

48 Hours IN PHOENIX

FOR THE CULTURAL ESCAPE

Museum of the West | 3.1 miles, 7 minute drive

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West is a premier cultural institution situated in Old Town Scottsdale, Arizona. With a sprawling two-story layout encompassing 43,000 square feet, the museum showcases the art, culture, and rich history spanning 19 states in the American West, Western Canada, and Mexico. Former Scottsdale mayor Herb Drinkwater (1936-97), who served from 1980-1996, envisioned the museum, which became a reality through the City of Scottsdale's ownership and the dedicated operation by The Scottsdale Museum of the West, a non-profit organization established in 2007.

Cosanti | 7.1 miles, 15 minute drive

The otherworldly structures and dwellings that comprise Cosanti are recognizable to the many thousands of people who have visited this cultural treasure in Paradise Valley. Arrestingly imaginative, these original structures date back to the late 1950s and early 1960s and have earned Cosanti a place on the Arizona Registry of Historic Places. Cosanti was built by Paolo Soleri (1919-2013), an Italian-born architect, urban designer, and philosopher. Including Cosanti, less than ten of his projects have survived.

Heard Museum | 8.7 miles, 23 minute drive

Since its founding in 1929, the Heard Museum, a private nonprofit organization, has grown in size and stature to become recognized internationally for the quality of its collections, world class exhibitions, educational programming and unmatched festivals. It consists of 12 galleries featuring American Indian art and exhibitions, an outdoor sculpture gallery, a world-class museum shop and an outdoor café.

Taliesin West | 15.1 miles, 29 minute drive

Taliesin West is a UNESCO World Heritage site and National Historic Landmark nestled in the desert foothills of the McDowell Mountains. Wright's beloved winter home and desert laboratory was established in 1937 and diligently handcrafted over many years. Deeply connected to the desert from which it was forged, Taliesin West possesses an almost prehistoric grandeur. It was built and maintained almost entirely by Wright and his apprentices, making it among the most personal of the architect's creations.

Museum of Illusions | 8.9 miles, 19 minute drive

Enter the wonderful world of illusions where you can truly experience the impossible! Illusions challenge us to see things differently and they reveal a lot about how the brain interprets reality. We invite you to visit us at Museum of Illusions Scottsdale where nothing is quite as it seems!

Wonderspaces | 2.3 miles, 5 minute drive

Immersive & Interactive Art — Visit now to see over a dozen immersive, interactive, and conversation-provoking artworks. Experience 13 artworks. Extensive health and cleanliness protocols for visitors and team.

Phoenix Art Museum | 9 miles, 22 minute drive

Located in the Central Corridor of a bustling, desert metropolis, Phoenix Art Museum has opened doors to world-class exhibitions, its comprehensive collections, and meaningful moments of learning and connection for 60 years..

Desert Botanical Garden | 4.8 miles, 10 minute drive

The Garden's commitment to the community is to advance excellence in education, research, exhibition and conservation of desert plants of the world with emphasis on the Sonoran Desert. We will ensure that the Garden is always a compelling attraction that brings to life the many wonders of the desert.