

A Beginner's Guide to Tucson

Restaurants

Mexican:

- The Little One: go for the food, stay for the hugs
- Tucson Tamale Company
- Francisco's: known as Frank's in the morning
- The Taco Shop: open 24 hours; best burritos
- Manna from Heaven: fry bread!

Fancier:

- Kingfisher: delicious deserts
- Downtown Kitchen and Cocktails: great happy hour
- Wildflower
- Commoner and Co.: must get the goat cheese tart
- The Coronet

Pizza:

- Time Market: everything here is delicious
- Falora: best caprese salad
- Chariot
- Rocco's: best deep dish

American:

- Welcome Diner
- Cup Café
- Zinburger
- 5 Points Market

From Around the Globe:

- Café Desta
- Zemam's and Zemam's Too
- Bangkok Café: must get the mango sticky rice
- Sher E Punjab: must get the chicken korma
- Yamato: best sushi
- Samurai

Coffee Shops and Cafés

- Raging Sage: best scones, both for breakfast and for lunch!
- Cartel
- Caffè Luce
- Presta
- Exo
- The Scented Leaf: all the teas

Bars

- The Buffet: make sure to stay for happy minute
- Side Car

- Crooked Tooth
- Ermanos
- Tap 'n Bottle
- La Cocina
- Tough Luck Club
- Revel Wine Bar
- Tucson Hop Shop
- Casa Video Film Bar: also an awesome place to rent movies; the popcorn is free!
- Owl's Club

Bakeries

- Time Market: best baguettes
- Barrio Bread
- Beyond Bread
- La Estrella

Sweet Treats

- The Screamery: get a flight!
- Any raspado place
- Eegee's: strawberry + lemon is my favorite
- Monsoon Chocolate

Yoga

- Yoga Oasis
- Session Yoga
- Tucson Yoga
- 4th Avenue Yoga
- Grounded Wellness: get a dollar off your beer at Hop Shop after class!
- All Bodies Rise Yoga: found at various locations; check the website

Things to Do

- The Desert Museum
- The Zoo
- Tucson Botanical Gardens
- Wander around Barrio Viejo
- Mount Lemmon: make sure to stop at the Cookie Cabin
- Concerts at the Rialto and Club Congress
- The Biosphere
- The Loft Cinema: make sure to check out the Rocky Horror Show
- Heirloom Farmers' Market in Rillito Park
- Go see the bats at the bridge on Campbell and River
- The All Souls Procession
- Watch the sunset at Gate's Pass
- Tucson Meet Yourself

- The Greek Festival

Hikes

- Seven Falls
- Madera Canyon
- “A” Mountain
- Picacho Peak
- Tumamoc Hill
- Romero Pools
- Sabino Canyon