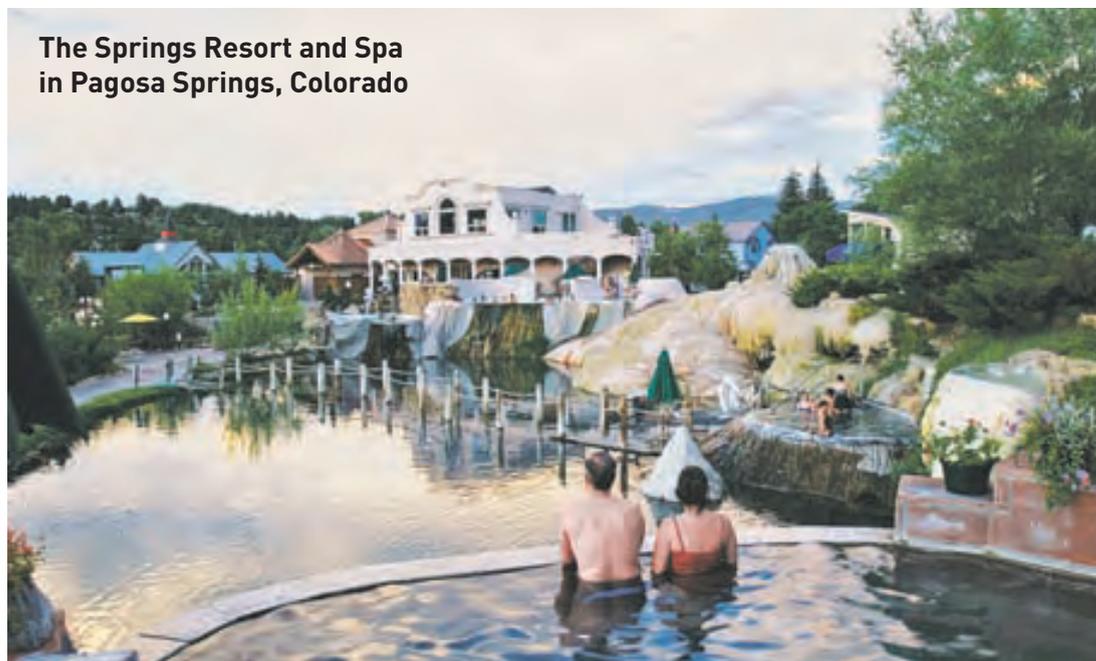
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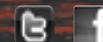
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ARIZONA

ARIZONA GETAWAYS WITH A 'TWIST'

There's more to the Grand Canyon State than the Grand Canyon

By Suzanne Wright

As insiders, we know there's much more to see and do in Arizona than our famous canyon to the north. But there are surprises to be found. Check them out!

Middle Earth, AZ Style

Dubbed the **Valley of the Moon**, this fanciful Tucson attraction sparks the imagination of both kids and adults. Winding paths, rock towers and castles are populated by elves, wizards and gnomes (costumed volunteers). Created in the 1920s by a mailman, it's an Arizona Historic Place. Plays and workshops are frequently held.

2544 E Allen Road
Tucson, AZ 85716
520-323-1331,
tucsonvalleyofthemoon.com

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bedspreads, black and white TVs.

1 Douglas Road
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520-432-3567,
theshadydell.com

The Other Grand Canyon

It's harder to get to, but the **North Rim** rewards visitors with an alpine mix of pines, firs and aspens and pristine meadows. And at an elevation of more than 8,000 feet, it's a scenic way to beat Valley heat. En route, stop at Lees Ferry to admire Navajo Bridge, which spans the Colorado River.

nps.gov/grc/index

Experience the Wild West

The all-inclusive **Apache Spirit Ranch** in Tombstone is designed like an Old Western town, but gussied up for modern day cowboys and girls. Sleep in "jail," sit around a campfire, ride the trails on horseback, watch a gunfight or simply drink in the expansive views.

