

Welcome to Scottsdale, Arizona

A World-Class Community

Located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert, Scottsdale is nestled at the foot of the McDowell Mountains in the Valley of the Sun. Scottsdale is a premier community known for a high quality of life with attractive residential, working and shopping areas. It is an internationally recognized destination and a thriving home to businesses of all kinds.

Scottsdale consistently ranks among the nation's best places to live, with top-rated schools, award-winning parks, low crime rates and a vibrant economy. In Old Town Scottsdale you will find world-class restaurants, shops, art galleries and resort hotels. Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve is a permanently protected Sonoran Desert habitat encompassing nearly 48 square miles. There are recreational opportunities for everyone with 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 2,021 residents situated on about two square miles of land. Today, Scottsdale has more than 240,000 residents enjoying the rich diversity of experiences offered within the city's 185 square miles.



2022 Juneteenth Event



Scottsdale Quarter Splash Pad
(Photo by Jenna McKone)



Gateway Trailhead McDowell Sonoran Preserve (Photo by Chris Brown)



Western Week Event

Work Hard, Play Hard

Business

Scottsdale is one of the state's leading job centers with a robust economy anchored by bio-life science companies, high-tech innovation, financial services, tourism and corporate headquarters. More than 28,000 companies do business in Scottsdale, with nearly 210,000 employees. SkySong, the ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center, is designed to help companies grow through a unique partnership with Arizona State University. Scottsdale's downtown, Old Town Scottsdale, is an emerging center for high-tech businesses. To the north, the Scottsdale Airpark is the city's largest employment area, and the Scottsdale Cure Corridor is a hub of premier healthcare providers and biomedical companies.

Tourism

With great weather, breathtaking scenery and a calendar full of special events, Scottsdale is a popular tourist destination in Arizona that welcomes millions of visitors annually. The city boasts many hotels, resorts, restaurants and spas. That activity adds up to big business. The annual economic impact of Scottsdale visitors is estimated at \$2 billion dollars. Visitors generate more than \$38 million dollars of annual tax revenue— representing about one in every five city sales tax dollars.

Special Events

Every spring, Scottsdale garners national attention with an eclectic mix of sporting and cultural events that draw hundreds of thousands of spectators and millions of television viewers. Scottsdale resorts annually host Fiesta Bowl teams as Old Town becomes a focal point for pep rallies and fan parties. The Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction headlines a week of automotive attractions and becomes the star of more than 40 hours of live television coverage. The Waste Management Phoenix Open unfolds at TPC Scottsdale, teeing up 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 home base for visiting fans and media from across the nation.



WestWorld Impulsion Public Art



Eagle Dancer at Arizona Indian Festival at Civic Center Park
(Photo by Christine Johnson for City of Scottsdale)

Scottsdale Top Attractions



1. Pinnacle Peak Park



2. Preserve Gateway and Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve



3. TPC Scottsdale



4. WestWorld



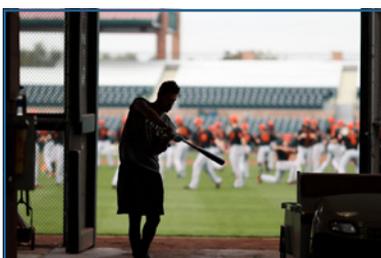
6. McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park



