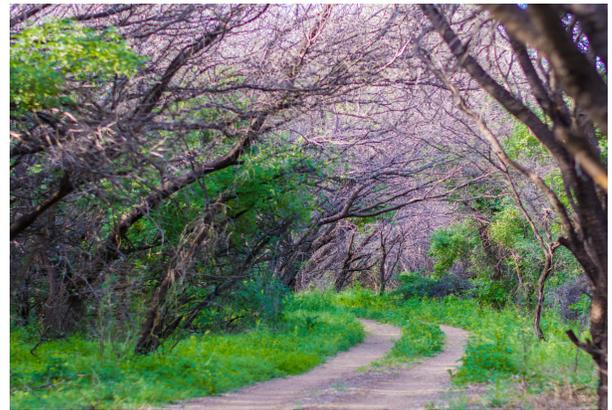


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Your Official Guide to Adventure in Nogales-Santa Cruz County!

In Nogales, Tubac, Amado, Patagonia and Sonoita, shoppers will find lots of galleries and gift stores, set in communities that each has a unique flavor. In the village of Tubac, shops import folk art for years from artists in Peru, Ecuador, Guatemala and Mexico. Patagonia and Sonoita offer s hopping in a quaint setting against the backdrop of the majestic Santa Rita Mountains.

Golf

Santa Cruz County is home to three fabulous golf courses. What a treat. Each one in its own way is a challenging test of your golfing skills. The courses were laid out in a manner meant to test not only your golf stroke but also your ability to focus on the job at hand. Each is nestled beautifully in some of the most unspoiled desert in Arizona. Enjoy your game at these championship courses at Tubac Golf Resort & Spa, Kino Springs Country Club, and Rio Rico Country Club.

Santa Cruz County Farmer's Markets

The Nogales Mercado Farmer's Market is open every Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. located on Morley Avenue in Downtown Nogales, Arizona. The Nogales Mercado serves up local grown vegetables, fruits, herbs and much more! For more information, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NogalesMercado or call (520) 287-3330.

Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Sonoita Farmer's Market is open at the southwest corner of State Routes 82 and 83 serving up Yucca Ash Farm produce, lavender products, herbs, Patagonia Pies, jewelry, farm fresh eggs and much more! For more information, please call (520) 289-3940.

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In Rio Rico, every Saturday, the Marketplace is open 8:00 a.m. to noon sells fresh produce, handcrafted jewelry, Watkins products, home-baked good and other local products. The Saturday Marketplace is located at the Storage Plaza on West Frontage Rd. For more information, please call the Produce Depot at (520) 619-9456.

Tree of Life Rejuvenation Centers

Tree of Life, one of the world's foremost raw food rejuvenation centers, offers guest from around the world a healing retreat that focuses on physical, emotional, mental and spiritual rejuvenation. Transformational programs include workshops, educational programs, holistic medical support and spa services. Guests can come to the Tree of Life 365 days a year for a meal, a day or even a three-month renewal. Call 866.394.2520 or 520.394.2520. Visit www.treeoflife.nu.

Whipple Observatory

From Amado, visit the Whipple Observatory in the Santa Rita Mountains. Enjoy exhibits on astronomy, natural science, and cul- tural history. There is also an outdoor patio with the Native American petroglyphs discovered on site, desert flora, and stunning views of the surrounding Santa Rita Mountains. Please call before you go 520.670.5707.

Ghost Towns

Ghost towns with names like Harshaw, Mowry and Washington Camp near Patagonia and Oro Blanco and Ruby along route 289 (Ruby Road) bear mute witness to the boom and bust of the railroads and mining industry. Some, like Ruby, are so perfect that it seems the residents mysteriously disappeared while having breakfast. Washington Camp is one of the ghost towns being restored and some have fallen into disrepair with only remnants to remind us of their once bustling past.