895 West Monument Road
Tombstone, AZ 85638
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apachespiritranh.com

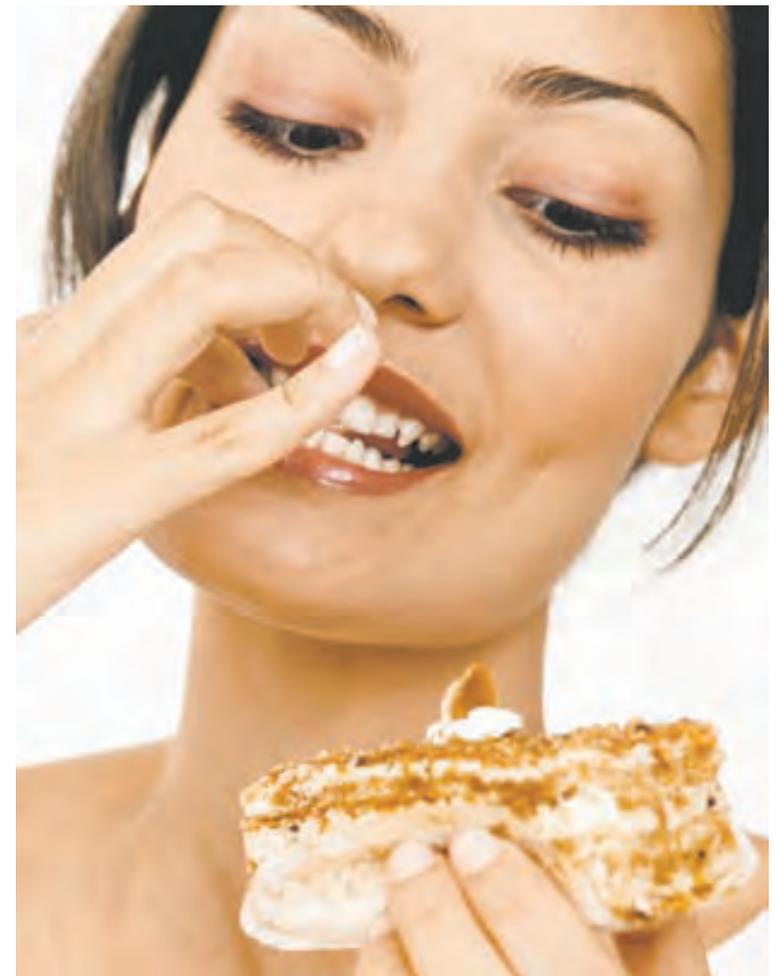
Grape Expectations

The high desert is home to more than 40 wineries scattered throughout the state. The newest, in the **Verde Valley**, boasts 9 tasting rooms on a scenic wine trail. The economic impact of the industry is nearly \$38 million annually — worth toasting.

Arizonawire.org

Get your 'splash' on

For the ultimate family experience, check out **Chaparral Suites Scottsdale**. This summer, the resort offers a 'Suite' Summer Value Package for a 2-room suite starting at \$99 per night. Children 17 and under are free with parent/guardian. Enjoy free amenities, such as a full breakfast, evening reception daily and airport shuttle, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Rates valid May 25-Sept. 3. 480-949-1414 or 800-528-1456, 5001 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. chaparralsuite.com



CULINARY CREATIONS

A look at some of the Valley's most unique and delicious dining destinations

By Suzanne Wright

Ahwautukee

Cut-to-order artisan cheese, charcuterie and wine are among the offerings under the charming roof of one-year-old **Wedge & Bottle** in South Phoenix. Picnickers can grab and go, but you may want to linger and order their adult version of a grilled cheese sandwich paired with a cold beer.

