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In Arizona, blessed with bright sunshine and fine weather year-round, you'll find endless places in which to fish, sail, swim, stroll, tramp, run, pedal, paddle -- and even just sit and be amazed. You can climb into the sky by balloon or hang-glider, explore the dark depths of great caves, raft whitewater rivers, and put miles between you and civilization on the back of a trustworthy horse. You can get a close-up view of plants and animals in the wild, or at our state's many zoos, parks, and botanical gardens.

Arizona is a crossroad of culture and heritage where many different traditions have met and combined into a unique culture that defines Arizona.

History comes alive at every turn, where the spirit of Geronimo, Wyatt Earp and Padre Kino lives on. Explore the locations steeped in heritage and dedicated to our Old West, Mexican and Native American culture. You'll find yourself intrigued, as well, by a remarkable array of fine-art venues, including historic theatres, colorful galleries, and renowned museums.

Arizona is a sports lover's paradise, whether you are a spectator, participant or a little of both. With year-round sunny skies, you never have to lose a day or two of planning on your vacation due to inclement weather.

Numbering over 325 golf courses and counting, Arizona has a tee time and a skill level for everyone. Several of the state's courses are included in Golf Digest's list of America's greatest 100 Golf Courses and 15 holes are on its list of the top 500 in the world. The PGA and LPGA each hold two tournaments in the state; the most popular, the Phoenix Open, draws over 400,000 spectators a year.

Fans flock to other professional sports. The Major League Baseball 2001 World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks, NBA Phoenix Suns and NHL Coyotes play in Phoenix, and the NFL Arizona play in Tempe. MLB Spring Training brings teams from all over the country.

Phoenix is also home to the World Champion Arena Football League Arizona Rattlers. Avondale's Phoenix International Raceway hosts some of the largest crowds in the state for NASCAR and Indy races. The Old West would not seem the same without rodeos, held in almost every city in the state. And a sort of water rodeo, the Skat-Trak World Finals (the Super Bowl of jet powered ski racers) is held each year in Lake Havasu City.

For some people, an unforgettable vacation means great lodging and being pampered at a luxury resort, with elegant restaurants and full-service spas a short stroll away. For others, it means spending days in the saddle and nights sleeping in a bedroll under the stars. For still others, it means relaxing for a night in a historic hotel or a mountain lodge.

Whatever your lodging taste, you'll find just the right accommodations in the Grand Canyon State and its hundreds of lodging options including resorts, hotels, motels, RV parks, campgrounds, cabins, dude ranches, and B&Bs.

You'll find something to satisfy every taste at Arizona's hundreds of indoor and outdoor malls, antique stores, clothing boutiques, gift shops, and art galleries -- to name just a few venues. You'll also find plenty of nightspots, theaters, and other places to relax, and plenty of good places to enjoy wonderful meals.

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