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Ruby Road

Consider a day trip off the beaten path and get a feel for the old west with a drive around the Ruby Road loop through the Coronado National Forest. When Oro Blanco and Ruby were thriving mining communities, the primary stage and wagon route to Tucson was along this now primitive road. The only bank between Nogales and Tucson was in Arivaca, a nearly forgotten community just outside Santa Cruz County where you can still pay for lunch at the local restaurant with gold dust. Pack a lunch and picnic along one of the streams and enjoy the beauty in the safety that the pioneers never had-no Apaches will attack in the narrow canyons or rush from the volcanic cliffs. The road is rough but passable for passenger cars. In Sycamore Canyon, you may find the sparse remains of Hank and Yank, 2 mule skinnners and army scouts who operated the Bartlett cattle ranch near the upper reaches of the canyon in the early 1880s. A trail leads down-canyon from the old homestead into an area of sculpted cliffs, clear pools and lush vegetation within the Pajarita Wilderness. Bird watching can be especially rewarding here with as many as 130 frequent visiting species.

San Rafael Valley

Approximately 20 miles southeast of Patagonia is the San Rafael Valley, one of the few intact high elevation grasslands left in America. The headwaters of the Santa Cruz River are in the San Rafael Valley, which has significant biological value. There are numerous rare and endangered species, high quality riparian and grassland habitat and wildlife corridors.

Stretching into Mexico, this breathtakingly beautiful valley has supported cattle ranching for centuries. As it becomes increasingly difficult for ranchers to subsist in the cattle industry, conservation groups have purchased parts of the valley. Pack a picnic lunch and tour the valley. It is truly magnificent.

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Madera Canyon

Madera Canyon with its easy trail access, campgrounds and picnic areas lies in the northwest side of the Santa Rita Mountains where the higher elevation means cooler temperatures during the hot months and snow during the winter. The canyon has a long and colorful history, which you can learn more about by obtaining a booklet produced by Friends of Madera Canyon. Contact them at: P.O. Box 1203, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

IN NOGALES

Crawford Street Historic District

Back when the border was marked by a waist-high post and crossing was an unremarkable event, a saloon straddled the line with a door in Mexico and one in the U.S. Merchants and professionals carried on a long tradition of a robust commercial center and their profits built the stately homes that still grace Crawford Street.

Hilltop Gallery

The Hilltop Gallery was first opened in 1972, since then it has enriched the art of both sides United States, and Mexico by presenting over 20,000 works of art including local artist as well. The Hilltop Gallery currently opens from 12:30 to 4:30 every day. It is not only an art gallery it focuses on the education of art as well for all ages. They host a Summer Art Program from June to July. For information call (520) 287-5515 or visit 730 N. Hilltop Dr. Nogales, AZ 85621.

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The Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail

The Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail begins in Nogales, travels to San Francisco, California, and continues east around the San Francisco Bay. The national trail celebrates the route followed by Anza in 1775-76. Anza, a tough frontiersman who spent much of his life in Sonora, led a party of 30 soldiers and their families to found a presidio and mission on the San Francisco Bay. For further information and seasonal events, please visit www.anzadays.com

Pimeria Alta Historical Museum

Stop by the Pimeria Alta Museum, the Old Town Hall, located at 136 North Grand Avenue. In 1914, the Nogales Volunteer Fire Department pitched in and built the Old Town Hall on Grand Avenue, which is now home to many historic treasures. Designed by the renowned Tucson architect Henry O. Jaastad, the building was constructed with all of the amenities-steam heat, sewer, electricity, and running water. The entire ground floor can be explored. Ask about a free copy of the Historic Nogales Self-Guided Walking Tour courtesy of Historic Nogales Main Street. Pimeria Alta Museum is located at 136 Grand Avenue and for additional information, please call (520) 287-4621.

Experience history with a Historic Nogales Walking Tour

Take a stroll through downtown Nogales, Arizona and experience a cultural fabric that is woven from the cattle, commerce, retail, mining, and military and produce industries. The self-guided walking tour takes you through the commercial and residential sections of the city's center, where legends abound. It is rumored that Pancho Villa hid in secret compartments of houses along Crawford Street. Former Mayor's and owners of prominent businesses have taken up residence in this historic district. And history is still in the making. Ambassador and former Arizona, Raul H. Castro and his wife have restored their

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home on Crawford Street to its former elegance. Attorney and renowned conservationist Cabot Sedgwick rents out a suite of professional offices on Crawford. Stop by or call the Pimeria Alta Museum or Historic Nogales Main Street offices to get your tour.

Historic Nogales Main Street Office is located at 75 N. Terrace and for any additional information, please call (520) 397-9219.