4025 E Chandler Blvd.
Ste. 44
Phoenix, AZ 85048
480-704-1255,
wedgebottle.com

Cave Creek

You might not expect to find a vegan eatery among the steak and burger joints that appeal to local cowboys, horse-lovers and motorcycle enthusiasts in

Cave Creek. Chef Sara's **Raw Vegan Academy & Café**, tucked behind the Big Bronco shop, serves raw, soy- and gluten-free food that she says heal mind, body and soul. Followers don't mind shelling out the bucks for organic smoothies, wraps and desserts.

**6602 E. Cave Creek Road
Cave Creek, AZ 85331
480-575-7853,
chefsarawvegan
academy.com**

Gilbert

At **Joe's Farm Grill**, the focus is on "common" foods — think pizza, burgers and salads — with a fresh twist. The restaurant, along with a produce stand and coffee shop, sit on 12 acres of urban farm known as Agritopia, dating back to the late 1920s. Joe's has been featured on Guy Fieri's "Diners, Drive-ins & Dives."

**3000 E. Ray Road
Gilbert, AZ 85296
480-563-4745,
joesfarmgrill.com**

Glendale

Betty's Nosh aims to elevate fungi to new culinary heights. At the **Mushroom Bar**, patrons can choose to have their portobello or button 'shrooms stuffed with such toppings as crabmeat or Italian sausage. On the weekends, there's music from performers like the Screamin' Javelinas and

Reynoldo Moreno.
**6685 W. Beardsley Road
Glendale, Arizona 85308
623-615-NOSH (6674),
bettysnosh.com**

Surprise

Chef-owner Aurore de Beauduy of **Vogue Bistro** has a pedigree: She trained at Le Cordon Bleu. So it's no surprise that fashion and French foods are the influences, in both the decor and menu, respectively. Escargot and foie gras share equal billing with meatloaf. Strike a pose when ordering a chic martini called The Gucci.

**15411 W. Waddell Road
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voguebistro.com**

Tempe

Never tried Scandinavian cuisine? **Beaver Choice**, a family-run East Valley restaurant that draws culinary influences from Sweden, Poland and Canada, will indoctrinate you. Go for home-style and hearty dishes like chicken schnitzel and the toothsome Beaver Supreme, a lavish chocolate/meringue/whipped cream and orange dessert.

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Reid Park Zoo

TUCSON SHOWCASES THE SOUTHWEST

By Jessica Rush

If you're looking for true slice of the Southwest, look no further than Tucson. While being Arizona's second largest city, Tucson has an intimate feel that belies its size. The Old Pueblo is steeped in history and culture, while offering world-class attractions and activities. But there are other destinations you can check out. Read on!

Old Town Artisans Shopping District

Located in the historic El Presidio neighborhood, this adobe complex occupies an entire city block adjacent to the Tucson Museum of Art and features shops that open into a beautifully landscaped central courtyard.

201 N. Court Ave., Tucson. 800-782-8072, oldtownartisans.com

Pima Air & Space Museum

From the alien surface of Mars and the vast reaches of space to its modern beginnings in the Wright Brothers' triumph of flight, explore more than 100 years of aerospace history at the Pima Air and Space Museum. See 300 aircraft on 200 acres of land. Pet-friendly.

6000 E. Valencia Road, Tucson. 520-574-0462, pimaair.org.

Reid Park Zoo

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1100 S. Randolph Way, Tucson. 520-791-4022, tucsonzoo.org.

Tucson Children's Museum

Explore 10 exciting galleries of hands-on exhibits and participate in challenging activities. 200 S. Sixth Ave., Tucson. 520-792-9985, tucsonchildrensmuseum.org.

NORTHERN EXPOSURE

By Jessica Rush

If you're staying in town this summer, make a trip up to Arizona's northern country for a fun and unforgettable vacation with the family. Don't forget to check out some of these must-see Northern Arizona attractions!

Arizona Outdoor Adventures

Ride around Sedona and explore the beautiful, Red Rocks while driving your own ATV. Follow a certified guide, who will take you through canyons and desert of your choosing. Rated one of the "Top 50 Things To Do in Arizona," this adventure is a no brainer.

