



Jerome

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Day One

8:00 a.m. Wind down up in Jerome

Located in the heart of Northern Arizona just 90 miles from Phoenix sits Jerome, the “Largest Ghost Town in America.” Perched high atop Cleopatra Hill, the mountainside town is a popular destination for road trippers. Motorcycle enthusiasts and sports car owners love the drive to the top because it’s filled with hairpin curves and stunning views. In fact, getting there is half the fun!



10:00 a.m. Explore “The Wickedest Town in the West”

Jerome sits above what was once the largest copper mine in Arizona. Stroll its stair-stepped streets to get a feel for what life was like in this former mining camp. Several of Jerome’s buildings have been restored, and you can take a trip back in time discovering their history. What was once home to shady places like Jerome’s “prostitution row,” has become a thriving artist’s community filled with shops, bars, eateries and art galleries. Be sure to take a peek into the Nellie Bly gallery, “the largest brick-and-mortar kaleidoscope store in the world featuring hundreds of artists.” www.nellieblyscopes.com/



12:00 p.m. Lunch at The Haunted Hamburger

If you’re lucky, you might see cans flying off shelves, catch a whiff of distinct smells in the stairwell, or photograph the vague image of a woman. That’s because the Haunted Hamburger really is haunted. The owners say the ghosts here have a particular fondness for hammers. Weird, huh? The upside is, the food is scary good! Order a handspun milkshake, a juicy burger, or some baby back ribs. And enjoy a ghost’s eye view of the valley far below. www.thehauntedhamburger.com/index.html



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2:00 p.m. **Brews and Blues at The Spirit Room Bar**

That music you hear spilling out onto the street? That's The Spirit Room, located right on Main Street in downtown Jerome. Belly up to the bar to order some thirst-quenching spirits, and enjoy live music every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 2–6 p.m. This place serves up rollicking' good fun and the people watching is always interesting, too. www.spiritroombar.com/home.htm



4:00 p.m. **Grab dinner at Grapes Restaurant & Bar**

Grapes Restaurant is located right on Main Street in what was formerly the town's telegraph and pony express station. Casual dining is the order du jour here with choices ranging from delicious sandwiches, salads, pasta, and pizzas—not to mention an extensive and thoughtful wine list. Load up on the carbs before your next adventure for some otherworldly energy to go. grapesjerome.com/index.html



5:30 p.m. **See more of Jerome's haunts on a Haunted Tour**

Every evening at dusk, professional historian Ron Roope and his resident guides take guests on a two-hour haunting and historical walking tour of the "Wickedest Town in the West." You'll explore the eerie sites and haunted buildings where resident gamblers, prostitutes, outlaws, and victims of tragic mining accidents reputedly still wander. www.toursofjerome.com



8:00 p.m. **Spend the night at the Jerome Grand Hotel**

If you didn't see a ghost on your tour, you'll get a second chance at the Jerome Grand Hotel. A former hospital, this 1926 Spanish Mission-style hotel has hosted many ghost hunter groups because of the strange phenomena visitors have witnessed, including spirit sightings. While the spirits are from a bygone era, the hotel boasts fully restored, modern rooms and Continental breakfast daily. www.jeromegrandhotel.com/



Day Two

8:30 a.m. **Breakfast at the Flatiron Café**

Nothing will perk you up faster than an espresso at the Flatiron. Add a delicious scone or freshly made muffin (we dare you to try and resist their baked goods)—and if you're really famished, go for some eggs, a yogurt parfait, or a breakfast quesadilla. This hip spot is the perfect eye-opener for early risers. www.theflatironjerome.com/home.html



Day Two continued

10:00 a.m. **Visit the Gold King Mine and Ghost Town**

They went looking for copper and struck gold! Just one mile north of Jerome is the Gold King Mine and Ghost Town, a museum where visitors can relive Old West history. See demonstrations of antique mining equipment and the operation of a turn-of-the-century sawmill. Walk in an authentic mine shaft. Tour a circa 1901 blacksmith shop. And feed a burro. History doesn't get much richer than this.

www.goldkingmineghosttown.com/



12:00 p.m. **Lunch at Vaqueros Grill and Cantina**

Billed as "Southwest-inspired Mexican food for the soul," Vaqueros Grill and Cantina offers vegetarian-friendly dishes, gluten-free meals upon request, and for meat eaters, some of the best Chipotle wings around. Try the Navajo tacos, enchiladas, flautas, and taquitos—all fresh, tasty and prepared in interesting ways—and wash it down with a frosty, frozen margarita. It's muy bueno.

www.azjerome.com/jerome/dining/



2:00 p.m. **Put some skin in the game at Jerome Tattoo Company**

Want to take home a memory that lasts? Stop by Jerome Tattoo Company and get a custom design by Cody Brundage, Adam Gilbert, or Jay Bondelli. Tattoo fans travel far and wide to get inked by this talented trio. And many people stop by just to check out their shop's unique Old West ambiance.

www.jerometattoo.com/



4:00 p.m. **Take one: The Liberty Theatre**

If you're a film buff, you won't want to miss the Liberty Theatre. It houses a restored original theater, a cinema museum, and a "premiere" gift shop. See what went into producing our first moving pictures by viewing them through the lens of the golden era of filmmaking. The museum features a variety of old cameras and movie-making equipment. And, you can buy one-of-a-kind movie memorabilia.

www.jeromelibertytheater.com/index.htm



5:30 p.m. **Dinner at The Asylum Restaurant**

Before heading back to the Phoenix metro area, fill up on fabulous fare at the chef-owned and operated Asylum Restaurant. Recipient of the Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator magazine, The Asylum offers upscale mountainside dining, even more haunted history, spectacular scenic views, and an extensive wine list. The Butternut Squash soup, in particular, is to die for. www.theasylum.biz/

