

Mesa Combines Cultural Experiences With Great Outdoor Recreation

Mesa Arizona is your destination for a great Arizona cultural experience.

The new Mesa Arts Center is the crown jewel of arts and entertainment centers in Arizona. Not only is it the largest arts complex in the state, it is the largest municipal arts campus in the Southwest.

The recent complex opening came just at the right time for Mesa. Visitors and residents can now experience the arts in a new place, in just one place. All the arts and entertainment imaginable – international touring artists, current popular music acts, regional companies and Broadway shows – are in one magnificent location.

Four uniquely different theatre performance spaces, the stunning visual arts complex with five galleries, and the 14 new arts education studios and classrooms are together under one roof. The center will host more than 400 performances during this inaugural year.

Visitors to Mesa museums can feel the spirit of a lost Indian legacy and western historic past, and can explore the history of aviation.

The sun shines almost every day in Mesa, and visitors can enjoy golf year-round. There are more than 40 courses within a half-hour drive from downtown, and many of Arizona's most renowned courses are located in or around Mesa.

Even though Mesa boasts a population of more than 450,000 and offers all the benefits of a large city, visitors can take advantage of being close to a recreation mecca as Mesa backs up to a large national forest. There are three lakes and two rivers within 30 minutes of Mesa that let you experience desert boating, sailing and water skiing, or you can float leisurely on an inner-tube along the cool waters of the Salt River.

The Superstition Mountains just east of Mesa provide the opportunity to explore adventures that will last a lifetime. You can explore a ghost town and visit an authentic old west stagecoach stop. Jeep tours, hiking treks, mountain biking, helicopter tours, hay wagon rides, campfire cookouts and even cattle drives will enhance your Mesa outdoor experience.

Chicago Cubs Spring Training began in Mesa more than 50 years ago, and each spring baseball fever hits Cubs' fans nationwide. Thousands flock to Mesa annually to see their favorite team. HoHoKam Park, Spring Training home for the Cubs, has led the 12-team Cactus League in attendance each year for more than two decades.

With near perfect weather and a multitude of activities and attractions, Mesa has much to offer visitors year-round. Spectacular sunsets are sure to follow your days of entertainment and recreation.

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