Shopping in Ambos Nogales

Shop 'til you drop on in two countries! From custom crafts to fine art, the border region at Mexico and Arizona at Ambos Nogales is packed with shopping alternatives. If you're heading across the line, you'll definitely want to include the shops of downtown Nogales, Arizona. Come and enjoy arts, crafts and jewelry on Obregon Street in Nogales, Sonora. After doing your shopping come and enjoy a great meal at the Fray Marcos de Niza Hotel. To keep up an up to the hour update on border crossing times, download the new App provided by CBP available on the Apple Store & Google Play Market. You can also view waiting times online at www.bwt.cbp.gov

IN RIO RICO

Esplendor Resort at Rio Rico

Set among rolling mountains and overlooking the lush green Santa Cruz River Valley you'll find Esplendor Resort at Rio Rico. This resort is a one-of-a-kind golf destination resort in southern Arizona, just 40 minutes south of Tucson. Whether you come to indulge yourself in recreational amenities such as world-class golf on the Robert Trent Jones Sr. designed 18-hole course, play tennis on our four lighted courts, or simply bask in the Arizona sun poolside; Rio Rico is a charming getaway amid centuries of history. For more information, please call 1-800-288-4746 and it is located at 1069 Camino Caralampi, Rio Rico, AZ.

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Peña Blanca Lake

This medium-sized body of water fills 49 acres of Peña Blanca Canyon in the Pajarito Mountain foothills. It is surrounded by grassy, oak-dotted hills, some of which are topped with bluffs of limestone. Peña Blanca Lake is a popular recreation spot for visitors from neighboring Nogales, Arizona and nearby communities in Mexico as well. On weekends, and even weekdays, during the peak summer season, this area can be quite crowded. On holidays, especially Easter, it becomes extremely crowded. The Arizona Game and Fish Department built Peña Blanca Lake in 1957. It provides water-related recreation year round, although its location so close to the Mexican border can be a bit deceptive. Frequently, people who come here during the winter expecting warm, balmy weather are surprised at how cool it can be. This is a mountain lake located at 4,000 feet above sea level and its climate reflects that fact. Directions: Turn west off Interstate 19 approximately 8 miles north of Nogales at the Peña Blanca–Ruby Road (AZ Hwy 289) exit. Follow this road about 9 miles to Peña Blanca Lake Recreation Area. Turn right (north) on the paved road that leads to the lake and the boat-launching ramp.

IN PATAGONIA

Patagonia Lake State Park

In Southern Arizona, one of our well-known lakes is Patagonia Lake State Park, which is also a wildlife refuge a place where fishermen, campers, outdoor enthusiasts, and conservationists meet on common ground. For additional information, please call (520) 287-6965.

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The Nature Conservancy's Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve

The splendor of the Patagonia area invites hikers from around the world to ply their sport along the riparian areas of Sonoita Creek and Patagonia Lake. For a light, shaded walk, hike the trails in The Nature Conservancy's Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve and enjoy the huge cottonwood trees and abundant wildlife. Call (520) 394-2400 for additional information.

Birding & Watchable Wildlife

The Patagonia –Sonoita Creek Preserve is indeed a nature conservancy. Here the Mountain Lion, Bobcats, Coyotes, Mule Deer, Rock Squirrel, Desert Cottontails, and Javelinas all share this area along with the Violet-Crowned Hummingbird, Rose throated Becard, and Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet among with many others; practically every southeastern Arizona bird has been seen throughout this region. If you're lucky you can sometimes encounter Osprey and Neotropic Cormorant and other birds that are normally not seen in a desert.

The Arizona Trail

The historic Arizona Trail, which runs from Mexico to Utah, can be accessed from Harshaw Road about 3 miles east of Patagonia. The trail is rated moderate to difficult in the Patagonia area. Hikers looking for a challenge will want to climb the steep, rugged Red Mountain trail. The reward is a 360-degree, panoramic view of the Sonoran Borderlands in Mexico and the United States. The Upland Trail loop is rated easy to moderate and offers a five-mile loop trek along Sonoita Creek in the heart of birding country.

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Historic Cady Hall & Library

Catch some serenity in the historic Cady Hall and Patagonia Public Library listed on the State Register of Historic Places. Sit and read the newspaper, check out a book or check your email. Located at 346 Duquesne Ave in Sonoita.