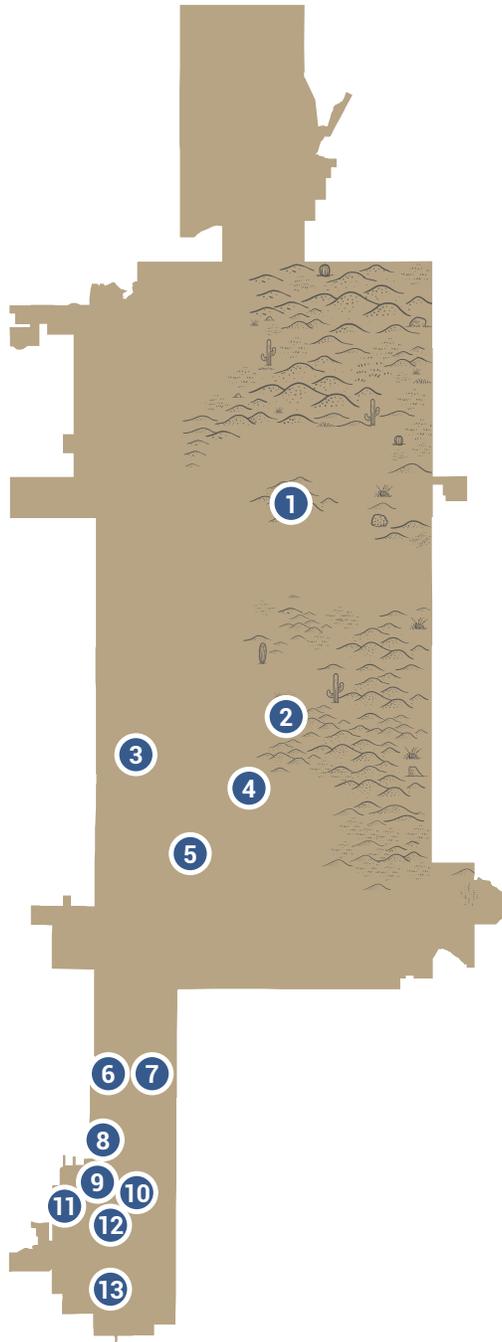
8. Scottsdale Fashion Square



10. Scottsdale Historical Museum



12. Scottsdale Stadium



5. Scottsdale Airport/Airpark



7. Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt



9. Old Town Scottsdale



11. Scottsdale's Museum of the West



13. SkySong

A Place Like No Other – Scottsdale’s Diverse Architecture and Design

Scottsdale is a pillar in the legacies of Frank Lloyd Wright, Bennie Gonzales, Paolo Soleri and many more architects. Their work continues to be celebrated and preserved in the West’s Most Western Town.

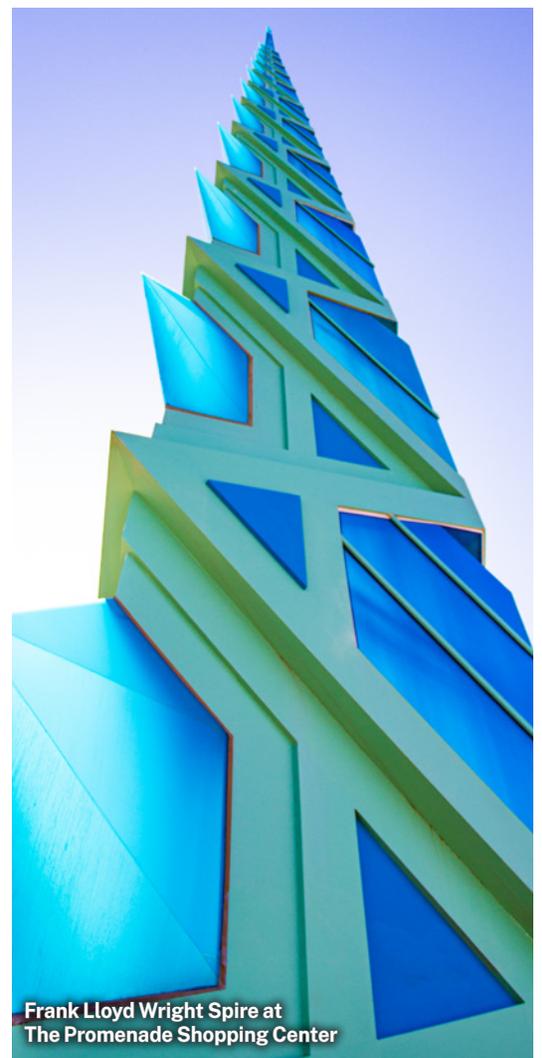
As you explore the city, you will see constant reminders of Frank Lloyd Wright’s distinct architectural style. Visit the base of the McDowell Mountains to find Wright’s primary winter residence, Taliesin West. This UNESCO World Heritage Site and National Historic Landmark – designed to reflect the sweeping expansiveness of the desert landscape – continues to educate, entertain, and inspire members of the community. Take a drive down Scottsdale Road and see Wright’s 125-foot structure known as the Spire. Initially designed to top the Arizona State Capitol, this piece’s aqua-blue glass surface accentuates Scottsdale’s unique character.

