



Phoenix



Population
Size

- 1.6 million
- 5th largest city of U.S.

Weather
Language

- Tropical wet and dry climate
- English, Spanish

Specialty Food

- Chimichangas, Ranch Fries, Cowboy steak



Phoenix is the capital and most populous city of Arizona. It is the anchor of the Phoenix metropolitan area, also known as the Valley of the Sun, which in turn is part of the Salt River Valley.

Phoenix was settled in 1867 as an agricultural community near the confluence of the Salt and Gila Rivers and was incorporated as a city in 1881. It became the capital of Arizona Territory in 1889. Until World War II, the economy was based on the "Five C's": cotton, citrus, cattle, climate, and copper.

The post World War Two years saw the city beginning to grow more rapidly, as many men who had trained in the military installations in the valley, returned, bringing their families. While currently ranked 5th largest city in the United States by population, it is predicted that Phoenix will rank 4th by 2020.



Places of Interest

Grand Canyon - Take in Arizona's breathtaking beauty with a tour that takes you to the incredible Grand Canyon and the Navajo Indian Reservation. Stop for pictures of Red Rocks of Sedona completes an educational and visually striking journey into the state's heartland.

Musical Instruments Museum - Embark on a fascinating journey through sound at the world's largest musical instrument showcase. Hear, see, and feel the spirit of music around the globe as you explore engaging exhibits for music lovers of all ages at Phoenix's Musical Instrument Museum (MIM).

Scottsdale Segway tour - Whirl through the venerable, antiquated town of on a Scottsdale Segway Tour—the most popular tour in Scottsdale. Reap the benefits of gliding with a small group for added fun and safety. Discover the historic charm of Scottsdale like never before.