IN SONOITA & ELGIN

Dinosaur Digs

You could be the next dino discoverer! An undergraduate student discovered the SONORASAURUS in 1994. He traced small bone fragments up a wash in oak-juniper country, to a ridge top, and then, EUREKA, to a large piece of bone embedded in the sandstone. Happy hunting!

Santa Rita Abbey

In a remote abbey near the Santa Ritas, you'll find the sisters of the Cisterian Order. Each week the dozen sisters, who reside there, manufacture 180,000 wafers in their Altar Bread Bakery. Lodging in this remote and beautiful setting is available by reservations. Call (520) 455-5595 for additional information.

Arizona's Wine Country: Local Vineyards

Elgin, Arizona's Wine Country, is home to several wineries that offer some of the best wines found outside of France. These vineyards represent a rapidly growing industry, which began some four decades in the Sonoita Valley. Each Vineyard produces unique

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vintages, which reflect the personalities and attitudes of their owners, from colorful picnic-style wine to serious award winning varietals.

For Callaghan Vineyards, please call (520) 455-5322 or visit www.callaghanvineyards.com.

For Sonoita Vineyards, please call (520) 455-5893 or visit www.sonoitavineyards.com.

IN TUMACACORI

Tumacácori National Historical Park

Tumacácori (Too-mah-kah-core-ee) National Historical Park in the upper Santa Cruz River Valley of southern Arizona is comprised of the abandoned ruins of three ancient Spanish colonial missions. The Park is located on 45 acres in three separate units. San José de Tumacácori and Los Santos Ángeles de Guevavi, established in 1691, are the two oldest missions in Arizona. The third unit, San Cayetano de Calabazas, was established in 1756. It's the site of a Franciscan mission built in 1795 that was regularly besieged by the Apache Indians. The ruins that are viable today include a chapel and graveyard. Visitors can also walk through an elaborate church built in 1822. Visitation to the Guevavi and Calabazas units is available only by reservation during monthly tours guided by the Park staff. All visitor services and Park operations are based out of the Tumacácori unit. For more information, please call (520) 398.2341 or visit www.nps.gov/tuma

Santa Cruz Chili & Spice Factory

Santa Cruz Chili & Spice Company is both a manufacturer and retailer of fine chili products. At our Spice Center in Tumacacori, Arizona we sell, along with Santa Cruz Products, a wide variety of gourmet Southwestern foods, cookbooks and a large selection

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of spices and herbs. We also have a quaint Western Museum documenting the rich history of the area. Santa Cruz Chili & Spice is the chile specialist. We grow chile, we process chile, and we can customize it just for you. Call today at (520) 398-2591 for more information or email at info@santacruzchili.com. Santa Cruz Chili & Spice is located at 1868 Interstate 19 Frontage Road in Tumacacori, AZ.

IN TUBAC

Tubac Cemetery

In the mid-1900s, Teodoro and Emilia Ybarra donated their family cemetery, which was started around 1800, to the county for the burial of blood relatives. Pat Ybarra, their grandson, is now the cemetery caretaker. Fiesta de los Muertos, celebrated on the first Sunday in November with singing and procession, includes the entire community. Recently, the Tubac Cemetery Preservation Society, a non-profit organization was formed in order to preserve the historic cemetery.

Tubac Presidio State Historic Park

Enjoy living history programs while experiencing Arizona's first European settlement. Remnants of the military fort founded by the Spanish in 1752 have been uncovered by University of Arizona archaeologists and preserved by Arizona State Parks. An underground display features portions of the original foundation, walls, and plaza floor of the Presidio (fort) de San Ignacio de Tubac. Spanish soldiers established the fort to control the local Pima and Apache Indians and serve as a base for further exploration of the Southwest. For additional information, please call (520) 398-2252.

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Tubac Golf Resort & Spa

Tubac Golf Resort & Spa is the most luxurious and tranquil vacation destination in the Southwest. Set on the historic 500-acre Otero Ranch in the Santa Cruz River Valley, the Spanish Colonial architecture and lush grounds are enhanced by magnificent views of the Tumacacori and Santa Rita mountain peaks. Tubac Golf Resort & Spa is a proud member of the Historic Hotels of America®, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, whose goal is to identify quality hotels that have faithfully maintained their historic integrity, architecture, and ambiance. For more information, please call (520) 398-2211 and is located at 65 Avenida De Otero, Tubac, AZ.

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