The captivating work of Bennie Gonzales also lives on in Scottsdale. Catch a show at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. As one of Scottsdale’s signature municipal structures – conceived by Gonzales in 1974 – this space is recognized by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for its excellence. Attend a City Council meeting and admire the adobe-styled City Hall that Gonzales designed, with its distinctive public meeting area, the “Kiva,” modeled after traditional Native American gathering spaces.

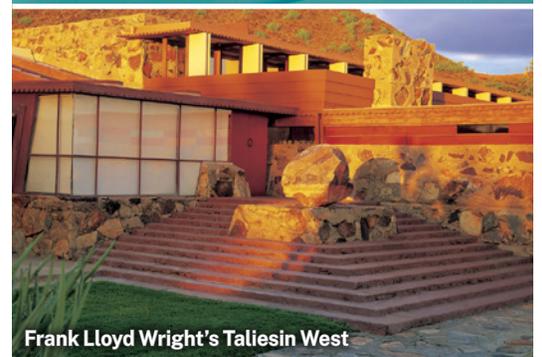
In Solstice Park you can see the Soleri Bridge and Plaza by renowned artist, architect, and philosopher Paolo Soleri. The plaza is at once a pedestrian passage, solar calendar, and gathering place along the Scottsdale Waterfront. The dynamic project elements reference the range of Soleri’s work: a bridge marks solar events, monolithic earth-cast panels reflect the Cosanti aesthetic, and classic bronze bells are recognized internationally.

Scottsdale is a world-class community because of the people that call it home and the striking landscape upon which it sits. Those people and this place have shaped a beautiful architectural identity which in and of itself is a community amenity to be cultivated and preserved.

 [Learn more at ExperienceScottsdale.com](https://www.experiencescottsdale.com)



Frank Lloyd Wright Spire at The Promenade Shopping Center



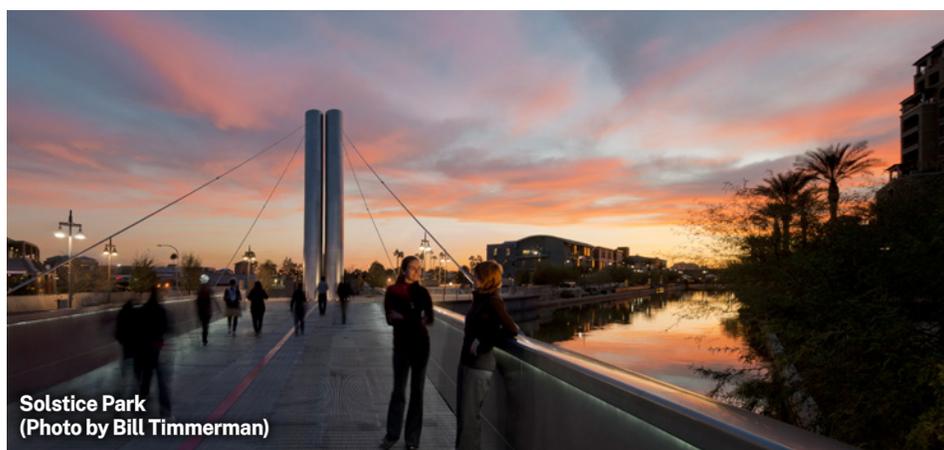
Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesin West



Scottsdale City Hall



City Hall Kiva



Solstice Park
(Photo by Bill Timmerman)