

YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS IN ORO VALLEY

Day trips for

# Natural History Lovers

Explore the history and stories of the people and cultures that first inhabited these visual wonders while experiencing Southern Arizona's otherworldly beauty for yourself.

## Hike Honey Bee Canyon Park

Experience the Sonoran Desert and discover petroglyphs created by the Hohokam people over a thousand years ago. There is plenty of unique Sonoran Desert vegetation to discover along the hiking trail. When you come to the fork in the trail, take the trail on the right and hike for about a mile for amazing petroglyphs. They're right off the trail and at eye level. It's an easy hike the whole family will enjoy. Just minutes from Oro Valley

## Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Set in the arid landscape just outside Tucson, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum showcases the desert's flora, fauna, and history through live-animal and multimedia exhibits. The museum spreads across 98 acres (39.7 hectares) of natural desert landscape and contains more than 230 species of animals and 1,200 kinds of plants. 45 minutes from Oro Valley.

BONUS: Saguaro National Park West Visitor Center is less than two miles away from the Museum!

## Tohono Chul

Named One of the World's Ten Best Botanical Gardens by Travel + Leisure Magazine. Discover the secrets of the desert and gain knowledge of the natural and cultural heritage of the region through a variety of lectures, guided tours, and special events year-round. Bonus: Their Garden Bistro features locally sourced, seasonal dishes you'll only find in Oro Valley! Just minutes from Oro Valley.

## Colossal Cave Mountain Park

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Colossal Cave offers cave tours, historical and caving museums, picnicking, camping, hiking trails, and Western trail rides. About 45 minutes from Oro Valley via I-10. BONUS: Saguaro National Park East is just 10 minutes up the road from Colossal Cave!

## Camping at Catalina State Park

Epic views of the Santa Catalina Mountains await both tent campers and RV campers at Catalina State Park. With more than 5,500 acres and eight hiking trails, this dog-friendly local treasure offers opportunities for hiking, swimming (seasonal), mountain biking, bird watching and more. Just minutes from the center of Oro Valley.

## Stay with us!

Oro Valley is the perfect home-base to explore Southern Arizona, and there are lodging options for every budget. The **El Conquistador Tucson, a Hilton Resort**, and the **Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort and Spa** are the crown jewels of any visitor experience. If you prefer vacation rental properties (e.g. Airbnb and VRBO), Oro Valley has hundreds to choose from. You'll also find trusted brands like Fairfield Inn, Holiday Inn and WorldMark.