Dead Horse Ranch State Park

The Dead Horse Ranch is an outdoorsman's dream come true. This beautiful park located in Verde Valley offers camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, picnicking, canoeing and fishing.

928-634-5283, azstateparks.com

Jerome Mine Museum

Soak up some culture and history at the Jerome Mine Museum. For only \$2 per adult and free for children, this is a economical, fun

stop you must make with in Northern Arizona. Take a look at old artifacts, and history inside the museum dating back to the saloon days of the Old West.

928-634-5477, jeromehistoricsociety.com

Out of Africa Wildlife Park

If you and your little ones love animals, then come to the Out of Africa Wildlife Park, where close encounters and shows will have you feeling as if you are in the wild. From Tiger Splash to Predator Feed, there's

something to see for everyone!

928-567-2840, outofafricapark.com

Sedona Jeep Tour

If off-road and fun adventure is your idea of a vacation, then look no further than Sedona Pink Jeep Tours. Offering multiple tours to fit your needs, the Pink Jeep Tour is fun for the whole family. And with great prices, this has everything you could want: Scenery, history, fun and cool weather!

800-873-3662, pinkjeeptours.com

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ROCKY POINT

THE COAST WITH THE MOST

Find your place in the sun and surf

Jump in, the water's fine in Puerto Penasco, or as we gringos call it, Rocky Point. You'll love this beautiful beach community just four hours south of Phoenix. Here's a look at just some of many things to see and do.

CEDO Marine Science Center

A free natural history talk, with exhibits, is presented (in English) every Tuesday at 2 p.m. and every Saturday at 4 p.m. (Presentations in Spanish take place every Tuesday at 4 p.m. and every Saturday at 2 p.m. Learn about spring tides, giant whales, the vaquita and CEDO's conservation programs. Exhibits include the 55-foot skeleton of a fin whale, the Sea of Support Ecosystem Tile Exhibit and the CEDO Earthship Visitor Center, made from used tires and aluminum cans. **520-320-5472, cedointercultural.org.**

CET-MAR Aquarium

The Center for Technological Sea Studies and Aqua Culture is an aquarium exhibit that provides an up-close look at the native species of the inter-tidal zone and the northern Gulf Coast. You can watch sea turtles, octopus, sea horses, shrimp, various fish species, and sea lions. You're also allowed to

feed the sea turtles and sea lions.

43 Las Conchas Road, Rocky Point.

Parasailing

Multiple parasailing companies can put you in flight — up to 800 feet in the air — to take in Rocky Point's beautiful scenery. **888-628-9820, rockypoint-mexico.com.**

Scuba Diving

Get up close and personal with the Sea of Cortez. Tour famous Bird Island, where you can see large sea lions, octopus, rockfish and eels. **602-404-2982.**

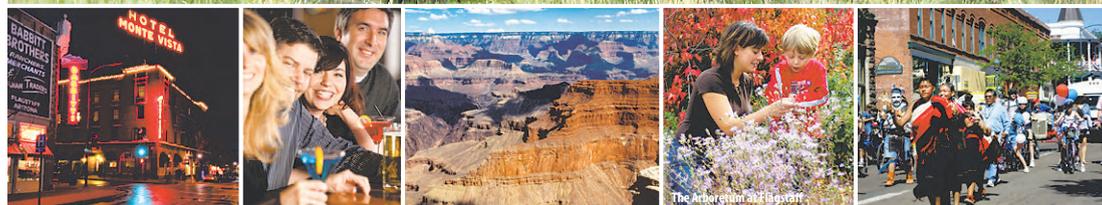
Sunset Cruises

Sail the Sea of Cortez with friends, family or just a special someone. Choose from daytime tours to snorkel or bird watch, or a romantic sunset cruise. Some include dinner. Most are well stocked with margaritas and plenty of beverages. **602-324-9558, rockypoint-mexico.com.**

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Canyon Villa Bed & Breakfast Inn

With breathtaking views of Sedona's famous Red

Rock, lounge by the crystal clear pool at the award-winning Canyon Villa Bed & Breakfast Inn.

