Welcome to Scottsdale, Arizona
A world-class community

Located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, Scottsdale is nestled between Paradise Valley and the McDowell Mountains. Scottsdale is a premier community known for a high quality of life with attractive residential, working and shopping areas. It is an internationally recognized visitor destination and a thriving location for business.

Scottsdale consistently ranks among the nation’s best places to live, with top-rated schools, award winning parks, low crime and a vibrant economy. Old Town Scottsdale is home to many restaurants, retail shops, art galleries, and hotels. Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve, in the city’s northern reaches, is the largest municipally-owned park or preserve in the United States. There are recreational opportunities for everyone with many golf courses, tennis courts, parks, pools, bike paths and trails.

Scottsdale was founded by Army Chaplain Winfield Scott in 1888 but was not incorporated until 1951 when Scottsdale was a small community of 2,000 residents situated on about two square miles of land. Today, Scottsdale has nearly 250,000 residents spread across 185 square miles.
All Work and All Play

Business

Scottsdale is one of the state’s leading job centers with a diverse economy built on medical research, high-tech innovation, tourism and corporate headquarters. Scottsdale is home to nearly 18,000 businesses supplying more than 150,000 jobs. The high-tech innovation center SkySong in south Scottsdale is designed to help companies grow through a unique partnership with nearby Arizona State University. Scottsdale’s downtown, Old Town Scottsdale, is an emerging center for high-tech businesses. Farther north, the Scottsdale Airpark is the city’s largest employment area and the Scottsdale Cure Corridor is a partnership of premier health care providers and biomedical companies.

Tourism

With great weather, fantastic scenery and a calendar full of special events, Scottsdale is among the most popular tourist destinations in Arizona. About 9 million people visit Scottsdale annually. The city boasts many hotels and resorts, restaurants, and spas. That activity adds up to big business. The annual economic impact of Scottsdale visitors is estimated at several billion dollars. Annual tax revenue generated by visitors was estimated around $41 million — representing about one in every five city tax dollars.

Special Events

Every January through March, Scottsdale captures the national spotlight with an eclectic mix of sport and cultural events that draw thousands of spectators and millions of television viewers. Scottsdale resorts annually host Fiesta Bowl teams and the city’s downtown becomes the focal point for pep rallies and fan parties. The Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction headlines a week of local automotive attractions and becomes the star of more than 40 hours of live TV coverage. The Waste Management Phoenix Open unfolds at the TPC Scottsdale, featuring more national TV coverage and the largest, loudest galleries in golf. The Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show — among the largest horse shows in the nation — and Scottsdale’s festive Parada del Sol Parade and Rodeo follow later. In March, Major League Baseball takes center stage. Old Town Scottsdale serves as the spring home of the San Francisco Giants and makes the city a headquarters for visiting fans and media from across the nation.
Scottsdale Top Attractions

1. Pinnacle Peak Park
2. Preserve Gateway
3. TPC Scottsdale
4. WestWorld
5. Scottsdale Airport/Airpark
6. McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
7. Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt
8. Scottsdale Fashion Square
9. Old Town Scottsdale
10. Scottsdale Historical Museum
11. Scottsdale’s Museum of the West
12. Scottsdale Stadium
13. SkySong

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A special event commemorates a special year in Scottsdale

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Scottsdale City Hall and Civic Center Library, and to commemorate our iconic civic home, the city is hosting Scottsdale Celebrate '68, a modern day take on the community celebration held when the building opened in 1968.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13 and find details at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Celebrate ‘68.”

A civic center of art and culture

Scottsdale’s innovative and longstanding public art program makes the city a special place, contributing to the community’s creative, cultural and economic vitality. The program is one of several managed by Scottsdale Arts, the non-profit agency focused on art and culture in Scottsdale. These public art pieces showcase City Hall as we celebrate its 50th anniversary in our World-Class Community.

- **Fountain of Youth**, 1968
  By Bennie Gonzales
  Location: Civic Center Mall

- **Kiva Skylights**, 1968
  By Glidden Parker
  Location: City Hall

- **Windbells**, 1968
  By Paolo Soleri
  Location: City Hall

- **Mother and Child**, 1969
  By John Waddell
  Location: Civic Center Mall

- **Woman and Fish**, 1968
  By Abbot Pattison
  Location: Civic Center Mall

- **Don Quixote**, 1968
  By Dale Wright
  Location: Civic Center Mall

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