



PAYSON 2-DAY TRIP

1 DAY ONE

9:30 a.m. Hike the Tonto Natural Bridge to See the World's Largest Natural Travertine Bridge

In the making for thousands of years, the Tonto Natural Bridge is ready for you and all the fun you'll have while hiking and exploring what is believed to be the largest natural travertine bridge in the world. Standing at 183 feet high and 150 wide, with a long tunnel that extends more than 400 feet, it's no small adventure.

azstateparks.com/tonto/



TONTO NATIONAL BRIDGE

1:00 p.m. Enjoy Lunch in a Down-Home Payson Environment

After working up an appetite, head on over to Buffalo Bar & Grill for some great Western grub. Munch on the sirloin steak melt or work your way through a pile of pulled pork while you take in the rustic ambiance and unique décor—we like the cowboy boots dangling from the ceiling.

yelp.com/biz/buffalo-bar-and-grill-payson



BUFFALO BAR & GRILL

3:00 p.m. Relax After Lunch With a Soak in the Verde Hot Springs

Time to take a relaxing soak in the natural Verde Hot Springs while overlooking the Verde River and mountain in the distance. The main pool is about 98 degrees, quite deep, and has enough room for several friends. You might even run into a few people in nothing but their birthday suits, since this used to be, and still is on occasion, a favorite hangout for nudists. Keep in mind there are no facilities here, so bring plenty of water and any snacks you may want.

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VERDE HOT SPRINGS

5:00 p.m. Stay the Night at Majestic Mountain Inn

Sticking around? The Majestic Mountain Inn is a great place to unwind and add another memory to the list. Situated at the base of the Mogollon Rim, the Majestic Mountain Inn is surrounded by picture-perfect natural scenery with mountain trails, streams and canyons to explore. There's a reason it's called majestic.

majesticmountaininn.com/



MAJESTIC MOUNTAIN INN

2 DAY TWO

9:00 a.m. Explore Rim Country by Horseback at Kohl's Ranch

Wake up for some giddyup. Once you saddle up and hit the trail, you'll quickly see things from a whole new perspective. You can spend an hour hitting the winding trails or spend a little more time in the saddle riding with your wrangler. It's a great place for greenhorns of all ages to earn their spurs.

facebook.com/pages/Kohls-Ranch-Stables-LLC/141567189239521



11:00 a.m. Satisfy Your Hunger With Brunch at Miss Fitz 260 Café

From animal-shaped pancakes to homemade dessert, Miss Fitz 260 Café will more than satisfy your hunger. With down-home eating that's possibly only outdone by the look and feel of a charming old-time diner, there's no better way to enjoy brunch than when it's prepared with care.

yelp.com/biz/miss-fitz-260-cafe-payson



1:00 p.m. Hunt History (and Fossils) at Paleo Site

More than 300 million years ago, Arizona was covered in shallow seas. Although the seas are nowhere to be found today, fossils from that era are abundant. It doesn't matter your age; everyone seems to enjoy a good fossil hunt. You won't find it difficult to find your fossil treasures either, but remembering a small bag and a hand tool for light digging makes it even easier.

adventurenuts.wordpress.com/2017/06/01/find-fossils-in-payson-arizona/



3:30 p.m. Go Back a Thousand Years at the Shoofly Indian Ruins

There's no map needed for this self-guided tour into the prehistoric era of the Mogollons, Ancient Ones or Bunheads—otherwise known as the people who lived in Rim country A.D. 1000–1250. Explore the area where an incredible 79 different structures are believed to have existed, and where the rock outlines still reside today.

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5:00 p.m. Refuel for the Drive With a Bite at Gerardo's Firewood Café

From clams to cannolis, don't make the trek home without first grabbing a delicious bite. Sit and savor culinary feasts featuring the Italian heritage of chef Gerardo Mocerì. Starting his restaurant because of a passion to create incredible Italian dishes, Gerardo still does so while serving as mentor and dream maker for high school students and a new generation of culinary artists.

gerardosfirewoodcafe.com/