Desert Springs Oasis at the Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort

The ultimate water park of Tucson is the Desert Springs Oasis, located at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort. Featuring a 143-foot Sliderock waterslide, kids of all ages will have the time of their lives this summer. Even your little

tadpoles can swim with ease in the fish-shaped children's pool. If you need an escape, visit the three golf courses or 31 tennis courts on the sunny property.

Hole-In-The-Wall River Ranch at the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort

Spread over an amazing 4-acres are countless pools and waterfalls at the Hole-In-The-Wall River Ranch. During the

summer, float down the glistening lazy river or slide down the waterslide.

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa

Relaxation awaits you with 10 pools, whirlpool spa and poolside bars, all spread over a 2.5-acre area. If you want to escape the children, visit the adult-only pool and relax on one of many poolside chairs, free of stress.

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Four acres of this resort are dedicated to pools shaped like snakes, a lazy river and multiple water slides. Located near prime restaurants and shopping, spend a day unwinding at one of five different pools on the property.

Luna Vista Bed & Breakfast

Snuggled inside the forests, creeks and wildlife of Verde Valley is this romantic luxury pool. With a bed and breakfast feel, but a resort-sized pool you can't go wrong!

Oasis Water Park at Arizona Grand Resort

Oasis Water Park was voted as one of the country's Top 10 Water Parks by the Travel Channel, and rightfully so. This 7-acre water park features an 8-story tower with three different water slides, wave pool, a hot tub fit for 25 and a lazy river.

OH Pool at the Hotel Valley Ho Scottsdale

This summer relax by the OH Pool at Hotel Valley Ho, where live music, happy hour deals and city Sundays await. One of the most popular summer pool destinations, non-registered guests can take advantage of the pool Sundays through Fridays.



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The Phoenician

Fall in love with the Canyon Suites Pool, offered to Canyon Suites guests, where an exclusive infinity-edge pool is surrounded by cabanas and picturesque

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COLORADO

GO 'GREEN' IN COLORADO

Slopes of green, mountains of flowers, and tons of fun

By Maria Matson

Like any place, Colorado has its ups and downs, its highs and lows. But in this case, it's all good.

One of the highs is 14,440 ft. **Mt. Elbert**, the highest mountain peak in the state; one of the lows is the Royal Gorge, which plunges as deep as 1,250 feet. And there's a lot more in between.

Once the snow melts, Colorado becomes a scenic playground where visitors can hike, bike, raft, fish, soak or sip. The problem isn't finding a way to spend your time; it's deciding what to do.

Find your thrill

"Colorado comes alive in the summertime," says John Ricks, associate director, Colorado Tourism Office. "When you're planning your summer vacation, think about the things you love to do and the activities that you want to try for the first time. Colorado offers scalable experiences for the visitor. Cycling, for example, is part of Colorado's DNA, and the best thing about it is that anyone can do it." Most of the ski resorts keep their chairlifts



Cycling through the vineyards in Palisade, Colorado Wine Country

Colorado Tourism Office

running in the summer to shuttle mountain bikers up the hill. **Durango Mountain Resort**, for example, has some 50 miles of trails for all ages and skill levels. Elsewhere, hard-core cyclists can take on the USA Pro Cycling Challenge, and those looking to cruise can bike between wineries in the **Palisade** area.

Winter-sports junkies can still get their fix during the summer months in Colorado. At **Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve** you can

sandboard, sled or ski down the tallest dunes in North America. After a day in the sand, nearby **San Luis State Park** offers campgrounds, scenic surroundings and, perhaps best of all, water.

Twist and shout

For desert dwellers, lush green landscapes are as welcome as water, and Colorado has that covered, too. One way to take in the scenery is by winding through the wilderness on

the **Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad** to a private spot in the San Juan Mountains where **Soaring Tree Top Adventures** operates more than a mile of zip lines.

Even if you're looking for less adrenaline-pumping pursuits, Colorado still has much to offer.

"Colorado is most definitely a great state for those who love the great outdoors. But if that is not for you, you can go tasting at one of the many wineries, breweries and

craft distilleries around the state. Colorado is home to awe-inspiring hot springs, but there are also some world-class spas. Some visitors love road tripping, and we have nearly 30 scenic and historic byways in Colorado that are popular with photographers and those who appreciate beautiful landscapes and inspiring views."

And, really, who doesn't?

Want to find out more?
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COLORADO SPAS

Colorado offers some of the most unique and rejuvenating spa treatments around. So, if you find yourself in Colorado this summer, check out these top spas that takes pampering to a new level!



The Brown Palace Hotel

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The Broadmoor Spa

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The Brown Palace Hotel

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encompassed in The Spa at The Brown Palace. Take a relaxing hot stone massage with Colorado river rocks or take a cool soak in a pure, natural artesian water plunge pool. Then make a stop in the salon to get a head-to-toe makeover. You really can have it all here at The Spa.

The Peaks Resort & Golden Door Spa

From hot stone massages and Mountain Salvation massages to an Oxygen Inhalation Lounge and a Honey-Avocado wrap, this spa is truly a little slice of Colorado heaven.

The Springs Resort and Spa

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LAS VEGAS

DISCOVER YOUR INNER LAS VEGAS

By Brian Sodoma

Las Vegas has long been an adult playground. But whether you're looking for a getaway without the kids or if they are in tow, there's still plenty for everyone on the Strip and beyond.

Las Vegas has one slot machine for every eight residents and endless other gambling options. But spa pampering and shopping also steal the show. Whether it's the Venetian's Canyon Ranch Spa, the spa at Mandalay Bay, the Four Seasons Spa or others, Las Vegas' spa scene has daily specials on world-renowned services. Or check out off-Strip favorites like Red Rock Casino-Resort or Green Valley Ranch, if you prefer a more suburban setting. And yes, there's gambling there too.

If you like to shop for the latest in fashion and gadgets, Fashion Show Mall and the Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood, both on the Strip's 50 yard-line, always satisfy. For the more value oriented, check out the Las Vegas Premium

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Outdoors

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25 minutes southeast of the Strip, the spectacular, **Hoover Dam** (\$30 daily tours) awaits.

Family fun

Circus Circus' Adventuredome offers all day **amusement park** fun with affordable day passes (\$26.95 adults; \$16.95 juniors). Free circus

act shows also run daily. There are plenty of exhibits and shows that are family appropriate and reasonably priced like the **Mirage's Sigfried and Roy's Secret Garden** and **Dolphin Habitat** (\$19.95 adults, \$14.95 children); the **Shark Reef Aquarium** at Mandalay Bay (\$18 adults; \$12 children); **BODIES: The Exhibition** at the

Luxor (from \$32); **CSI: The Experience** at the Mirage (\$31.50); **Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition** also at the Luxor (\$32 adults; \$24 children).

Freebies

There's plenty to see for free too! Snap a photo at the Welcome to Las Vegas sign. The **Bellagio**

fountains and indoor atrium still attract thousands of gazers daily, along with the **Mirage volcano**, which erupts nightly. Downtown's **Freemont Street Experience** light show is also worth the trek north. Two helpful web sites for attractions and tips for finding specials are: vegas.com and lasvegasadvisor.com.



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE SURF & SAND

By Stephanie Conner

Hop in the car early in the morning, and you can be in Southern California in time for lunch. (In fact, in 2011, 64 percent of our visits to the Golden State were to San Diego, L.A. and Orange County.)

This convenience is only part of what makes our neighbor to the West a draw for Zonies. There's also no shortage of things to do!

"California's diverse landscape resonates with travelers because there truly is something for everyone," says Jennifer Sweeney, public relations manager at Visit California. "From world-class surfing and skiing, to ultimate spa, dining and shopping experiences, the possibilities are endless in the Golden State."

Here are just a few of the attractions that await you in the southern part of the state this summer.

Disneyland and California Adventure

Meet Mickey and the gang, stroll down Main Street, and take in the beauty of Sleepy Beauty's castle.

Don't forget to check out the classics like Space Mountain, It's a Small World and the Haunted Mansion.

Then cruise over to Disney California Adventure Park, which is celebrating its grand re-opening on June 15 (the park will be closed for preparations on June 14). Here you can hit up the Hollywood Pictures lot for a trip on the Tower of Terror, ride the rapids of the Grizzly River Run, and hit up the California Screamin' rollercoaster. Plus, check out the new Cars Land and Buena Vista Street.

One-day, one-park tickets run \$74 for ages 3 to 9 and \$80 for 10 and older. Packages are also available.

**1313 S Harbor Blvd
Anaheim, CA 92802-2309
Phone: 714-781-4565
disneyland.com**

LEGOLAND

At LEGOLAND, you can see life-sized giraffes and lions made of LEGO® bricks; go on a high-seas adventure on Pirate Shores; and admire creative genius

(and showcase some of your own) in the Imagination Zone.

You can also split your time among LEGOLAND, LEGOLAND Water Park (the first and only LEGOLAND Water Park), and SEA LIFE Aquarium using park hopper passes.

LEGOLAND single-day ticket prices start at \$62 for ages 3-12 and \$72 for ages 13+.

**1 Legoland Dr.
Carlsbad, CA 92008-4610
Phone: 760-918-5346
california.legoland.com**

San Diego Zoo

Located in Balboa Park, the 100-acre San Diego Zoo is home to more than 4,000 animals of more than 800 species. You can take advantage of a 35-minute guided bus tour for an overview of the zoo; then spend a few hours walking through the exhibits, watching shows and presentations, and learning about the wildlife that call the zoo home. About 35 miles northeast of the zoo is Safari Park, an 1,800-acre park where herd-style animals, such as rhinos, giraffes and antelope, roam.

One-day tickets run \$32 for ages 3 to 11 and \$42 for ages 12 and up. You can also purchase tickets that give you multi-day access to the zoo and other attractions such as SeaWorld, LEGOLAND and more.

SeaWorld

Watch Shamu and friends dazzle crowds, pet bottlenose dolphins and check out the playful penguins. Educational experiences and a few thrills await at SeaWorld San Diego. Single-day admission runs \$65 for kids ages 3 through 9 and \$73 for ages 10 and older.

**500 Sea World Dr.
San Diego, CA 92109
Phone: 800-257-4268
seaworldsandiego.com**

HIT THE BEACH

According to Visit California, about 28 percent of Arizona residents visiting California included the beach among their activities. If you're a beach bum, don't miss out on these resorts.

Hotel Del Coronado

This legendary resort offers ocean-front dining, upscale shops, a spa, a children's center and a teen lounge. The award-winning beach provides an idyllic backdrop for relaxation and play. With 679 recently remodeled rooms, the iconic resort also features 78 cottages and villas that offer gourmet kitchens, fireplaces, spa-style baths and ocean-view balconies.

**Hotel del Coronado
1500 Orange Ave.
Coronado, CA 92118
800-468-3533
hoteldel.com**

Montage Laguna Beach

This luxurious 30-acre seaside resort offers an idyllic beach retreat just an hour's drive from both Los Angeles and San Diego. Guest rooms have private oceanfront balconies with views of the coastline. Plus, you can savor views of the Pacific as you savor local cuisine. Three pools, a gorgeous spa, programs for kids and teens, beach activities and golf access round out the experience

**30801 South Coast Highway
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
866-271-6953
montagelagunabeach.com**

Terranea Resort

Opened in 2009, Terranea offers sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and "sophisticated, yet relaxed ambiance" in a Mediterranean-inspired setting. Guests' private balconies overlook elegant gardens and the magnificent Pacific. Located on 102 acres on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, the resort has 582 guestrooms and suites, eight dining venues, a full-service spa and fitness center, a nine-hole golf course, three pools and kids' club.

**100 Terranea Way
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
866-802-8000
terranea.com**

TOP 6

IN SO CAL



Green Lantern: Six Flags Magic Mountain

California is known for sun, sand, surf and most importantly, amusement parks. Here is a list of the top 6 wickedest rides and attractions throughout Southern California.

Green Lantern: First Flight at Six Flags Magic Mountain

For thrill seekers and DC Comic fans, the Green Lantern coaster will be your new favorite ride. With frightful twists on the 828-foot track and head-over-hill spins, this ride isn't for the faint of heart.

Matterhorn Bobsleds at Disneyland

One of Disneyland's most famous rides, and the first tubular steel roller coaster in the world, the Matterhorn Bobsleds are sure to please even the littlest riders. With plunges into shadowy caves, twisting and turning into the mountain and

splashing into an alpine lake, your adrenaline will be pumping throughout the ride. Keep an eye out for the abominable snowmen, they might be lurking at every corner.

Octotron at Belmont Park

For a ride like no other, look no further than the Octotron. This ride simulates a looping roller-coaster experience over a Himalayan-style track. Riders are able to control the forward and backward direction of the car as it rotates around the track.

Space Mountain at Disneyland

Travel to outer space at Space Mountain with this high-speed, thrill-seeking coaster. During the ride, you are transported into space so beware if you are afraid of the dark: This ride is completely in the dark, sprinkled with stars.

Superman: Escape from Krypton at Six Flags Magic Mountain

The newly designed Superman ride catapults

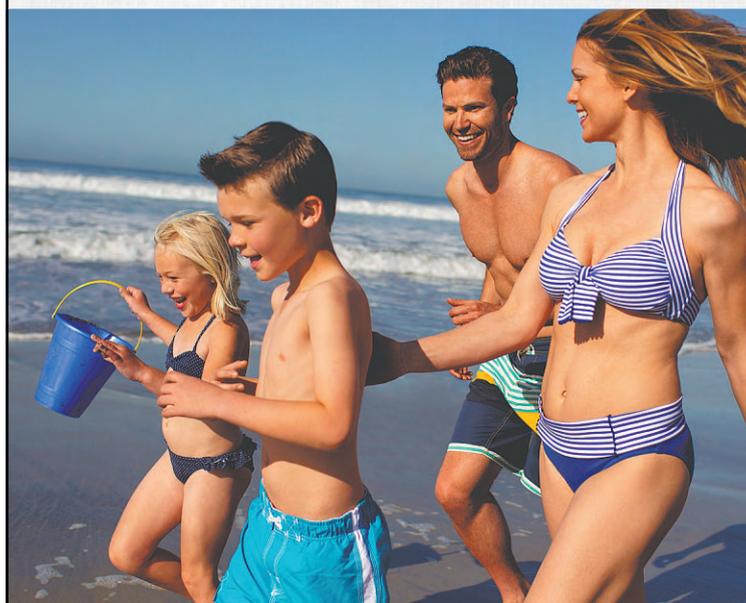
riders backwards up a 41-story tower at 100 mph. Reaching the top in seven seconds, riders are suspended in the air for a few seconds before plunging back to the ground. This Superman ride is sure to please every Superman out there.

Tower of Terror at Disney California Adventure

Travel back in time to the 1930's at the Hollywood Tower Hotel for the longest 2-minute adrenaline rush of your life. Ride in a haunted elevator, which plunges up and down 11 stories. Do you dare take a ride on the Tower of Terror? 👁 👁

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